

It has lain as a burden upon our hearts, for some time past, that we ought to "march in parade" before our readers; that we ought to present to them the working force, *ensemble*, behind the production of this journal. That there is considerable brain power held in our reserve force is evidenced from time to time in our columns, but perhaps few of our readers, outside our own fellow-students, are aware of how much our appearance bears this out, and it is because of the intimate and satisfactory connection there is between the two, that we decided to have our staff appear as a group in this issue.

It occurred to the writer, when casting his thoughts around for suitable setting for this picture, to look up the past staffs, (staves?) of our paper, and to see what had been the effect on these of their work in connection with Vox. We find that three of the first staff have been driven by work and worries of Vox journalism to hoist sail on the troubled waters of the matrimonial sea in order to get some relief. We refer particularly to Messrs. A. E. Smith, G. J. Elliott, B. D., and H. Hull. Of the second staff only one was successful in obtaining a respite in this way, namely, H. J. Kinley, B. A. The rest remain here and there throughout the country, seeking the rest their brethren found, but in vain.

From a very cursory examination from time to time of the contents of our journal, we are not prepared to say that there has been any evolution in the acumen and executive ability shown in carrying out the work of the journal, but we have no hesitation in saying that there has been an evolution as far as the appearance of the staff is concerned. The reason, however, is not far to seek. It is because there are now two lady assistants on the staff, whereas in times past the gods vouchsafed but one.

It would be embarrassing on our part to attempt to describe ourselves individually, and we will therefore spare our readers a

detailed biography of each one who composes the present staff, but our modesty will permit us to say this, that each of the members has worked well for the promotion of the interests of Vox, and although they have not been able to please everybody, yet the work of their departments has been supervised and managed by them with conscientious care, and we hope that we have left some landmarks by which the members of future staffs may be able to guide themselves in the mazes of this work.

We take this opportunity to thank all who have assisted directly or in some collateral way in the work of Vox, and we trust, although the personnel may change from time to time, the support given them will be no less hearty and enduring.

During the sessions of the last annual conference of the Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, held in the classic halls of Wesley College, some of the ex-students of "Victoria" were of the opinion that it would be a good thing to call together the graduates and ex-students of "Vic." and form some kind of an organization through which they might achieve certain results.

A re-union took place in Elm Park, where it was decided to organize, and the name of the organization was to be "The Society of Victoria Students of the West." It has enrolled among its membership the president and four of the professors of Wesley College. Three of Winnipeg's leading lawyers are on the list and are rendering substantial assistance. The teaching profession is also represented as well as between thirty and forty of the ministers of this great western country. The "Society" has started out very auspiciously and it is to be hoped that it will be able to give a good account of itself.

The dual purpose for which the organization has been called into existence is :