

THE PASSING HOUR

Has the University such a thing as a distinct flag of its own? If so, would it not be a good idea to have it fly from the flag-pole during the fine days of spring and fall when the University is open, and in the months when the city is full of tourists, for example, during Exhibition time? If we have no flag, could we not have one of the University colors, with the words "University of Toronto" on it? This suggestion is not made with the idea of giving information to strangers, but rather to give a more brisk and fresh appearance to our Park. We have no thought of having the grand old Union Jack displaced, for if anything can add picturesqueness to our magnificent group of colleges it is "the flag that braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze." Indeed there are many appropriate altitudes around our University where our Empire's flag might wave, and every undergraduate would be proud to see it streaming daily in the wind. But, in addition, there are poles from which a University flag of royal blue and white could also fly, particularly at University College, the Medical Building and the School of Practical Science. We should not suggest faculty colors, but the University colors—we think such an idea would tend towards the Greater University ideal. Possibly each graduating class in the different faculties could present such a banner to its own college for use during the ensuing year, thus leaving a useful memento of its own existence and absence.

A matter which we feel ought to be remedied is the absence from the north end of the Library of the clock which was wont in years gone by to show the hours to the student. During the past year it hung there barefaced and silent, but was finally removed, presumably to be repaired, and has not been replaced. It is very inconvenient for those not carrying watches for from certain parts of the Library the clock at the south end cannot be seen, and one has either to disturb his neighbor to learn the time or move over to where the clock is visible. The clock at the north end obviated such inconvenience and we trust the authorities will see to its early return.

Onlooker.

Chess Club

Mr. W. C. Eddis will give a talk on Chess on Thursday evening of this week at eight o'clock. Mr. Eddis will discuss the Ruy Lopez opening.

Ode to a Fiend

O Algebra! that art the bane
Of man's existence, and of mine
No less than others, would that thou
Had ne'er been nourished in the brain
Of him who wrote thee; for in thee
Are found all evils of this world,
Framed into problems for our pain.
—Caleb, '06.

The Lit.

If the opening meeting of the "Lit." for the year 1904-05 be an earnest of the success of subsequent meetings, the Literary and Scientific Society of University College is entering upon a new era in its history. At the commencement of the second half-century of its existence this society may feel considerable pride when it reflects that it has never departed to any appreciable degree from the ideals of its founders. It was created mainly for the purpose of training young men in the art of public speaking and in this aim it has steadily persevered through fifty years of progress. That its policy has been justified by results was evidenced by Thursday night's meeting, in the very able speeches that were delivered.

The meeting was open—one of the few occasions when the society is honored by the presence of the fair sex. The President, Rev. George Fasken, made a most acceptable chairman. It was decided to defer business till a subsequent occasion, and make this meeting one of pure enjoyment. The first number was a piano solo by Miss Steele '07, which was executed with great brilliancy. Miss Gould '07, delighted the audience with a humorous reading from "A Window in Thrums," and Miss Edwards '06, played some violin selections from "Il Trovatore" in a very musicianly manner. Miss Love '05, closed this part of the programme with a vocal solo, rendered in her customary pleasing way.

The debate "Resolved that the Hague Tribunal of 1899 was a failure" occupied the remainder of the evening. The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. J. J. McGoey '06, and W. A. Cameron '07, and the negative by Messrs. C. G. Heyd '05, and J. A. Carlyle '08. Mr. McGoey in opening the debate maintained that by the word "failure" in the resolution is meant the non-accomplishment of the main purposes for which the tribunal was assembled. He pointed out that it had not diminished armaments nor removed the cruelties of war.

Mr. Heyd for the negative, quoted several definitions of the word "failure," and insisted that the resolution stated that the tribunal had effected nothing. In contradiction to this he pointed out that the tribunal had abolished the use of the balloon as a means of dropping explosives upon combatants.

Mr. Cameron, in support of the affirmative, quoted the five purposes for which the tribunal had met and held that none of them had been accomplished.

Mr. Carlyle mentioned the fact that the Red Cross Treaty had been extended to sailors as one result of the tribunal.

Mr. McGoey in closing the debate insisted on his conception of failure, accompanying his remarks by appropriate illustrations.

Three members of the last graduating class, Messrs. Clarke, Gilchrist and Coleman, acted as judges, and after a lengthy conference decided in favor of the negative. Mr. Coleman in reporting the decision, pointed out that the definition of "failure" as given by the negative was correct, and that therefore they had to show but one result of the tribunal, which they had done.

After speeches by Messrs. James Paulin, B.A., and "Hec." McNeil, B.A., this very enthusiastic and successful meeting was brought to a close by singing the national anthem.