

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS.

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

WANTED:—Copies of No. 2, Vol. VII. (this year); will be paid for at the regular rate.

Mr. A. F. Chamberlain read a paper on "Prehistoric Ethnology" before the last meeting of the Canadian Institute.

The annual meeting of the Glee Club is called for Tuesday afternoon of next week. The meeting will be held in Moss Hall at 5 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday was a holiday in the School of Science. The occasion was the second annual meeting of the Association of Provincial Land Surveyors of Ontario.

FOUND:—On Ash Wednesday, at the entrance to the south gate of the University grounds, a silver watch. The owner can obtain it by proving property, at the janitor's room.

The old charge is still laid against several of the Colleges and College Societies: they do not report to the News Columns of the VARSITY. Press of work is the excuse—no doubt a plausible one.

The following gentlemen have been appointed examiners in the University:—Physics, T. J. Mulvey, B.A.; Italian and Associate Examiner in French and German, D. R. Keys, B.A.; History and Civil Polity, W. J. Robertson, B.A., LL.B.

The time for annual elections draws near. Friday night (to-night) will witness another scene of strife for honors in Knox. There appears to be an unusual amount of party feeling rampant in the college—perhaps more than one would wish to see among Theological students. Considerable fun is anticipated.

Mr. Gustave Thalberg, who sang at the recent college event is a graduate in law of the National University of Sweden. He remains in Toronto to pursue the study of music under Prof. W. E. Haslam. Those who heard Mr. Thalberg sing will be glad to hear of the acquisition to the musical talent of the city.

No official report has reached the VARSITY as yet of the progress of the Committee engaged in compiling a College Song-book, but indirectly the information is gleaned that everything is going on very satisfactorily. The duties of the Committee are arduous and particular. They are, however, being performed with regularity and care, and the long-wished-for and often-talked-of Song-book is soon to be a reality.

A couple of tobogganing accidents of a rather serious nature have happened recently. On Friday, February 25th, Mr. E. C. Acheson had the misfortune to sprain his wrist, and now goes about with arm in sling. On Monday, 28th ult., Mr. Frank MacLean received serious injuries while tobogganing near the Rosedale slide, the ice cutting two ugly gashes in his head. The doctors report him as doing as well as could be expected. Tobogganers should rest satisfied with comparatively safe slides.

Dr. G. Haberlandt, has been investigating the structure of the "stinging hairs" of various plants, of which the common nettle furnishes excellent examples. He finds all of essentially the same structure. The terminal cell is very large, and its walls, a short distance below the keen apex, are lignified or silicified so as to become very brittle. The fluid which enters the wound made by the point of the hair owes its irritating properties, not to formic acid as has been supposed, but to some other substance, yet unknown.
—The Purdue

The Modern Language Club met as usual in the Y. M. C. A. building. After the business had been disposed of, the honorary president took the chair. Matthew Arnold's Works were the subject of discussion. Miss Charles read an excellent essay on "Culture and Anarchy," and Mr. Jeffrey one on the Critical Essays. An interesting discussion led by the chairman then followed. The next meeting will be devoted to the consideration of amendments to the constitution, and of a petition to the Senate for certain changes in the Modern Language curriculum.

Yale has furnished the first president for seventeen of the leading colleges in this country, among them Princeton, Columbia, Williams, Dartmouth, Cornell and Johns Hopkins. To Princeton, Yale has given three presidents in all, Jonathan Dickinson of the class of 1706, Jonathan Edwards, 1720, and Aaron Burr, 1735. To

Columbia also, she has given three, Samuel Johnson, 1714, William S. Johnson, 1819, and Frederick A. P. Bernard, 1828. To Amherst, Yale has given President Humphrey, 1805, and to Trinity, President Wheaton, 1814. Andrew D. White, of '53, and Daniel C. Gillman, '52, are well known in their connection with Cornell and Johns Hopkins.—Yale News.

Several more correspondents have sent in lists of songs for the forthcoming Song Book. The following songs are suggested: The Gallants of England; Louisiana Lowlands; Julia; Never Get Drunk any More; Cock Robin; Birdie; Jawbone; Keep Dose Lamps a' Burnin'; Carve Dat Possum; Leave Your Burden at de Bottom ob de Hill; Hush, Little Baby; Doo dah; Heigho, Heigho; Kafoozleum; Down by the Weeping-Willow Tree; One Fish Ball; Dancing in the Barn; Ching-a-Ling; McSorley's Twins; I'll Await My Love; The Bloom is on the Rye; Never Take the Horse-shoe; Alone on the Midnight Sea; Drinking songs in Gironi Gironi, and Faust; Good Rhine Wine; Ehren on the Rhine; Scots Wha Hae; Vanderdecken; Anvil Chorus (Il Trovatore); Cooper's Chorus (Boccaccio); Love Sounds the Alarm; Good Company; My Lodging is the Cellar.

Glee Club rehearsals are a thing of the past for this year. The conversazione completes the work of the Club each year and gives place to a month or two of solid work of another kind. This year the practises have not been attended with "marked regularity" by the majority of the members and considerable inconvenience and annoyance to the conductor was thus occasioned. But this is not a new departure. Perhaps it is impossible for many of the students to attend the rehearsals regularly, on account of the many engagements they have to meet, lectures, etc. But in future years closer attendance should be given to the work in hand. The new conductor, Mr. W. E. Haslam, has given good satisfaction, both to the students and at the conversazione. Especially is this so when it is taken into consideration that Mr. Haslam has hitherto been accustomed to training voices of considerable musical culture, and in taking in hand a club such as ours, made up for the most part of untrained voices, he meets with no little difficulty. He evinced much care in his attentions to the club.

The meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society, which was postponed from last Tuesday, the 22nd, was held on the following Monday, 28th. The attendance was rather small. Mr. J. C. Stewart read a very able and exhaustive paper on "Definite Integrals," and was followed by Mr. Stafford, who gave a biographical sketch of Faraday. Under the head of business, Messrs. Baker, Loudon and the President were appointed a committee of examiners to award the medal which is to be presented annually by the society for the best essay on a mathematical or physical subject. It was moved by Mr. J. C. Stewart, seconded by Mr. J. G. Witton, and carried unanimously, that the society disapprove of the manner in which it has been treated by the late conversazione committee. The General Committee and the Decorating and Printing Sub-committees were all criticised pretty severely, the general opinion being that they were guilty of carelessness in several matters. The Problems were laid over until the next meeting, which is to be held on Tuesday next.

AN INTERCOLLEGIATE LITERARY UNION.—Last Wednesday, March 2nd, representatives from the Literary Societies of the different colleges in Toronto met in the parlor of the University College Y. M. C. A. The meeting was called to consider the question of having a series of intercollegiate debates next year. There were present representatives from the societies of Knox, Wycliffe, St. Michael's and University colleges and from Osgoode and McMaster halls. After some discussion the meeting agreed on the advisability of forming an Intercollegiate Union, to include, if possible, the societies of Trinity and Victoria colleges as well as those represented at the meeting. The debates of the proposed Union are to be between the different colleges, and are to be conducted on the tie system, as in Rugby football. The committee of the Union would be composed of two representatives from each of the component societies and would elect its own officers. A sub-committee was appointed to consider further details, and the representatives were requested to ascertain the views of their respective societies on the proposed plan. The meeting then adjourned till next Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Another prominent man and friend to education has passed away. The Monday morning papers contain a notice of the death of the late Dr. M. Barrett, in his 71st year.

The circumstances attending Dr. Barrett's death are sad, for, although an old man, he has all along fulfilled his many engagements with a regularity surpassing his years. On Saturday morning he delivered a lecture to his students in the Veterinary College in apparent good health. In the afternoon of the same day he dropped dead in his own house, apoplexy being the apparent cause of death. Deceased was born in London, England, in 1816, the son of a barrister. After receiving his earlier education at Caen,