

REASONS WHY the Christian Student should support the University Association:—

1. Because he needs the Christian fellowship it affords.
2. The Association is the University Christian Society, and has come to stay.
3. The Association needs his influence.
4. Combined effort brings best results and is strongest when many are working in union.
5. Because of the Practical Training in Christian work received, which cannot fail to prove useful after graduation.

OUR MEMBERS have the privilege of using the Reading Room of the City Young Men's Christian Association; this kindness should receive practical appreciation by Students. Current literature is always on file.

Several friends have opened their houses to our members, and the Social evenings spent are a pleasant reminiscence.

WHIFFS FROM MY "CHURCH WARDEN."

"Oh, pernicious weed whose scent the fair annoys."

I have known members of literary societies attend for two years without opening their mouths. They always remind me of Edward Gibbon's parliamentary career.

He writes "I am still a mute, it is more *tremendous* than I imagined; the great speakers fill me with despair, the bad ones with terror." Sensations are, I suppose, similar.

The fact is, it is not vanity but contending vanities that give pain.

It takes all sorts to make a world.

Of all the many wrongs women suffer at the hands of men, that of not marrying them is the one they ought to find easiest to forgive.

James Russell Lowell's College days must have been full of delightful experiences"—times" we call them.

He describes his sensations on re-entering his old college-rooms:—

"You feel o'er you stealing

The old familiar, warm, champagne, brandy-punchy feeling.

How Newman does hammer at "the absurd, the hap hazard fashion in which men and women collect the odds and ends, the bits and scraps they are pleased to place in the museum of their minds and label in all good faith their convictions"!

The Calendar of the University of Cambridge still refers to a certain Dr. Dodd, a divine and a senior wrangler in the Mathematical tripos; and as the author of "Thoughts in Prison," the circumstance that the "thinker" was later on taken from prison and hung by the neck until he was dead, being no less wisely than kindly omitted from a publication, one of the objects of which is to inspire youth with confidence that the path of Mathematics is the way to *Glory*.

"Persons influence us" says Dr. Newman, "voices meet us, looks subdue us, deeds inflame us. Many a man will live and die upon a dogma; no man will be a martyr for a conclusion."

I am just two and two; I am warm, I am cold,
And the parent of numbers that cannot be told,
I am lawful, unlawful, a duty, a fault,
I am often sold dear, good for nothing when bought
An extraordinary boot, and a matter of course,
And yielded with pleasure when taken by force.

Too plain, dear old Cowper! Why, it is a *Dictionary*, of kisses in six lines!

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Correspondence.

To the Editor of MCGILL FORTNIGHTLY:—

DEAR SIR,

Should not something be done towards agitating for a gymnasium? The one at present in use cannot be said in any sense to be a credit to a University containing nearly a thousand students. The maintenance of a healthy college life and spirit largely depends upon athletic activity among the men, which cannot be obtained as matters stand at present.

A small proportion of Arts and Science with a few men from the other Faculties are alone attracted by the classes. With the very best material we are far behind other colleges by no means our equals in other respects—nor does the fault lie with the students. The time has come when a new gymnasium would not be simply a luxury. It is an absolute necessity and should be demanded as such. It is our right.

With a new gymnasium would come a new era in Athletics. An efficient organization would have to be evolved in order to cope with more extended interests. What more fitting time is there than the present to organize a committee representing all University elements which would control gymnasium, ground and athletics in general?

Its immediate efficacy is obvious, for while a development in college athletics is imminent, it needs some strong hand to nurse and guide it in the right direction. The scheme is not a new one, but opposition at one time too active to be overcome might now be successfully met. The captains of clubs should have something to say in this matter, and that at once.

ONE INTERESTED.

Societies.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF COMPARATIVE PSYCHOLOGY.

The regular fortnightly meeting was held in the lecture room of the Faculty of Comparative Medicine and Veterinary Science on Monday the 28th of Nov. The President Prof. Mills occupied the chair.

Mr. McGuire read an essay on the reasoning power in the dog, in which he pointed out the relationship between the senses and mental ability, and proving his statement by the result of his own observations.

Mr. Brainerd followed with a paper on comparison between human psychology and that of the lower animals, he treated the subject very broadly, and pointed out among other things the tendency of drifting into too narrow a channel and not generalizing sufficiently. He concluded by a quotation calculated to inspire devotional respect for all animated nature.