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AS the term draws to a close students devote their time more rigidly to their books. We hear but little of the long walks and evening parties which were so common at the first of the session. Examinations are only a few weeks off, and that means that a year's work must be reviewed in a short time, and much new work is still untouched. Our session is considerably longer than that of most other Canadian Universities, but we find it none too long to do justice to the work laid down, and to shorten the session would necessitate the course being lightened in proportion. Hilary term closes on the 4th of April, and Trinity opens on the 12th, and little can be done during the remaining few weeks but make a final review for examinations.

WE regret that we were unable to procure the manuscript of the Charter Day sermon delivered by Rev. R. I. Warner, B.A., which was one of the best we have listened to for some time. We trust, however, that Mr. Warner will favor us with an article for publication at his earliest convenience.

WE give in another column an account of the Gipsy concert given by the ladies of Alma College. We are gratified to learn of their success, and are very much pleased to see Alma taking so prominent a position among the Ladies' Colleges of this Province. We are proud of our sisters in the West.

WE are not yet satisfied with the result of our appeal to the friends of Old Albert, for assistance in carrying on the ASTRUM. A goodly number have expressed their good wishes for its prosperity, and have sent in the amount of their subscription to aid in its support. We tender them our hearty thanks. But many from whom we expected immediate replies, have failed as yet to acknowledge the receipt of the paper. We presume that this is more through neglect than on account of any apathy to the ASTRUM but as we face our printer every month, it is necessary that subscriptions be paid in advance. We have found from experience that this is the easier and more satisfactory way to do, as paying for a paper after it has been due for some time, is very much like paying for a dead horse. It is our intention to issue on the third Saturday of each month, and if there should be any irregularity in receiving the paper, subscribers will please notify us, and we will endeavor to rectify it immediately.

THE first and second year men of Toronto University, have formed a mock Parliament aside from the regular Literary Society, in order that they may more freely discuss the questions of the day, and become more accustomed to impromptu speaking. We have had some experience in this matter, as the Historical Society has been conducted as a Parliament for a number of years. This manner of conducting a Society has its advantages, but it has its disadvantages as well. The members certainly become more ready speakers, and have a better knowledge of business forms and Parliamentary rules, but at the same time they become less exact