

A large number of those who take a university course think that their time can be better employed upon other subjects, and often ignore the Oriental course altogether.

Now we admit that a university course should be as liberal as possible, yet at the same time we hold that it should aim at preparing a man thoroughly to enter upon the study of the profession he has chosen. To a theological student a knowledge of Hebrew is as necessary as a knowledge of Greek; yet while a three years' course in the latter is demanded before he enters theology, one year is deemed sufficient for the former. What is the consequence? Men graduate without having that grasp of this language which enables them to use it with ease and pleasure. This state of things is not desirable and the sooner something is done to remedy it the better.

There are various suggestions which might be made.—Some have suggested that the language be taught in the College as it is in Princeton and elsewhere, so that men might begin to study it when they begin theology. However desirable this might be, in the present condition of the College it is not practicable.

In the case of those taking their preparatory training in Knox, why might not Hebrew be substituted for Latin so that the time spent on the latter would be devoted to the former? While making this suggestion we do not wish to disparage the value of Latin for a moment. Still, to the divinity student, Hebrew is of far more immediately practical importance than Latin, and, if it is impossible to obtain a fair knowledge of both, then we say sacrifice the Latin to the Hebrew. This however might be considered too radical a change at present.

There is left one other resource. Enforce the existing rule more strictly which requires students to study

Hebrew at least one year before entering theology. By making this compulsory it would not only stimulate men to put forth a little additional effort to acquire the language, it would also tend to give a higher idea of its importance.

WE are pleased to notice a very marked change in the arrangement of the College Library during the present session. The books are now arranged according to the subjects, which adds very materially to the convenience of those who desire literature in any particular department.

Several valuable additions have been made lately by friends of the College. There is still, however, a great lack in many directions. In English classics, for example, there is next to nothing, the subject of general literature is very scantily furnished, while in the department of Theology there is a lamentable scarcity of modern works.

Three years ago the Alumni Association of Knox College, passed the following resolution:—"That, as in the opinion of the Association, the library of the College is not in a satisfactory condition, a sum of \$12,000 be raised, \$2,000 to be applied to the College immediately, the remaining \$10,000 to be invested, and the interest to be applied annually to the purchase of new books on Theology and other subjects; and a committee be appointed to draw up a scheme of details with a view to the practical carrying out of the scheme." What has been done by this committee? Very little, up to the present time. The reason of this we do not presume to know. The movement is admirable and necessary and one that should commend itself to the judgment of every alumnus of the college.

The amount aimed at is not a very large sum, and yet, were it realized, it would enrich our library in a very few years. We hope to hear from this