

Mr. O. Weldy ; Second Year, Mr. A. Henderson ; First Year, Mr. G. Mickle.

MORE than five hundred students, representing the various educational institutions of the city, met in Temperance Hall last night for the purpose of establishing a Students' Union. Mr. W. Mulock, the Vice-Chancellor of Toronto University, occupied the chair. A programme of the order of events and of the various subjects for discussion lent dispatch to the proceedings. The chairman in opening said that there were some subjects that he was pleased to see were not included in the programme for discussion: hazing, for instance, perhaps omitted for two reasons; either freshmen had been excluded from participation in the proceedings, or hazing was a thing of the past. After setting forth the object of the meeting, he called on Mr. G. Sandfield Macdonald. This gentleman moved that it be "*Resolved*, that in the opinion of this convention, the common interests of students in this city will be largely furthered by the establishment of a Students' Union." He called attention to the absence of sociability and intercourse among students of different pursuits and character, with the broadening effect that such intercourse invariably produces. Scarcity of knowledge of what goes on in the other colleges tends to narrow-mindedness, and gives an exaggerated notion of local greatness. There was, he maintained, among the sixteen hundred students of this city no recognized bond of union, no class sentiment, scattered as the students were over the whole city. In the university cities of Europe, such as Paris, Vienna and Berlin, the social connection had produced such a result as the Latin Quarter in Paris, with privileges there maintained by civic authority; while Germany will always remember with gratitude the influence of student-opinion in starting the action against Napoleon. By union the opinion of student-bodies has great weight with public opinion. I have often been asked, what influence can a collective student-opinion have? to which I answer that the student-body is as representative a one as there is in the Dominion; in fact, is the pick of the Province.

Mr. Montague, in seconding this resolution, said that he was authorized to offer the support of the Toronto Medical School to establishing this union, believing that it would beget progress. He believed that if ever this union established secured the right of parliamentary representation, that Mr. Mulock should be its representative. He thought that students should look down from a dignified position on all such ignorant persons as grinned at every project for intellectual advancement. He felt the want of co-operative sympathy between students following different pursuits, for it is not only our exclusive course that we have to follow, but to become versed in such practical experiences as are acquired by intellectual association. Each profession should learn something from the other. Theologians, for example, from intercourse with men of science, should learn to handle less rudely than they at present do illustrations from the sciences often used in the pulpit.

Mr. Nelson, on behalf of the Law Students, tendered their appreciation of the benefits likely to accrue from sociability and interchange of thought. The concentrated action of the students of his profession had compelled the Benchers, but last week, to establish a law school with competent lecturers.

Mr. Davis thought that a Union might consider such questions as new methods of studying and for examinations; while Mr. Yorkerman spoke strongly on behalf of the Veterinary College students against the impositions of booksellers and other middlemen on students.

Mr. Wade said that co-operation in the shape of Grangerism was not co-operation pure and simple, and suggested a system by which a co-operative clause could be inserted in the constitution of the Union, attaching a fee to membership, which latter would entitle students to a discount of 25 per cent. on books and materials. Every bookseller calculated to make at least 33 per cent. A salaried official might be got to carry out a system of interchanging books.

The representative of the students of the Ontario Dental College, and Mr. Boville, for the Baptist students, expressed their hearty sympathy with the movement.

Mr. Coulter knew of a man who would supply books and material at a margin of 8 per cent.—40 per cent. less than the present prices.

The Chairman, in putting the motion, called attention to the fact that mere scholastic attainment was not every part of a student's education. The fact, that in the records of educational institutions the men who attained the highest honors in life were not always highest on the class lists, showed this. The resolution was unanimously carried.

It was then resolved, "That the Student's Union consist of the following bodies:

Toronto University College.
Trinity College.
Toronto School of Medicine.

Trinity Medical School.
Toronto Law Students.
Knox College.
Baptist College.
Protestant Episcopal Divinity School.
Veterinary College.
Ontario School of Dentistry;

and such other bodies of students as may from time to time be admitted thereto." Carried almost unanimously. Each of the above mentioned bodies will appoint delegates, these delegates to constitute a representative body, having the following powers:

1st. To consider questions of common interest to students, and take measures to carry out, as far as possible, the decisions arrived at, after the ratification of these decisions by the general body of students.

2nd. To convene mass-meetings of the students at whatever time and for whatever purposes may seem advisable to them, or on the representation of any one body that they have just cause for such a meeting being called, with the condition that there must be a mass-meeting at least once every two months.

A committee representing all bodies present was then chosen to draft a constitution, to be submitted to a future meeting for adoption.

'**VARSITY MEN.** Mr. J. Ferguson, B.A., M.B., '80, a member of the Faculty of the T. S. M., has completely recovered from his severe attack of typhoid fever, and is again able to attend to his professional duties.

Monsieur Pernet has returned from Europe.

Three of last year's graduates have entered upon a course of theology at the Baptist College—Messrs. P. K. Dayfoot, J. J. Baker, and D. A. McGregor.

Mr. J. W. Roswell, of the Second Year, has been for more than a week in the Toronto Hospital with typhoid fever. At the beginning of this week he was seriously ill, but at last accounts is rapidly improving.

Mr. W. W. Campbell, Second Year, is just recovering from a dangerous illness.

'VARSITY SPORT.

THE Harvard students are going in for Hare and Hounds.

THE score in the contest for the foot-ball championship this fall, is as follows: Yale, 2 victories and 1 draw game; Princeton, 1 victory and 2 draw games; Harvard, 1 victory, 1 draw game and 1 defeat; Columbia, 3 defeats. This leaves Yale at the head of the list, though if one less safety touch-down had been made by Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Harvard would have tied for first place.—*Echo*.

THE third annual meeting of the American Base Ball Association was held at the Massasoit House, in Springfield, Mass., last Saturday. The following officers were chosen for the year: President, C. R. Webster of Dartmouth; Vice-Presidents, E. L. Dillingham of Yale, A. R. Dilts of Brown; Secretary and Treasurer, W. G. Merrill of Brown. The revision of the constitution and the adoption of several by-laws constituted the larger part of the business. The annual meeting will come hereafter on the first Saturday of March, thus doing away with the special meeting at that time. The annual tax was raised from five to fifteen dollars for each college. The Geo. Wight ball and Spaulding's Base Ball Guide were adopted for the year. The pennant for the last year was formally awarded to Yale.

ANN ARBOR is attempting to inaugurate a Western Foot-ball League.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the 'Varsity.

SIR,—One not far from Toronto writes after his name, "M.D., University College, Toronto."

Will you kindly give information in the 'Varsity as to when the College commenced to grant degrees of this sort, and what are the requirements? By so doing you will confer a favor on some anxious inquirers, one of whom is your present

Humble servant,
INNOMINATUM.