

where this is impossible, they can still avail themselves of the opportunities which the University furnishes for instruction in Philosophy and Mental Science, History, Languages, and the other departments.

Fourthly, the students of Wycliffe College enjoy the advantages of association with the large body of students in attendance at University College and the other theological colleges. This is of no small consequence. It is of great value to theological students to receive their education where they can commingle with those amongst whom their life work is to be carried on, and can be stimulated by contact with men of various communions and callings. Great stress should be laid upon the influence of a common university life and the relations of students with their fellow-students with whom they are associated in the pursuit of learning, and in the religious work which is carried on by the University Young Men's Christian Association and in other ways.

THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR HOLY ORDERS AND DEGREES IN DIVINITY.

Until quite recently, the Church in Canada had no corporate connection with the work of the theological education and the theological colleges. But in 1889 the Provincial Synod adopted a canon relating to examinations and degrees in Theology. The scheme was adopted in consultation with the theological colleges, and is chiefly based, with some modifications, upon the lines developed by Lightfoot and Westcott in connection with the University of Cambridge, and with what is known in England as the Preliminary Examination for Holy Orders. By this canon Wycliffe College is recognized as one of the six institutions devoted to theological teaching in this Ecclesiastical Province, and a Board of Examiners is constituted, upon which Wycliffe is represented equally with the other institutions.

Under this canon, an examination preliminary to ordination, and accepted *pro tanto* by the Bishops in lieu of their own examinations, is held annually in Wycliffe College. Those who pass this examination receive the certificate of the Board of Examiners.