## THE ENGINEERS' DANCE.

The Gymnasium last Friday evening was the scene of one of the most successful and enjoyable dances ever held in connection with the University, the occasion being the annual At-home of the Toronto Company of Engineers. The large hall was well decorated with flags and bunting, a striking part of the decorations being a double lock bridge erected from gallery to gallery in the east end of the room. The gay military uniforms of the officers present, representing the different military corps of the city, and the members of the Engineer Company, added greatly to the brightness of the scene. Glionna's orchestra occupied the east end of the gallery, and discoursed two-steps and waltzes with many well-appreciated encores.

Shortly after nine, the strains of the National Anthem heralded the arrival of the Lieutenant-Governor and party. Major Lang and officers of the Company received. The set of honor was danced by Miss Clark, Major Lang; Miss Elsie Clark, Major Burnham; Mrs. Loudon, Prof. McGregor Young; Mrs. Davidson, Lt.-Col. Stimson; Lady Kirkpatrick, Lt.-Col. Davidson; Mrs. Burnham, Mr. A. Magee; Mrs. Biggs, Prof. Baker; Mrs. Evans, Mr. Biggs; Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mr. Burnside; Mrs. Sweny, Mr. Evans.

Supper was served in the Students' Union; the tables were tastefully decorated with pink roses, and the menu was all that could be desired.

The dancing continued far into the morning, and ever then expressions of regret were heard when "Home, Sweet Home," betokened the close of a most enjoyable event.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Of special interest to the academic element of this city will be the lecture by Harry de Windt, the famous traveller and explorer at Massey Music Hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 26th, when he will describe Siberia and the Russian exiles.

In the Seminary, Library Building, Tuesday, 19th inst., at 4 p.m., Prof. McCurdy will begin a series of open lectures on Scientific Literature, as illustrated by valuable documents in possession of the University. These lectures will be popular in form, for the benefit of students who have only a general interest in the literary monuments of the ancients.

A series of Saturday lectures has been arranged to begin on January 23rd. The proceeds will be devoted to the Convocation Hall fund, and this, with the value of the lectures themselves, should ensure success. The first of the series will be delivered in Wycliffe Convocation Hall by Professor R. G. Moulton, of Chicago. His topic will be "The Bible as Literature." In handling this subject the speaker is thoroughly at home, as those who have read his critical essays upon the various books of the Bible well know. These essays and a similar set of studies in Shakespeare have made Professor Moulton known wherever there are advanced students in English. Those fortuate enough to hear the first lecture will have a treat indeed.

The postponed lecture of Professor Adam Scott (Queen's) before the Political Science Club will be delivered Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Room 4. The subject of the lecture is "Canada's Influence on British Cabinet Policy."

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Last Wednesday evening the University College Association entertained representatives of the various college associations at an informal tea. After tea a short conference was held, during which the representatives reported the progress of their associations. Brief helpful addresses were delivered by Messrs. F. M. Prat, Wilkie, McPherson and Prof. McLaughlin.

On Thursday evening nominations for officers of the University College Association were held, and resulted

as follows:

President-W. P. Love, A. C. Cameron.

First Vice-President-Gibson, Henderson, Hayes.

Second Vice-President-McIlwraith.

Treasurer—W. H. Henderson.

Assistant Treasurer—McEachern, Cameron, Wright, Chapple.

Recording Secretary-Halliday, Eastman.

The elections will be held at the next regular meeting on Thursday.

The Bible Classes have resumed work for the spring term, and the prospects are bright for a good term's work.

The First and Second Year Arts Class, led by Principal Sheraton, meets in Wycliffe College; the Third and Fourth Years meet with Dr. McCurdy in the Association Building; the S. P. S. Class, led by Mr. Angus, in the Association parlors; the Medical Class, led by Dr. Murison, in the Central Y. M. C. A. These classes all meet at 9.30 on Sunday. Next Sabbath Dr. McCurdy begins the study of the Psalms, giving an introductory study on the Poetry of the Old Testament. This course is sure to be highly interesting and instructive, and a hearty invitation is extended to the men to become members of the class.

The first University sermon of this term will be delivered next Sunday morning. Prof. Moulton, Professor of Literature in the University of Chicago, will give his interpretive address on the book of Job. This lecture is very highly spoken of, and should be largely attended by the undergraduate body. The tickets are in the hands of the representatives in the different colleges, and may be obtained from them.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Guelph, Jan. 15th, 1904.

To the Editor THE VARSITY:

Dear Sir,— In increasing instances, the colleges of the world are tending toward close intercommunication. Their representatives have met, in universal and continental congresses, at Oxford and London, Johns Hopkins and Cornell, Glasgow and others. Toronto University has played her part in these, and yet one is tempted to doubt whether her students are aware, in any number, that such congresses have ever occurred.

In the case of Glasgow's ninth jubilee, celebrated in June, 1901, by a congress of senatorial and student delegates from every country in the world except China, Toronto University was given a prominent place, and honored in more ways than one, details of which are unnecessary now, but which serve to contrast the discourteous negligence of our University toward Glasgow, subsequently. It is of this I wish to acquaint the stu-