

## OURSELVES.

For the first time since THE WHITE AND BLUE was started we now make a short reference to ourselves. The paper was sent out without any pretensions whatever—we determined to make a small beginning and leave it to time, to our own endeavors, and to the support of graduates and undergraduates for better things. And here we might just say that a good college paper is not made in a day. It is some time before students, who have been united to a college paper, get in the way of writing for such a journal, and it also takes time for a good exchange list to be formed. Neither are advertisers nor subscribers got in a day. But satisfactory progress has been made in all these directions, and we have received words of encouragement from quite a number of sources.

We want to make THE WHITE AND BLUE a medium for the opinions of graduates and undergraduates of the University of Toronto, and to this end our columns will always be open to the views of students or alumni. Let our students, then, do whatever is in their power to make THE WHITE AND BLUE a paper worthy of the College and the University. Let them send us plenty of matter—it is only by having abundance of material that the editors are enabled to make a selection. The size of the constituency from which the 'copy' is drawn will assuredly have a great deal to do with the merit of the publication.

Our exchange list is beginning to take shape, and it is our intention to place the papers so received on the files of the reading room. A perusal of the college journals is often suggestive of ideas that could be worked up into readable paragraphs or articles.

As to subscribers: we want every student who can afford the dollar—and who of us cannot—who has not already subscribed to come forward and do so.

We have not been able to publish at the time promised, but this is a defect we hope will not occur during the Easter term. The Committee of Management is now about complete, and we hope on resuming publication after the Christmas holidays to keep faith with our subscribers as regards the date of publication, and to make the paper more worthy of their support.

## UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

The gentle reader must not expect from my heading an article on tariffs and national policies. The unjust discrimination to which I would draw his attention concerns the University of Toronto, and University College, and more especially that department of these two institutions known as Mental and Moral Science, Civil Polity and Logic. Perhaps it is best to at once take the gentle reader into my confidence and tell him that I am an undergraduate in this department, and that the other evening being in a mood somewhat statistical, somewhat pensive, I went through various documents connected with the College and the University, and made the discovery of what I claim to be a huge injustice as against the department in which I have cast my lot. But I do not ask the gentle reader to take my mere statement—I proceed at

once to lay the result of my investigations before him.

## THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES.

The University of Toronto offers annually in the five departments of the arts faculty 34 scholarships amounting in all to \$5,805, besides five gold and five silver medals, and ten prizes in books of the value of \$10 each. The scholarships are distributed among the departments as follows:

	Class.	Math.	Mod.	Nat.	Med.
Jun. Matric .....	\$120	120	100		
Sen. " .....	120	120			
1st year .....	230	230	160		
2nd " .....	250	250	120	120	120
3rd " .....	250	250	150	150	150
	\$970	970	470	270	270

Medals .....	2	2	2	2	2
Book Prizes .....	4		4	1	

I have not taken into consideration in this table the scholarships allowed for general proficiency.

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PRIZES.

University College offers 48 prizes in books, each varying from \$5 to \$10 in value, and the Macdonald bursary (for general proficiency). They are distributed thus:

	Prizes.	Am't.
Classics .....	7	\$ 65
Mathematics .....	4	40
Moderns .....	16	135
Natural Sciences .....	11	85
Mental and Moral Science, Civil Polity and Logic .....	4	35

## PROFESSORS.

I find that the professors of University College are apportioned thus:

Classics .....	2
Mathematics .....	2
Moderns .....	4
Natural Sciences .....	5
Mental and Moral Science, Civil Polity and Logic .....	1

## OTHER COLLEGE FIGURES.

Then as to the disposition of the buildings: Classics has the two best rooms in the college; Mathematics one lecture room and two or three rooms for apparatus; Moderns, four lecture rooms and museum accommodation; Naturals, the School of Science and one-half of the upper portion of the college building; Mental and Moral Science, Civil Polity and Logic, one small room wherein students are literally packed.

Next, as to assistants, the professor of Mathematics has a man to look after his instruments, and the professors of the Natural Sciences four such assistants.

## NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

The popularity of the several departments may be ascertained from the following figures taken from the honor class list of the University for 1879, the second, third and fourth years only being used, and no notice being taken of pass men:

	Class.	Math.	Mod.	Nat.	Med.
2nd year .....	15	4	7	6	29
3rd " .....	7	4	5	6	15
4th " .....	7	3	4	4	14
	29	11	16	16	48

For the present year the figures are still more pronounced as to the popularity of the latter department.

## WORK.

Here is the place where the department of Men-

tal and Moral Science and Civil Polity gets its due. In whatever it may be lacking as regards other matters, there is plenty of work laid down in the curriculum for all who enter it. Page for page, there is probably two pages in department five for one in any other, and as for getting it up, I verily believe that there is more brain work in ten lines of Metaphysics than fifty of Classics.

But I will not ask the attention of the gentle reader further. By this time he will have been overwhelmed by the facts I have presented. But I do not ask his sympathy in order that any of the other departments may be reduced, and department five get the benefit of that reduction; rather let there be a leveling up in the way of additions to my department of entirely new interests.

## PRODUCTS.

## COLLEGE SONG.

We were glad to see so much interest taken on Friday night in the matter of a college song. University College seems to be alone among the colleges in having no song of its own, and it is to be hoped that before long some undergraduate will give us one, which will be in some way characteristic of the college, and in which all students may unite in adopting. At the last competition two were handed in, but no prize was awarded. The better of these was the one signed 'Argo,' and it was as follows:

Tolle nunc 'Io Triumphe,  
Strenue clamorem fac,  
Libris et scholis relictis,  
Magna voce clamor sit.

Semper sit pax hac in terra;  
Hic doctrina floreat  
Mars sin cornu rancum sonet,  
Nos ruemus in hostem.

Esse servus quis tam turpis?  
Cara nobis libertas.  
Terram transmari' amamus,  
Canadensem maxime.

Alma Mater tu in sacula  
Aeris monumentum stes:  
Sol effulgens stes datus  
Luceo forti populo.

Focis semper tueantur:  
Sincus nostra fideles.  
Sit ruina, caelum ruit  
Choles sumus memores.

Tolle nunc 'Io Triumphe  
Strenue clamorem fac,  
Libris et scholis relictis,  
Magna voce clamor sit

'Some thoughts about some things' is the heading of an article in *The Portfolio* (Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton). After the heading comes the opening, thus: 'On looking from the window this autumn day, we are struck by the general appearance of desolation and decay.' Now, if our recollection of the 'ambitious city' is correct, the window referred to either looks out on King street, or if toward the rear, on the blank wall of a flouring mill. Does the fair writer of the article wish to insinuate that the N. P. is a failure, and that Hamilton is going to the dogs, or that the Morgans are not grinding as much wheat as in past years?