

out the need of progressive mission work in the West from rational, moral and religious standpoints, and urging a number of good men to go West. A number of the students will likely go in the spring.

THE LATE HUGH RYAN.

The late Hugh Ryan, contractor, was always a warm friend of Queen's. When residing in Perth he contributed to the Building and Endowment Fund of 1878. A year or two ago he sent Archbishop Cleary \$500 for his new Regiopolis venture. And one of his latest acts was to send Principal Grant \$500 for the Chair of Political and Economic Science, and to give to Mayor Ryan the right of nomination connected with the scholarship.

NOTES.

A letter from Mr. D. L. Gordon was received too late for insertion in this issue.

During the week of the Alumni Conference the executive of the Alma Mater Society took advantage of the presence of the Honorary President, Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, and had a group photograph taken.

Arts Department.

NOTES.

ANYONE who has been reading the American magazines on file in the reading room cannot but have been struck with the great amount of space which is taken up in dealing with the late Spanish War. Of course no one will question the fact that this was the greatest war that has taken place since Satan and his legions rebelled against the Almighty and fought so fiercely on the plains of heaven, yet at the same time we must admit that one is likely to become rather tired when he finds every magazine filled with descriptions of the brave deeds done at Santiago de Cuba, at Morro Castle and Manilla, and so we would suggest to the curators of the reading room that in future they place on file a few more British and a few less American magazines, in order that we may have a little more variety, since present indications go to show that this topic will serve the Americans with subject matter for at least the next decade.

The Arts Society, we are told, will adopt drastic measures to come to an understanding with those recalcitrant members who have not paid the annual fee. If those gentlemen who are holding back could be made to understand that this is distinctly the society of the male students in Arts, we cannot imagine that they

would any longer refuse to pay the very nominal fee of one dollar. The privilege which they have in the reading room, where the best papers and magazines are on file, is alone worth far more than this. It is surely unnecessary to remind those who have not responded to the invitation 'to pay up,' that the Society will have no trouble in finding means to compel its members to pay for their privileges.

ARTS SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the Arts Society was held Feb. 10th, President A. W. Poole in the chair. The business for consideration was the proposals of the Senate *re* the distribution of mail in the College. The two propositions were (1) to abolish the College office and have the mail re-addressed to our city residences; or (2) to have slits made in the lockers, and each student's mail dropped in his locker. As the re-addressing of the mail to city residences would involve a day's delay in its receipt, the first proposition had no supporters. With regard to the second, R. Burton moved, seconded by T. Fraser, that we accept the Senate's offer. The principal objection raised against the present system was the crowding it caused in the halls at time of the delivery of mail to the inconvenience of members of JOURNAL staff and to students passing to and from the Library. After considerable discussion the majority of the members expressed themselves in favor of the present system, and the motion was lost. The general opinion of the members, however, was that the post office was not in a convenient place, and that the JOURNAL should have sole use of the sanctum.

Several important items of business have come before the Executive this session. The Mining and Engineering Society applied for permission to withdraw from the Arts Concurus and form a "Vigilance Committee" under their own control. Permission was given for this session only, in order to learn if they were sufficiently strong to enforce rulings, before permanent withdrawal was allowed.

There was a tendency at the beginning of the session on the part of some members of the Junior Years to conduct themselves around the College halls on the "Cozy Corner" principle. The Executive passed a resolution condemning this procedure, and sent a copy to the different years with the desired effect.

Y. M. C. A.

A union meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., held in Convocation Hall on Feb. 17th, was addressed by Rev. Mr. Bland and