

portionate return for the time and money expended in its acquirement.

In saying this, we are aware that judgment should not be passed upon an institution that has been in existence only six weeks. Time, no doubt, and experience will remedy deficiencies that are now so apparent, and we venture to predict that, in the course of time this preliminary term will evolve into something very profitable to the teaching body. At present, however, we must confess that the course is not what it should be. The time must be extended, and the series of lectures made more thorough and elaborate. Good results cannot be expected from a course of instruction in such subjects as Elocution, Orthoëpy, Phonography and Writing, when the term only lasts six weeks, with an hour's lecture sometimes only once a day; but give the present efficient staff adequate time for their different departments and we are sure the result will justify the most sanguine hopes of the originators of the course. We cannot close without referring briefly to the Principal of the Institute, Dr. McLellan, the lecturer on Psychology and Methods in Education. In his case also, the time allotted for his department was altogether too short. But, notwithstanding this, the benefit derived from his lectures has been incalculable in more ways than one. Not only did he furnish the minds of his listeners with the rudiments of psychology as applied to education in a lucid and interesting way, but, more than this by far: he instilled in them a love and enthusiasm for their future profession which, when brought to bear upon educational problems of the Province, will be felt throughout its length and breadth.

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We will publish, for the convenience of our subscribers among the undergrads, advertisements of boarding houses providing accommodation for them, and also notices by students advertising second-hand books. A nominal fee will be charged in such cases, the amount of which can be learned on application to the Business Manager.

The management of THE VARSITY begs to impress upon its readers the fact that the basis upon which the paper has been established necessitates the immediate payment of subscriptions. With each sample copy of the paper a blank form of order for the paper will be found, and after the last issue in October, THE VARSITY will be sent only to those who have returned the order with name and address to G. H. Ferguson, Room 5, Bank of Commerce Block, Spadina Avenue.

In filling the columns of our advertising pages the managers of THE VARSITY have endeavoured as far as possible to exercise a judicious selection. No firms will be found advertised in our columns except such as are in every sense first-class and reliable. We have everywhere met with the most flattering readiness to advertise in our journal, and we hope that our advertisers may find that the support they have thus given us is entirely reciprocated. We trust that the students will favour with their patronage those firms and, so far as may be, those only whose co-operation has enabled us to enter the literary arena afresh.

#### LEAVING PORT.

This is the Class poem of '90, and was read by the Class poet, H. A. Dwyer, at the Graduation banquet last spring:

Four years in the haven the ship has been fitting,  
Now the voyage-time comes and the anchor is weighed;  
Though the harbour's been snug, yet the time's come for fitting,  
And we sail out of port, all our colours displayed.  
Farewell! old times. Good-bye! old faces,  
The time has come to say good-bye.

We sail away gladly, we're searching for treasure,  
But the length of our voyage not one of us knows,  
And we cannot sail back to the old port of pleasure,  
There's no sea in the world where such magic wind blows.  
And so we'll mingle a little sadness  
Even with the hope of happy days.

They give us our orders now: Go! the world calls you,  
Active service you've waited for, now it is here,  
And there's no drawing back. On! whatever befalls you,  
You've no room on board ship for dishonour or fear.  
Ay, ay! we all answer, then shout to the helmsman:  
Firm hand or: the rudder there, steer us right onward.

#### CLIPPED FROM EXCHANGE COLUMNS.

WE regret much the decadence of our exchange list during year of silence. We take this earliest opportunity of thanking those who still continued to send us copies of their college journals and of apologizing for the absence of THE VARSITY from their exchange list. We shall be most happy to exchange again with all our old confederates, and will cordially welcome to the resuscitated scissors and paste that adorn our sanctum the productions of our fellow collegians. We intend shortly to issue exchange circulars, and hope that meanwhile the editors of college papers will forward them to us for exchange without further notice.

The Harvard *Crimson* writes as follows on the subject of "University Studies," a feature of College work receiving considerable attention at the present time. "Of late a considerable amount of monographic literature has been issued under the title of University Studies, which indicates a new conception of the functions of our educational institutions. These publications prove the Universities to be centres for the publication and distribution of the results of research work, and show that an increasing number of instructors as well as students, have the time and spirit to make valuable investigations. Such monographs supply in a measure, the place filled by the prize essays of the English Universities, although very little has yet been produced which equals the work of most of the York, Arnold, Prince Consort and other English prize essayists." Continuing, it makes this reference to our College and the work done here: "The University of Toronto, the leading institution of learning in Canada, has begun, under the direction of Professor W. J. Ashley, the publication of a similar series, each number of which is to be complete in itself. The first monograph upon the Ontario Township, by J. M. McEvoy, is valuable since it gives an insight into the local political system of Canada. The University also publishes a *Quarterly Review*, not unlike those at Harvard and Columbia, in which is discussed political and economic questions relating to the Dominion."