

ON the 29th of September a business meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association was held, and the following officers were elected for the term:—President, Miss Carey; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Elsie Dryden; Programme Committee, Miss Throop, Miss Stewart, Miss G. Jefferson.

A BUSINESS meeting of the "Heliconian" was called on the 29th of September, to appoint officers for the term. The following were elected:—President, Miss Edwards; Vice-President, Miss G. Jefferson; Secretary, Miss Bennett; Treasurer, Miss Nicholas; Editors, Miss G. MacGregor and Miss Edwards; Programme Committee, Miss E. MacGregor, Miss Elsie Dryden, and Miss Routley; Committee for *McMASTER MONTHLY*, Miss Putnam and Miss Duncan.

THE sermon to the students of Moulton College was preached on the 25th of September, in Bloor St. Baptist Church, by the Rev. C. A. Eaton. Mr. Eaton's sermon was based on 'the opening verses of the twelfth chapter of John's gospel, and the thoughts he left with us were both helpful and inspiring. He dwelt on the mission of woman in our modern life and society, and regretted that state of affairs which makes it necessary for women to compete with men in the commercial world. In the beginning the masculine side of God's nature was expressed in Adam, in his strength and dominion; while the feminine side of the Creator was displayed in the grace and purity and love of Eve. In Jesus Christ the two phases were united. It is man's place to struggle and to exercise dominion in the world, while it is woman's to put the ideal element into life and to elevate and beautify the commonplace. The woman to do this is the educated Christian woman.

THE first of our series of public lectures was given in the chapel on Friday evening, the 14th of October. Dr. Tracy, of the University of Toronto, presided, and introduced the lecturer of the evening, the Hon. G. W. Ross, LL.D., Minister of Education. The subject of the lecture was "Books and How to Read Them," and it was dealt with in a very definite manner. It was suggested that science should have a prominent place in our reading, and that every true Canadian should have some knowledge of the botany and geology of his own country. The benefit of historical reading, both ancient and modern, was extolled, while poetry and the best fiction were not forgotten. It was strongly urged that we should supplement our other reading by biographical reading. Perhaps the most helpful hint of the evening was, that in order to reap the greatest benefit and enjoyment, all reading should be systematic, and accompanied by the frequent use of dictionary, map and pen. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks to the Hon. Mr. Ross was moved by Mr. McMaster, seconded by Mr. Britnell. We were gratified at the good attendance of our friends, and hope that many will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending this course of lectures, which promises to be especially interesting. The next lecture will be held on the 11th of November, when Prof. Jones H. Farmer, B.A., of McMaster University, will speak on the "Advantages of Classical Study."