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Editorials.

CONVOCATION Day is at once the brightest and gloomiest day of the session. The most brilliant and well-dressed assembly of the year looks on while hard-earned degrees and prizes are distributed. The pride that lurks in the faces here and there in the audience as one and another receive their marks of distinction, is honest and innocent; and among the students themselves who kneel before the Chancellor to receive prizes at his hand, there is more humility than self-satisfaction. The presence of distinguished guests of the University adds to the brilliancy of the Convocation assembly and gives the event a wide and cosmopolitan significance which is sometimes apt to be forgotten in the ordinary round of the session's duties. The gentlemen chosen this year to be enrolled as honorary graduates of the University will adorn the roll of the Alma Mater on which their names will now appear.

The least pleasant side of Convocation time is the breaking of ties and associations which have grown strong during the undergraduate days; a commonplace theme, but one which has its new force and significance and sadness for each student when the

time comes to remove his household goods away from the College haunts to some region strange and new. Those who are wise and provident will have been looking forward to this time and arming themselves against the change. If they are true to the University they will never allow the fine enthusiasms of the college days to die out. The inspirations of the classroom and the high debate of undergraduate gatherings will remain in their lives to keep the heart and mind warm even in circumstances which offer little stimulus to the higher activities.

WITH the publication of this number the JOURNAL retires into its summer quarters, and refrains from thrusting itself upon the college public for the space of nearly six months. It will not, however, in any sense be idle, for although it may now gracefully dismiss the officials who have had charge of its affairs during the session just closing, it expects its new sponsors to be looking forward and preparing for their arduous duties of the session that is coming on. Towards the end of October next these printed pages will again make their appearance and will no doubt be read and appreciated quite as heartily as they have been received during the course of the present volume. Some of the same themes will be dealt with, no doubt in a different manner and style, for it is one of the accomplishments of this paper that it does not limit itself to one mode of thought or expression from year to year, but adapts itself to the changing circumstances. New themes will also arise with the new year; and the expansion of College life which is going forward