

sembly next meets, more earnest consideration, than has yet been accorded to it may be given to a question which is so vitally connected with the deeper interests of the mission stations of the Church, as well as with those of the students themselves.

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*To the Editor of Knox College Monthly.*

MR. EDITOR,—It is with much pleasure that I congratulate you upon the new era of college life which this venture in journalism begins. Men call this an "age of progress," and I think there are many things to show that we are keeping pace with the times. The newly-fitted gymnasium declares that students ought to be strong in body, so that such epithets as "pale" and "dyspeptic" may pass into merited oblivion; and this journal, written and published by the students themselves, affords mental exercise which will enable them to become such good men "all round" as the present day requires.

Many little things as well, unimportant perhaps in themselves, are in their aggregate force worthy of notice, for outward changes which attract but little attention are often the reflex of a complete mental revolution. One of the most pleasing features to be noticed in the college is a marked growth of taste among its inmates, which is shown by little improvements in the rooms. It is a pleasure to walk along the halls, for at one half-open door we catch a glimpse of a new carpet; through others we see pictures and brackets on the walls, flowers at the window, or handsome ornaments on the mantel-piece, and we even hear a canary warbling to the sunshine. It was not always thus, for many students used to live in as dreary a style as a teacher I once knew, and often the surroundings

were only too good an index of their minds. The study of this teacher was quite a desolate room, eminent though he was as a scholar. The walls were papered but dingy in color, and, like the mantel-piece, devoid of pictures or any ornament, though the owner was well able to afford both. At one end of the long dreary room was a desk heaped with books and papers in confusion, NOT picturesque, and beside this a tall, gaunt bookcase. At the desk my classical friend would write page after page of Greek poetry without even the mistake of a misplaced accent; yet was it a wonder that his teaching was dull when even his study-room had a depressing effect upon a visitor?

Many declare that the education derived from sights and sounds and all surroundings is fully equal to that obtained from books; if this be true, we ought to gather round us such objects as will elevate and refine our tastes, and should pay attention to the "concord of sweet sounds" as well as to pleasant sights.

Before closing I would refer to some improvements yet needed: the waiting room might be made a little more cheery, especially as the College Board have their meetings in it, for some visitors I know of have spent a dreary "few minutes" waiting there for student friends. I then, is there not some way by which we could get a few handsome pictures to "warm up" our halls, for it must be confessed that they do look somewhat dreary and "chilly" at present!

Truly yours,

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THE graduates of Princeton number 5,439. Of these 1,088 have been clergymen.

ZULULAND.—A mission church is to be established in Zululand on the fatal battle-field of Isandula.