

systematic working displayed by it depends almost wholly on the success of our great annual banquet. Of course, the committee is not just the complexion that accords with our taste, but there are enough good men on it to cover up any reproach that may attach itself to some of its members who shall be nameless here "forever more."

To the position of 1st Vice-Chairman, Mr. Barcom was elected by acclamation. We are glad to see the position filled by a gentleman of such unquestionable standing and ability. The 3rd year have every reason to feel proud of their representative, his name is a sufficient guarantee that their confidence has not been misplaced.

There is to be a contest for the position of 2nd Vice-Chairman between Messrs. Peters and Hodgetts. The latter is a young gentleman of good address and rather brilliant parts. When through speaking he leaves the impression that there still remains a reserve fund of good common sense. Mr. Peters has already been placed in a position of trust by his fellows. We ask the students to consider well before they cast their ballots.

But the importance of the election is centered in the chairman. The gentlemen who have been proposed to contest the election are Messrs. Patterson and Foster. They are both able men and great favorites. They have, we think, equal claims so far as ability is concerned, but there are other considerations which it would not be well to lose sight of, and which will apply equally well to the other officers. For when two men with dispositions, qualities, and attainments, filling each in an equal degree for the position come forward we should ask ourselves to whom have past favors been granted. Just here we must enter our protest against the gobblings of some aspirants for school honors. We would not advise the honors to be distributed indiscriminately without regard to fitness, for we can, without any difficulty, steer clear of Charybdis without running any danger of fouling Scylla.

The first meeting of the Toronto School of Medicine Literary Society will be held on Friday evening, when the President, Dr. Graham, will deliver his inaugural address. This society has been a very important part of the school.

TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Once more may the students of this school be said to have fairly commenced work, and, judging from the large attendance at and close attention to the lectures, this season promises to be a prosperous one both for students and faculty.

The school has two hundred and thirty-five medicos this year, and we have reason to feel proud that Trinity has the largest attendance of any of its kind in the Dominion.

As yet no dissecting has been done, but as the time draws near to commence, many Freshies grow pale at the idea of being initiated in the art of carving. No doubt the second year men will kindly help them through the trying ordeal.

On Saturday evening a meeting was held in the large lecture room for the purpose of inaugurating a Literary Society for the mutual improvement of the students, our worthy Dean occupying the chair. After an address by the chairman, setting forth the objects of the Society, Mr. McCullough followed in much the same strain, urging the necessity for the establishment of a medical library for reference. Professor Kirkland advanced the view that scientific subjects ought also to be embraced by the society. After the election of Mr. Symons as Secretary pro tem., it was decided that the election of officers be proceeded with next Saturday evening, when it is to be hoped there will be a large attendance.

Dr. Sheard, we are pleased to state, after a serious, though happily not protracted illness, has returned to his labors, being greeted with an ovation on his first appearance in the lecture room.

As yet there is not even a whisper of our annual dinner, but soon may we expect to have the old-time canvasser at our elbow, requesting our vote for some favorite candidate for the committee.

We regret that in last week's issue of the 'VARSITY there appeared a line certainly demanding a correction. We refer to a report of a decrease in the number of Freshmen at the school. We are pleased to learn from the best authority that the Primary and Final classes are the largest ever recorded in the history of the institution, and that the number in the First year is fully as large, if not larger, than that of previous years.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.

The above college is once more in full working order with a larger number of students than it has had for some years past. The number of new-comers is especially large, and altogether the prospects of the institution are more than usually brilliant. Some slight changes have taken place in the teaching staff. Rev. J. R. Teefy has been appointed classical professor, and is succeeded as professor of mathematics by Rev. J. J. Guinane. The different clubs and societies belonging to the college have all been re-organized. The Base-ball team have invested

in new and handsome suits and hope to sustain unsullied their record of previous years. The Lacrosse team also expect to give a good account of themselves in their first match on Saturday. The Glee Club and Literary Society have only lately commenced their regular meetings. The latter is presided over by Rev. J. R. Teefy, B.A., with Mr. C. V. Hull as Vice-President, and a brilliant series of meetings is expected.

KNOX COLLEGE.

The Literary and Metaphysical Society held its first regular meeting on Friday, Oct. 12th, when the interesting subject: Resolved, that French interference with Madagascar was justifiable, was debated. The decision was given for the negative by the President, J. S. McKay, M.A.

The Missionary Society, at its first meeting after receiving and adopting several interesting reports of mission work done in Algoma, Muskoka, and the North-West, elected the following officers for session of '83-'84: President, W. S. McTavish; 1st Vice-President, T. Nixon; 2nd Vice-President, Alex. Hamilton; Rec. Sec., Jas. Hamilton; Cor. Sec., A. Beattie; Treas., J. S. Hardie; Councillors, G. Freeman, T. Wilson, J. A. Ross, G. Kinnear, and H. Howard.

Mr. Collins takes the leadership of the Glee Club again, a position which he has held with admirable success for several years. Arrangements are being made for holding an annual concert.

The Foot-ball Club, so important a factor in our college life, has begun its work with energy, although greatly hampered by the difficulty of obtaining a suitable field for practice.

It is with sadness that we record the sudden death of one of our Students. Jno. Brown, of the third year in the literary classes, some two or three weeks ago returned from the North-West where he had been engaged in mission work, bringing with him doubtless the germs of the disease which ended so fatally. He died of typhoid fever Wednesday morning.

General College Notes.

A shorthand class has been organized at Yale—*Ex.*

At the University of Illinois, Sunday discourses have been started principally upon literary subjects.

The students of Kenyon College are getting up an Athletic Association. The building for the Athletes is to cost \$22,000.

Harvard students have formed a Co-operative Society. Such a union has already proved a success at the University of California.—*Ex.*

The General Athletic Association at the University of Pennsylvania has elected a physical instructor and has purchased extensive grounds.

The study of Greek and Latin at the Indiana State College has been abolished in order that more attention may be paid to Agriculture and Horticulture.

The students of Cornell have engaged two lecturers in political economy, one of whom will lecture in favor of Free Trade, the other defend a Protective Policy.

Vassar College regrets the loss of one of her ablest and most popular instructors, Prof. Backus, who has been appointed president of Packer Institute, Brooklyn. Manuel J. Deannor, of Harvard, has been chosen Prof. of Rhetoric and English Literature to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Charles Dudley Warner is busily preparing a series of lectures on literature, to be delivered before the senior class of Princeton College. It is a part of the plan of Princeton to invite specialists in every department of knowledge to supplement the regular course of instruction.

The professors and tutors of Amherst are, with one exception, alumni of that institution. This state of affairs, instead of being a source of gratification, calls forth from the *Student* an editorial in which dissatisfaction is manifested and the wish expressed that a greater percentage of foreign talent were employed, to overcome the tendency to conservatism towards which such a body of men, trained by the same methods, naturally gravitates.

The latest striking feature in American college news is the foundation of a Correspondence University, an institution designed to give instruction by correspondence only. Already about thirty professors and instructors have been engaged, who will be paid according to work done. The intention is to make an attempt to reach a class who are desirous of participating in the advantages of university education, but are not in a position to take part in college life. The idea is certainly novel, as well as striking; and the object being a good one, it is to be hoped that the numerous difficulties that will have to be faced will be easily and successfully overcome.

It is said that the results of the recent examinations of women