

THE death of Professor Jowett, which occurred on the 1st of October, has removed one of the leading classical scholars of the age. Born in 1817, he entered Balliol College, at Oxford, at an early age. From that time his whole life was connected with that institution. He was master of Balliol for many years before his death. His was a familiar name to us long ago, for at the wicket of the old University library, before the fire, we used to hand in our ticket many a time for "Jowett's Plato." His translations were not as literal as we would have liked them, but he told us what Plato meant better than Plato himself.

*The 'Varsity* has entered upon another year of its journalistic career. Its hopes are bright; its tone modest, but clear and true. Its editorial columns breathe a spirit at once more lofty and more liberal than we have discerned there before. It makes no excuse, as *The 'Varsity* in the past has too often been tempted to do, for the baser side of college life seen at convocations and public debates. When the representative organ of the undergraduate body maintains a standpoint truly collegiate and independent of traditions and internal divisions, we need have no fear for the honor of undergraduate life in our great University. We extend to *The 'Varsity* our heartiest good wishes.

Pre-eminently, the most important undergraduate organization in the University is the Young Men's Christian Association. Its aim is three-fold: to bring the students to Christ; to guard and develop them in Christian life in college; and to lead men to devote their lives to Christ's service. The work during the present fall is being conducted with great earnestness. The reception given to the new students early in the term was one of the most successful held for many years. A large number of the members have formed themselves into groups for doing personal work among their fellow-students, and for united study of the Bible along this particular line. The regular Thursday afternoon meeting has been turned into a general devotional Bible class, conducted by the general secretary, Mr. Williamson. Every Sunday, at 3 p.m., a meeting is held, at which the students have an opportunity of hearing the leading Christian scholars and workers of the city. Class prayer-meetings are held during the week at 8.30 a.m. The association is not a mere Christian club, as many have thought. It is essentially aggressive. The great work which has been committed to its members is that of holding up Christ before their fellow-students, and claiming for Him their allegiance. One of the greatest hindrances to this work is found in the indifference of many who should be thoroughly in sympathy with the association. The same spirit which Carey encountered a hundred years ago is not yet gone from among those who profess to follow Christ, and there are many Christian men in the University to-day who are saying: "If God wishes to convert the students, He can do it without our help."