

Y. M. C. A.

The regular weekly meeting was held in Moss Hall on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. W. G. W. Fortune was the leader. He took for his subject Acts 26 : 28, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

Paul's question to Agrippa, "Believest thou the prophets?" shows us that one way in which the Spirit of God works is through His word. The speaker then went on to show the deadening harm that sin, when once it becomes master, acquires. We are to break away from it now, for indifference to it only strengthens its bonds. Keep in mind that "almost" is "not at all."

We have a very similar case when Paul was before Felix. Paul here showed that he was no respecter of persons. He did not fawn upon Felix after the manner of men. The truth he had to tell was too important for him to glose it over, and we see that Felix was convinced from the fact that he took no steps to punish Paul for his boldness. The unreasonableness of the man is brought out also. He had the way of life put plainly before him, he knew it was the right way, and yet he put it off till a more convenient season.

The Bishop of Algoma is to conduct the meeting next Thursday, and it is hoped the hall will be well filled.

The members of our College Y. M. C. A., and, in fact, all the students of University College, must congratulate themselves upon the evidently increasing interest taken in them by the citizens of Toronto. We take the liberal action of the ladies of Toronto in furnishing the new building of the Y. M. C. A. as a sign of awakened interest in the moral and social welfare of the students. Let us hope that this is only a beginning of a more general friendly intercourse between the citizens and ourselves. We have in this new hall a means of showing our city friends practically that we appreciate whatever kindness they may show us. It should become also a powerful medium for the diffusion of a wider and kindlier spirit of sociability and good fellowship which ought to exist in the greatest degree among the students themselves. The size and furnishing of the new hall make it suitable for holding various meetings, to the requirements of which neither Convocation Hall nor Moss Hall are adapted. It is to be hoped that the committee of management will grant the hall readily for such uses.

PERSONALS.

William Aikenhead, who was seriously injured at a fire in this city last week, was a member of the class of '83.

W. F. W. Creelman has been confined to his residence for some days past with an attack of low fever.

D. J. G. Wishart, B. A. '82, has hung out his M. D. sign at the corner of Yonge and Ann streets, city.

Prof. Hutton entertained very pleasantly the classical men of the different years, at his residence, on Saturday evening last.

E. J. McIntyre, B. A. '83, has been appointed Modern Language Master in St. Catharines Collegiate Institute.

F. H. Sykes, B. A. '84, is Modern Language Master in Port Perry High School.

R. U. MacPherson, B. A. '83, is second scholarship man at the second intermediate law examination.

H. L. Dunn, B. A. '82, is first scholarship man at the first intermediate Law Society examination.

John McBride, M. A., has given up Richmond Hill High School and teaching, to turn his attention to medicine.

T. A. Haultain has accepted the editorship of the *Educational Weekly*, vice John E. Bryant, resigned.

E. F. Gunther, B. A. '82, stands first in the last lot of barristers and solicitors.

W. H. Blake is now a member of the legal firm of Blake & Co.

Communications.

A NEW CLUB.

To the Editor of the VARSITY :

SIR,—While making some necessary researches in the alcoves of the Library shortly before the vacation, I dropped into the Ladies' Common Room (of course I would not have dared to do so had it not been vacant at the time, being of a modest, not to say bashful, disposition), and the first thing that met my eye was a document not yet begrimed by the dust of years, but bearing as recent a date as 1885. I unfolded it and read, and for the benefit of my fellow undergraduates, I shall transcribe it *parola per parola* :

"RULES OF THE RECLUSE CLUB."

1. "The object of the club shall be disdain of undergraduates of the other sex.

2. "Any member of the Club seen speaking to, or walking with, "any of the gentlemen undergraduates, within the College Halls, "or on the lawn, or within the enclosure of the grounds, shall be "subjected to the discipline of the Club as soon as any member "shall have laid a complaint before the President of the Club.

3. "No member shall be allowed to walk through the Halls to "take down a list of her Lectures, or for any other such purpose, "unaccompanied by the Matron."

You thus see that the rules are few in number but severe, falling much more heavily, however, on some members than on others, as I understand some of them were at one time, and even yet, very much inclined to *faire la coquette*.

The most ardent spirits in the new Club are those of the higher years, those who have recently matriculated not having yet inured to the strictness of recluse life.

MUGWUMP.

[Well, Mugwump, what are you going to do about it?—ED.]

"THE NEW PROTESTANTISM."

To the Editor of the VARSITY.

SIR,—I have not yet quite read through the last VARSITY, but write now to commend the article on "The New Protestantism," and to promise the writer as strong support as he may wish. I have long been burning with a secret fire on that very matter of the worse than uselessness of theological dogmas. In the tone of an article which I have lying by me there is not only a protest against theological inanities, but the suggestion and assertion of something more positive, far more in accord, I think, with modern science and its methods than Drummond's "Natural Law." I occasionally emerge from a notion of routine to consider what I call a "mysterious physico-moral law divine," which is an attempt to study God's will in nature's laws.

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To the Editor of the VARSITY :

SIR :—As a member of Wycliffe College Council, I desire to say a few words by way of protest against the sweeping assertions which, in the last number of the VARSITY, Mr. Stevenson makes in regard to such a Theological School as I may, in this case, represent. He says :—

"The inertia of the clerical body is the great hindrance to the march of truth in our day. Their peculiar and special education has been too largely one of error to admit of a speedy reform.

"Truth is one, but theological colleges are many. It is quite an open question whether the modern world is the better or worse for the infinite number of rival denominational institutions that cover it. . . . For the greater part it is not education but instruction which is imparted at these colleges. . . . Ordinary theological training does not develop. It contracts and narrows men. . .