

regular examinations in the spring. Apart from this every student should, if necessary, strain a point in order to attend these classes. Prof. Neff is by far the best teacher of oratory we have ever had.

"I HAVE attended a great many 'Students' Parties,' said a Toronto lady, the other evening, "and I must say that I always enjoy them. Students have got over the idea that every would-be-agreeable young lady is in love with them, and one can talk to them for a whole evening with no indications of a 'scene.' The sentimental student does not come to Toronto now. There are so many students in Toronto during the winter they constitute an important element in society. The pity is so few are at home in good society. An occasional 'party' only reveals their deficiencies. Some can talk about nothing but college affairs. Others regard young ladies incapable of conversation beyond small-talk, the weather, etc. If students took more advantage of the social opportunities offered in the city they would not only as a class be more important in society, but would understand human nature better, and, being relieved of some peculiarities, they would be better fitted for their life's work."

THE *Mail* and *Globe* have each a valuable Missionary department, giving weekly the freshest news. But in neither were the following interesting items of missionary intelligence recorded:—GOFORTH-BELL-SMITH.—In Toronto, on the 25th Oct., by the Rev. H. M. Parsons, assisted by the Rev. W. Patterson, the Rev. Jonathan Goforth, missionary to China, to Florence Rosalind, youngest daughter of the late John Bell-Smith, Esq., artist. McLACHLIN-STEPHENS.—In Toronto, on the 19th Oct., by the Rev. P. McF. Macleod, assisted by the Rev. W. D. Grant, of New York, the Rev. A. McLachlan, B.A., missionary to Tarsus, Asia Minor, to Lizzie H., second daughter of Mr. Joseph Stephens. Cupid evidently has his innings with the young preachers "when the leaves begin to turn." He scored one against another '87 man:—DOBBIN-BROWN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Toronto, by the Rev. John Smith, Erskine church, the Rev. John Joseph Dobbin, of Caledon East, to Miss Annie Brown, of Toronto.

A "BRAIN-TWISTER," more perplexing than the difficulty between "A, B and C," in Sangster, or the *pons asinarum* in Euclid, or any algebraic sticker with which we wrestled for hours in school, has been handed to us for solution. We have tried it in every way, but the answer won't come. It won't add, nor subtract. Reduction won't get it, neither will vulgar fractions nor decimals. It is not a question of proportion, nor of stocks. We touched it with interest, and tried to get at the root, square or cube. We tried every rule of algebra, with x for the unknown quantity. So the thing went on until we got to the end of our mathematical tether. We are now convinced that no answer has ever been given, that the unknown quantity has never been found. We therefore give the problem to the public and offer a valuable prize for a correct solution. The problem is:—What is the minimum of brains, energy, common sense, speaking power and general fitness for the office, that a man must possess and yet be recommended by the average presbytery to a College Senate as a suitable candidate for the ministry?