

mental equipment necessary, there remains the fact that one should divest himself of his boyishness, and feel that he is among men and able to form himself as if he were already one, and not regard the daily duties of undergraduate life as mere form and "go down" with no appreciation of the work encountered, regarding it as something that must be done in the shortest and shallowest manner consistent with the exaction of rules. A real necessity then is the proper appreciation of the benefits arising from a college life, which extreme youthfulness will not grant. Thus it would be proper and an act which would gain the thanks of a student in after years, if a master could manage to curb the ambition of his pupil and restrain him from too early matriculating, although in this busy Canada a University man must seek a profession, and to foster that end, the acquirement of an education must be gained in as short a time as possible, yet, one knows, that if time can be spared, greater benefits must accrue to him who waits and digests his learning than to him who hastily skims through a course of study, even at the most not over four short years

At a somewhat earlier date than usual, the University calendar has appeared, and in it we notice several changes which enhance its value as a reference book of our doings, progress and work. On the Council, there still exists the blank for the Huron members, a space we should like to see filled, showing the greater sympathy of that diocese towards Trinity and this University. In place of Salter Vankoughnet, Esq., Q. C., Solicitor, who has resigned, Geo. F. Harman, Esq., M. A., has received the appointment, a worthy one, and a recognition of our younger graduates, which we would like to see also in higher quarters. A slight mention is also made of the result of the Provost's and Rev. R. H. Starr's solicitation in England on our behalf—a donation of £5,000 towards the endowment funds of the Keble Professorship in Divinity and the Pusey Professorship of Physical Science being enumerated, as well as a grant of £3,000 from the S. P. C. K., and other grants by the S. P. G. and the University of Oxford. Under the "Proceedings in Arts," we find with pleasure the notice of a matriculation examination at Port Hope being held simultaneously with the one here. This is a move in the right direction, and one which we urged in the early days of this publication, and if scholarships could be granted, tenable by pupils from various schools, the tendency might be also to increase largely our candidates for entrance. In 1886, the Greek and Roman histories will be omitted from the classics at entrance, a new department of History and Geography substituted, and candidates required to pass in two of the alterations, Divinity, French, English, or History and Geography. After the first year, honours may be read in Mental and in Moral science, in addition to the three former courses. We trust that an honour department in English may be

added as well. The requirements for the degree of Licentiate of Theology, appear in this work for the first time. The library has added to its shelves four hundred new volumes, including works from the Queen, the English Government, University of Cambridge, Gen. Sir J. H. Lefroy, J. G. Bourinot, Esq., Prof. Riiter, Rev. A. G. Mortimer, B. D., and others, and no longer the old cry can be raised against the new books as that of being entirely theological ones. A few errors occur, as might be anticipated in a pamphlet of such a size, but it is pleasant to notice each year its increase in information and the new features added, while the volume must entail much labour upon the compiler.

MUCH unnecessary excitement was caused by the last convention of the Inter-Collegiate Missionary Alliance, with reference to the attitude which the divinity class took in the matter. To us, the Alliance seemed quite harmless from the first, and even now, while we do not altogether uphold the action taken by our divinity students, we fail to see the necessity for that parental guardianship, which some of the *Mail's* anonymous correspondents thought themselves called upon to offer. The convention lasted three days, and was characterized by much self-glorification, many "experience" speeches, and essays, which, with a few exceptions, were of child-like simplicity, and not altogether unprofitable. The object of the Alliance—"To further missionary zeal in the colleges"—was commendable, and just so far as that result was attained, was the convention a success. How, and to what extent it encouraged the students in the various theological halls and colleges we are unable to state, but from the nature of the convention, we are assured that it had not the desired effect upon the representatives from Trinity. Not that we wish to insinuate that the divinity class is devoid of any appreciation of the missionary spirit, quite the reverse. Our Theological and Missionary Association is doing a good work and continues it independently of the Alliance. There is nothing to show that that earnest spirit for mission work is wanting, but we question whether it will be zealous enough to send a representative to Montreal next year to incite the convention to further missionary effort. We regret that the Diocesan College at Montreal, thinking Trinity could do no wrong, followed her example and joined the Alliance. It is to be hoped that the divinity students here will send them a "round robin," asking forgiveness, and promising never to do so again. At the same time it might be well to assure them that the Alliance was constructed solely through the optimistic eloquence of one of the members of the class, and that it was not the action of the college. Some colleges assert that they derived much benefit by the series of meetings last October. We are glad to hear it, and trust they will lose no opportunity of attending them annually. A similar Alliance in the United States has been found