

•DIVINITY HALL•

AFTER-HOLIDAY NOTES.

THE 'Theologs,' like the rest of the boys, have returned after the Christmas holidays quite invigorated. Many have not been altogether idle—being engaged at least each Sabbath. Some have extraordinary stories to tell of the frightful snow storms they had to encounter, and a few point with a sort of subdued pride to external marks of a deadly struggle with Jack Frost! The rosate hue that suffuses one nasal appendage suggests something very wicked indeed, until an explanation is given. A muscular divine has come under his lucky star and his old friends send him back to Queen's wrapped in furs. May there be many such happy returns. Others have been made the recipients of 'filthy lucre' to a greater or less extent, which goes to show so far that their labors have been appreciated. The average 'Theolog' is not ignorant of the virtues of 'Christmas goose' and plum-pudding, but so far as we have observed there are no visible marks of riotous excesses in any of them. Some have suffered from visiting the notorious "spare bedrooms"—one of those delicious relics of polite barbarism—and they show the result in the form of a red flannel neck band, &c. A few have lingered behind a day or two beyond the appointed time. We will not suggest why. This is a delicate subject. So let us cast over those tender parting scenes the mantle of innocent oblivion and leave results for the future.

Aside from those weaknesses to which we have referred, we are glad to hear from not a few, cheering accounts of the blessing attending their efforts in the cause of Christ. "Blessed are they who sow beside all waters," says the Evangelical prophet. We make a great mistake when we think that winged seed can only be sown in the large congregation. Only a few can have that privilege. But let us not think lightly of the service held in the backwoods shanty or the log school house. The objects of God's love are to be found there as well as in the richly furnished mansion or the fashionable cathedral. "Instant in season and out of season" is the divine rule so beautifully illustrated in the life of Christ Himself. It is the preaching to the one's and two's with whom we are coming in contact every hour we are apt to neglect. If our Master did not consider it beneath His dignity to preach to a despised, immoral Samaritan woman, neither should His followers consider any service, however insignificant, unworthy of us, so long as it brings glory to His name. A kind word spoken to the outcast; a cheerful, encouraging smile, or a warm hand-shake, may lead a soul from darkness to light. Lose no opportunity—do it cheerily and the whispering breezes will bring to your ears heaven's approving message. "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

The exchange Editor of the *Astrum Alberti* has been making reflections upon Queen's. We forgive him.

•COLLEGE SOCIETIES•

Y. M. C. A.

WIND SMITH of London, England, says that Christian young men will always succeed in this work, if they remember the following mottoes, suggested by the letters Y. M. C. A.

- Young Men's Christian Association.
- Youth, Manhood, Character, Ability.
- Your Master, Christ Alone.
- You Must Consecrate All.

The one admonition, given more frequently than any other at the Milwaukee convention, was, "Remember Y. M. C. A. means, work *for* young men *by* young men."

It is always easier to do general work than specific work; but the successful Associations are those which have strictly adhered to the principle enunciated by St. Paul, "This one thing I do."

Let our College Association learn the lesson, and, while seeking to do good in any way it can, never forget the one object for which it exists.

Mrs. H. Thane Miller of Cincinnati, Ohio, and several other eminent christian ladies, are taking active measures to organize Young Women's Christian Associations in the various Ladies' Colleges and Co-educational Institutions of North America.

They are anxious that the young women, who are College Students, should enjoy those advantages of christian organization which the young men already possess.

They think that it will do much to develop sterling christian character in the young women, if through correspondence and convention they are brought into contact with many of the first christian women in the country. Mrs. Miller invites any of the young women attending colleges where there is no Y. M. C. A. to correspond with her.

DIALECTIC CLUB.

THOSE who last term complained of the very great inactivity in the club were all right, but those pessimists who averred that interest in its work had abated and that the Dialectic Club would soon fall into line with some other of our dead-and-alive societies were all wrong. The work of this club is too important, that importance is too well recognized by the members, the members themselves are too active students to let the Dialectic suffer. Indications are that in the next term we will have a full year's work concentrated. The annual fee has been placed at fifty cents, the life membership fee at two dollars. At the last meeting several new members were added and it was decided to vary the programme of our meetings by sometimes discussing essays, books or other interesting literary topics. The first meeting of 1884 is held on Friday, the 11th, when Macaulay's essay on History will be reviewed. Mr. J. J. Wright '85 introduces the discussion.