

BYSTANDER.

We have now reached the worst part of the whole session,—the month immediately before exams. Until the second week in March, or thereabouts, nearly every student who is interested in his work can study for the love of it with a pure desire for "sweetness and light," leaving exams pretty much to take care of themselves. If there has been a favorite line of work and reading, we have been able to turn special attention to it and really strive to master it without any thought of eternal reward, the thought of April only intruding itself at times as a disturbing element. Now all is changed. Even the best students are seen nervously looking over old papers and synopsisizing their work with a view to the final cram. Honour students in those courses which require a great deal of reading are skipping classes wholesale in order to read up back work and glance over books read last session or before Christmas. Good working illustrative lines from Wordsworth and Browning are being committed to memory, critical forms of expression that will look well on the paper are being prepared for emergencies, and the sublimest thoughts of "Sartor Resartus" are being coldly condensed and systematized with a view to seventy-five per cent. in the finals. Senior Philosophy men are anxiously comparing notes concerning Mills' Theory of a Belief in an External World, and devoutly praying for inspiration on the subjects of Free Will, Utilitarianism and Evolution. The Divinities are even half ashamed to read their bibles on Sunday, since after reading them all the week with an eye to possible exam. questions it is difficult to change the point of view all at once when the seventh day comes round. *Vanitas vanitatum, et omnia vanitas!* When will this system be changed?

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Y. M. C. A.

Last Friday afternoon the organ from Convocation Hall made its first appearance in the English class-room. The Principal has kindly given the Association permission to use the organ for the remainder of this session, and it will no doubt add greatly to the heartiness of the song service. It is to be hoped that the prompt action of the new devotional com-

mittee in thus carrying out one of the suggestions of their predecessors regarding the musical part of our meetings is an earnest of the good work yet to be done by all the committees for the ensuing year.

J. L. Millar, '93, was leader of Friday's meeting. After his address on the topic, "What lack I yet?" that most appropriate hymn, "Give Me Thine Heart," was sung as a quartette. At the close of the regular meeting, the adjourned annual business meeting convened, and the retiring President, Vice-President and Treasurer presented their reports.

THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL. ELECTIONS.

The Council consists of the Chancellor, the Trustees, the Senate and forty-eight elective members. Of the elective members, eight retire annually. This year, six of those who retired were re-elected; two new members were elected, and a ninth—added to the Council on account of the appointment of Dr. Knight as a Professor—was also elected. There are five vacancies still, and these will be filled at the annual meeting on April 25th. Dr. Spankie, of Wolfe Island, will undoubtedly be one of these and Rev. Dr. McDonald, of St. Agnes de Dundee, another; for these missed being elected last week by only one or two votes.

All graduates are entitled to vote, but the Registrar does not send voting papers to those who did not return them in former years, nor to any of whose address he is not certain. Every graduate who sends his address to the Registrar in January or February is sure of having a voting paper sent to him in March. We give the names of the nine elected this year, in alphabetical order:—

George Bell, B.A., Toronto.
J. D. Boyd, B.A., Kingston.
C. J. Cameron, M.A., Brockville.
R. M. Dennistoun, B.A., Peterborough.
John Hay, B.D., Cobourg.
P. C. McGregor, B.A., Almonte.
J. McIntyre, M.A., Q.C., Kingston.
H. J. Saunders, M.D., Kingston.
J. J. Wright, B.A., Lyn.

Mr. John McIntyre as usual came in at the head of the poll, with over sixty votes to his credit.