

garments around the halls brought a frown to his brow or made him beat a retreat to the cellar. In course of time, as a bevy of them flitted by, he changed his tactics, and would smile on them in an enigmatical way, as if to say, "Poor, harmless things! Play away at your learning. You'll never beat the boys, anyway." But the Levana "At Home" brought all previous changes to a climax. From a cozy corner behind a gas stove, he is said to have feasted his eyes on one hundred and fifty women. Nay, more; in comfortable conversation with the cook, he is said to have regaled himself with liberal libations of coffee and countless slices of cake. Worse still—his lips are hermetically sealed, and he will tell the boys nought of what happened within those sacred precincts. John, John, thy faithful followers grieve over thy fall! Much co-education hath made thee mad!

The following report of a Committee of the senate of the university on Matriculation has been adopted and made public:—

"Your Committee recommends the adoption of the scheme of Matriculation proposed by the University of Toronto, and expresses pleasure at the step which has been taken in the direction of raising the standard for Matriculation by increasing the percentage of marks for passing from 25 to 33 per cent. upon each subject. But while sympathizing with this desire to raise the standard, your Committee regrets to see that the scheme tends to increase the quantity of work required for admission rather than to improve its quality.

"Your Committee is of opinion that it would be advisable to set papers of a more elementary character than has been the practice in the past, and to exact 40 or 50 per cent. as the standard for pass. This, we believe, would compel pupils to remain a year longer at the High Schools, and would tend to foster a higher ideal of exact scholarship amongst those seeking admission to the universities."

PERSONALS.

J. W. Mitchell, B.A., has for the present given up the Electrical Engineering course and has returned to his home in Lansdowne.

Rev. J. G. Potter, B.A., has received a call from the congregation of Sunny Brae, Pictou Co., N.S.

All are pleased to see that Professor Williamson is sufficiently recovered to be about the halls again.

J. S. Rowland, '93, and M. S. Leehy, '97, were about the halls for a few days last week.

Harry N. Dunning, one of the most active members of the class of '87, is at present ministering to the spiritual needs of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Pawnee City, Nebraska.

Struan G. Robertson, B.A., '91, and an LL.B. of Dalhousie Law School, is one of the partners in a new law firm in New Glasgow, N.S.

Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, a missionary of the Canadian Church on furlough from Central India, paid a visit to the halls during the first of the week, and spoke to the Divinity Class on Tuesday morning.

The time is near at hand when Queen's can no longer boast a bachelor professor. Our graduates will be interested to hear that the engagement of Prof. Cappon to a well-known Kingston lady has been announced.

We are glad to hear of the successful work being done by Rev. James Binnie, M.A., who, on Sunday, January 20th, had a fine new church opened at Elphin, one of his stations. Rev. M. Macgillivray, M.A., of this city, and Mr. R. J. Hutcheon, M.A., officiated at the dedicatory services, and assisted at a social gathering on the following Monday evening.

The *Kincardine Reporter* has the following: "Mr. Norris, M.A., mathematical master in our high school, has been offered a position in the Stratford School with an increase of \$200 per year in salary." Not only is "Jim" proving himself one of the best mathematical teachers in western Ontario, but he is also a strong force in social and religious circles. He will be heard from soon again.

"J. M. Mowat made his initial political address, and from the manner in which this young gentleman handled the public questions of the day gave evidence of his marked ability and a proof that, in days to come, Mr. Mowat would make a name for himself, as had his uncle."—*Daily Whig*. The *JOURNAL* congratulates John on the success of his first appearance. His training in the Alma Mater Society is now standing him in good stead.

T. G. Marquis, B.A. (1889,) and Frederick J. Pope, M.A. (1891), do not confine themselves to routine work as teachers, respectively, of English and of Science in the Collegiate Institute, Stratford. We note by the Stratford papers that the former is giving a much appreciated course of public lectures on "Shakespeare and his plays," and that the latter is lecturing to a public association on phases of Chemistry. This is a kind of work that more of the High School Teachers of the Province could do, to great advantage, in other centres. It would be legitimate university extension work, and it would extend the influence of university men, and close the gap that too often exists between them and the people. Every High School and College should be a centre of "sweetness and light" to its own community, and we congratulate Marquis and Pope, as well as the community of Stratford, which evidently appreciates its teachers.