

To Our Subscribers.

We think it right in this our first issue to take our subscribers into our confidence, and state our position as clearly as possible. In return, we ask that you do all in your power to help us and make the NORMAL COLLEGE MONTHLY a success.

We are glad to say that most of the students are already subscribers, and we hope that before another month we shall be able to say that *all* are. We need every one, so send in your names, and save us the unpleasantness of a personal canvas.

Another thing we are pleased to announce, is, that all our advertising space has been taken up by Hamilton merchants, and the only thing needed to keep them with us, is your patronage. In fact the success or failure of our paper depends not so much on the Editor or Manager as on the student body at large. If you are *all* with us we are bound to succeed. Failure is impossible.

We have taken some trouble while soliciting advertisements to approach only those merchants whom we thought in every way suitable to supply students' wants and to supply them reasonably. We think we have managed to do this, and a careful perusal of the cover of this issue will, we hope, bear us out in this belief. As we have said before, to keep these merchants with us they must have our patronage and *know* they have it.

We hope then, that when you make a purchase at any of our advertisers you will let them know that you saw their advertisement in the college paper and show the merchants that advertising in THE MONTHLY pays, and we shall have no difficulty in filling all our advertising space.

We trust that you will bear in mind these few points, and we also take the opportunity of thanking those who have given us their financial assistance and friendly advice.

THE BUSINESS MANAGERS.

"At Home."

"There was a sound of revelry by night."

On the evening of Friday, November 3rd, the Literary Society of the College took the initial step in making us more socialized individuals by giving a most delightful reception to its members in the beautiful and spacious Assembly Hall of the Collegiate Institute.

In spite of the fact that old Pluvius determined to put a damper on our hospitable feelings, scarcely a member of the class was absent when, shortly after the hour of eight the guests were received by Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Turner and a very able Reception Committee. These were untiring in their efforts to make all feel thoroughly at home and introductions followed as freely as rain. Dainty programmes of fourteen numbers were rapidly filled with certain vague characters more or less legible which the owner might decipher at will.

The male persuasion seemed to be in the minority but it is to be hoped that they will not become conceited on account of being so very much in demand.

The decorations were very pretty and appropriate, being entirely of flags, and as we gazed at the faded Union Jacks, one's thoughts reverted for a moment perhaps to the dear ones who have gone to uphold the honor of our Queen and Home-land. Another noticeable feature was "Dignity Circle" occupying the centre of the hall where amidst a grove of palms were seated the faculty and their wives, who attracted a great deal of natural non-voluntary attention. We missed from the circle the form of our esteemed Principal, who was unable to be with us on account of the unpropitious weather.

Truly, we were a very good looking "crowd." The girls were very sweet in their "chic" organdies and silk-waists which would have done credit