

THE examination results this year have possessed all the interest and capriciousness of the ordinary lottery. Some have emerged from the shade of comparative obscurity to stand in the full glare of metallic (gold and silver) reflection; others, great Lords of the Lists, between whose legs the lesser creatures were wont to pay and peep about, at a breath of the examiner are dwarfed to unpretending stature, and go forth to-day like common students with a common degree. On the face of it, the make-up of the class list in the several departments bears painful evidence of the desperate shuffling that must have been required at the Examiners' meeting. In fact we might sum up results in the single statement that this examination has but brought home to all with greater force than ever before the absurdity and the viciousness of the whole system of scholarships and medals, and there is a very evident feeling of relief among Undergraduates at the abolition of this rude anachronism. It is, therefore, with regret that we have heard rumors of an attempt to be made in the Senate to re-establish medals at the final examinations. We trust our informants were mistaken; if not, then let us hope, in the interests of true education, that the attempt will miscarry. Even now there are undergraduates awaiting the issue on such grounds as this: If medals are given they will confine themselves to classics; if not, they will, in addition to classics, take ethnology and some department of physics, say electricity. Will anyone pretend that the extra cramming of classics induced by the competition for medals is to be compared for purposes of general utility with the wider reading the student would naturally choose? Again, the institution of medals without the consistent system of scholarships leading thereto would but increase the evil of injustice. This is shown in the fact that while six of the thirteen medallists of the year are *novi homines*, men who have never won a scholarship during their university career, no less than seven of the most prominent scholarship men in the class of '85 are graduating without medals. These seven men have held seventeen scholarships and the two Governor-General's medals. Finally, we argue that in re-instituting medals the Senate would be forcing back into the curriculum the one great obstacle to the higher education of women. Of course it is to be taken for granted that higher education in Ontario is, for some time to come, to be co-education. Now, no one at this day is so ignorant as to argue against equal educational facilities on the grounds of the constitutional difference of the sexes; but, on the other hand, every observer knows, and every physiologist will tell you, that these differences do render it certain that in a continued competition with man, woman as woman must eventually suffer. Of knowledge, true practical or theoretical knowledge, woman is as capable as man. But it is in the long years of a neck-and-neck struggle that the objection lies, and this objection some seem determined shall stand embodied in the curriculum of Toronto University. To those who are bent upon this we would suggest that they might with benefit consult the University Examiners in the matter. Indeed, we fail to see wherein the dignity of the Senate would suffer were that body to take advantage of the experience of the examiners and invite them to give their opinion upon the relative merits or evils attending the awarding of medals. We feel sure that they would agree that the chief feature of the medal is its injustice.

THE CLASS OF '85.

Following, is a hasty sketch of the different members of the present graduating class, after the plan instituted last year:

ADAMS, A. A. will presumably be the first on whom McKim will perform, and will have to do the kneeling for the whole lot, a position which, might be more incongruous in the hands of many others than in Mr. Adams. Mr. Adams has not that natural taste for first place that his name would indicate, but yet the same name has been at the head of more lists during the four years that have past than all others. Mr. Adams comes from the Township of King, and received his early training in part at the Collegiate Institute of this city. He has taken Metaphysics, and graduates in that department.

BAIN, ANDREW, is perhaps the most youthful in appearance of the class. The ludicrous is always the attractive side to Andy, and it is questionable whether he was ever discovered in a serious frame of mind. Mr

Bain was one of the quota contributed by the Toronto Collegiate Institute to the formation of the class '85, and has, during his course, taken Modern Languages, where according to his own account he has always been watchful that the bottom of the class might not fall out.

COLLINS, ARTHUR graduates with the gold medal in Metaphysics, a position to which he has been gradually ascending from the beginning of his course. His success has surprised not a few, but to those who knew his capacity for work, and the amount he was doing, he was considerably more than a "dark horse." Mr. Collins has spent the last year in Residence; during the preceding three years he resided in McMaster Hall. He hails from the western town of Walkerton, and will study law.

COLLINS, J. A., otherwise "Jim" "Mike" or "John." Just which is correct by virtue of general usage, four years has not proved sufficiently long to determine. Mr. Collins is another of those misguided individuals who allowed the charms of residence life to allure them from the paternal shelter of McMaster Hall. The marked era in Mr. Collins' career was the period during which he led the government in the Forum's first parliament, and it is probably to his graceful retirement from the active scenes of that assembly that is traceable the gentleman's title of "the Senator." To his Art's course Mr. Collins has added that of law where as he graduates he stands in the last year.

DUFF, R. J., is a good fellow and a popular member of "85." He has taken an active part in all College affairs, and in his 2nd year occupied the responsible position of Treasurer of the Literary Society and is a member of the 'VARSITY' directorate. He is at present residing in Toronto, and been a humble member of the pass class. His after career he has not definitely marked out, but hopes ere long when the elimination process shall have been completed to be able to announce it.

EVANS, JNO. W., is by birth and sympathies a Toronto man. He owes his allegiances to the Hamilton Collegiate Institute, where he had instilled into him the elements of a classical training, which have since sufficed to maintain him in honors. John's strong point is his biceps of which he is specially and deservedly proud. His assistance in keeping refractory Freshmen in order has always been sought and his loss will be felt. The only point on which John of late has expressed dissatisfaction is, that he is ranked below a lady. He can't understand it.

HAMILTON, HEBER J., has no reason to complain of his share of the spoils as an undergraduate. In the matriculation and first year, he was the winner of the first proficiency, in the third year of the Blake and Modern scholarships, as well as sundry smaller prizes. He graduates in moderns. Heber is one of the most popular men of the year, and he takes an active part in all College affairs, especially in the Literary society, Glee club, Y. M. C. A. and Temperance league. He will study law in Toronto.

WEIR, A., entered the class of '85 in the second year. He is a Galt man. Mr. Weir is one of the most persevering workers in the year and is the only man to graduate in two departments, and to the silver medal in physics adds a good first class in the metaphysical department. Mr. Weir has been a regular attendant and a strong supporter of the Literary Society and is a speaker of no mean order.

IRWIN, H. E., comes from Newmarket. His course has been Metaphysics, but he has gained a foremost place in the student ranks by his work in college politics, for which an oratorical ability of no mean order peculiarly fitted him. He has been a prominent member of the Literary Society and has taken an active part in all college events. He took first place in constitutional history. Fate seems to be carrying Mr. Irwin into a law-office.

BARTON, S. G. T., matriculated from the Toronto Collegiate Institute in 1879, winning the scholarship in Mathematics. He spent the two years following the completion of his second year in teaching, and joined the present class in '83. He will resume his old profession.

BELL, J. J., should have graduated with the class of last year, but for an untimely interruption of the even tenor of his way at the close of his second year, did not. An uncertainty which Mr. Bell feels in the matter prevents our giving his future intentions.

BLACKSTOCK, J., graduates with a creditable stand in honor Moderns. He was at one time a member of last year's class, having matriculated in 1880. He has already spent a considerable portion of his life in teaching, and will resume this profession.

CHISHOLM, W. C., is a native of Port Hope. He graduates in first class in Classics. He is well known and well liked by the members of his year, and not a few will watch with interest in the future for news of him. He will study law in all likelihood in Port Hope.

GILMOUR, J. L., has been best known as a prominent member of "K" Company, and an active worker in the Y. M. C. A. During his course he has resided in McMaster Hall, where he purposes studying theology. Mr. Gilmour comes from the canoeing district near Peterboro', and is a skillful manipulator of the frail craft. He graduates with honors in classics.

HENDERSON, S. A., claims as his home the capital of the Dominion. He was one of the famous quartette to gain notoriety as martyrs in upholding the cause of the Freshmen in the fall of 1881. During the second and third years Mr. Henderson was an honor man in both Metaphysics and Mathematics, and graduates in the latter department. He is also of a military turn of mind, has been a member of "K," and at present holds a lieutenantancy in the 34th regiment.

JOHNSON, E. H., comes from London. He is a hard worker and graduates with good honors in Moderns, McMaster Hall and residence have owned him at various times—indeed the chief amusement of his four years appears to have been to find a suitable boarding-house. He too will enter law.

KINNEAR, L., comes from Port Colborne, has begun the study of law and will enter an office shortly.