

Around the Hall

[Notes of College Life, by Wm. J. Cameron]

"There's a chiel amang ye takin' notes," so Robert Burns once wrote. The writer of this article occupies that position, but some months yield him more material for his pen than others. October is always a noteworthy month, however, as it always brings round Hallowe'en, when "Sprites and witches hold high revel."

The ladies' auxiliary of the College, although always mindful of the students, never fail to make Hallowe'en specially memorable. As our hostesses, they entertain us on that night in a lavish manner. Then we revive some of the old-time customs, even to the "dookin" for apples. Our social this month, however, happened to take place on the same evening as the Rev. Wm. Scott's ordination and designation to missionary work in Korea. As a result, our programme of music and games was abandoned. Principal Mackay and Dr. Pidgeon briefly addressed us. Mrs. McNaughton, the capable President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, followed in her accustomed kind and sympathetic manner, and Mr. Wallace voiced our thanks. Our College Quartette then gathered around the piano, and had an appreciative audience. Later we increased their numbers and sang, as only students can, some patriotic songs, one or two of them being composed by our fellow-student, Mr. Robert Fry. Thereafter we formed into line and marched to the ordination service.

The second meeting of the Literary Society took the form of a "Hat night," and was most enjoyable. We hope the "hat" will again be produced—not for a collection, but for those slips of paper bearing subjects which afford amusement, and tax our powers of speech.

On a recent Sabbath morning we had a most helpful discussion of "*Mysticism*," the subject being introduced by Mr. Wallace. Such devotional half-hours are a good beginning for the worship of the day.

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We have had sent to us a copy of the *Presbyterian* (Toronto) containing a report under "Pacific Observations by J. R. R." of the closing exercises of Westminster Hall, in which it is stated that Rev. R. Van Munster was the first to receive the degree of B. D. from the College. We are asked "What about John McNeill?"

Doubtless others also noticed this mistake of our contemporary's correspondent. The first "B. D." of Westminster Hall was Rev. John T. McNeill (1912) who was not only one of the best of its students, but one of the finest of its men. If all goes well, Mr. McNeill will return to the Coast next year and take up work as a lecturer at Westminster Hall.