

hood, the matter as to the LL.B. hood being left to those aspiring to that degree. This meeting could appoint a committee to wait upon the Senate or to confer with a committee of that body. Were this done, the Senate would no doubt favourably consider the proposal of the students.

THERE are differences of opinion as to what is the best course to be adopted in the training of divinity students. The exigencies of the Presbyterian Church require that as many as possible of the vacant mission stations should have supply both summer and winter. Many Arts students sent to the mission field fill vacancies, if they do nothing more. And they gain self-sufficiency unbecoming their years. Concerning an Artsman, we heard the remark that "he conducted himself as if he had been a stated pastor for forty years." His sage words of counsel were truly sublime. It is a question whether the church is benefited by such workers. A very practical suggestion, however, as to the training of senior divinities, to the effect, that "they should attend kirk-sessions and other meetings so as to gain a practical acquaintance with the rules and discipline of the church," is worthy consideration. It is also said that "students should be invited to attend weddings, as ministers who have never been present at a marriage feel rather shy in performing that ceremony."

THOMAS CARLYLE'S thoughts are clothed in a dress peculiarly his own. His diction is unique; but his ideas are worth having when freed from incumbrance. Thinkers alone can profitably read Carlyle; and even they agree to differ at times as to what he really means. It is no wonder then that we find Dr. Watson and Mr. Allen at loggerheads when they come to deal with the Sage of Chelsea. Mr. Allen looks at Carlylian philosophy from the realistic stand-

point, Dr. Watson mainly from the idealistic; and of course they can never come to terms. Mr. Allen views things through the spectacles of those philosophers who served their day and generation, but who have long ago been shelved to give place to the more modern mental evolutionists, towards which we think Dr. Watson strongly leans. Dr. Watson wisely closed the correspondence in the *Whig* by leaving Mr. Allen to his private musings; Mr. Allen followed with the highest possible eulogy of Carlyle, raising him (apart from his philosophy), when dealing "with the weary problem of our concrete life," to the position of a "very Titian among thinkers." Dr. Watson and Mr. Allen have opened up the subject of Carlylian philosophy, concerning which we would invite students to express their opinion through the columns of the *JOURNAL*.

THE Alma Mater Society has, *pro tem*, been resolved into a Mock Parliament. This step was taken to interest, if possible, the members. The Alma Mater is the recognised medium between the Faculty and students. It is, as Principal Grant has said, "a college organization," and should therefore be supported by all the students. But it has not by any means been having the sympathy of the students. There must be a reason for this. Judging by the smallness of attendance, and the anxiety to adjourn after the business programme is completed, we conclude that the meetings were uninteresting and that some change in the organization was essential to the prosperity of the Society. An article kindly sent us by a friend of Queen's, entitled "A Students' House of Commons," and which was published in a recent number of the *JOURNAL*, we doubt not suggested the resolve of last meeting. But if this departure is to be successful, the rules of procedure of the British House of Commons will as far as