

## CORRESPONDENCE.

MONTREAL, December 7th, 1900.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY,

SIR,—I have just read, in your issue for the current week, the Address recently delivered by Hon. S. H. Blake, Q.C., on the "Ideal of our National University." In other articles inserted in the same number, by such contributors as Mr. Goldwin Smith, Principal Caven, and Principal Sheraton, the reference is not to the "National" but to the "Provincial" University.

This verbal discrepancy leads me to invite your readers to ponder the true inwardness of Mr. Blake's statement that "while the University of Toronto has of graduates teaching in High Schools, 283, Trinity College has 13, and McGill has 1."

The italics are mine. Let all possible credit be given to the solitary McGill man who has succeeded in forcing his way into the fastnesses which the Ontario Education Department guards so jealously from foreign intrusion. The other McGill graduates are probably more profitably employed in other operations. But is there not some inconsistency on the part of Mr. Blake? Is it open to him, or to anyone else, to speak in one and the same breath of a "National" University and to plume himself on what is obviously a mark of the narrowest provincialism?

Yours faithfully,  
"MCGILL."

## THE RUGBY DANCE.

The University of Toronto Athletic Association held their annual At Home on Friday, December 7, in the Gymnasium building, and as usual it was a decided success. The gym. was prettily decorated with bunting and flags, and Varsity colors draped the running-track upstairs, which made a commodious sitting-out place for those who wished to watch the dancing. Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Ramsey Wright and Mr. Geo. W. Ross received the guests as they entered, and soon after the arrival of the Government party about 9 o'clock, the quadrille of honor was danced, those who took part in the official set being: Miss Mowat and Mr. G. W. Ross, Mrs. Baker and Mr. J. A. Jackson, Mrs. Sweney and Mr. Sidney Band, A.D.C., Mrs. Fred. Mowat and Prof. Hutton, Mrs. Moss and Prof. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. Ramsay Wright and Mr. V. E. Henderson, Mrs. Hutton and Mr. F. H. Wood, Miss Blair and Mr. E. P. Brown, Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. F. H. Jackson, and Mrs. Henderson and Mr. G. M. Bertram.

The floor, which is all that could be desired for dancing, was not over-crowded as in past years, the directorate having prevented this by limiting the number of tickets to be sold. A large orchestra under Glionna supplied excellent music for the evening and gladdened the hearts of the dancers by the willingness with which they responded to the call for encores. Upstairs in the Students' Union, ample preparation had been made for refreshments, and after 11 o'clock a sumptuous supper was served by attentive waiters at prettily decorated tables placed throughout the room. Nothing, in short, was overlooked which might add to the pleasure of those present, and judging from the happy faces of everyone, these efforts had not been without good result. It was a most charming scene for the onlooker to view from the gallery the pretty and handsomely gowned young ladies guided through the mazes of the waltz and two-step by their enthusiastic partners. In connection with the event there is only one thing to be regretted, and that is the fact that some students were forced to remain away because

they could not secure any of the limited number of tickets that had been issued.

The committee in charge did not anticipate that there would be such a demand for tickets among the students as there was.

## WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

Victory perched upon the banners of Wycliffe in the debate with Victoria University on Friday evening last. As intimated last week, the subject of this, the third of the series in the Inter-College Union was, "Resolved, that China should not be dismembered." The whole debate was most interesting and well fought out, reflecting great credit on the effort and ability of the participants. However, the convincing logic and irresistible eloquence of Messrs. Wilson and Armstrong proved their superiority to the arguments of their opponents. The judges gave a unanimous decision in favor of the Affirmative.

There are few buildings, if indeed any, in the city, so well fitted up to meet the conveniences and comforts of its residents as is the college. The latest improvement now under consideration is to replace the present system of gas lighting in the different dormitories by the general introduction of the more modern incandescent gas lamp, which is especially adapted to student work. The speedy consummation of such a project would be heartily welcomed by the men.

The College has long felt the desirability and the need of having a mail box in closer proximity to the building than has hitherto been the case. That need has now been supplied, largely owing to the indefatigable efforts of the Dean, and the gentle but telling suasion brought to bear on the central authorities by the Principal, for all of which kindnesses the fellows are deeply grateful.

We regret sincerely having to record the serious illness of one of our staff, Professor Dyson Hague. On behalf of all the students we extend to him our deepest sympathy and express the hope that he may soon be restored to health and active work once more.

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

Prof. McFadyen of Knox College will deliver the last of this term's series of University sermons in the Students' Union, Sunday, Dec. 16 at 3.30 p.m. Keep that hour to hear him. He has something to say to every undergraduate.

The text book announced for next term for Mission Study is "Protestant Missions in South America." The books for the class will be ordered this term, so as to be ready as soon as we return after the holidays. See that your name is on the list.

Mr. Frost, of the China inland mission, addressed our Thursday meeting on "Joseph as a type of Jesus." There were forty men out to hear him.

It may be of interest to many readers of VARSITY to know that two bands of men are being formed among the colleges to conduct one week's evangelistic work in the holidays. There are five men in each band. One will work in Port Colborne, the other in Waterford in connection with the churches in those places. Our own College and Association is represented in this work.

A young man home from college wishing to inspire his little sister with awe for his learning, pointed to a star and said: "Sis, do you see that bright little luminary? It's bigger than this whole world." No, taint," said Sis. "Yes, it is," declared the young collegian. "Then why don't it keep off the rain?" was the triumphant rejoinder. —Spare Moments.