

The students who attended the conversat. would like to know where Prof. Nicholson delivered his "most interesting lecturette." When interviewed the Prof. could not recollect his having given any.

We note with pleasure that a suggestion in a recent JOURNAL has fallen into good ground and brought forth much fruit. Mr. J. S. Shortt is to be in the library from 10 to 12 a.m. the Saturdays on which our librarian is compelled to be away.

We observed last week that the notice of the A.M.S. regular meeting was not posted up till Friday. We would suggest that our honoured secretary and his assistant take a day off and read art. 8, sec. 2, of the A.M.S. constitution.

Oh where, oh where has our *critic* gone?
Oh where, oh where can he be?

Moved by Mr. —, seconded by Mr. —, that the *critic* be requested to report at the regular meeting of the A.M.S on Jan. 23rd.

The usual Y. W. C. A. prayer meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, when Miss Leitch gave an intensely interesting address on her work in Ceylon. She made an earnest appeal to those present to come over and help her.

EXCHANGES.

DECEMBER *Acta Victoriana* is not as good as usual. Like most of our exchanges for this month it has an article on Lowell, which tells us nothing either new or interesting.

The *Sunbeam* is bright and interesting, and a credit to the young ladies who run it. The "Otherwise" column is good, the hits being all connected with College life, and yet such as an outsider can understand.

Trinity University Review for December is excellent. One of its special features is that it gives summaries of the University Extension Lectures, given by the Professors of Trinity, a feature which our own JOURNAL would do well to copy. Professor Clarke's recent lectures here have drawn Trinity nearer to us.

We had intended to notice in this number the last three issues of the *Varsity*, but someone has managed to abstract them from the sanctum, and we can only say that they were

as usual very good. We might hint that the editorial writers would do well to curtail their sentences. In the last three numbers we have had one of two hundred and seven words, another of over one hundred, and a third of one hundred and fifty-three. As Artemus Ward said to the seventeen Mormon widows: "This is too much."

We question whether many read the exchange column in our own JOURNAL or in our exchanges, but sometimes they miss something by not doing so. Thus, the only interesting page in the January number of the *Niagara Index* is that having to do with exchanges. Its brutal but apparently justified abuse of two contemporaries is refreshing.

When *Notre Dame Scholastic* treats of such themes as "Newman and Wiseman as Novelists," it does it very well indeed, but it manifests too great a tendency towards such stock subjects as "The Elegy in English," and its essays on such topics are nearly always a collection of pompous platitudes. It is slightly pedantic to talk of "Milton's Lycidas, Gray's Elegy in a Country Churchyard, Tennyson's In Memoriam, Shelley's Adonais." There may be students who do not know the authors of these poems, but they do not read literary essays. Surely, too, a more suitable adjective than "pleasing" could be found for these poems. "The Bishop's Chair" is a charmingly told short story. The plot is nothing, but the telling is perfect. *Notre Dame* is to be congratulated on having such a student—if the author is a student.

PERSONAL.

REV. DR. BURNS, Halifax, is recovering from the attack of paralysis which recently prostrated him.

W. F. Gillies has been suffering for the past nine months from a spinal trouble. We are glad to hear that he is recovering.

A good sized piece of wedding cake has been received from E. P. Goodwin, B.A. We wish Earnest and Mrs. Goodwin long life and increasing happiness.

We hear with pleasure that the Rev. W. G. Mills, B.A., a recent graduate of Queen's, was, at Christmas, made the recipient of a