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GREETING.

Once more a new College year has commenced. The class of '99 has passed away, and the Freshmen class of '02 has come to fill (?) its place. Freshmen! prove yourselves as true and useful to your glorious College as the men of '99! Uphold and foster her institutions and traditions! Do nothing that will tend to soil her fair reputation with the outside world. Do what little you can to help her by word and deed. What you lack in quantity, do your best to atone for by quality. And, finally, when you go forth from here three years hence, let the world recognize in each of you a true gentleman and one worthy of the name. Among the usual changes which a new year brings, a great loss has been caused to THE REVIEW by the resignation of the able and popular Editor-in-Chief, Mr. H. C. Griffith, who has accepted a position as an assistant master at Bishop Ridley College. We wish him every success in his new undertaking. Mr. G. B. Strathy has been elected to fill his place, and Mr. A. C. Lancefield has been added to the Board of Editors. We hope in the future to maintain for THE REVIEW the same high standard that it has held in the past, and we ask from our subscribers the same generous support that we have hitherto received.

VENEZEULA.

The Venezuelan question has been satisfactorily disposed of, and the settlement is a decided triumph for the principle of arbitration. It is a case of wisdom and cool-headedness prevailing over self-interest and jingoism, thus averting what might have proved a disastrous conflict. According to the award, the navigation of the rivers by the ships of all nations is very little restricted, tolls and tariffs being practically abolished except upon goods landed in the country. The boundary line has been in dispute ever since Great Britain acquired the territory of Dutch Guiana, 1814, and the one adopted by the tribunal is practically the Schomburgh line, which was surveyed by Great Britain, 1839. The dispute became critical when some American capitalists invested in part of this disputed territory, securing certain supposed valuable lands from the Venezuelan Government. As they could not get a positive title to it, an agitation was started in the United States against British aggression, and the Munroe Doctrine was reaffirmed in President

Cleveland's message to Congress, December, 1893. By the Treaty of Washington, 1897, a tribunal of five members—two of them United States jurists—was appointed to arbitrate the dispute, and the result, although a compromise, is decidedly in favour of Great Britain. While Venezuela retains some marshy land east of the Schomburgh line, Britain acquires valuable timber and mineral lands on the other side of this line. The settlement is a very desirable ending to a dispute, the consequences of which might have been disastrous to all involved.

S. HILDA'S COLLEGE.

It is a matter for the very warmest congratulations to all concerned that the building for the ladies of S. Hilda's is now complete. To Mrs. Rigby and the council of S. Hilda's College the greatest commendation is due, for it is to their untiring efforts and patience that Trinity University can now boast of a ladies' residence second to none. A large, handsome building, it is indeed an ornament to our College grounds. Situated just west of the lodge, it commands a fine view of the College buildings, campus and tennis lawn, making a most pleasant outlook and approach. This edifice reflects great credit on the whole University, and will, we trust, tend to bring the claims of Trinity more to the front. It will be readily recognized that in the erection of these buildings a long felt want has been filled, a want, not of Trinity alone, but one in which the whole province shares—a really thoroughly equipped and commodious residence for ladies taking a university course.

THE NEW HEAD

"The king is dead, long live the king." We have just been lamenting the resignation of him whom more than one generation has known as "The Headmaster," and now it is our pleasant task to welcome most cordially to Canada, to T.C.S., and, we hope before long, to Trinity College, his successor, the Rev. R. Edmonds Jones. We are sure that all readers of THE REVIEW are thirsting for information about one who is to fill such an important position, and we have to confess with sorrow that we cannot do much to satisfy their thirst; and, that, with all the more sorrow, as all we have heard of him makes us wish for his better acquaintance. We are not surprised to hear that he has "none of the chilling reserve which marks the newly landed Englishman," because the new headmaster happens to be a Welshman, a nationality to which the "English" owe some of their redeeming characteristics. At all events we know that he is a man of quick perception and warm sympathy, and was extremely popular with the boys of the school in England, which he has left to come across the ocean; and, there must be a wonderful difference between Canadian and English boys, if we do not soon hear that he has won the hearts of those over whom he now presides. We wish him good luck and every success, and hope that no long time will elapse before he is able to pay us a visit in our own College.

THE TRANSVAAL.

To-day all eyes are turned in the direction of South Africa. The Boer situation has now become very serious, and before this appears in print war may have actually begun. No hope seems to be left of averting a fight and of settling the dispute in an amicable manner. There can of course be only one out-