

Harvard has the best 'Varsity crew this year that it has ever had. The Yale crew were coached all summer in their new stroke.

The "Five O'clock Tea" of the 'Varsity has given place to "Our Wallet." May there always be plenty of spondulix.

The *Argosy* has in its last number a well-written and instructive article entitled "The Canadian Student in London."

The "Star" of "Old Albert" has again risen high above the horizon, to shine with modest brilliancy among the constellations of college literature.—*Astrum Alberti*.

The attendance at the Y. M. C. A. of Toronto University was not so large last week, owing to a meeting being held at the same time of those interested in the Inter-Collegiate sports.

The Literary and Scientific Society of Toronto University appears to be in a flourishing condition. The 'Varsity has just devoted a page to no less than fifty-eight subjects for debate.

It is stated that Mr. Ryckman, son of the Rev. Dr. Ryckman, has taken all round honors, and won three scholarships. This achievement is unprecedented.

The freshman class is unusually large, and the scholastic year opens at Victoria with brilliant omens of ever increasing prosperity.

The University of St. Andrews has been left a legacy of \$150,000 dollars for bursaries, subject to the life of the testator's brother, half of the sum to be devoted to male students and the other half to female students.

Mount Allison College claims that its new Memorial Hall, when finished, will be one of the finest structures of its kind in the Maritime Provinces. It is expected that the present college will be remodelled and many improvements made.

The Bishop of Carlisle, as Chairman of the Board of Governors, opened the new grammar school buildings at Carlisle on the 20th September last. The buildings, which have cost over \$60,000 in addition to \$16,000 paid for the site, will accommodate 250 boys, including 30 boarders.

The University Quarterly, a new exchange,—is published by the students of the University of New York. It is in its sixth volume, and is very neatly got up indeed, being well printed and well arranged. Its first article, "The University," is the Commencement Address by Chancellor Hall. The editorials are on interesting University subjects, and are well written. An excellent Book Review is a leading feature.

Dr. Nelles' reception to the matriculants and undergraduates of the University of Victoria College took place on Friday evening. From an early hour till midnight the spacious drawing-room and parlors of the President's residence were crowded with a gay throng. The festivities were ably presided over by Mrs. Nelles and Miss Nelles, assisted by a number of ladies.

The State Teachers' Institute closed at New Haven, Conn., Saturday, and adopted resolutions asking the United States Government to provide for schools where there are not enough already, and particularly for an industrial training school in Alaska. Professor Summer of Yale "pitched into" the rural schools, in which he says there is "indifference, bigotry and robbery."

The agitation among the students of Victoria University asking the authorities to render compulsory the donning of the regularly prescribed cap and gown continues unabated. A memorial has been presented to the faculty, signed by three-fourths of all the undergraduates, requesting the enforcement of this time-honored practice. A small radical faction exists who demand the abolition of it. Only three students signed in favor of the retention of the custom now in vogue at the college.—[We ask Jake to note the above.—Eds.]

There are two vacancies in the regular professorships in Yale, one in civil engineering, caused by the recent sudden death of Professor Norton, and the other in homiletics, which, for the third or fourth year, remains unfilled, and in which instruction will be given by Professor Barbour. The name of Mr. George

Bendolari appears in the catalogue for the first time as assistant professor in modern languages. He is a graduate of Harvard in the class of '74, and was instructor in Italian and Spanish in that college for four years. Mr. Alfred Ripley, '78, succeeds Mr. Hadley as instructor in German. Messrs. William E. Waters and Horatio M. Reynolds, both graduates of Yale, have been appointed tutors in the classics. Mr. Jay W. Seaver, who has been appointed gymnastic instructor, was of the class of '80, and comes from a position in Williston Seminary in East-hampton.

The students of Toronto school of medicine held their election lately of officers for the annual dinner. J. W. Patterson, M.A., was elected chairman; Horace Bascom, 1st vice-chairman; Chas. Hodgetts, 2nd vice-Chairman. G. S. Wattam, B.A., was chosen to represent the school at Trinity medical school dinner. At the conclusion of the meeting the attention of the students was directed to an article in the *'Varsity*' issue of Saturday, Oct. 20, in which certain remarks were made uncomplimentary to members of the dinner committee. They immediately showed their unanimous disapproval of the conduct of the writer by tendering to him divers groans and hisses, and adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that we, the students of the Toronto school of medicine hereby condemn the attitude assumed by the *'Varsity* in discussing affairs of our school. In addition, we will consider it our duty to show our disapproval of the *'Varsity*' course until ample apology is made.

The annual meeting of the *'Varsity* Stock company was held on Wednesday evening in Moss Hall, about thirty shareholders being present. The treasurer read a satisfactory annual statement showing, for the first time, a balance of receipts over expenditure. After several changes in the institution, including the addition to the list of officers of two associate editors, the following were elected for the year 1883-84:—President, R. E. Kingsford, M.A., LL.B.; Vice-President, W. F. W. Creelman, B.A.; Editor, J. McG. Young; Associate-Editors, W. H. Blake, B.A., and A. H. Campbell, B.A.; Business Manager, G. F. Cane; Secretary, John McGillivray; Treasurer, J. F. Edgar; Directors, IV. year, J. M. McWhinney, G. W. Holmes; III. F. H. Sykes, A. J. McLeod; II. B. B. Cronyn, A. D. Crooks; I. A. G. Smith, T. H. Halstead. The *'Varsity* now stands at the head of Canadian college journalism, and has shown steady improvement, and if it fulfils the promises given in its first number of this year, is deserving of the support of every graduate and undergraduate of Toronto University. A call has been made through convocation to the graduates, and it is to be hoped it will be well responded to.—*Toronto World*.

The Richmond Literary Miscellany is also a new exchange. It is published by the Alpha Literary Society, and "is devoted to the Literary interests of Richmond, Va." It is not the neatest of papers, though it does contain "A Word to the Girls." Its leading article is entitled "Albert Sidney Johnston" an oration delivered before the Alpha Literary Society. The composer, Mr. A. S. Morton, beautifully describes Johnston's life from the time when "the fire of the warrior was kindled in his breast, and, entering the Academy at West Point, he offers his services to his country," up to the time when "the soul of the great warrior had winged its flight to a brighter world." The oration ended with "Be that as it may, Albert Sidney Johnston is one of a nation's heroes, and his name is for ever emblazoned upon the tablet of American history as one of the brightest stars in the brilliant galaxy of America's statesmen and warriors."

The Dundee University College, founded by Miss Baxter and the late Dr. Baxter at a cost of \$720,000, was opened recently by Lord Dalhousie. His Lordship spoke highly of the munificence of the donors, and rejoiced that the college was available for all classes of both sexes, irrespective of religious belief. The inaugural address was delivered by Professor Stuart, of Cambridge, who referred to the success of the Scotch University system, and spoke of the satisfactory progress that was being made in providing technical instruction to all classes in the various large centres of industry. While, however, this branch of education would be one of the chief features of the Dundee