

to lend a helping hand. The enthusiasm of President Sycamore not only took hold of his staff of officers, but spread to the youngest member of the freshmen, and considering the excellence of the regular meetings we were not surprised at the success of the open meeting. Realizing the difficulty of accommodating the many friends who attend our open meetings, the committee of arrangements seated the dining-room for the occasion. The platform was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and flowers, and festoons and wreaths of evergreens made the room like a summer bower. The Orchestra and Glee Club were in their best musical spirit, and showed what good material, under good leadership, can do. McAlpine's "Auld Scotch Sangs" are always encored. Miss Hart has many warm friends in every department of the University, and we are always delighted when she steps upon the platform. The hearty and persistent encores show the delight which Miss James always gives her audiences. Miss Woolverton's instrumental solo speaks much for the musical talent among our lady students. The editorial staff of "The Student" are to be congratulated on :

"This folio of four (?) pages : Happy work !
What is it but a map of busy life ?
Here rills of oily eloquence in soft
Meanders lubricate the course they take.
Cataracts of declamation thunder here,
While fields of pleasantry amuse us there,
With merry discants on a nation's woes."

No one who heard the earnest eloquence of our debaters could doubt for a moment that the future welfare of the nation depended upon the question under discussion. They gave us four *good* speeches. We were honored by having with us as judge of the debate the Hon. J. A. Boyd, Chancellor of Ontario, and we would have been delighted to have listened to a longer address from so eloquent a speaker.

THE exercises in celebration of Founder's Day were held on the evening of Friday, Dec. 20th, and were attended by larger numbers than those of any previous year. Our halls, usually very sober in appearance, assumed for the occasion a festive and variegated dress. Bunting, flags and lanterns tastefully arranged made the interior bright and pleasing to the eye. A varied programme furnished something interesting, amusing and instructive for mind and heart. In the dining-room at 8 p.m., Rev. P. K. Dayfoot, M.A., of Port Hope, delivered an oration on "The True Ideal in Education." After showing the imperfections of the educational ideals of the Greeks, Romans, and Chinese, he described what he conceived to be one true ideal. In Christ and His teaching are found this ideal. To the attainment of this ideal all branches of secular study, inasmuch as they contain truth, contribute, and in this ideal is found the answer to the questions of the philosophers, "Whence? How? Whither?" The frequent applause during the delivery of the address manifested the appreciation and pleasure which the audience felt. At the conclusion of the exercises in the chapel the audience adjourned to the halls, where a variety of programme and entertainment was presented. Guests were at perfect liberty to