

With the hearing of the orals on Tuesday, the "honors" of another Council examination passed into history. The boys all speak highly of the generous and courteous treatment accorded them.

Mr. Traynor went into the General Hospital this week for surgical treatment. He was operated upon on Wednesday, and is so far doing well. We hope soon to see him back in restored health.

#### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

On Friday evening, Dec. 4th, the basketball team defeated the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium team in a closely contested game. The score at half time stood 11-7 in favor of Pharmacy, and the final score was 27-18. The A. C. P. team lined up the same as in the previous games and every man played well. This makes three straight victories and no defeats since the opening of the season. On account of the exams. on the following day, very few supporters were present.

The class officers have had their photos taken, and the remaining members of the class are of the opinion that the said officers should present the School with a photo nicely framed to adorn the reading-room. The officers, however, think otherwise.

Many of the students are sporting their class pins. The pins look even better than the drawing indicated.

The Junior term, so far as the students are concerned, closed on Saturday at noon, and now each one is eagerly watching for the results of the exams.

#### KNOX COLLEGE.

Mr. J. Leslie Boyd, B.A., of the second year, is making a tour of the East, in the interests of the Knox College Student's Missionary Society. He speaks at Ottawa and other important places in that district.

Dr. Patton, of Princeton Theological Seminary, gave an address in Convocation Hall on Monday, Nov. 30th, to a good audience of appreciative listeners. The address was the inaugural given on the occasion of his acceptance of the Presidency of Princeton a short time ago, his subject being "Biblical Encyclopædia."

The address was extremely comprehensive, and embraced innumerable details and technicalities, handled in a masterly way. It was a treat. Dr. Patton is undoubtedly one of the best speakers Toronto has had the

pleasure of hearing for some time. It is not hard to understand why he is regarded as the cleverest after-dinner speaker in America. It is refreshing to listen to downright brainy cleverness once in a while. A man of President Patton's type enjoys "splendid isolation" in these days. He justifies very well the extravagant language in his "Hamlet" when he says, "What a piece of work is man!"

Some of us might be pardoned for improving Shakespeare a little and translating it, "What a piece of work is man's!" We fear that the days are past for the college dreamer, and ancient poetry must be given "honorable retirement," at least until the social organism readjusts itself. As one wide-awake American remarked confidentially some days ago, we have so many things to do nowadays that we haven't time to do anything. There is not the Keurgic calmness of "ye olden days," and we imagine the dilettante had better seek his self-indulgence elsewhere than in academic spheres.

Professor in History, speaking of John Knox, referred to certain correspondence with the mother of his wife.

G. W. C.—"Were those letters written before or after his marriage?"

George evidently shares in the universal suspicion regarding mothers-in-law.

A. C. J.—"How did you like Dr. Patton's address?"

John B.—"I have been haunted ever since by the spectre of my own insignificance."

The Freshmen are becoming very anxious about the At-home. Judging from the number and earnestness of the enquiries as to the "modus operandi," nearly all the Varsity girls will be here to lend grace and dignity to our venerable halls. For this we are greatly indebted to the various year receptions which usually paralyze the Freshmen.

It has been suggested by the Advisory Board on Sanitation that Mr. W— be authorized to wear electric soles to avoid danger from uncarpeted hallways.

Freshman.—"Do you think Miss C— would come to the conversat?"

Serious Senior.—"Surely, if there is some chap-around to bring her."

Philosophers mirabilis.—"Is it epistemologically tenable that an impenetrable wall of mystery is obviously insurmountable?"

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