

ation is undesirable from many standpoints. The United States contains the worst elements of the European life, which yearly flows through her gates, and which is obtaining a large and increasing share in the government of the country. Shall we connect ourselves with these? The commercial interests of the various States are continually clashing; add Canada, and the problem is still further complicated. The United States is not so anxious for annexation as some would lead us to believe. It is only the North that is crying for it; the South and Centre do not want it. But the greatest objection to annexation is that Canada would forfeit the prospect of becoming an independent nation, for which all these years have been preparing her.

Canadians can keep Canada if they will. A deeper spirit of loyalty is needed among our people. In this respect we may well follow the example of our neighbor to the south. Whenever the name of their country is mentioned a thrill goes through the audience.

Mr. Eaton then touched the Jesuit question. He spoke from personal knowledge and investigation, and his words were not without effect. Quebec is one of the great hindrances to Canadian growth. An eloquent appeal was made to Canadians to be loyal to "Our Own Canadian Home." The lecture was a decided success, and we bespeak for Mr. Eaton a hearty reception, if he at some future date has something further to say to the young men of Canada on this great question or others of a similar character.

ASTRONOMICAL.—The trustees of the Western University of Pennsylvania have thrown open the Allegheny Observatory, made famous by the brilliant researches of Prof. S. P. Langley (now secretary of the Smithsonian Institution), to the use of students, and have authorized the establishment of post-graduate courses in astronomical study. Prof. J. E. Keeler, the astronomer of Lick Observatory, has just been called from Mount Hamilton to take charge of the new work, in conjunction with Prof. Frank W. Very, who was for many years associated with Prof. Langley at Allegheny. Students who take this course have the advantage of studying the actual manufacture of the most perfect astronomical apparatus in the establishment of Mr. J. A. Brashear, which is adjacent to the University, and in which some of the finest instruments which have ever been made have recently been constructed. Persons who desire information in regard to this course are invited to correspond with W. J. Holland, Ph. D., D. D., Chancellor, Pittsburg, Pa.

Our Societies.

Y. M. C. A.—Following are the officers appointed for the next college year:

President—W. Stackhouse.

Vice-President—A. F. Baker.

Recording Secretary—E. H. Saunders.

Corresponding Secretary—A. M. Wilson.

Treasurer—Lew Wallace.

The president announces the different committees which will be completed at the opening of the institutions:

Membership—F. A. Starratt, R. E. Gullison, Howard Shaw, J. L. Minard, John West.

Devotional—J. B. Ganong, I. E. Bill, Chas. Read.

Bible Study—A. F. Newcomb, G. E. Chipman, H. M. Saunders.

General Religious Work—A. A. Shaw, G. P. Goucher, A. Murray, Lew Wallace Alfred Rogers.

Nominating—Prof. Keirstead, O. N. Chipman, W. J. Rutledge.

A. F. Newcomb and H. H. Saunders were appointed to represent the association at the Northfield conference. H. Y. Corey and H. P. Whidden of '91 will accompany them.

A. A. Shaw was the delegate appointed to the Maritime Y. M. C. A. Convention, which meets at Truro, N. S., August 9th.

Missionary—At the last public meeting of the year, short and earnest addresses were given by Miss Havey, of the Seminary; Messrs. Baker, G. E.; Morse, R. O.; Freeman, of the College, and F. M. Shaw, B. A., of the Academy. It was the good fortune of the society to listen to a spirited address from H. T. DeWolf, '89, on that occasion.

L. D. Morse, B. A., missionary elect to India, also spoke to a large audience in College Hall on Sunday afternoon, June 1st. Music on both occasions was furnished by the choir under the leadership of Mrs. Thompson, to whom the society is deeply indebted for valuable assistance during her sojourn of two years on the Hill.

Literary—Following are the ATHENÆUM editors appointed for the ensuing year: F. A. Starratt, '92; C. E. Seaman, '92; A. V. Pineo, '92; Miss Mildred Maclean, '93; A. M. Wilson, '93; E. H. Saunders, '94; Vincent, '94.

Executive Committee—H. H. Saunders (chairman).

Chairman of Lecture Committee—G. E. Chipman, '92.

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