

necessary to its enjoyment has been exhausted in acquiring it, when the best years of life are gone, when the talents or gifts of heart and brain have been stunted or warped by long disuse? Why struggle to gratify ambition, when the only true ambition is to be many-sided and perfectly developed.

Come around me again, my books, ye who, as many tell me, are of no practical value. Come around me again my friends of old time, by whose pleasing company and instruction my eyes were first opened to a world of beauty formerly unknown and to mysteries never to be solved; ye, in whose guidance we trusted in the dark days of perplexity, and who have never led us astray. What comfort have we not drawn from you when the troubles which assail even youth came upon us, and when first we realized what solitude means. Hours of joy, hours of sorrow, hours of peace, hours of trouble, in all of these ye have been with me; and, please God, in many more such shall ye cheer or sober me.

Ah, profession! you have nothing to offer that can compare with these. Hours of drudgery, hours of toil, blessed only if there be some relaxation in which former pursuits may be indulged with increased zest. But no, you demand too much fixed attention, all the energy of the best years of life; there is left no time for the pleasures which we would fain enjoy. I see your set determined face, you know too well that some day I will be your victim. True, but may that day be long postponed, so while I may, your image shall be kept well out of mind.

"Carpe diem": I will. Some may call me dilettante, others impractical, or what you will; I am content. Life is the sum of little moments, and we will do well to take the advice of Horace and fill up the measure of every present moment to the full; none of these can be missed without loss. Life is not a series of stationary points, the intervals being only of value in proportion as they contribute to make the next halting place more pleasant. "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof," is true in this sense at least. Why should I, an undergraduate, look forward to my degree eagerly and expectantly. Is a degree or a profession the object of university life? I think not, or else why distinguish between a university and training schools. Perhaps, after all, university life is worth living for its own sake, and for the sake of that foretaste which it gives us of a companionship that will never leave us in life.

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

The management of the Y. M. C. A. are making things pretty lively in that institution for this year. After the shaking up which J. R. Mott gave us last winter we have been looking for results; and signs of the "good time coming" are already apparent. The morning meetings are being well attended, and the gathering at the first regular meeting on Thursday afternoon last is said to have been the largest at any first meeting for years past. One of the hopeful signs of the meeting was the number of first year men present; and the interest they are taking in the work augurs well for the future.

It is proposed to have two meetings per week throughout this year—on Thursdays as usual, and on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. The former will be taken up with a Bible study in the life of Christ; the latter are especially intended to enlist the sympathy and secure the support of non-members for the Y. M. C. A. and the cause which it represents. We hope that many of the students will be able to take advantage of these opportunities.

Mr. F. B. Allan, '93, has been appointed fellow in Chemistry. Mr. Allan's course as an undergraduate was a distinguished one, a fact which augurs well for his success in his present position.

#### MASS MEETING.

An enthusiastic mass meeting of the students, held last Friday afternoon, affords a clear indication of the increased interest manifested by the undergraduates in that most important department of University life, physical culture. Before this meeting was laid the report of the old gymnasium committee, who now go out of office, giving place to the Board of Directors elected last spring to assume the management of gymnasium matters. The financial report as read by the President of the Committee, Mr. J. D. Webster, met with a reception which reflected the greatest credit on the retiring officers for the conscientious manner in which they have discharged their arduous and thankless duties. The following figures show the present financial position of gymnasium affairs:—

Total receipts.....	\$2,356.50
Total expenditure.....	2,333.75

Balance on hand.....	\$22.75
Due Nov. 15th, Balance of \$770 on apparatus.	
\$1,000 borrowed from the Bank of Commerce.	

Rousing speeches from Dr. Gilbert Gordon, Dr. W. P. Thomson and K. D. W. McMillan went far toward convincing the students that they are morally responsible for the payment of the considerable balance still due.

#### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

There have been many gloomy predictions concerning this year's Association football club. No less than five of last year's players are off the team and it was thought to be impossible to fill their places. However, a number of new players have been showing up splendidly in the practices and Captain Linglebach is confident that the team will be as strong as ever. For the second team there is a host to choose from and there is no reason why they should not win the intermediate championship. The senior schedule has been arranged as follows:—

Oct. 14th—Gorevales vs. Varsity

Oct. 21st—Scots vs. Varsity.

Oct. 28th—Torontos vs. Varsity

The first team has not yet been selected, but will probably be chosen from the following players:—Sims, Burnett, Stuart, Taylor, McArthur, Godbolt, Forrester, Campbell, Sheppard, McKay, Roxborough, Linglebach, Buckingham, McDonald.

All matches will be played on the lawn.

#### RUGBY.

Everything points to a season of unprecedented success for the Rugby men. Each afternoon the west side of the lawn is alive with three or four dozen athletes clad in highly variegated jerseys. It is the intention of the Committee to place three fifteens in the field. Varsity has received many valuable acquisitions from Upper Canada and Bishop Ridley.

The first team play the winners of Ottawa College and Queen's at Ottawa or Kingston on Oct. 21st. On the 28th the return match will be played on the lawn.

Dr. Bowdler Sharpe suggested in a recent lecture on the geographical distribution of birds, before the Royal Institution of London, that there was once a great continent with its centre at the South Pole, now submerged under 2,000 fathoms of ocean. It embraced, he said, South America, Madagascar, Mauritius, New Zealand and Australia; and thus is explained the existence of the cognate struthious birds that now exist, or once existed, in those countries.