

"Two chords then arise which with the œsophagus blend,
 Along with the aid of an excellent friend;
 Then ¹⁰solar and splenic affections arise
 And in ¹¹cœliac ecstasies he reaches the skies.

On Friday, December 11th, we were visited in the dissecting room by Vice-Chancellor Mulock, Prof. Ramsay Wright and Prof. MacFarlane. The boys evinced their pleasure at this unusual occurrence by giving their noted visitors a right royal ovation.

A very interesting meeting of the Medical Society was held in the Old Medical School, on Friday evening, December 11th. Mr. Hagerman presented a paper on Erysipelas of the Face, Mr. T. McCrae one on Cell Division, and Mr. T. H. Whitelaw a paper on The Nervous Mechanism of Respiration. The papers on being read were discussed, and gave evidence of careful preparation and earnest work on the part of their writers.

The same Society held a regular meeting two weeks previous to the above, at which Dr. Ferguson, our President, Dr. Peters, and Mr. T. E. South, '93, gave very instructive papers. Owing to a misunderstanding this meeting was not reported at the proper time.

EXCHANGES.

We are pleased on our return to find the Christmas exchanges lying snugly on our table. This spell of brisk weather has evidently invigorated the several editors. The latest editions to hand are unusually spicy.

The December *Manitoba Journal* contains a pleasing article by Rev. Dr. Bryce on "Six Old Names." These names are mostly Anglo-Indian, such as Assiniboine, Saskatchewan, Winnipeg, etc. Acta Victoriana's editorial on "Merry Merry Christmas" is quite nice. "A few Minutes with Lowell," by F. Ernest Fletcher, is the main attraction however.

We are in favour of racy locals. Even a pun is permissible at times, though it does not necessarily lend dignity to a journal. The *Ottawa Campus*, Kansas, heads its personal column by remarking that some one whose Christian name is Eli "is getting there Eli." This is a Solemn 'un.

The *Bates Students*, Lewiston, Me., in the December issue has a fine steel engraving of its editorial staff. Here's a hint for VARSITY. Our journal should be made as attractive as possible. It also contains a "Poets Corner" where we find some rhyme of more than usual merit. The article on Democracy in England and Ethics of Doubt are very good.

The *Denver Hesperus* is a breezy little exchange, a weekly. The latest edition has an interesting continued article on "Glimpses of German Students Life," by Prof. E. F. Stroeter.

The Jan. 2nd edition of *Brunonian* is by far the best on the table. It is extremely readable and digestible, and at the same time has a genuine college ring about it, solid but not pedantic, racy but not frivolous.

THE VARSITY, a Weekly Journal of Literature, University Thoughts and Events. Vol. XI., No. 9. Toronto. It was Charles Dickens who said, "No one who can read ever looks at books, even though they lie unopened on a shelf, like one who can not." So, we venture to state, no old boy who has graduated from the beloved pile in University Park, can ever understand, as he gazes at its noble doorway, the hungering, longing feeling of the middle-aged man who was not. The student has his grateful recollections; the other has regrets, mingled with a thirst of curi-

¹⁰Two chords—to œsophagus.

¹¹Excellent friend—branch from left pneumogastric.

¹⁰Solar and splenic affections—solar and splenic plexuses.

¹¹Cœliac ecstasies—cœliac plexus.

osity hard to describe. But though, like the disconsolate Peri at the gate of Eden, the crystal bar of the class room move not for him, he can still learn, for two dollars a year, from the pages of THE VARSITY (in part) what goes on inside. The December number tells us of the doings of the Glee Club, The Economic Seminary, the Modern Language Club, the Political Science Club, the Literary Society, the Saturday public lecture, and the Y.M.C.A. And it has a story of a certain 'Arry, B.A., who describes how he took his degrees:

As 'istory didn't count much
 I let the hold subject go 'ang;
 Modern languages I couldn't touch,
 But I did a good paper on slang,
 In racing I passed like a bird,——

—The Monetary Times.

THE PRESIDENT.

It was with feelings of regret that we heard that Sir Daniel Wilson has of late been seriously ill. The prevailing epidemic, which has seized upon so many distinguished men, has not let him pass; then in addition to this, other complications set in which rendered his condition serious for some time. However, thanks to the strength of his constitution, he is now overcoming the effects of the attack. The latest information we have received is to the effect that he is progressing favorably. We but voice the common sentiment when we express the desire that our honored President may soon be well again and long spared to us.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Natural Science Association was held in the Biological Lecture Room on December 15. The election of First Year Representative resulted in the return of Mr. Currie. The appointment of a committee to award the prizes offered by the Society for scientific collections was, after some discussion, referred back to the general committee. An interesting paper on "Coffee: its Constituents and Chemical Analysis," was read by Miss Curzon, in which the subject was reviewed in an excellent manner, affording much information and pleasure to the Society. At the next meeting, to be held in the Chemical Lecture Room, Mr. Wheaton will read a paper on "The Methods Employed in Cheese Factories and Creameries for the Examination of Milk."

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

The first meeting was held last Thursday at the usual hour, 5 p.m., and was conducted by Mr. Wheaton. Mr. Rennie, of the Bellevue Hospital, New York, was present and spoke a few words about his work there among the outcasts of the great city.

J. T. Blyth and D. A. Fowlie were nominated for the vacant office of Recording Secretary.

The regular meeting next Thursday, the 14th, will be led by the General Secretary.

The Y.M.C.A. has so far given up the use of their building to the College societies that every evening in the week, between four o'clock and six, through the whole term, except Saturday, some meeting is going on in the Hall.

The old Sustentation Fund runs out during the present year, and a special effort will be made by the committee to renew it in order to set the Association on a good footing financially for the next few years. A new plan also has been adopted which by means of a life membership, continually increasing from year to year, will in a number of years do away with the necessity for a Sustentation Fund. Circulars setting forth this plan will shortly be published.