

"JOHN" is credited with thinking that the Y.M.C.A. is contaminating the whole College. He says there are no more scrambles in the corridors, no "pamphlet fights," as there were in the old reading room, no shoving freshies through the library wicket, no attempts made to smoke out the Professors by tampering with the furnace, no glorious "rushes" at the old blackboard, no fun, no excitement, *nothing*.

THE Divinity students returned to College on the 11th instant.

REV. DR. BELL, of Walkerton, is the lecturer on Apologetics this term.

THE University preacher on Sunday, 15th inst., was the Rev. J. F. Stevenson, D.D., '80, of Montreal. His discourse was eloquent and powerful, and was delivered to an audience more than usually large. For the next few Sabbaths a special collection will be taken up at the services in Convocation Hall, to liquidate the small debt still existing upon the organ.

CURIOSITIES.—What is this thing? That? Oh that is a species of medical student. Is it a man? Oh my yes. Is it gregarious? Yes; it always goes with the "gang." Can it drink beer? Oh, yes; owing to much practice and a determination to succeed it can now drink beer like a man. How does it treat Arts men? It patronizes Arts men. Is it noisy? It is. Is it conceited? Very. Does it pass good exams.? Yes; it makes about 90 per cent. Does it spend all its nights in the city? No; sometimes it takes drives in the country.

What have we here? Is it alive? Yes; it is alive, but it is taking its afternoon nap. Does it sleep much? Yes, it sleeps a great deal. What is it called? It is usually called a Church student. Why did it become a Church student? Hush! that is no business of yours. Why does it wear those black clothes? Because they are clerical. Does it pore over its books? Does it become so absorbed in study as to neglect its meals? Hardly ever. Will it be able to uphold the doctrines of Christianity against the attacks of infidelity? Does it comprehend the progress of science? Its ideas on scientific problems are vague. What does it do? It preaches. Does it know the internal condition of the congregation it preaches to? Yes, it knows the sermon fee of every congregation within a radius of forty miles. Does it get prizes? Yes, it gets "Church" scholarships. Is this species of animal plentiful? No; happily they are seldom met with.

And this? Is a senior. Can we go a little closer to him? Yes, but you mustn't touch him. He has a far away look in his eyes, hasn't he? Yes. What is he reading? Spinoza. Does he study the philosophy of the beautiful? Yes; he had an æsthetic wassail last night. Why does he drawl that way? We don't know. Is he funny? Very. Who laughs at his jokes? He does. Who else? Freshmen.

And this little thing, isn't it young? Yes; it is a second year man. Is it timid? Quite the reverse. Where was it last night? It was around town most of the night. Can it be snubbed? It can, but with difficulty. Does it attend meetings? Invariably, and speaks on every conceivable matter that it can think of.

Can you tell me what that is? Yes; that is a "lamb." Why is he called that? Because he is a pet. Whose pet? The Senate's. Will he "cut" a class? He says he will, but he won't. Why? Ask his classmates.

And who is that charming creature? Oh, that is a lady student. She is reserved, isn't she? Yes; you see she is in college at present. Is she clever? She is, and don't let it elude your retentive memory.

-EXCHANGES.

ACTA VICTORIANA for December has a good reply to the pretensions of the Toronto men, although the remarks of the *Varsity* on University centralization are hardly of sufficient import to merit a serious editorial. It was, perhaps, a small thing to do, but some remarks in the last *Acta* induced us to compare it with this paper, and we find that our twelve pages of reading matter contain as much as the *Acta's* fifteen with its large type, while we publish twice as many numbers during the session as our Cobourg contemporary. Such being the case, it is somewhat absurd of the *Acta* to make patronizing allusions to the size of other papers.

THE *Mercury* (College of the City of New York) is an interesting and sturdy College paper. Although its articles don't by any means impress one with the idea that they are the fruits of venerable minds, yet they are marked by good sense.

THE *Argosy* (Mount Allison College, Sackville, N.B.) is an active chronicler of events of local interest, and as such is probably much prized by its own College. But its range of general information does not appear to extend very far. We believe the *Argosy* will soon have to share the honours for New Brunswick with a paper soon to be published by the students of the University of New Brunswick.

THE *King's College Record* (Windsor, Nova Scotia,) is one of those papers which it is a pleasure to receive. It is too sanctimonious for our tastes, but thoroughly gentlemanly. The *Record* thinks Prof. Fletcher's recent address on classical study the best thing on the subject it has seen, and publishes it in full.

WE called the exchange department of the *Niagara Index* frank. The editor takes it as a personal insult. His name is Augustus, not Frank. Funny, funny *Index*.

THE local editor of the *Montreal College Journal*, contrary to rule, is in no hurry to get out of college. He is going to take his time and graduate in 1888. By that time a noticeable tendency to be gushing will, no doubt, have disappeared.

At one of the meetings for special prayer last week, the chairman undertook to criticise the press for its too evident leaning toward infidelity, and quoted in illustration the fact that a while ago it was announced that an article would appear in the *North American Review* from the pen of Col. Robert Ingersoll, to be followed by a reply from the pen of Judge Black; the article and the reply appeared, then a rejoinder by Col. Ingersoll, but no further reply was allowed to appear from Judge Black. The speaker characterised this as unfair, inasmuch as the reply of Judge Black was extremely able. Now the truth is that Judge Black's reply was so weak and halting, and the Judge showed himself so little able to cope with the witty lecturer, that the editor of the *Review* exercised a wise discretion in refusing to let the second reply appear. Weak articles in reviews, and incorrect statements from religious platforms, hinder rather than help the cause of truth and religion.—*Canadian Spectator*.

Here we have the spectacle of a minister of the Christian religion pandering to free thinkers by patting a noted infidel on the back. But it is life to the editor of the *Spectator* to be thought liberal-minded. The above extract is also calculated to impress people with the idea that the only person who is able to cope with the "witty lecturer" is the Rev. A. J. Bray.