

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS.

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

MR. TOMMY MILLIGAN, the late president of the Society and political manager of North York, meeting the editor of the *World* the other day, asked him if his son and heir was yet able to speak. "Oh yes," was the reply, "he can talk Greek—at least it's Greek to me."

A Fourth Year man hung his coat and hat on a hook in the west corridor on Wednesday. The hat and coat parted company while he was at a lecture and he had to borrow a hat in Residence to go home with. Next morning the missing article was found hanging on a peg high up near the ceiling, just above where it had been originally.

The final students of the WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE have organized a Clinical Society, not a Chumical Society, as stated by a misprint in a recent issue of THE VARSITY. Dr. Workman visited the college the morning of the 7th inst, and gave an interesting, instructive, and very encouraging address to the students.

The McMaster Hall Cos Ingeniorum's second regular meeting was held Friday evening, Dec. 2nd. The following programme was successfully carried out: Recitation entitled "Laxa," by W. Mills; a reading from Mark Twain, by H. Robertson; a debate on the subject "Resolved, that the independence of McMaster University is for the best interests of higher education," the affirmative being upheld by Messrs. Metcalfe and Reid, the negative by Messrs. Huston and Cooke, resulted in favour of the negative.

The Modern Language Club held a French meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building on Monday last, December 5th, Victor Hugo and his works forming the subject of study. Mr. Squair's address on the author's life and work was well received. Readings were given by Miss Atkinson and by Mr. McLeay, after which the meeting broke up for discussion and conversation in the French language. Mr. J. H. Rodd has been elected Recording Secretary, *pro tem.*, Mr. F. C. Armstrong being yet unable, through illness, to perform the duties of the office. Mr. C. E. Saunders contributed an essay on "Ruy Blas," which, being well written and clearly read, was much appreciated.

Last Saturday's match closed a very successful season for the Association football team. It was unfortunate that so few matches were played, but this was owing to the scarcity of teams in the Central Association. Yet the very fact of there being so few competitors for the Central Association championship tended to make the Varsity's old rivals stronger than they have hitherto been, so that the Association Team have every reason to congratulate themselves in being able to retain the cup which they have held so long. Besides being the champions of the Central Association they played a draw game with the champions of the Western district.

Y. M. C. A.—Thursday next at half-past four, Dr. Kellogg gives the second of his Bible readings. Subject: "The purpose of the Missionary Work." Members of the University College Y.M.C.A. can, on a presentation of a certificate of membership, be placed on an equal footing, as regards the gymnasium, with the members of the city Y. M. C. A. Holiday Y. M. C. A. tickets entitling holders to all the privileges of associations visited can be had for five cents each. Regular Thursday meeting this week, led by J. S. Gale. Subject: "God shows His Love," founded on 1 John 4: 9. The speaker dwelt on the strength as well as the love of God, and showed that the latter is the only thing that can satisfy the soul of man.

THE VARSITY RUGBY CLUB'S RECORD.—The record below will show that the Varsity Rugby team have had a very successful season, winning six matches out of seven, the only team defeating them being Ottawa College, now the champions of Canada:

October 12th,	Varsity	vs. Upper Canada College,	won by 52 to 0.
" 15th,	"	vs. Queen's College,	won by 10 to 8.
" 18th,	"	vs. Upper Canada College,	won by 57 to 9.
" 22nd,	"	vs. Ottawa College,	lost by 9 to 0.
November 1st,	"	vs. Trinity,	won by 28 to 0.
" 5th,	"	vs. McGill,	won by 27 to 7.
" 12th,	"	vs. Toronto,	won by 11 to 5.

October 26th, Varsity 2nd Fifteen vs. Hamilton 2nd Fifteen, won by 31 to 7.

The Fourth Year class in Physics spend Wednesday of each week in the Laboratory, under the direction of Mr. W. J. Loudon, B.A. All the experiments this term have been on the subject of Acoustics. One of the many interesting experiments performed, and

one so simple that any person could try it, is the tracing of a curve on smoked glass with Blackburn's pendulum. A heavy ball is suspended from a wire attached to the ceiling, somewhat in the shape of the letter Y, so that the whole distance from ceiling to centre of ball is four times as great as length of wire from the fork to centre. The ball, when set swinging, has two motions in directions at right angles to one another, one with twice the velocity of the other. If a style be fastened to the ball with wax a very neat figure may be traced on the glass.

From the old adage, "There is no royal road to learning," it does not follow that original and striking methods of acquiring information are not highly laudable. That employed by a fourth year Moderns man last week is especially to be commended in this respect. By a clever piece of strategy, he obtained admission to the presence (in the police cells, by the way) of two Italian counts, exiles from their native land, and now engaged in the vending of peanuts. These noblemen were to such an extent exhilarated by their potations as to be most affable and loquacious, and our friend took advantage of this chance to enjoy an hour's profitable conversation in their native tongue. Such enterprise merits the warmest praise. We have no doubt that the class lists in Italian honours next May, will exhibit such striking results of this ingenious scheme, that all the students of the glorious lingo of the organ-grinder will, with difficulty, be restrained from following the command, "Go, and do thou likewise."

CANADIAN INSTITUTE.—The following is the programme for the Institute for the month of December:—Saturday, 3rd, Recent French Investigations on Hypnotism—Prof. R. Ramsay Wright. Saturday, 10th, Electro-Therapeutic Apparatus—A. M. Rosebrugh, M.D. Saturday, 17th, Maize and its Derivatives—C. Gordon Richardson. Architectural Section—This section will meet every Tuesday evening for model drawing, readings and discussions. Biological Section—Monday, 5th, Canadian Insects, Dr. Brodie; Microscopic Topics, W. E. Middleton. Monday, 19th, Notes on Canadian Reptiles—J. B. Williams. Philological Section—Monday, 12th, The Anatomy of the Vocal Organs, with special reference to the production of Speech in the Larynx—G. R. McDonagh, M.D., Lecturer on Laryngology, University of Toronto. Photographic Section—Tuesday, 6th, Regular Monthly Meeting. Exhibition announced for December 7th and 8th has been postponed until early in January. Due notice will be given of date. Meetings commence at 20 o'clock.

It is a significant fact that fifty per cent. of the past editors of the *Harvard Crimson* are now engaged in journalism. This might be said, in fact, of other college journals, for they have turned out nearly an equal proportion, proving beyond a doubt the usefulness of college journals in schooling men for practical service in the editorial field. The purposes which the college journals in America should accomplish are numerous and important.—*Ex.*

ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE VARSITY is conducted by undergraduates of the University of Toronto, and will appear every Saturday of the academic year. It aims at being the exponent of the views of the University public. It and will always seek the highest interests of our University. The Literary Department will, as heretofore, be a main feature. The news columns are full and accurate, containing reports of all meetings of interest to its readers.

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