

## The College Girl.

The time is fast approaching, which is one of terror to the idler, for the season of millinery openings will shortly be here, and the creak of the watering-cart will soon be heard in the land. Not in fact that the flowery month of May is so very near, but procrastination makes the time of really short value. All this was borne in upon my consciousness on going down town and seeing new displays of artificial flowers, that had a horribly spring-like air about them. The notice that the library will henceforward be open until six o'clock, also sends a chill to the heart of the ill-regulated student.

Seeing that there is not much news this week, I would fain accept as material the spicy remarks and dialogues called forth by the Athletic Elections, which were so kindly offered to us last week in Corridor Cullings—only I am afraid they would not amalgamate well with the Y.W.C.A. reports, which form so important a part of this column. As it is, I find it hard to restrain the carnal mind within the proper range of subjects. The topic that creates so many brilliant satirists, and teaches the pen to write so many sprightly malicious sentences is alas! denied us for exposition.

Not many gowns are to be seen at lectures and in the halls, and only a few girls adhere faithfully to the wearing of them. There is no doubt that there is nothing more becoming if worn with an air. It is a pity that the members of the other side of the house, the theoretic successors, if not the lineal descendants of the Oxford and Cambridge undergraduates of the olden time, do not preserve the good old custom, seeing that they above all should uphold the time-honored usage. Among the girls, the class of '01 keep most rigidly to the custom. Perhaps the higher years feel diffident about donning academics before having attained a certain degree of collegiate honors. At any rate it is much to be regretted that the custom is not more prevalent.

Last week was rather a quiet one, compared with the immediately foregoing ones, and there are no events of much importance to chronicle. The next meeting of the Woman's Literary Society is to have the programme of the season. A comedy is to be enacted and some of our best actresses are to appear. The different parts of the play are to be taken by graduates. Miss Bessie Cowan will contribute a piano solo, and Misses Wegg and Lang are going to play a duet upon the same instrument.

Y. W. C. A.

The meeting of the Y.W.C.A. was addressed last week by Rev. A. H. Baldwin, of All Saints' Church. One of the largest meetings we have had this year assembled to listen to Mr. Baldwin's most interesting and practical address on "How to visit the sick." The suggestions as what to do and what not to do were eminently practical and presented the matter to many in an entirely new light. Much harm is done by injudicious visitors owing to the fact that so few people are ever taught how to visit the sick. Some never learn; others learn by experience, but this experience is sometimes dearly bought.

Among the various announcements special mention was made of the girls' morning prayer meeting at 8.45 o'clock in the lunch room. All are cordially invited.

## LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The Osgoode At-Home last Friday night enticed many Varsity men from the meeting of the society, but the annual debate between University College and the S.P.S. brought out a goodly crowd. Mr. C. M. Carson, Vice-President of the Society, occupied the chair in the absence of President McGregor Young. Mr. Wager read the minutes of the last regular meeting and they were confirmed. Notice was given that next Friday night the nominating committee of the Editorial and Business Boards of VARSITY would be elected. The Conversazione Committee announced that their report would probably be ready for the same meeting. W. F. MacKay moved, seconded by N. E. Hinch, and it was resolved, that the following committee be empowered to proceed with arrangements for producing a play at the Grand Opera House from college talent next Hallowe'en: 1st year, Messrs. Malcolm, Lucas Adams and Carson; 2nd year, Messrs. Clare, Kay, Gibson, Little, Telford and Johnston; 3rd year, Messrs. Armour, Fisher, Bone, Alexander, Ross, Russell, McEntee, Meredith and MacKay; 4th year, Mr. G. H. Black.

D. E. Kilgour gave notice that at the next meeting of the Society he would move the following resolution: "Resolved, that this Society regards the fight for the possession of the door at the annual elections of this Society is opposed to the best interests of the Society, and that the president be instructed to close the polling booth at the election this year, if at any time obstruction be offered to voters, until such obstruction be removed." This delightful fragment of literature will be fully discussed next Friday night, and no doubt the arguments pro and con will be delivered with fulminatory eloquence. This is the first rumbling of the storm which will soon burst upon the horizon of the Society and which will culminate on the night of the 18th of March.

All the musicians of the Society had gone to Osgoode, so the debate was called. The subject was, "Resolved, that the action of the Canadian Government with regard to the proposed all-Canadian route to the Klondike is commendable." The affirmative was led by N. R. D. Sinclair, '98 Arts, seconded by W. F. MacKay, '99 Arts. The negative was led by A. N. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Stewart, both of the S.P.S. From both sides we learned much of the Klondike and of railroad building and incidentally of the Government's policy. Mr. Sinclair was sure, steady and heavy in his speech and lacked that fire and animation which marked the leader of the negative, Mr. McMillan's reply, which was loudly applauded. In fact his map of the district, as well as his belligerent manner of speech were greatly appreciated. Mr. MacKay made a very clear and pointed speech in favor of the Government's policy, and when he finished I thought surely the Government is wise and commendable. Then Mr. Stewart spoke in a manner peculiar to himself, and after the audience had given him credit for some twenty odd points they stopped, but the speaker made many more before he sat down. Then Mr. Sinclair spoke in reply and summed up, but when the chairman had gone over the count he declared that the S.P.S. men had won the debate. Mr. Sinclair proposed three cheers for the S.P.S. men, who at once returned the courtesy and the meeting broke up with college yells and cheers.

## MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

At the meeting of the Modern Language Club on Monday afternoon very interesting papers were read by Miss Downey and Miss Fleming. The former dealt with "Voltaire and the English," while Miss Fleming discussed "Racine and the Greeks."