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An explanation seems to be due to our readers concerning the presence of the Prize List in these columns. It will, perhaps, be considered a useless superfluity by some, while others again may feel aggrieved at being presented with such dry reading. We deny that its insertion is superfluous, while we agree that just now it may be rather dry. But we ask our readers to recollect that THE TIMES is written not merely for their benefit in the present, but for years to come also. True, the official prize lists were given out at Prize Day, but how long does one keep such a list? Just about long enough, generally, to glance through it and see whose names are in it; then it is laid aside as useless. Some there are, perhaps, who treat a copy of THE TIMES in much the same way; they read all that is in it and then throw it away, or carelessly leave it where it will get destroyed. If there be such among our readers we advise them to take better care of the paper. Let them think what pleasure it may afford them at some future day. What pleasant reminiscences of old times at U. C. C. will be conjured up by the sight of the old College journal among their other books. Or, perhaps, turning up in some out of the way place, where it has been laid away and forgotten until circumstances bring it before their eyes again,

years, it may be, after they have left College. On account of its large dimensions we have to omit a list of the winners of examination prizes from these pages. But, we think, we have given a fairly complete list of those who won the principal prizes, and that must suffice.

There was a time when we had a very fair library. The boys were able to get good books to read just for the asking. Two sixth form boys were appointed librarians annually, whose duty it was to look after the distribution of books. These appointments became at last merely a matter of form, not because the boys did not want to read good books, but because no catalogue was put in a convenient place. Not ten per cent. of the boys knew who the librarians were, and what books there were to be had were mostly books of reference. Latterly no librarians have been appointed, and practically no library has existed at all.

The reading of literature should form an important part in everyone's education; all ought to know something of Scott and Dickens, and there is no boy who would not be interested in the stories of Fenimore Cooper, Kingston, and all other boy authors.

A school library is the only way to supply the boarders with books, because they cannot bring a large supply from home, and they have not the advantages of day boys in getting them from Public Libraries. If boys can't read good books they will read bad ones, and it is impossible to say how many dime novels and like trash have not been surreptitiously smuggled into the College. A school library composed of good novels and stories especially for boys is the only cure. Not much expense need be incurred in making one, for sixty well-selected books would be amply sufficient to form the nucleus of a good library, and those boys wishing to make use of it might be charged 10 cents, or so, annually. It is to be hoped that some steps will be taken in the near future to carry out these suggestions.