

is to cost going to? Certainly not on the outside, which, to speak plainly, is, with the exception of the view when coming up Queen Street, irredeemably ugly. We really wonder at a plan having been accepted so totally at variance with the spirit and character of the rest of the College, particularly when that plan is in itself something so unlovely. However, it is too late now, and we must make the best of it. Something could be done to remedy its present gauntness and want of proportion to the College by continuing the terrace round it, and thus taking off something from its disproportionate and unnecessary height.

THE new calendar for 1884 is now in our hands and shows some considerable alterations, which have the merit of being improvements. The small, inconvenient shape has been changed to one much larger, and we are glad to see that the former practice of keeping the names of men who have for various reasons not obtained their degree, on the list of undergraduates, has been discontinued, only the names of those who are at present taking their course appearing. We are glad, too, to note a list of recent additions, by purchase, to the library, and to see that the former undue preponderance of Theological works justly animadverted on by one of our correspondents some time ago, can no longer afford a subject of complaint.

SOME time ago we published an article calling attention to the wretched state of our so-called gymnasium, and appealing to the authorities to remedy it, and provide us with what is really a necessity, not a luxury. That appeal was, we thought, promptly responded to by the authorities asking some of the members of the College, prominent in athletics, to furnish a list of the requisites and their probable cost. Since that time we have heard nothing more of the matter, and the dilapidated barn still affords a roosting place for the fowls, and provides a convenient shelter for the College menagerie, which comprises, among other interesting objects, the prize fat dog. Surely some of the money that we see lavishly expended on other and more unworthy objects might be devoted to remedying this state of affairs, and we hope that the coming summer will see the much-needed improvements in this respect made.

At the same time, there is that other matter, concerning which we periodically raise our wail, and that is the—ah—museum. In their present condition, the specimens afford an interesting practical illustration of the gradual increase of the soil, and bid fair to disappear ere long under a winding sheet of dust. Perhaps, though, the authorities, taking the well-known definition of dirt as merely "matter out of place," do not think it worth while to disturb matter hallowed by the lapse of years. The science scholar is, ex officio, assistant curator. Surely then something might be done in this matter.

THE announcement that our annual Convocation will hereafter be held in the early part of July was hailed by the men with unanimous satisfaction. The University examinations close in the last days of June so that no longer an interval will elapse before Convocation than is necessary for examining the papers. Under the late existing *regime* there was a most unnecessary and awkward delay of more than four months before a man who had qualified could take his degree, that is, without the extra expense of calling a special Convocation. As far as we can see, the only consideration that caused the authorities to establish this now—we are happy to say—extinct rule, was that the class examinations for honor men did not take place until October, and as it is always desirable for a year to go up entire for their degrees, Convocation was held after these examinations were over. Although this arrangement was very satisfactory to those reading honors, yet, we regret to say they are not the most numerous, albeit they may be the most important men in College. The poor pass man was compelled either to supplement the ordinary fee with \$8.00 (and who will deny that this sum is a consideration) and call a special Convocation or else wait until the autumn, greatly, perhaps, to his inconvenience. Let us, however, rejoice that he will no longer have to wait the pleasure of the honor man and that any inconvenience caused by the old state of affairs is buried in the dead past. *Tempora mutantur.* During the last few years a thorough renovating and overhauling has been going on about us, entirely revolutionizing our rather dusty University system, and now once again we chronicle another improvement in what is already a long list.

IT is rumored that a branch of the church army will shortly be organized in Toronto. We have no doubt that they will do a good work, as something of this description is necessary to counteract the daily increasing extravagancies of the Salvation Army. The Church Army has for some time past been gaining ground in England, and may be now counted as a religious institution of the church, founded on a firm basis. Among the prominent and most energetic of its leaders we might mention the Bishop of Lichfield, and the clergy are swelling the ranks daily. The exponent of the Army is called the *Battle Axe*, and, although, since its circulation is chiefly among the lower classes, the diction employed is not of the most refined character, and might be termed "loud," its whole tone is pure, and avoids that coarseness that almost verges on blasphemy, which characterizes the *War Cry*. Let it be by no means thought that we are disparaging the Salvationists. We allow that this cause is a noble one, and that the good that they have done is wide spread, but nevertheless, there are many imperfections and extravagancies in their system, which the Church Army avoids. Up to the present no active steps have been taken to establish