

a short smart cram at the close is a poor substitute for honest work during the session.

Of course there are exceptions who should be treated as "special cases," men with decided pulpit gifts but incapable of literary culture. But such cases are rarer than many suppose. The woods are not full of them. A much commoner type is the man capable but careless or pre-occupied. For such a man a hearty dread of examinations is a spur and stimulant. The spur at first is not joyous but grievous, nevertheless its fruits are good. Gentlemen of the Senate, hold your own; all students will respect you even though you slay them.

Reviewing now the work of the session, it is pleasant to note the fulfilment of our predictions, regarding the change made in the College staff. Dr. Gregg has given his attention mainly to Church History. Dr. Proudfoot has had his course lengthened. This is an immense advantage. Confining Homiletics to the few weeks of the first term, has been a standing grievance. A subject so important, without which so many others are but lumber, should not be crowded into a corner. By nature, students are the children of disorder, and if Homiletics can do anything for them, it should be given a fair chance. We still cherish the hope, entertained by many others, that Dr. Proudfoot will publish his lectures in book form at no distant date.

The appointment of Prof. Thomson to the chair of Apologetics and O. T. Literature has given complete satisfaction to all concerned. Reading over to-day the very strong words of approval with which we noted his appointment in July last, we feel that stronger language would have been justified. The masterly way in which he handled his subject during the past session, his firm grip of essential truth, his keenness of perception, and withal his almost infinite patience, won for him the admiration, and more, of all students. The standpoint, which we have repeatedly indicated as the true standpoint of the modern apologist, is the one he has taken—Jesus Christ the starting point and the centre of Christianity. He is making preparations to discuss next year the very large, difficult, and important subject of Non-Christian Religions, especially those with which the Church has to deal in missionary work.

Is the College staff complete now? No! Much has been done, but the growth of the Church means the development of the College. If the College is to do the best service to the students and the Church there are several other changes that must be considered. They may not be made at next Assembly. They may take years to accomplish. But in the judg-