

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS.

All reports from Societies must reach us by noon on Thursday to ensure insertion.

The 25th of February has been fixed as the date of the Converzazione.

Will the author of a short story signed "I Dunno" kindly send his name to the editors of this paper? •

THE VARSITY from now till the end of the academic year, may be had for \$1. This includes the Christmas and June numbers.

Another of the faculty has forsaken bachelordom, and joined the noble army of benedicts. This time Mr. Squair has set the example to his fellow-lecturers and professors.

On Wednesday afternoon, at a general meeting of the students, Mr. R. M. Hamilton was appointed to represent the college at the Annual Dinner of the McGill College students, Montreal. The dinner is to be held on the 31st inst.

MODERN LANGUAGE NOTES:—The Club met on Monday as usual. A French essay was read by Miss Eastwood, and several scenes of "La Grammaire," by Mr. Waldron. An address on Canadian Literature will be delivered some time in March by Mr. G. Mercer Adam, author of the "Algonquin Maiden." Next meeting, Selvillet.

A general meeting of the Temperance League of the Students of Toronto School of Medicine will be held in the School to-morrow evening at 8.30. Addresses will be delivered by Hon. S. H. Blake, Q.C., J. W. Bengough, Esq., and F. S. Spence, Esq. A cordial invitation is extended to all University men.

VARSITY readers will be pleased to learn that in a late number of the Philadelphia *Medical World*, Mr. W. B. Nesbitt, the genial *Mufli* of Residence, makes some original suggestions and comparisons in the matter of the Metric and Volumetric Systems. In the editorial discussion which follows on Mr. Nesbitt's communication, his proposals are commended as of real value to the revisers of the *Pharmacopœia*.

TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.—Main item—a sober realization of approaching examinations—this is not the funny term. Receptions and dinners are of the past. Dr. Teskey, in his new role, is pleasing the most fastidious. Messrs. Q. and W. are regularly on hand in the mornings. Last term the 'worthy Dean' was very anxious to see a vigilance committee appointed; it was not, but things nevertheless seem running smoothly.

A disagreement among doctors. In the matter of co ordinating English literature with the classics in the course of study at Oxford Mr. Gladstone expresses himself as "utterly deploring whatever tends to displace a classical education for those in any way capable of receiving it, and strongly disapproving all efforts in that direction." John Bright, on the other hand, declares that "the study of the ancient languages is not now essential to education, so far as the acquisition of knowledge is concerned."

The Mathematical and Physical Society met on Tuesday afternoon. The President, Mr. T. Mulvey, B.A., in the chair. It was announced that the chief essayist of the afternoon was unable to read his paper. An interesting programme, however, was presented. Mr. McTaggart read a paper on Galileo, and Messrs. Duff, Prendergast, Sparling and the President assisted in discussing his life. The speakers particularly impressed upon the audience the value of experiment in physical investigations. The President gave some experiments in electricity. Problems were solved by various gentlemen.

Hon. Will Cumbach, in the Western Christian Advocate, advocating a chair of Political Economy as a permanent feature of every college, concludes: "The range of instruction in the department of political philosophy should be very wide, and it is a mortifying fact that, if every institution of learning in this country were to enter this field and add such a chair, with all our hosts of scholars, with all our boasted culture, the most of the department would re-

main unfilled by competent instructors. In this active age this deficiency may soon be supplied. Let us reach after the practical. The languages that are dead may remain dead; but the scholar of to-day must know how to grapple with the things that live, and that make so much, not only of his own life, but of the lives of those around him. Man must be the focal point for all this modern light."

The first meeting of the Modern Language Association of Ontario was held in University College Y.M.C.A. building, on Wednesday, Dec. 29th, 1886. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Honorary President, Daniel Wilson, L.L.D.; President, W. H. VanderSmitten, M.A.; Vice-President, Geo. E. Shaw, B.A.; Secretary-Treasurer, J. Squair, B.A. Councillors—W. H. Fraser, B.A.; P. Toews, M.A.; J. Seath, B.A.; D. R. Keys, B.A.; F. H. Sykes, M.A.; J. M. Hunter, M.A.; R. Balmer, B.A., and E. J. McIntyre, B.A. Papers were read on the following subjects: "The Status of Modern Language Study in Ontario," "The Uses of Modern Language Study," "Methods of Teaching Moderns to Beginners," "Examinations in Modern Languages," "English Literature and Grammar." Addresses also were delivered and resolutions passed.

Princeton has made a new departure in her mode of conferring the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Literature. The applicant for said degrees must be a Bachelor of Arts from some approved college or university, and must pursue a special course of study in his department for two years, one year of which period shall be in Princeton, or a course of three years with residence outside of Princeton. The course in either case shall be under the supervision of the faculty. At his application, the candidate will be subjected to a preliminary examination, and at the conclusion of his course, a rigid examination will be required of him on the chief subject and the two subsidiary subjects which he has studied. Before getting his degrees and prior to the final examination, a thesis of not less than 12,000 words will be required of him. He also shall pay the sum of \$40 on application; \$20 at each examination and \$50 on the conferring of the degrees, all of which sums shall be expended in the expenses incurred at examination. The whole plan is modelled after the system in vogue at the German Universities.

The annual meeting of Wycliffe College Students' Mission Society was held on the evening of the 24th inst. The Society congratulated itself on having for chairman the Rev. Canon Dumoulin. On the platform were his Lordship the Bishop of Huron and Dr. Daniel Wilson. Mr. F. J. Lynch read a short, pithy paper on "Mission Work in Japan." He showed the progress made during the successive years since 1859, when the first missionary was allowed to enter that country, until last year, there were 12,000 professing Christians. He believed that Japan was the keystone of China—the land of the rising sun—and thought that greater effort should be made to Christianize it. Rev. J. Gough Brick, a missionary labouring among the Indians of the Peace River District in the Northwest Territory, related some of his experiences. Mr. Arthur Wright followed with a thoughtful paper on the missionary outlook in the home field. Bishop Baldwin then addressed the students on their preparation for engaging in the Master's work.

Classes at McMaster Hall resumed on the 4th inst. with an increase in members of one new student.

Mr. A. J. Vinissy returned, hoping to continue his studies, which have been interrupted by outside work and a recent serious illness, but found it impossible to complete the year and has left. He will come back next session.

The University friends of Mr. R. R. McKay, B.A. '85, will regret to hear that the condition of his health, which prevented his entering upon the theological course last October, is not improved, and fears are entertained lest he should lose his voice.

The regular routine of Dr. MacVicar's lectures in Christian Ethics was departed from on Monday last in an interesting and helpful address by Pastor J. Denovan, on the subject of "Amusements."

The "Cos Ingeniorum" Literary Society expect to hold their annual open meeting on Friday evening, 4th prox. The subject for debate is "Classics vs. Metaphysics," in the College curriculum.

The regular weekly meeting of the Historical and Political Science Association was held in McMillan's Hall, Jan. 26th, at 4.15 p.m. Mr. Houston presided. The subject of "Natural and Positive Law," as presented by Lorimer and by Maine, was first discussed by N. H. Russell in a paper which set forth the methods of the triters, noted some of the differences in their views, and offered some criticisms on Lorimer's views. A very interesting discussion followed. The chairman mentioned the three schools of jurisprudence in England, and briefly indicated the position of each. Mr. Logie, B.A., spoke a few minutes in reference to