

## THE PLUG.

THE "plug" is a pernicious example of the perversion of instincts and abilities naturally good to the worst of uses. A common type is that of a student, by temperament industrious, and perhaps endowed with sufficient doggedness and perseverance to have won him success in the highest of college pursuits, it may be even in athletics, who, by the ill-advised encouragement of narrow-minded teachers and professors, has been led to divert to the inglorious end of absorbing the contents of musty books those natural qualifications which might, properly applied, have won him a place in track athletics, or on the "firsts" in Rugby. Possibly of powerful physique, he considers not the chief end of a rugged constitution. Those brawny limbs which might better have lent grace to a rugby suit, are twisted up beneath a chair in the library. Those strong arms are devoted to carrying a load of text-books; while that nose, which a nose-protector might well have ornamented, boasts now no prouder decoration than a pair of spectacles! Failing to recognize that it is his first duty to attend all the games, acquire a connoisseur's knowledge of pool, an expert's judgment in cigarettes, and a habitue's acquaintance with Caer Howell, in his short-sighted perversity he persists in ignoring that grand ideal of a university man which is fast gaining general favor—whose merits are now acknowledged by all, excepting, perhaps, a few old fogies whose opinion no one regards anyway, the ideal which portrays a finished gentleman who knows all the latest slang, all the college yells, all the brands of cigarettes, brief snatches of songs from the newest operas, and the fine points of theoretical football, and whose favorite topics are pool, theatres and the odds on the next game—thus reprehensibly ignoring the first aim of a college career, the "plug" continues to plod along that tedious path said to lead to an old-fashioned goal, knowledge, which, though said to have been valued rather highly by some of our ancestors, we, in these enlightened days, have no excuse for over-estimating. To such an unfortunate as we have depicted, the delights of a Monday matinee make no appeal; the pleasures of "sticking" a Freshman at pool present no charm; and even the fierce excitement of ping-pong at the Y.M.C.A. fails to entice him from a comfortable armchair by a grate fire, a green-shaded lamp, and a well-thumbed book. We are glad to say that the number of these "plugs" are few, and they promise soon to become an extinct species. Most of us have already learned that our parents' highest ambition is that we may acquire here the latest "wrinkles" in trousers and neckties, that our sisters expect us to bring them home the most up-to-date slang, and the neighborhood in general awaits the return of a "dead-game sport."

## SPECTACLES.

## MEDICAL HALLOWEEN REUNION.

THE students in Medicine celebrated their Halloween as usual in the rooms of the Students' Union, combining the election of officers on the Dinner Committee and of representatives to the dinners of sister colleges with the happy time brought by a good concert with a good supper to follow.

At 6 o'clock the voting began, and from that to 8 o'clock things were pretty lively. Luckless the man who did not have his mind made up. He was canvassed and coaxed until he had no idea of where he was at. Agents helped voters off with their overcoats, saw that smokes were provided, if desired, and made themselves so agreeable that it was hard to have to go away up stairs and leave them, but all things have an end and so the concert began.

This was given by home talent exclusively. McLeod sang an old favorite and Biggar followed with a capital sailor song, after which he sang "The History of Jonah and His Whale."

Merritt, Wilson and Schlichter sang a trio in fine style, but failed to respond to an encore for want of something else to

sing. Later in the evening the Wilson brothers, Schlichter and Cascadden, in the garb of a prima donna, sang a comic quartette. They had to repeat this, as Schlichter in his short skirt and red waist, as star contralto, had divided honors with Cascadden, and the boys wanted more. Geo. Wilson, McLaughlin, Schlichter, Merritt and Cameron sang a medley of old songs, and Hardy played a piano solo with a strong bass part and accompanied all the rest besides, while Yim told a hair-raising Chinese ghost story.

The piece-de-resistance was a talk upon celebrities of medicine from Hippocrates to the present, by Professor Reeve, Dean of the Faculty. Stereopticon projections from paintings and photographs were used to add interest, but Hippocrates and Galen had neglected to sit for their pictures. Someone guessed at Galen, however, and gave him a face very much like that of Professor Bruce. Simpson, of chloroform fame, was Schlichter plus a lot of hair, Wm. Hunter was the image of Biggar, Lister would pass for Brodreckt's uncle, and the handsome Donders was not compared.

Vice-President McComb who had presided thus far gave way to President Wilson, who announced the results of the election. Foster is to be president of the Dinner Committee with Ferguson and Gowland as first and second vice.

Ross goes to McGill, Sweeney to Queen's, Sutherland to Bishops', Robb to Osgoode, Kneister to London, Webb to S.P.S., Gilmore to Trinity, Whitmore to Victoria and Hore to the O.C.P. Clarke gives the ladies' toast and Stewart the toast of the Freshmen. Everybody then went down to the gymnasium and partook of the good things provided by the Dean. The lunch was good and so were the speeches. Professor Primrose and McKenzie, Dr. Rudolf and the Dean himself, all had something pleasant to say, and Professor McCallum only escaped by leaving before the fun was over. With the "National Anthem" the celebration was over and the party left for home about 11 o'clock.

## Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

The three Bible classes are being well attended, but there is still room for more.

Mr. W. H. Henderson has been elected First Year Councillor on the Executive Committee.

A very strong list of speakers has been secured for November and December. A card announcing these meetings will be issued this week.

The ping-pong table is almost always in use, and many strong players are developing. The Rooms Committee announce that a ping-pong tournament will commence in a short time.

Rev. Mr. Gandier speaks on "Student Responsibilities" at this week's meeting. Without doubt, a full hall will greet Mr. Gandier. A week from Thursday, Prof. Wrong speaks on "Student Virtues and Student Vices."

The usual large crowd greeted Rev. A. L. Geggie on Thursday afternoon, when, in his own original and pointed way, he addressed the Association on "Student Opportunities." Mr. Geggie's talks are always suggestive and stimulating.

The Boys' Club work has been commenced in "the ward," and it is hoped that east of the Don similar efforts may be begun shortly. Any man who would like to give a night a week to this work should communicate with the City Mission Committee or the General Secretary.