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EARLIER TERMS.

It has long been evident from the repeated petitions to the College Council, in reference to the Michaelmas Examinations, that the undergraduates desire some change in the regulations affecting them. This change, never formally demanded, would probably abolish the Xmas examinations altogether, if made in a measure to fully satisfy the students; but they, with a keen sense, both of the augustness and conservatism of the Council, have never framed a petition to effect that purpose. However, individuals, and at times, whole classes have been exempted from attendance at these examinations, and in all cases the absolving plea has been the same—that, so short is the Michaelmas term, there has not been time to prepare the work.

Now, a remedy could be applied to invalidate this recurring statement, if the Council were to lengthen the Michaelmas term by a month. The change would of course shorten the Easter term by the same time, and would prove beneficial in many ways. A month's grace would be allowed those who take charge of our sports, to do justice to our college and to themselves; a month's additional time would be given those whose minds are somewhat distracted at the opening of the session, to compose themselves to work; and the ambitious freshman would have four weeks more to overtake the year's work before Christmas (the freshmen will appreciate our attempts at legislation on their behalf). But would not the increase in the length of the term involve an increase in the extent of reading to be done? Certainly, but the reason so many are behind with their work at Xmas, is, that they lose time at the opening of term; and the longer the term is made, the longer such will have to overtake the work.

But the change recommended would be welcome and salutary for other reasons. September is not, particularly pleasing as a holiday month, and many of our students spend it in study; while May, when we are expected to come, with our hearts in our mouths, to the examination hall, would be, rationally spent, if, enjoying *la belle saison*, we could therein await the results of the examining ordeal passed through in the preceding month. Every one knows how strong the temptation is to shirk an examination on a day which promises every enjoyment outside, while in the hall, one can expect only sweltering misery. May is a series of such days; April has none of them, for anyone would prefer a plucking from an examiner to a dressing of April mud.

Then, too, our college pastimes would be better patronized, and while we are far from wishing to see our college, like some nameless ones, a mere training-school for athletes, we think that a little

more attention to athletics would benefit many of our students. We should all guard against being such intellectual gluttons, as altogether to shun manly exercises, while acquiring knowledge.

The College Council has ignored our petition for aid to furnish a gymnasium, and our year's exercise must be taken during the Michaelmas term in the popular game—foot-ball. If the change we are advocating were made, our foot-ball team would have ample time to fit itself to carry off the highest honors; and one more month would be given the students to fortify themselves for the winter's work, as foot-ball seems doomed to have a monopoly of our patronage as an exercise; and, again, the winter term would last a month less and there would consequently be less chance of any of our men breaking down. But so many are the advantages which this change would secure our students, that space would not permit their enumeration, and we only express the hope that the College Council will wisely consider, and adopt our suggestion. The reform, while it will be welcomed by the students as the granting of a much desired boon, will at the same time conserve the regulations of the College, and will make its life more beneficial to us physically, socially, and intellectually.

LIEUT. MANLEY was drilling company K, last night. The attendance might have been better.

F. F. MANLEY, M.A., has been promoted to the first lieutenancy of the University Company of the Queen's Own.

J. C. F. BOWN, B.A., Brantford, visited the College on Thursday. He was down passing his intermediate examination in law.

The annual dinner of K Company (University rifles), will be held at the National Club next Friday evening. The uniform to be worn.

ALEX. SHIELDS, B.A., '79, has been teaching since September last modern languages in Mount Forest high school. He, too, was recently married.

W. G. WALLACE, B.A., '79, is at the head of Beamsville high school. His department is classics. When an undergraduate he taught in the same school.

THERE will be a meeting in room 4, College residence, on Monday, at four o'clock, to consider the advisability of organizing a Rowing Club, in connection with this college.

IN the card of thanks addressed to the contributors to the company prizes for their annual rifle match, the name of Rev. Professor Young was inadvertently omitted. The Secretary desires to make amend for the omission of one of the most liberal contributors to our prize fund.

PROFESSOR KINGSTON, director of the Toronto Observatory, and superintendent of the Meteorological Department, has been superannuated, and will be succeeded by Mr. Carpmal, at present his deputy. Mr. Carpmal is a distinguished graduate of Cambridge, and one of the examiners in mathematics of this University.

THE air in some of our over-crowded lecture rooms recalls the story of the professor who was in the habit of remarking, when a change in classes took place in his room: "Mr. Jones, will you please open the window and let the remains of the senior class out of the room?" There was a scientific truth in this witticism.

AT the business meeting of the Y. M. C. A. held on Saturday last Mr. Geo. Inglis was elected to fill the office of secretary-treasurer vacated by the resignation of Mr. D. Hague who remains at home the first two or three months of this term. The absence of Mr. Hague is much regretted by the association, as he was one of its most active members.

THE GLEE CLUB promises to do exceedingly well, and to be very popular this year. At the regular practice on Monday last, some additions were made to the roll, and it is now expected that there will be about twenty-five active members. The four parts are well balanced with the exception of the first tenor, which is yet weak; and any gentleman who has a high voice, will confer a benefit on the club by joining next Monday. None need be intimidated from joining on account of the fee, which will be very small. The club will practice some choruses for the Company dinner at their next meeting, and will throughout the winter appear at the concerts mentioned below.

A SERIES of organ recitals by Mr. Fisher, the talented organist of St. Andrew's church, will be given in Convocation Hall this term, commencing on Saturday, February 13th. The College Council has generously granted the use of the hall for the purpose, and a fine Warren organ will be set up on the dais at once. It is Mr. Fisher's intention to give four recitals, on alternate Saturday afternoons, and the literary society will assume charge of the entertainment and will issue invitations. In the absence of conversatione these concerts will prove a means, which we are sure will be welcome to the students, for their entertaining and returning to some degree the kindness of their Toronto friends.

THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

At the regular meeting last night (the president in the chair) the house committee reported a set of rules to govern the reading room, and in favor of letting out the back numbers of the magazines to members. Both reports were adopted. A clause in the latter report, that a fee of fifty cents be charged for the privilege of taking out the magazines as recommended, was struck out. Any member of the society can now take out for a week any of the back numbers of the magazines by applying to the member in charge between three and four. The managing committee of the college journal also reported that the WHITE AND BLUE would be in a position to pay its way. The open debate was adjourned for two weeks, after a hard fight on the part of a great number who were anxious to see it come off, even at the late hour at which it was called. A committee—Messrs. Ballantyne, Shortt, Laidlaw, McDougall and H. B. Wright—was appointed to conduct the arrangements in connection with the coming organ recitals.

The next public meeting will take place on the 20th February. The speakers (all undergraduates) are Messrs. Jackson, Gilmore, Ballantyne, and Davis; the reader, T. E. Inglis; essayist, D. B. Kerr.

COLLEGE ITEMS.

GLEE CLUB practice on Monday at five.

DR. ELLIS has resumed his duties in the laboratory at the School of Practical Science.

WEATHER permitting there will be football (association rules) practice this afternoon.

A COMMITTEE is likely soon to be appointed to revise the constitution of the Society.

MR. J. A. JAFFRAY, of the third year, is teaching mathematics in Weston high school.

J. M. HUNTER, B.A., '79, modern language master in Barrie high school, was married recently.

IN the Ontario Estimates for 1880, is an item of \$4,359, for the School of Practical Science building.