

EXCHANGES

A man is known by the company he works for.—*E.r.*

Criticism is the price a man pays to the students for being a college professor.—*E.r.*

The punting of the Varsity halves, especially that of Beattie, was certainly remarkable.—*McGill Outlook*.

Toronto is to be congratulated on having a man like Gurney. His running was the feature of the Intercollegiate sports, and won the admiration of everyone.—*McGill Outlook*.

One hundred children were handed each a hot iron. Thirty-three boys and eighteen girls said "Ouch!" Twenty-five girls and ten boys said "Ooch!" Of the girls who said "Ouch!" seven had pug noses and one toed in. Thirteen boys of foreign parents said "ooch!" The conclusions to be drawn from this interesting experiment will be embodied in a book and published in the Practical Science Series.—*Life*.

Once more we are confronted with the "Freshman," who is by all odds the biggest problem in the colleges. Having been an oracle at the High School, he now discovers that he is largely a practical joke. He has been warned by cynical graduates what to expect. But he always gets a trifle fooled on the reality. He fully intends to be a cynic from the start, and comes armed cap-a-pie with criticisms. The first week convinces him that he is an academic "lobster," and very much at sea. The University is not just the High School writ large. It is a new regime. Its code of ethics is foreign. The mortar-board looms up on the horizon; also the Prince Albert and the plug hat. These are regarded as essentials by "Freshie," who has not yet learned the delectable dignity of calling professors by their pet names. Neither has he begun to observe that a very wise professor may choose to wear the same necktie from October till Christmas. He has himself been addicted to spasms of eloquence at the High School "Lits." Dismally he discovers that orations are now only permissible in Cicero and Demosthenes. None of the professors orate. If once in awhile one does in a fit of abstraction, he gets his period punctuated by the students. There is an evident atmosphere of good-humored cynicism all over Queen's Park. This is chilly. The Freshman writes letters home, in which he encloses some epithets and a few brief names. By the time he has gone through the preparatory "mill," wrestled with restaurant steaks and pie-crusts, jollied a few waiters, and delivered sundry epigrams at the landlady, he is ready to begin regular rehearsals on the college yell. This bothers him at first. He is like a young rooster leaning to crow. But once he has got it into his crop he is able thenceforth and forever more to give the walking nightmare to all other lodgers, inflict cold creeps on the landlady, and confer degrees on public men. Also, he becomes conspicuous in a midnight stroll at Hallowe'en.

We have received a neat booklet on "The Ethical and Religious Theories of Bishop Butler," this being the subject of the thesis submitted by W. E. Taylor, M.A., for his Ph.D. degree.

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The University College girls held their usual Hallowe'en frolic in the Y. M. C. A. Building. There was, however, a very remarkable innovation this year, for while

"Regardless of their doom,
The little victims play,"

the lights suddenly went out, and three ghostly forms glided through the merry chattering groups to the platform. After blood-curdling revelations, "Everyman" among the innocents was singly surnamed before the ghostly tribunal, and solemnly warned. But after the mysterious disappearance of these ghostly visitants, the feasting and dancing began afresh, a signal proof of the inaccuracy of the view that fear is the strongest motive of humanity. The gathering, however, broke up early, as the girls had heard it was a specially dangerous night to be abroad, and considered discretion the better part of valor.

The Triennial Convention of the National Council of the Y. W. C. A.'s of Canada, which was opened on Oct. 29th, has been a pronounced success. The programme planned by the Council has been fulfilled almost to the letter. The number of delegates from eastern and western city and college associations has surpassed the expectations of the Council, an evidence of the ever-widening interest in this work. Some of those on the platform were, Mrs. T. M. Harris, President of Dominion Council; Mrs. Stevenson, Vice-President for Quebec; Mrs. M. E. Sangster, "every girl's friend," Miss Wilson, New York; Sir Algernon and Lady Coote, Queen's County, Ireland; Mrs. Gladding, New York; Mrs. Plumptre, Miss A. C. MacDonald, B.A., National City Secretary; Miss S. Little, B.A., National Student Secretary; Miss Blackburn, Treasurer, Ottawa; Dr. Elmore Harris, and Mr. J. R. Mott, names well known in association work. At the Thursday evening session addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor Urquhart, in behalf of the city; Rev. Dr. Cleaver, for the clergy; President Londen for the universities, and Mr. Pratt for the Y. M. C. A., of Toronto.

One need only hear the addresses of these earnest men and women to be impressed with the importance of this great work.

The reports of the various secretaries were sufficient to inspire the greatest hopes for the future of association work. Those who know most about the work are most confident that the Y. W. C. A., is doing the work it has undertaken—the development of the young womanhood of our land physically, mentally and spiritually.