

professor, for example, to do all his thinking for him. Such a lack of independence is most deplorable. Let us hope that we have seen the last of electioneering on the part of professors.

I remain, yours truly,

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ALMA MATER.

IT was a large and enthusiastic audience that filled the room of the Alma Mater on Saturday night, the attraction being the installation of officers recently elected and the distributing of prizes won at the last annual sports. In the absence of Mr. J. Kidd, Mr. G. Smith, first committee man, took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Foxton, the retiring secretary, then submitted his annual report, shewing the society to be in a very healthy condition having largely increased in wealth and members during the last year. Mr. Dunning submitted the treasurer's report, which shewed balance on hand of \$80.35. A vote of thanks was then moved to the retiring officers. Certain debts incurred by the JOURNAL were referred to the JOURNAL staff. The new officers of the Society were then duly installed by Mr. Smith. Messrs. W. H. Cornette and J. McCuaig were then added to the JOURNAL staff and Mr. J. J. McLennan was appointed Managing Editor. Principal Grant then distributed the prizes won at the last annual games. Mr. T. G. Marquis received the gold medal as the College Champion Athlete. Elegant badges were distributed to the other winners. Principal Grant expressed his pleasure in seeing the gymnasium once more opened to the athletes and strongly impressed upon the students the necessity of moderation in their sports and in all other pursuits.

DIVINITY HALL.

FIVE hundred students in Harvard signed a letter to Mr. Moody asking him to hold meetings in their university this month.

Archdeacon Farrar preached on idol worship to one of the largest congregations that ever assembled in Trinity Church, New York.

The churches of all denominations in Connecticut are uniting in making a special effort this winter to get a hold of the careless. The pastors are to be helped by skilled evangelists.

Erromanga is the only island in the New Hebrides where missionaries were murdered. Twelve years ago it contained only twelve church members; now not a heathen is to be found on the island.

A lady Presbyterian missionary on the west coast of Africa is the only white Christian for some hundreds of

miles, and has no means of travel but by a skiff up and down the river. She has the training of young men and women, not only in their education and Christian life, but in their every day pursuits. She is very happy in her work.

A good story comes from the States about a preacher who prayed that the members of Congress might hang together. One of his hearers, who hated the Congress, heartily chimed in with a loud "Amen." The man who prayed went on: "I mean in accord and concord." "Any kind of a cord, dear Lord, if it be only a strong cord," responded the fervent but irreverent man in the pew. The prayer came to a sudden conclusion.

A Boston gentleman, member of one of the leading congregations in the town, speaking to a friend of a probable change in the pastorate, said: "I think it is a matter of buying up stock—excuse me, I mean pews. If Mr. —'s friends can buy up pews enough before the parish meeting, they will, of course, call him. If the other side gets the pews, why Mr. —'s friends will be left. You laugh, but the control of a church is a good deal like the control of a bank or railroad nowadays. If you can buy up a majority of the pews, you can run it to suit yourself." This conversation throws an unpleasant light on American church life.

Y. M. C. A.

THE city Y. M. C. A. meetings for young men, held in the Third Methodist Church hall on Sabbath evenings, are being well attended. Quite a number of students are encouraging the association in its work, by their attendance and by active co-operation. A choir composed exclusively of young men has been formed. The meeting is made interesting by the singing of hymns, prayer and short addresses. Much spiritual good is expected to result from these gatherings; and the unanimity and kindly feeling manifested is an indication that the Y. M. C. A.'s efforts on behalf of the young men of the city are being appreciated.

Mr. T. B. Scott is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Wishart, College Secretary, stating that Mr. Studd, the well known student evangelist, is willing to come to Canada if the Y. M. C. As. of Queen's, Toronto, Albert, Victoria and McGill will unite in extending an invitation to him. This opportunity should not be lost. If Messrs. Wishart and Studd come they will spend two days at each college between the 15th and 25th of February.

Special evangelistic services appointed by the presbytery of New York have been opened by a united and remarkably earnest prayer meeting, in which a hundred representatives of the city churches of the denomination took part.