

COLLEGE ITEMS.

MR. GEORGE ACHESON of the fourth year has been ordered home by his doctor.

The football (Rugby) club will probably make arrangements with one of the leading college clubs of the Eastern States for a match here next fall.

Why don't the curator of the reading room see that the leaves of the books and papers are properly cut before being put on the tables.

The students of this college and of the medical schools formed a large portion of the 'gods' at the theatre this week.

One of the latest stories is that the Senate hereafter will not pluck honor men who score forty per cent. But don't let any faltering brother in honors put too much trust in this report.

A PANE of glass in the doors of the library reading rooms would do away with the disturbance caused by students opening and shutting the doors when looking for some of their friends.

The *School Journal* for this month contains the concluding portion of a lecture on 'The Schools of Ancient Greece and Rome' delivered to the students of Pickering colleges by J. A. Culham, B.A., '79.

There is to be a meeting of the fourth year men some day next week. Matters of importance will be brought up, and it is hoped that there will be a full attendance. The day and hour will be placed on the board.

It is rumored that a motion will be introduced in the Legislature this session to so amend the University Act that all bachelors of arts may be included in convocation. At present, they have to be of three years standing before they can vote; while bachelors of medicine have the franchise as soon as they graduate.

Mr. Goldwin Smith is to preside at the public meeting of the Society on the 27th. The reader will be Mr. T. E. Inglis and the essayist Mr. D. B. Kerr. The question for debate—'Is life worth living'—will be supported by Messrs T. Gilmour and W. F. Maclean, and the negative by Messrs. J. B. Jackson and E. P. Davis.

The manner in which the benches have been mutilated in the large classical lecture room is simply disgraceful. As a great part of the cutting has been done this session, the inference is that it was the work of freshmen. Stringy gowns and and ready jack-knives are always indicative of cheekie freshies.

THERE are altogether fourteen students in the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School, two of whom F. W. Kerr, M. A., '75, and O. G. Dobbs, M.A., '77, are graduates of this university; one is a graduate of Trinity, C. W. Ball, B.A.; one an undergraduate of King's College, Nova Scotia, and all the rest with one exception, non-matriculated students of University College.

LET our students read the account in another column of Harvard's new gymnasium, and then say whether their's is not a modest plan, which proposes fitting up our gymnasium with \$350. But it doesn't seem that we can raise even this amount. We don't expect any of our grads are going to squander \$100,000 on building a gymnasium, though some might be willing to give a hundred cents if they were seen. Start a subscription list.

F. E. HAYTER, B.A., '78 (gold medalist, mathematics), has received a permanent appointment in the Auditor-General's office, Ottawa. At least two other of our gold medalists in mathematics are actuaries in the Government service, viz: John Lorn McDougall, B.A., '59, Auditor-General of the Dominion, and A. K. Blackadar, B.A., '76, of the Insurance branch (over which Prof. Cherriman presides) of the Finance department.

COMPANY K is drilling in anticipation of a field-day on the Queen's Birthday. They were put through manual exercise yesterday afternoon. Why has not the company a bugler? The handsome uniform of him of the horn should attract the ambition of nobby first-year men. But if the captain sees fit to appoint one, it is suggested that he be requested to take up his residence in Seaton Village or some other suburb. A freshman with a bugle and a lusty pair of lungs could soon depopulate a ward.

The following is the programme of the organ recital of Mr. Fisher in Convocation Hall this afternoon:—

1. FANTASIE AND FUGUE, in G minor (Book 2, No. 4). Bach.
2. THEME AND VARIATIONS, Op. 47. Hens.
3. ARIA—"Angels ever bright and fair," Handel. (Miss Brokowsky)
4. SKIZZEN, Op. 58, No. 1. Schumann.
5. COMMUNION, in G major. Hatiste.
6. PART SONG, "EVENING." L. DeCail. (University College Glee Club.)
7. FANFARE. Lemmens.
8. ARIA, "With Verdure clad," from "The Creation." Haydn. (Miss Brokowsky)
9. FIFTH GIGAN CONCERTO. Handel.

The regular meeting of the Natural Science Association was held on Wednesday evening Feb. 11th, Mr. Davidson in the chair. The question of a motto for the association was discussed, but none of those proposed being considered suitable, the matter was referred to a committee. A paper was read by Mr. Wood on the development of the puff-ball; one by Mr. McKenzie on Arctic and Alpine plants; and one by Mr. Dolsen on the vertebrate paleontology of the Dominion. The reading and discussing of these occupied the evening, and the remainder of the programme had to be postponed. Mr. A. B. Davidson was elected to fill the vacancy in the general committee.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The attendance of the regular weekly meeting last night was fair, but a number of students were conspicuous by their absence. The President, Mr. VanderSmisssen was in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. There was no business out of the minutes, but Mr. Loudon gave notice of motion, viz.: that at next meeting he would move for the appointment of a committee to revise the constitution. Order of business F was changed so as to read 'business from committees,' no essayist nor readers having been appointed. The next part of the programme was the debate, subject: 'would the removal of the belief in future punishment be prejudicial to public morality.' The affirmative was sustained by Messrs. Milner, Macgillivray, Herridge and Gilmour; the negative by Messrs. D. B. Kerr and Davis. The great number of students seem to have come prepared to speak upon the affirmative, pre-supposing that the negative was going to be difficult to handle. In summing up the arguments the president said that owing to the fluency of the speakers, and the able way in which the several debaters handled their arguments, together with the all-absorbing nature of the subject, he had for once forgotten to take notes of each speech. He also eulogized the debate as the best of the season, and especially complimented Mr. Davis on his speech. For next Friday evening the programme is as follows:—Essayist, W. H. Doel; readers, Messrs Ames, Macdonald; debate, 'Should the study of classics form part of a university education'; leaders, Herridge and Courtice.

COLLEGE WORLD.

SWEDEN has two universities. Norway has one.

THERE are 425 colleges in the United States.

ONLY six and two-thirds per cent. of Columbians take active part in athletics.

SIX hundred and eighteen dollars is the balance in the treasury of the Yale football association.

The marking system is to be abolished at Columbia.

PROF. KO KUN HUN, of Harvard, receives a salary of \$200 per month. He has seven little, ko-ku-nuts in his family.

NINETEEN per cent. of the boys at Oberlin profess religion. If these figures are correct she takes the lead.—*Argus*.

ONLY five colleges of the United States require an entrance examination in trigonometry—Cornell, Harvard, John Hopkins, Yale and Wesleyan.

DURING the present college year the endowment fund of Wesleyan University has been increased by \$140,000, the gift of two of its friends. This makes the total amount \$350,000.

The current numbers of the *Dalhousie Gazette* (Halifax), and of the *Queen's College Journal*, are in mourning, the former for the late Prof. DeMille, the latter for the late Prof. McKerras.

GLASGOW, Scotland, has the best ventilated university in the world. The central steeple rises to a height of 200 feet, 1,000,000 cubic feet of pure air are forced into the building every hour.

SIXTEEN Harvard men are at work for the freshman crew. The exercise consists in 500 strokes on machines, an hour's work running, besides some general work. They are to row with the freshmen of Columbia.

HE was a plain old granger, and when his son informed him that he had determined to go to college and learn something, the old gentleman looked straight at him and said: 'Now, look-a-here, John, you may learn readin', 'ritin', and a little jography, but if you grapple with any o' them dead land-widges, I'll kill you when you come home, so's they'll do you some good.'

'BRACING for the Gym, Ex. has begun,' reports the *Amherst Student* of January 31: '83 is enthusiastic, '82 is confident, '81 is indifferent, and '80 is having a good time.' The condition of affairs at Cornell was thus presented by the *Era* of January 23: 'Before this term there were good reasons for not taking exercise in the building used as a gymnasium, but now no excuses are valid. Through the efforts of Major Burbank the building has been completely remodelled, additions have been made to the apparatus and the facilities for exercise greatly increased. But as this department is not endowed it has to be supported by the members and more of them are needed.' Reform at Hamilton was urged by the *October Lit.* in terms following: 'We have a building adapted in every way to our wants, and the apparatus is good as far as it goes, but it needs replenishing. We have \$200 worth of boats at the boat-house that are of no benefit to ourselves. Why not dispose of them and apply the proceeds to the purpose of refitting the gymnasium? The good that will result from such a change in our dead capital will be manifested in many ways. As it is at present there is no return for our outlays. Change it into such a form that it may be utilized by the students, and the outlays is needed to keep it in necessary repair will be more promptly and cheerfully met. Let us consider this matter fully and fairly, for it is of direct interest to the students. The gymnasium ought at least to be put into such a condition that gymnastic exercise may be had during the winter months.'