



#### NOTES.

This is the way the Toronto *Star* puts it:—"When Principal Galbraith of the School of Practical Science announced the news of the Queen's death to the students, the boys, usually so boisterous, listened in a silence that could almost be felt, and then dispersed to their homes with a quietness which as one of them said, 'seemed as though some one was dead in the building.'" There are times, dear *Star*, when we have a just appreciation of the eternal fitness of things.

As a remedial and preventative measure we would suggest that a fine of five hundred dollars be imposed on every School of Science man who offers himself for admission into the University College Literary and Scientific Society. It is said that the temptations to bribery and malfeasance generally are irresistibly strong, and that the moral tone is most deplorably low. We notice these tendencies among the Arts men, and to stop their seeming advance southward we considerably propose a moderate tariff.

To topographers with volatile inks.—Gardner recommends that the pen when dry be dipped into the nearest river or lake.

Principal Galbraith is in Montreal attending the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, and has been elected Councillor of the same.

*Lese Majeste.*—That was an unkind insinuation that one of the first year had attempted one evening recently to blow out arc lamps on Yonge street. Always the champion of the meek, we rise to say that though tall, the gentleman in question is, we believe, a total abstainer, and that his character and conduct have always been most exemplary. Apologies, Oliver.

Messrs. Parsons and F. R. Miller of the first year, having secured lucrative situations in down-town offices, have, temporarily at least, severed their connection with the School.

Bryce is contemplating the organization of "A Society for the Prevention of the Tapping of Itinerant Freshmen."

We trust that Murray S. will take no offence if, by informing our readers, we relieve him from stating for the one hundred and thirteenth time that he is neither the guardian of Freddie's person nor the chronologist of his acts.

We regret to state that Mr. Johnston of the first year is confined to his room on account of illness.

Some eastern schools are offering a course in journalism. Minnesota expects to offer such a course next year.

Princeton is to have a new gymnasium which will cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000. It is to be thoroughly modern in every way and will probably be erected adjoining the Brockaw building on the south campus.

#### VALUABLE FELLOWSHIPS.

Professor Van der Smissen has just received a letter that affords welcome evidence of the esteem in which Toronto graduates are held in the universities of the United States. The writer is Mr. Wilhelm A. Braun, now fellow in German at Columbia University. He sends news of special interest to the students in Moderns. "A new fellowship in German is being offered," says Mr. Braun, in part, "the Carl Schurz fellowship, which, although awarded only in alternate years, insures the very generous stipend of eight hundred dollars." I am sure this matter will interest some of your advanced students. Another circumstance prompted me to write to you—the fact that no one has been appointed to succeed me in the German fellowship. This was in some measure due to the fact that since the salaries were this year increased from five hundred to six hundred and fifty dollars, the number of fellowships was reduced from twenty four to eighteen. But the chief reason, as Professor Carpenter told me, was that none of the candidates was able to present a claim sufficiently strong. Now I am in a position to know how highly the work of Toronto University, and especially of the German department, is esteemed by my professors here, and the thought came to me at once, 'Such a state of things should not be allowed to exist while Toronto University is in the business.' A Toronto man is given every possible chance here, both before and after he enters the university, the facilities are excellent, and I venture to suggest that if advanced students of special ability in German were interested in these fellowships a year or even two before their graduation, they would make an excellent showing." Particulars as to the Schurz fellowship have been posted in the rotunda. Professor Van der Smissen has written for further information in regard to the other fellowships.

#### Y.M.C.A. AT HOME.

The At Home, given in the Association parlors last Monday evening, proved to be of a very pleasant nature. The members of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. were present in large numbers and spent a most enjoyable evening.

The early part of the evening, which was by no means the least enjoyable, was passed in social intercourse, after which a short program was rendered. An instrumental solo by Miss McClive was much appreciated. "Toronto, or the Pride of the North" was beautifully rendered by a quartette led by Mr. G. Eadie. Short addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Scott, President Davidson and Secretary R. J. Wilson.

President Davidson called attention to a fine portrait of Rev. A. J. McLeod, B.A., first General Secretary of the University Y.M.C.A., which adorned the walls of the parlors. The portrait was recently donated by Mrs. Robb, a warm friend of the institution. Rev. McLeod had been one of the principal founders of the University Y.M.C.A., and was largely responsible for the erection of the handsome building in which they were gathered. He then called upon Rev. Mr. Scott to make a few remarks concerning the work of the late Mr. McLeod. The speaker briefly outlined the history of the University Y.M.C.A., showing the noble work done by the deceased brother in making that institution what it is to-day.

Secretary R. J. Wilson followed with a short address of welcome, remarking that the members might remind their friends that there was plenty of room on the walls for generous gifts such as that of Mrs. Robb.

After refreshments had been served, Prof. McCurdy brought the gathering to a close by pronouncing the benediction.