

not worthy of the distinction of the doctorate and that he would not wear it gracefully, in fact his whole life has been spent in the society of scholars, but he is a painfully modest man, and would in all probability suffer a fit of mental stragulation, if he were brought too prominently before the public.

CHANGES.—Three "monthlies" are now held instead of five as formerly. This is a step in the right direction.

The quality of essays written during the session is to influence the marks at the final in some classes.

At the first of the session it was announced that the monthlies would count along with the final in the allotment of place and prizes. The students made a howl at this. Such a step would have a bad tendency. If there is to be any distinction between Queen's University and Queen's College, the respective examinations should be kept separate.

Gowns are now seldom seen around the College except on the backs of some Junior students. They must be worn in the Mathematical class room, but elsewhere it is optional whether they be worn or not. If the Senate will not make the use of these compulsory; the sooner the good old academic costume becomes a thing of the past the better. Formerly it was the privilege of undergraduates only, to wear gowns and mortar-boards, but last year it was enacted that all students in attendance at lectures should wear the authorized costume in order that no discrimination should be made. This enactment has been a dead letter. There is now no manifest distinction between an undergraduate and another student, except the name. It was formerly necessary to pass the Matriculation examination, before a scholarship could be taken; this necessity was done away with in the most sudden manner, and some students were thrown entirely out of their calculations thereby. Unless one wants to compete for rank or scholarship, it is a mere waste of time to write at the Matriculation Examination, since the mere passing of it confers no privileges whatever, because the passing of the "pass" examination in the spring admits to the rank of undergraduate.

The reading-room is now like a chamber of death. A permanent curator has been appointed, who performs his duty well by keeping the best of order. It is a reading-room as it ought to be, not, as formerly, a place where fellows could knock each other round in, pull tugs of war and sing; such amusements have now to take place in the cloak rooms. All the illustrated papers and best reviews and magazines are supplied by the Senate, while a tax is levied on the students to pay for the leading dailies. This room is also put down in the plans, as a Consulting-room. Books can be brought here from the library for consultation, a brass check being given for a book when taken out. This is a great convenience to the reading student; for he is no longer compelled to lug every ponderous tome to his room if he wants to make any research.

For some time past there has been an agitation among members of the bar to introduce new blood into the Convocation of Benchers at Toronto. Complaint is made among country practitioners and junior barristers in Toronto that the Law Society is managed altogether in the interest of the large chancery firms in that city. The humblest member of the profession pays as large an annual fee for the maintenance of the Law Society as the most distinguished; yet the money thus obtained is applied largely to the purposes of the library in Osgoode Hall, which is of little use except to Toronto lawyers, and to the provision for scholarships, which are practically open only to Toronto students. Circulars have therefore been sent all over the country asking support for Messrs. J. J. Foy and other young barristers in Toronto, and also certain

other young barristers in the different cities and towns of Ontario. Besides these there have been sent circulars asking votes for a list composed mostly of Q. C.s, and another list composed altogether of Conservatives, &c. In one of these lists Messrs. G. M. Macdonnell and R. V. Rogers were mentioned as nominees of the Kingston bar, and in another Messrs. B. M. Britton, Q. C., and R. V. Rogers were spoken of in that character. These were misleading statements, as the Kingston bar held no meeting and made no nominations. * * * * * At a meeting held last night it was decided to make no nomination, as it was too late for them to be of any avail.—*Kingston News*, March 31.

The results of the election of Benchers will be known after we go to press. We hope to note the election of some members of our Faculty of Law in our next. Both, because they would make excellent Benchers, and because we would like to see our Faculty have representatives on the Board.

THE Home Mission Committee have made the following appointments from the College for summer work in the various Presbyteries:

- Quebec—John McLeod.
- Lindsay—A. G. McLaughlan.
- Toronto—D. McTavish.
- Owen Sound—D. A. McLean.
- Kingston—Messrs. J. Kelloch, Joseph Andrew, W. S. Smith, James Somerville, A. K. McLeod, John Young, A. Patterson and John McNeil.
- Peterboro—Messrs. James Murray and Archibald McLaren.
- Glengarry—G. McArthur.
- Ottawa—M. S. Oxley.
- Lanark and Renfrew—W. Meikle and R. C. Murray.
- Barrie—P. M. Pollock, P. F. Langill, Jacob Steele and C. J. Cameron.
- Saugeen—A. Gandier and Neil Campbell.
- Manitoba—J. Chisholm and D. Forrest.

They take charge on April 10th. The committee also agreed to recommend the General Assembly to change the time of opening and closing the Theological Colleges so as to make the session from the 1st November to the 1st May. The committee adjourned to meet in Toronto in October, 1881.

WE omitted to say before this session that owing to the resignation of Mr. H. B. Rathbun, Mr. A. Shortt has been appointed Secretary of the Alma Mater Society.

MR. L. ROSS has been appointed Lieut. of the Company in place of Alex. Forin, resigned.

A GOOD example shown by a city:—The new buildings of Queen's College, Kingston, Ont., were opened a short time since. The citizens of Kingston subscribed \$44,000 to the new college.—*Dalhousie Gazette*.

HARVARD, following Queen's, has raised her pass-mark from 33½ to 40 per cent.—*Ibid*.

PRIZE BOOKS.—Messrs. Smith & Patterson, book binders, to-day invited our inspection of fifty-prize books for Queen's College. They are finely bound in full calf, and handsomely gilt. The college seal is neatly impressed in gold on the cover. The workmanship is highly creditable to Kingston and the prizes will do honor to old Queen's.—*Whig*.

A CIRCULAR has been issued by the clerical Professors to the churches, announcing that they will hereafter charge