

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.

THE following resolutions were passed at a meeting of the University Council on Dec. 20th :—

Moved by Rev. J. Williamson, M.A., LL.D., seconded by T. R. Dupuis, M.D., Whereas the endowment now in the hands of the University of Toronto was given to the Province of Ontario nearly 100 years ago by George III, and the Local Legislature has never yet given any grant in aid to the institution.

Resolved that in the opinion of this meeting the Legislature should not now, by acceding to the proposed application for aid, adopt the principle of a monopoly of state aid for higher education. To narrow down the field of our higher training to one College, while extending the number of our Collegiate Institutes and High Schools, would be detrimental to the completeness of our educational system.—Carried.

Moved by A. Gunn, M.P., seconded by M. Sullivan, M.D., resolved that when sections of the people have been obliged to establish Universities in other centres, it is unjust to tax the same people for the support of Toronto University.

Moved by Rev. M. Macgillivray, M.A., of Perth, seconded by J. A. Mudie, B.A., that the Council oppose a grant to University College alone as unwise and unfair.

Moved by Rev. J. C. Smith, M.A., B.D., of Guelph, seconded by Jas. McCammon, M.D., that the Chancellor, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Principal, Revs. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., G. M. Milligan, B. A. Toronto; Messrs. W. Caldwell, M.P.P., J. H. Metcalfe, M. P.P., H. Wilmot, M.P.P., D. B. McLennan, M.A., Q.C., Cornwall; Revs. Dr. Wardrope, J. C. Smith, Guelph, and R. J. Laidlaw, Hamilton, with power to add to their number, be a Committee to watch over the Parliamentary proceedings on the subject in Toronto and to co-operate with the Commissioners who may be appointed for the like purposes by other Colleges.

Moved by Rev. Jas. Carmichael, King, seconded by Rev. G. Bell, LL.D., that the graduates and alumni of Queen's throughout the Province be communicated with and requested to form Associations for the purpose of representing the true state of the case to the people in their respective localities.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR JOURNAL :—

AT the Senior Re-union, one gentleman in a humorous and ironical speech, referred to our gymnasium. He called upon all the gentlemen present to attest the truth of his words, when he said that our gymnasium was thoroughly equipped, that the apparatus was all in good order, and that crowds of students flocked to it every day for healthful exercise. It was a good thing thus to bring before the notice of the senior class the dilapidated condition of the gymnasium, but that is not enough, the time has come when every student and every friend of the University ought to know what kind of a gymnasium we have at Queen's.

It may seem injudicious to state publicly what is a disgrace to the students and a disgrace to the University, but this must be done. Unless the whole extent of the evil is known it is doubtful whether a remedy will be provided.

Almost every pane of glass in the six windows is broken.

The apparatus and those who use them are exposed to wind and snow and rain. After every snow storm the floor is covered with fancy little snow-drifts, which for a time half-conceal the *muck* with which the floor is strewn—broken glass, bits of fallen plaster, straw and dust from old mattresses. When the snow melts the cleanliness of the floor can be imagined better than described. However, this is the only time when it is safe to use the gymnasium, for when the floor is dry it is impossible to exercise without inhaling dust at every breath.

The gymnasium has never been properly equipped, but this year nothing new has been added, while much of the old apparatus is broken and lies scattered about the floor, or is piled up in a corner. The gymnasium has never been properly managed, but this year it has not been managed at all. Nothing whatever has been done, not even has the floor been swept or cleaned in any way. The boys have not been asked to contribute their annual fee, and none of the few who go to the gymnasium seem to know whose duty it is to collect money for it and to keep it in repair. Some say that the committee appointed last year are still responsible, others say that a new committee has been appointed; but whoever the responsible parties are, is it too much to ask that they at once take active measures to give to the students, for the rest of the winter, the use of a moderately good gymnasium.

Any one who believes that college students must preserve health and vigor of body, if they are to quit themselves like men in the great work of life for which they are now preparing, will be anxious to have a good gymnasium placed within the reach of every student belonging to the different faculties of Queen's University.

As our gymnasium has been almost a failure in the past, would it not be well to have a little discussion in the JOURNAL as to what is the best means of establishing and maintaining a first-class gymnasium?

At a future time we may give some reasons why a good gymnasium is an absolute necessity at Queen's.

Yours respectfully,

"GYM."

THERE was a man lived in our town,
And he was wondrous wise;
He wrote a cribb upon a cuff
Of much diminished size.

But when he felt a little bored,
And yawned with arms extended,
This wise man gave himself away,
And straightway was suspended.

AN organized band of thieves has been discovered among the students of Oberlin College. Four confessed and have been put in jail. The confessions show that a boy had been stealing articles in thirteen stores during this term. They are all said to be in good circumstances, and one or two of them have wealthy parents. They will all be expelled.