

CHANGES IN THE FACULTY.

Mr. W. S. Milner, B.A., who has just been appointed Lecturer in Latin, received his early training in Upper Canada College, where he was equally distinguished for Classics and Mathematics. In the University he chose Classics for his special course and won the Gold Medal in a particularly good year—a year noted in College annals for the production of the *Antigone*. After graduating Mr. Milner was for a time Classical master in the London Collegiate Institute, and then returned to Toronto to study medicine. But his fondness for teaching prevailed, and, accepting the classical mastership in Lindsay, he taught there with success for several years, when he was persuaded to join the exodus, taking the position of head of the Latin Department, in the Hill School, at Pottstown, near Philadelphia, one of the great Classical schools of the United States. To have left a lucrative position for his present appointment is a proof of patriotism to his Province and devotion to his *Alma Mater* that bodes well for Mr. Milner's success, already assured by his high attainments in classical scholarship, and his personal worth.

MEDICAL NOTES.

On Friday night was held the first meeting of the University of Toronto Medical Society. At 8 o'clock the President, Dr. Peters, took the chair, and in his speech, which was the opening address of the session, and his first as President, gave evidence of his fitness for the position, and of his great interest in the welfare and advancement of the Society. During the years in which his predecessor, Dr. Ferguson, occupied that position, the Society grew and flourished; it is expected that it will during the coming year do even better, if that be possible.

A noticeable feature of the meeting was the appointment of Dr. J. M. McCallum to the position of Fellow in Pathology. This position is one instituted by the Society, who pay their appointee an annual salary. Dr. Ferguson, who suggested the idea, and was the principal in bringing it about, deserves much credit, as well as the boys who so cheerfully pay him.

Another very pleasing feature was the music rendered by Messrs. Wakefield and Coulter. Who can sing "Marguerite" with greater power and pathos? Mr. Harper's address was admirably given and well received. It is to be hoped his suggestions will be planted in each bosom and bear fruit "an hundred-fold."

Petitions! petitions!! petitions!!! We think Mr. Bruce deserves much credit for his assiduity. It is certainly a splendid medium by means of which to obtain our rights and desires. It would seem as though one had, like the Indian juggler's seed, been planted, sprouted, grown, blossomed, and borne fruit while watching it. We refer to the one having reference to Dr. Peters' appointment. However, we must say we do not very heartily sympathize with the movement projected by the other. We think it is needless and useless. Dr. John Caven, in a lecture the other day, remarked that the post mortem room showed that not over fifty per cent. of diagnoses were correct. If that be so, it is not to be wondered at that our professors' diagnoses are sometimes shown to be wrong and false by the pathologist. The same would happen—and should, if that be true, in the natural order of things,—whether Dr. Caven made the post mortem or not. A better way would be, we think, for the professor to personally attend the post mortem on his own patient, and if any injustice is being done he is there to correct it. It really seems to be a matter of very little moment who performs the post mortem.

The students of the third year are well pleased at the prospect of getting three bedside clinics a week this year. It is as many as they can reasonably expect. The recent

appointments made by the Senate are very satisfactory in every particular, and all are pleased. But the Senate did not go far enough. They certainly, in our opinion, should not have overlooked Dr. Avison, than whom a more deserving man, or one better liked by the students, does not exist on the teaching staff. Why is he not made professor in his department? That is a question for the Senate's consideration.

We hope next week to contribute an article on the present state of affairs in our department, and the outlook for the future. We have not time just now. We will merely say, however, that the final men are lonesome without the primary men. No scraps, no elevation, no dissecting-room, no freshmen!—what could be more calculated to sadden the heart? But the primary fellows are delighted with their new quarters and the character of their work, and hope to get at their dissecting next week. A glance into a couple of well-filled vats has informed us that they have good material, and, it is hoped, plenty of it.

Next Saturday night the Y.M.C.A. intend holding a special meeting, missionary in spirit, literary in character. All the students are invited to attend. Those spoken of as being invited are: Rev. Dr. Kellogg, S. H. Blake, Rev. Mr. McLaren, Rev. A. M. Phillips, Miss Agnes Knox, elocutionist, and others. These are expected to take part. There will be plenty of music by some of the best talent in the city.

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SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Lectures opened in the School of Science last week, and by this time most of the departments are in full working order. Nearly all the men in the upper years in Engineering are back, and are settling down to the routine of another year's work. As for the new men, the increase in number is surprising, and unfortunately the accommodation for the large First Year is much too small. There are already almost seventy men registered in the First Year, while there is accommodation in the draughting room for not more than fifty. Consequently the remainder of the number is supplied with draughting tables in the senior rooms, which arrangement, as may be seen, is very inconvenient. As far as can be ascertained, the majority of the new men are taking the courses in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering; not a few the Architectural course; while the rest are to distinguish themselves in Civil Engineering.

It may not be generally known that there has been another year added to the courses in Engineering. This year, so says the calendar, is to be known as the "Fourth Year," though not constituting a year of the course required for graduation. As yet very little is known respecting this new year's work, except what may be found in glancing over the formidable array of subjects as set down in the calendar, and, as no one has yet presented himself for the course, it appears as if we were to remain in ignorance of the virtues of the new departure.

The Colors!—Have the Arts and Medical men been wondering what college boasted the white, blue and gold colors? If they have, let them understand and take notice that the said colors are solely the property of the Engineers of the School of Science. Many will remember the efforts which of late years have been made to obtain a distinguishing mark for the Engineering men, and what success these efforts have attained. The distinctive colors of the School are blue and gold, as designed on the shield by Prof. Chapman in 1878, when the institution was incorporated. It was decided last spring to make another attempt to rouse general interest in the subject, and with that object the matter was taken up by the Engineering Society, which granted a deposit preparatory to ordering the ribbon from England. A committee was