mented in residence. The illustrations in the second house were particularly fine.

Initiati Tirones! The unusually large number of fourteen Freshmen paid their respects to the Grand Musti on Friday night. To keep up their spirits under the ordeal the seniors supplied music—a hand organ.

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College News

KNOX COLLEGE.

Knox College yields the palm to McMaster Hall in the matter of musical instruments, especially the smaller varieties.

Through the kindness of the Faculty the theological students have been granted exemptions from lectures on Tuesday next, in order that they may have the privilege of attending Mr. Moody's meetings.

Last week a few football practises were held in a field adjoining the College. It was rather small and the energies of the players accordingly somewhat cramped. Notwithstanding this fact poetical enthusiasm ran very high, one ardent Freshman going so far as to burst into quotations from Shakespeare.

THE 'VARSITY is a very popular journal among the students,

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Literary Society was held last Friday evening. After some slight changes in the constitution as to membership fees and power of voting, the programme of the evening was proceeded with. After a reading by Mr. Lawlor, a debate was held on the following resolution: "That Separate Schools would be beneficial for the Church of England." Messrs. Daniel and O'Meara supported the affirmative and Messrs. Robinson and Murphy the negative. The vote having been taken, it was found to be in favour of the negative.

The success and work of the Students' Mission Society in connection with the College is steadily increasing. At a largely attended committee meeting, held last Monday, it was determined to add two places to the list of missions now served by the members of the Society.

Rev. J. S. Stone, of St. Martin's Church, Montreal, is expected to deliver a special course of lectures in Ecclesiastical History and Polity during the last week of this term.

Scene—Elocution Lecture.—Prof.—"Mr. A., criticize Mr. B.'s reading, if you please."

Mr. A.—"Not enough 'vitalized significance."

Prof.—"I see some gentleman has been slandering 'vitalized significance' in The 'Varsity."

Discomfiture of Mr. A.

Prof.—"Thou art the man."

Tremendous applause.

(But he wasn't.)

MEETING OF THE 'oί.—The 'oί 'ολίστου held a Shakespeare meeting on Saturday evening, at which several of the members were present. The play chosen was the "Merchant of Venice." It is unnecessary to say that a fine rendering of this well-known play was given, the parts of Shylock and Portia being exceedingly well done. The costumes were appropriate and quite in keeping with the other surroundings. We do not remember, however, to have seen a ghost in this play before and think it was rather a damper on the latter part of the performance.

Opinions Current and Otherwise.

The Canadian is said to be slow, suspicious, and hard to do business with; but in his treatment of the great questions of today he is making a record that places him in the foremost rank as a reformer of abuses.—N. Y. Independent.

The men who achieve great things, either in politics or commerce, in a metropolis, are rarely men born in that metropolis,

It is the province—the fresh, free air of mountain and sea—which send their vigorous young blood to do and dare in the capital.—Academy.

Oracles were among the earliest organs of public opinion. In truth, the Delphic oracle bore a strong resemblance to a serious newspaper managed by a cautious editorial committee with no principles in particular. In editing an oracle it was then, as it still is, of primary importance not to make bad mistakes.—Professor Jebb.

"When the tailor-poet in Kingsley's well-known story (Alton Locke) begins to exercise his gift of poetry, a practical-minded friend tells him that if he must write he will be wise to write about something that he knows. Some of our young poets would be seriously hampered by such advice and totally silenced by such a necessity as it implies."—The Academy.

The Spencerian system is nothing but a philosophy of epithets and phrases, introduced and carried on with an unrivalled solemnity and affectation of precision of style, concealing the loosest reasoning and the haziest indefiniteness on every point except the bare dogmatic negation of any knowable or knowing author of the universe.—The Edinburgh Review.

Annexation is no longer considered as a probable event of the future by our most flighty orators. There would inevitably be a strong opposition to the acquisition of Canada were the Dominion to solicit admission; and the least symptom of unwillingness to join us would reduce the number of those who would favor the acquisition to the merest handful. No wise statesman could support the measure.—The Atlantic.

Judge Tourgee's Appeal to Caesar is an appeal to the American people to give to the illiterate South, through Congressional legislation and an Executive administration, the means of securing a common school education. Next to the last Census (upon which the Appeal is based), the book is the most weighty, stirring and important contribution to the discussion of the national future that has been made since the Civil War.—The Boston Literary World.

'Wilhelm Meister' is not the most attractive nor the most perfect, but it is perhaps the most characteristic of Goethe's works, and is, as it were, the text book of the Goethian philosophy. . . . Few books have had a deeper influence upon modern stance of a novel which deals principally and on a large scale with opinions or views of life. It has been the model upon which the contemporary.

Balzac's methods were not those of M. Alphonso Daudet and the present realistic school of Parisian fiction writers; yet not withstanding his prolixity, his coarse sensuality and his singular liking for hideously abandoned people, one cannot help regretting that some of his masterly strength and virility has not descended to the novelists of to-day. I have often thought that a careful study of Balzac, not to imitate him, but to profit by his courage, his faithfulness, and his respect for details, would turn our younger novelists into a more desirable field with a wider horizon before them.—The Atlantic.

Commenting on the fact that in Cardinal Newman's college days, all Oxford undergraduates, whatever their character, were compelled by the college rules to take the sacrament regularly, the New York Nation says:—"There is, however, really no more impropriety in compelling an irreverent young man to take the attend daily public prayers. The former is undoubtedly more shocking in its external aspect, but both are acts of worship, and ship to be, there can be no difference worth mention between compulsory performance in one case and in the other." The 'Varsity commends these sensible remarks to the consideration of those individuals who cry out so pertinaciously for "official" religion in our colleges.

In an editorial notice of a recent article in our columns the Chicago Current, that brightest of weekly journals, says:—"Wil-