

make seventy-one searches in his store-room for books that he had considered useless.

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At a recent conference of representatives from the Scotch Universities the three term session, in force at some American colleges was discussed at length, and a motion to adopt the system lost by a very small majority. The principal argument against the new system was that a very large number of the students are self supporting, and the short vacation would make it impossible for these to procure the funds necessary for the next year's work. Another, and peculiar argument advanced was that those students who are not forced to work all summer for their winters keep, were given an excellent opportunity by the long vacation for meditation and reading. Truly, the Scottish student must be a peculiar creature, and far different from his Canadian brother. How many students of Queen's, we wonder,—speaking only of those who are not compelled to spend the days and nights of summer in a feverish chase after the "almighty dollar,"—how many pass their holiday time in weighing weighty problems, or in thinking so deeply upon any subject that their thoughts could be dignified with the name of meditation.

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We are laboring under the double difficulty this week of having nothing to write about, and no time in which to write it. Still we are consoled by the fact that some of our readers, at any rate, will have no time to read it. The Journal is supposed to give a full expression of the life about the university. Whether or not it has succeeded this session is not for us to

say. Of the success of this number, however, we have not the slightest doubt. The small space occupied by most of the editors is surely an evidence of the interest that is being taken in matters of a more important nature, and of the time that is being spent upon them.

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Principal Gordon's dinner to the Alma Mater Executive, the Championship Hockey Team, the Championship Debaters, and the Journal Staff, on the evening of March 9th, was a pleasant and jolly affair. Needless to say all present enjoyed themselves immensely, and went home deeply grateful to the Principal for his kind entertainment.

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We are glad in a way that no Sunday afternoon addresses have been provided for March. The students appreciate these services very much as is shown by the large numbers who attend them. But during the last two months of the session when every one is working under high pressure, it is more important that students should be given a chance to rest on Sunday than a chance to hear a learned sermon.

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All who intend to write on honor exams this spring, are of course looking forward to taking a medal. We hope they have all had their photos taken and are holding them in readiness for the Journal, so that there may be no delay in getting out the last number. If you have not attended to this, *see to it now*.

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