

THE MEDICAL DINNER.

As announced in last week's VARSITY, the election of officers for the University Medical College dinner was held on Tuesday, Nov. 4, in the east lecture-room, with Mr. Green in the chair. There was a very large attendance of students and great interest was taken in the result. Before the election was proceeded with every candidate was obliged to make a speech, in which each showed himself off to the best of his ability, and, as each man finished, a street piano, engaged for the occasion by a few of the mirth-loving students, made things interesting until the next victim made his appearance. Speeches over, the voting began and lasted for some considerable time, Messrs. Massie, Wilson and McNab being appointed scrutineers. While the voting proceeded the students enjoyed themselves in the reading-room, dancing to the charming music of the street organ (which had been moved to the seat of action), the pauses being filled in with songs and recitations.

Finally the results of the voting were announced as follows:—

Chairman	{ Webster	124
	{ Barnhart	99
1st Vice-President..	{ Moss	99
	{ Gowland	126
2nd Vice-President.	{ Wakefield.....	104
	{ Coleman	99
	{ Austin	32
Ladies' Toast.....	{ Smuck	99
	{ McGarry	128
Freshman's Toast..	{ Ferris	40
	{ Alexander.....	23
Undergrads' Toast...	T. E. Bennett.	
Graduates' Toast....	Dr. Barker.	

On the second ballot for the 2nd Vice-President, Theo. Coleman received 78 votes and Wakefield 67, Theo. being elected.

The Committee men from the various years elected are: 4th Year—J. Watson, J. Wasley, O. Yeder; 3rd Year—S. McCoy, J. A. C. Grant, — Crawford; 2nd Year—McKenzie, Alway, McNaughton.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me space for a few comments re "Medals and Scholarships":—

You successfully disposed of the sophistical reasoning that Mr. Kerswill and I were equal at last examination. Any one conversant with past awards knows that Mental and Moral Philosophy was considered the group in those awards. Even taking it Prof. Baldwin's way, three first-class honors come to me, and two firsts and one second to Mr. Kerswill.

I am surprised that Prof. Baldwin brings up the "actual attendance" clause. Before the award was made I laid before him the interpretation of one, than whose there is none higher in the Council, to the effect that the clause could have no reference to me, but was directed only against the students of other colleges competing for our medals.

What else means the quasi-explanatory clause in your published sec. 5: "... medals are open for competition among the students in actual attendance in the college. The other federated colleges have similar limitations and would not award one of their prizes to a University student not ranking among their own alumni?" Even allowing it Prof. Baldwin's interpretation, precedent would overthrow it, as you have pointed out. How can it be said, then, that I did "not comply with the conditions"? Is it fair to institute a new departure at my expense?

The question, "What does attendance at lectures mean?" may well be put. What did it mean when I

offered to furnish evidence that Prof. Baldwin's leading students had not attended a-half dozen lectures Easter Term?

I agree with you, that such awards should be carefully made owing to their ulterior effects. Years will bury this discussion and Mr. Kerswill will be ranked as medallist. I asked for, but was not allowed, even a testimonial to the effect that I took first place at the examination. Why not allowed? Because it would effect the value of the medal to its holder. Is that justice? Need we other testimony? If so, ask the Philosophy Class of '90. Even to Mr. Kerswill, they will tell you that they thought I fairly won the medal.

I hope that this discussion may, at least, induce the University authorities to grant me a testimonial as desired above.

Yours,

Port Royal, Oct. 20.

A. L. McCORMON.

EXCHANGES.

The *Sunbeam* is a cheerful weekly emanating from the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby. As it penetrates the obscurity of our sanctum we feel dazzled by its brilliancy; and it dispenses a flood of literary light over our exchange department. The absence of a sporting column is to us the most conspicuous. The current number contains an interesting and instructive panegyric on Cardinal Newman.

We congratulate Victoria University upon having such a well-edited journal as the *Acta Victoriana*. We are at the same time sorry to observe the displeasure evinced in its columns at the recent ruling of the courts in regard to the destiny of Victoria. Under the mellow influence of federation her future should be even more bright and honorable than her past, and we know of no reason which leads us to believe that either Victoria or her college journalism will suffer from the change which will soon place her in a filial relation to Toronto University.

The current number of the Ottawa College *Owl* contains an article on the subject of "The Influence of the Iliad on Art," which is both able and interesting. The writer has handled his subject in a masterly manner, every line reminding us of Lessing's celebrated treatise of pleasant memory. A glance over the columns of the journal compels us to conclude that the *Owl* is one of our best exchanges. Its literary standard is away above the average of a college monthly, and every department bears evidence of being carefully and ably edited. Many of our monthly exchanges might derive much benefit from a perusal of the *Owl*, and, by a careful attention to its periodical screeching, might attain to a much higher degree of excellence than some of them at present possess.

COLLEGE WORLD.

Vassar distributes over \$7,000 every year among her students.

The President of the Pekin University is translating Shakespeare's works into Chinese.

The University of Pennsylvania is now building a \$75,000 theatre for the use of the students.

English Seniors at Dartmouth are required to make fifteen minute speeches extempore instead of taking examinations.

The use of tobacco in any form is prohibited in the University of the Pacific at San Jose, Cal., and applicants who use it are denied admission.

Statistics show that the 94 universities of Europe have 1,723 more professors and 41,814 more students than the 360 universities of the United States.