

A SPECIAL NUMBER.

The managing committee of THE WHITE AND BLUE have resolved to hold over the publication of the last number till after the university examinations, with a view of having the class lists printed and made known to students at the earliest possible moment. This issue will be sent to the address of any of our subscribers who will be out of town if they furnish their address to the committee; and non-subscribers may likewise have copies sent them by handing in their address with ten cents to any member of the committee.

THE WHITE AND BLUE.

With the exception of the special number above referred to, this issue (No. 19) closes the first volume of our college paper. Though started without literary pretensions, we think we are justified in saying that THE WHITE AND BLUE has proved of some little service to students in affording them opportunity of making known their opinions on matters concerning their interests, and of recording the events of our college life.

That the paper has already met with the approval of undergraduates, that there is a field steadily increasing for the support of such a journal, and that there is no lack of ability among our students to conduct it, are facts sufficiently obvious to justify the present committee in recommending the Society to continue its publication. After the experience they have had, the committee also think that certain beneficial changes might be made in the constitution of the paper. Among them may be mentioned an increase of space, the assignment of special departments to the responsibility of sub-editors, and a fortnightly instead of a weekly publication. Under such an arrangement the proposal is to issue twelve numbers in the academic year.

It is gratifying to be able to state that in this, the first year of the enterprise, the receipts will meet the outlay. A few of our subscribers, however, have not yet handed in their dollar; they would greatly oblige the committee by attending to the matter at once, and thus enable them to close the account.

A STUDENTS' INSTITUTE.

That part of the communication signed 'M' in a recent number of this paper, which showed the need there is of a building adjoining the college for the various organizations of the students seems to be heartily endorsed by all. The general opinion is that the present quarters of the Society ought to be wanted pointed out in a partial manner only.

Men come here primarily to study; to attend lectures, to read, to experiment and the like. But there is something else besides college work that brings them here; there is such a thing as student life; of association with fellow-students, of a generous emulation among them in those lighter and more genial exercises which our literary and scientific societies furnish, of the cultivation of athletics, of the formation of friendships, and of the thousand and one benefits, social and intellectual, that students gather, or should gather, from

association with one another and from brushing against one another, and of participating in that sort of cosmopolitan spirit that should pervade a great university.

And just as the various items which make up college work have to be provided for so should the adjuncts of student life. Buildings are erected for lectures, professors are appointed, apparatus secured, etc.; why should not some attention be given to the other side, which though not of first moment, is still of great importance? Surely interest in college work is not to be lessened by associating with it an attractive student life. The leading colleges are beginning to realize that it is good policy to combine the two. Is a young man to be blamed for preferring one institution somewhat inferior to another as regards its teaching abilities, but which is wanting altogether in the attractions referred to?

Of the various organizations among our students that of the Literary and Scientific Society is the leading one, both as regards numbers and popularity. Without it student life at University College would have been almost a blank. But for twenty-five years it has been the centre round which the most pleasant associations of graduates and undergraduates have clung. It has furnished a fairly good reading-room, encouraged students in the preparation of literary and scientific essays, in debating, in obtaining an idea of the conduct of public meetings, provided the public with literary entertainments, and till within a year or two, with an annual conversation of an attractive character. At present it is conducting the organ recitals which have proved so successful. And all this has been done at the expense of the students themselves. But the removal of the Society's quarters from the college building has been a severe strain; the running expenses have been largely increased without corresponding benefit. Indeed, according to 'M' there has been a falling off in the number of readers in the reading-room and in the attendance at the meetings. A deficit is also promised, in fact has been forshadowed in the reduction of periodicals to be put on the files next winter. As 'M' also pointed out, the distance of the present home of the Society from the college is another drawback. True it is the Society will be likely to continue on, even if nothing is done in its interest, but it will not accomplish one half of the good it would do if it had suitable quarters. A scheme something like that suggested by 'M' is what we want. A building containing reading-room, assembly-room, gymnasium, and committee-rooms, and accommodation for the athletic clubs right behind the college.

University College has made great strides of late years in the number of her students. At the present rate of increase six years will see one thousand youths in her halls. She has nothing to fear as regards teaching ability from half a dozen rival institutions—some of them two-pence-halfpenny affairs enough—but she may be deprived of students through other colleges offering superior attractions of the kind we have dwelt on. As things now are there is a student life in Toronto ahead of anything of the kind in Canada; and it stands in need of direction. Let the College Council then, or the University Senate take the matter up and make our college as attractive in the matter of student life as it is ahead of competitors in the matter of college work. And the first step in that direction is a building of the kind we have indicated.

THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The meeting last night had the largest attendance of the year, and so great was the interest taken in the various amendments that the Society did not adjourn till 3:15 this morning.

W. T. Herridge (4th year) R. Y. Thomson (4th year) were elected first and second prize speakers respectively. Walter Laidlaw (3rd year) and W. K. T. Smellie (4th year) were elected first and second prize readers respectively.

THE CANDIDATES.

The following gentlemen were nominated for the various offices of the Society for next year:—

President—Wm. Johnson, M.A., by Duncan McCol, B.A.; W. N. Ponton, M.A., by J. A. Culham, B.A.; F. F. Manley, M.A., by G. Davis, B.A.; W. H. Vandersmissen, M.A., by Mr. Manley.
First Vice-President—W. S. Milner (3rd year) by G. Davis, B.A.; G. H. Carveth (3rd year) by T. H. Gilmour.

Second Vice-President—E. P. Davis (2nd year) by J. M. Lydgate.

Recording-secretary—J. A. McAndrew (3rd year) by W. T. Herridge; I. M. Levan (3rd year) by R. Y. Thomson.

Treasurer—A. H. McDougall, (2nd year) by Mr. Milner; W. F. W. Creelman (2nd year) by Mr. Gilmour.

Curator—D. Armour (3rd year) by A. Carruthers; J. H. Brown (3rd year) by Mr. Herridge.

Corresponding-secretary—S. Mackay (3rd year) by A. C. Courtice; H. St. Q. Cayley (3rd year) by W. F. Maclean.

Secretary of Committees—E. W. Haggarty, (1st year) by W. H. Doel; A. F. Lobb (1st year) by J. H. Brown.

Councillors—Of the third year—S. Stewart, by Mr. Courtice; T. McKenzie, by G. Acheson; W. D. Gwynne, by J. McDougall; W. Laidlaw, by Mr. Smellie; T. C. Milligan, by J. B. Tyrrell. Of the second year—E. F. Langstaff, by Mr. Maclean; F. C. Wade, by W. A. Shortt; J. M. Clark, by W. J. James; D. Wishart, by A. Carruthers; W. L. Bain, by J. Ballantyne; John Squair, by W. J. James. Of the first year—A. Crichton, by A. Carruthers; G. Riddell, by G. R. Cruckshank; G. S. Wilgress, by H. S. Brennan.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The following amendments were made to the constitution:

Art. I., sec. 1. Add the words 'and of regular students of the School of Practical Science.'

Art. II., sec. 2. Insert the word 'life' after the word 'all' in the first line.

Art. V., sec. 3. Insert the words 'by the recording-secretary' in the second line after the word 'entrance.' Sec. 7. That this section read 'On any Friday evening an open meeting may be held at the discretion of the general committee, etc.'

The several amendments proposed by the special committee as regards the House committee and the reading-room, as well as those made by Mr. Maclean on this point, were referred back to that committee for further consideration.

The proposal of Mr. Lydgate for the division of the Society into two parts for literary purposes was then taken up, and the principle of it adopted. But it was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a few days in order that members might look into the details. The motion read as follows:—

1. That the U. C. L. & S. Society be divided for literary purposes into two parts: one part to consist of the 2nd and 4th years; the other of the 1st and 3rd.

2. That Art. 5, sec. 1, read: The regular meetings of the Society shall consist of ordinary meetings, business meetings, public meetings, and the annual meeting, and shall be held at half-past seven every Friday evening, during the continuance of lectures.