

The schedule in use was adopted in 1891, and is the work of the late Professor J. Y. McKee, whose portrait hangs between those of General Beaver and the Reverend Mr. White in the college chapel. It was the last piece of Faculty Committee work in which he was engaged, shortly before his death.

The three weeks' vacation at Christmas which was thought by some to be due last year was really not so at all. It last occurred in 1895-6, and will next come in 1907-8, just after our present Preps. have graduated, unless some should become so attached to State as to tarry longer with us. Thereafter we will meet it next in the college year 1935-6. Very likely the younger sons of some of our present students may spend that vacation at home, unless, in the meantime, the Faculty and Trustees may amend the schedule.

Only three times in these fifty years does the long vacation occur, as is clear from the fifty-year schedule prepared by Professor McKee's committee above referred to, which is now the guide by which the annual catalogues are made. It is based on the following regulations:

1. Commencement is always the Wednesday following the tenth of June.

2. The winter term closes the Wednesday following the twenty-fifth of March, and opens the twelfth Wednesday preceding.

3. The fall session closes the Wednesday before Christmas, and opens the fourteenth Wednesday preceding.

These are all the data there are and any one can make out the schedule for as many centuries to come as he may care to; it is merely a matter of patience.

But we all know that Commencement day retrogrades. At latest it is June seventeenth; the following year it falls on the sixteenth, then the fifteenth, etc., skipping one if a twenty-ninth of February intervenes, until it reaches the earliest date, June eleventh, and then it jumps forward the next year to June seventeenth again.

The dates which limit the winter vacation are vibrating in the same way, but not in perfect unison with each other, be-