

Book prize. Of course everyone cannot win the prize, but everyone may perhaps have their verses published, which, after all, is no small consolation. The *Legenda*, from Wellesley College, which a good many of us have seen in the last few days, is proof positive that college girls can do a good deal towards making this first Year Book of our College quite original and very successful.

Nor will anyone wish to be without a copy of it. In years to come, when we shall have—as we inevitably must—drifted away from many of our class-mates, and lost sight of friends we have gained here, it will be exceedingly pleasant to have this reminder of our graduating year to help recall the many pleasant days we spent, and delightful acquaintances we made, during our four years of college life.

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In spite of the rainy weather a lively meeting of the Y.M.C.A. was held last Wednesday afternoon. The attendance, though not so large as at the previous meetings, was yet by no means small. The president occupied the chair. Among those present we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Cameron, honorary president of the Society. A most pleasing feature of the meeting was the rendering of the hymn "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep," by Miss Kennedy, '99. Little Miss Rhoda Kennedy proved a charming and skilful accompanist. The essay of the evening, which was prefaced by a scripture reading from the seventh chapter of Matthew, was delivered by Miss Rumball, '98. It had for its text "The Golden Rule." That Miss Rumball's paper was excellent was the unanimous opinion. Exceedingly well-written, simple, direct and sincere, it could not but be helpful to all who heard it. The subject was so thoroughly discussed in the essay that but little room was left for any additional remarks. Miss Hurlburt, however, favored us with a gem of thought, which compared our opportunities to the lovely pansies: the more we pluck them the more they increase, and the larger and more beautiful they grow; while if we refrain, they grow smaller and fewer. Several of the girls then responded to the president's request for sentence prayers.

Various announcements were then made: Bible Class on Sunday afternoon; missionary study class at 4 p.m. Friday; daily prayer at 8.45 a.m. Miss Pearce also addressed the girls with regard to the attendance at the college prayers. As these prayers occupy but a few moments at ten o'clock, and do not interfere with lectures, it was thought that a few words might serve as a gentle reminder to those who have not been in the habit of attending them, even though in the college at the appointed time. The meeting concluded with prayer by Mrs. Cameron.

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The annual meeting of the Woman's Residence Association of University College was held in the University on Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

The Treasurer's report was received and showed an increase to the subscription list of over \$1700.00. The former committee was re-elected with Miss Hamilton as President and Mrs. Torrington as Treasurer. The following were added to the list of councillors Mrs. Chant, Mrs. Brebner and Miss M. Mackenzie.

Professor Morse Stevens kind offer to deliver a lecture in aid of the Residence has been accepted. The lecture will be delivered in Association Hall on the evening of Dec. 4th, and the subject will be Kipling. There should certainly be a good audience to hear this most popular lecturer on such a subject.

CARR, '98.

ON HEARING NANSEN.

The noblest specimens of mankind
Are not all dead: one yet lives
Whose fame shall brighten
All ages until earth shall pass away;
A greater than a Newton, Locke or Magnus
By how much he achieved in person
Exploits, beside the which all former
Seemingly incredulous deeds of classic times
Become the real, and his the half-fantastic.
'Twas chance that earlier men became so famous,
For although great minds they surely did possess,
The needy time in which they lived, worked,
With the native genius of the man to produce
A name immortal; but he—of as keen a mind
As they, has trodden latitudes touched before
Only by the sun's most gentle rays, and emerging
From his perilous toil and hardship,
Presents the world with scientific facts
Accompanied, too, with speculation.
What low and vicious mortals we
Who snail about on this terrestrial sphere,
When to such compared! I'd rather be a Nansen,
And, as such, a MAN, than own
The artificial powers of ten thousand
Of the mightiest states' most mighty men,
Whose names are oft remembered
'Cause 'twere easier so to do
Than have them all forgot.

WAS, '99.

CHRISTMAS "SATURDAY NIGHT."

To see the Christmas number of the *Toronto Saturday Night* in the stationers' windows, this early in November, makes one think of turkey and cranberry sauce and holidays. The success of previous holiday issues, however, and the impatience of many of the paper's readers, induced the publishers to prepare the book earlier than usual this year. That the preparation was not hurried is, however, evident at a glance. It is indeed a handsome and a creditable number, whether it be judged from the point of view of the editor or the printer, of the engraver or the literary critic. Of special interest to college men is the review of Canada's athletics during the past year, an article that is accompanied by the portraits of the record-breakers and the prominent sportsmen. There is, too, a number of clever short stories, all well illustrated. The editor contributes an article meant to give a more correct impression of Canada's climate and resources than is generally held by good-natured Britishers, who look upon this country as a snow-bound wilderness. The value of the number is increased by two handsome colored supplements. Altogether it is a very fine production, and well worth its price, 50 cents.

THIS AFTERNOON.

This week Robt. E. Lewis, Travelling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, comes to Toronto from Boston to hold meetings in the different colleges here. His talks will deal mainly with the relation of students to the Mission Problem. Mr. Lewis will address the men of the University at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday afternoon at five o'clock. It is hoped and expected that they will turn out in large numbers to hear him.