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held some time near Christmas or the New Year—a greater success than it has ever been before.

THE Library Committee, to whose consideration the Senate has referred the petition of the students asking the repeal of that library regulation requiring a deposit, should have no difficulty in arriving at a decision. The important point is whether such regulation has had the effect of deterring students from using the library. Now, up to the end of last week, the number of students who made the required deposit was under forty. Contrast this with previous years and the inference is obvious. Under the new system only students for honors, who must have access to works dealing with their special subject, are likely to make the deposit. But others who find ordinary text-books sufficient for examination purposes are not encouraged to avail themselves of the facilities afforded by the library for general reading. The whole tendency of the present day is to render libraries as accessible as possible to students, and it is to be hoped that Toronto University will not be an exception.

## THE VARSITY.

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## Topics of the Hour.

WE have upon several occasions advocated the holding of an annual dinner by the undergraduates of University College, and have instanced the success which has attended similar gatherings of the students of the Medical Schools in this city. There appears to be a very general desire to have the dinner made more an undergraduate affair than has hitherto been the case. With this view we heartily sympathize. We hope that this sentiment will be encouraged, and the social element amongst the undergraduates more thoroughly cultivated and developed than it has been heretofore. We understand that a meeting of the undergraduates will be summoned early next week to discuss this subject. We hope that every undergraduate will make it his business to be present, and do his utmost to make the annual dinner—which we would suggest be

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of the wife of the honored President of University College. The sad event, rendered the more distressing by its terrible suddenness, occurred at her residence, 121 St. George St., at 12 o'clock on Sunday night last. Without presuming to draw aside the curtain which veils the sacredness of private life, we can say that only those who had the privilege of knowing the late Mrs. Wilson, can realize the great and irreparable loss which Dr. Wilson has sustained. In the numerous religious and philanthropic enterprises with which Dr. Wilson's name is so closely identified, his late wife was a warm sympathizer and an active co-worker. In the many social and kindred duties incumbent upon one holding the position of President of University College, Mrs. Wilson was ever, in the highest and truest sense of the word, a loving help-meet. Not later than last Saturday evening the senior class of University College were enjoying her hospitality, and upon the next day, the warm heart that prompted it was stilled for ever!

Dr. Wilson will have the deep and heartfelt sympathy of many in this city. Not the least sincere will be that of students of University College, with whose recollections of their college days will be associated many pleasant memories of the kindness and generous hospitality of her who has so recently "gone on through sad, mysterious mists into the great brightness."

IN the name of humanity we protest against the coarseness and brutality of the tone of several of the Toronto daily papers with reference to the tragedy at Regina last Monday. The allusions of the *News*, anticipatory of the event, were inexpressibly revolting.