

of the second, and at least three-quarters of the same course during the remaining two years. At Toronto the specialist in any department spends practically all his time for two years, and in some cases three, on his special work, and doubtless knows more about his specialty than our specialist. At McMaster we have always held that the wider culture obtained from a general course is full compensation for any loss in special knowledge, and that a graduate from our University is quite as able, or even better able, to pursue special studies in post-graduate work as the graduate of other Universities. The record of our graduates at Chicago for the last few years goes to show that our view with respect to the value of a general training in undergraduate work is correct. We suppose it is hardly necessary to assert that the success of our graduates at Chicago is not due to any occult influence arising out of the fact that both Chicago and McMaster are Baptist institutions. Such an idea is, of course, preposterous. A great institution like Chicago, as it values its reputation, makes its scholastic appointments upon merit. President Harper and his staff are the last persons to be suspected of lowering the standard of scholarship for the purpose of doing favors to a comparatively small denominational college in Canada. Messrs. Findlay, Newman and George have been appointed Fellows, not because they are graduates of a Baptist college, but because they deserve to be so appointed. They have been working during the past year under the professors at Chicago, and their ability and attainments have won their natural reward. We are confident that their future career will justify their present distinction and continually reflect credit on their Canadian Alma Mater.

THE University is indebted to G. R. Roberts, Esq., for the donation of three interesting old books to the Library. One of them is the first volume of a three-volume folio edition of the works of John Bunyan, "printed and to be sold by *William Marshall* at the *Bible*, in *Newgate-street*, London, 1692," as the quaint old title-page states. It contains an excellent engraving of Bunyan, which must have been made and printed within a year or so after his death in 1688, and which now must be exceedingly rare. The other two volumes of Mr. Roberts' gift are an early edition of North's Plutarch, and a copy of the 18th edition of "Expository Notes on the New Testament," by William Burkitt. In presenting these family heirlooms to the Library, Mr. Roberts writes: "I shall now have a personal interest in McMaster Library." We hope that others may follow his example and thereby obtain a similar personal interest, not only in our Library, but also in the University as a whole.