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Editorial Comments.



At the last meeting of the Senate a letter was read from the Hon. Edward Blake, offering to transfer the subscription of \$10,000, made last February after the fire for building or other purposes, and to add thereto another \$10,000, the whole sum of \$20,000 to be applied to the endowment of matriculation scholarships, the

holders of which shall be exempt from fees during the tenure of their scholarships. On motion of Sir Daniel Wilson, seconded by Mr. Justice Falconbridge, the following resolution was adopted: "That the Senate gratefully recognize the renewed evidence of the earnest sympathy of the Chancellor in the prosperity of the University and the advancement of national education in its highest departments in Ontario, by his generous offer to make a liberal provision for the permanent endowment of scholarships available for honor students at the matriculation examinations. The Senate gratefully accepts the Chancellor's generous gift on the terms stated in his letter of the 16th inst., and, while recording their high estimation of valuable incentive to literary culture among Canadian students, they trust that the generous donor may find some adequate return in the attainments of many gifted students who will hereafter owe their successful entry on the University course to their winning, in honorable rivalry, an Edward Blake matriculation scholarship." Comment on this action of the Chancellor, an action that has already excited the admiration of all interested in higher education, is unnecessary. It speaks for itself. THE VARSITY can but express gratification at the liberality of our honored Chancellor, and at the wisdom that directed the establishment of matriculation scholarships rather than any other. The words of the Senate are but the re-echo of the feelings and wishes of every undergraduate of the University of Toronto.

The above leads to the consideration of what rendered possible the transfer of the Chancellor's handsome donation from the building fund, and here again is found a subject for hearty congratulation. The sum of \$70,000, the amount necessary for the erection of the new library, has been entirely subscribed, by the trustees of the University it is understood; the plans for the building have been prepared and accepted, and at the present moment everything is in readiness to proceed. That within less than a year from the time our college was laid in ruins the generosity of her friends should have put her in a position of safety as regards the restoration of a main building and erection of a library is a happy outcome unexpected by the most sanguine, and therefore one at which there is just cause to rejoice. As to further needs, a committee has been appointed to consider the amount and report upon the extent of grounds that should be set apart for the athletic sports of undergraduates and upon sites for library, geological museum, chemical laboratory, gymnasium, Convocation Hall and

such other buildings as may be erected in the near future for academic purposes. Within a very few years all these buildings will, with a continuance of the present state of prosperity, be accomplished facts. Now seems an opportune time for the undergraduates to make some move with a view to aiding in the speedy erection of a gymnasium and club house. The Literary Society once appointed a committee to consider this matter, but the report of that committee is still to come. Some member should move that the committee be asked for a report so that the Society may be in a position to act intelligently in taking any further steps.

The amount of attention now paid by the authorities to the department of Modern Languages suggests that heretofore that department have been neglected, and that at this juncture in University affairs, when a general survey of the requirements of the whole is being made, more attention is necessary in order to bring modern languages to a level with the other departments. Every one with a sense of justice will feel a satisfaction that, if in the past there has not been a due recognition of any one department, now that special department will receive its just measure of the attention so necessary to the welfare of itself in particular and of the University in general. The statute providing for additional fellowships in Modern Languages has been passed, and this, though not sufficient to enable modern languages to be taught as they should, will to a certain extent relieve the present pressure. Why it is thought necessary to devote a professor, a lecturer and half the services of a fellow to the teaching of Greek, while French with a considerably larger number of pass and honor students and more lectures is allowed to get along as best it may with one lecturer and half the services of one fellow, is, to the lay mind, an unsolvable enigma.

The endeavor of the lecturers in Moderns and Latin to secure representation on the College Councils, the different phases of which have been noted in these columns, has assumed a new shape, and one over which there has been considerable discussion in the newspapers and in the Senate. It is now proposed to appoint "associate professors." Wherein the difference between "professor" and "associate professor" lies is not plain unless it be in point of importance, and judged by this standard an "associate professor" is inferior to a "professor." Now as what is done will determine the position of all departments for many years of the future, this proposal means simply to relegate the largest departments in the college to an inferior position for many years to come. Against any such action strong objection can be and is taken, and it is to be hoped that the opposition aroused will prevent any such injustice being done. The simplest and best way to overcome the difficulty is by the appointment of the present lecturers to the vacant professorships, and this, from the present outlook, will probably be done.

ÆSCHYLUS' AGAMEMNON.

(vv. 855—876 AND 887—913.)

Men! citizens! ye reverend Argive citizens
 Unshamed I tell you of my wifely love!
 For weary years kill woman's bashfulness.
 This is no tale at second hand I tell,
 But of my own hard life, so long as he,
 My lord here, fought beneath the walls of Troy.
 For first of all it is a monstrous grief
 To sit with folded hands indoors alone,
 A widowed woman; hearing cruel reports
 Now this now that; now one man come with news,
 And now another, and the bad made worse.
 As, if this man had ta'en as many wounds
 As tidings reached this house—how shall I say?
 I take it he is riddled like a net.
 Why, had he died as tidings multiplied,
 Then, like a second monster of the fable,
 Owing three lives he might have boasted him
 Of bearing triple layers of earth above him,
 Within the grave, besides the earth below,
 Dying one death for each of his three lives.
 And so, through these dark tidings hard to read,
 Many's the time when I was found by friends
 With rope about my neck and loosed by force.

I cannot weep: the passionate floods of tears,
 Have now run dry, and not a drop remains.
 Mine eyes are dull with watching in the night
 With wailing for the beacon-light from Troy
 Which never came: with starting in my dreams,
 At the faint whirring of the droning gnat.
 With seeing catalogues of ills for you
 Too long to happen in the time I dreamt them.
 But now 'tis past; and with a heart at rest,
 I hail this man the watch-dog of the fold
 The stay that saves the ship: the pillar firm
 That props high roofs: the father's only child;
 The land that past all hope the sailor sees.
 Hail! morn of brightness following after storm!
 Hail! water-stream for thirsty wayfarer!
 Ah, well, 'tis pleasant to escape distress
 And therefore with great titles may I greet him,
 (May jealous heaven forgive) for in the past
 Great was my suffering: and now, dear my lord,
 Dismount: yet set not on base earth that foot
 Which trod but yesterday on Xion.
 Arouse ye, loitering maids! why lags your task
 Behind the hour? spread purple where he treads.
 Fitly the brodered carpet marks his path
 Whom justice leads to an unlooked-for home.
 What else remains our wakeful vigilance
 Shall duly guide, as destiny may chance. M. H.

A DAY AMONG THE LAKES.

During one of the most perfect days of last summer it was our good fortune to be touring through the lake district of northern England. Specially fortunate did we consider ourselves, since but two days before Scotland's o'er heavy mist had chilled the ardor of her sun, as well as of her sons, and after two or three fatuous and discouraging attempts to reach a more northern and wilder country we left on the spur of a sudden decision and arrived in Carlisle late one Saturday night.

If here we were to meet disappointment, better the viewless limit of a mighty desert! for there, at least, are mirages of wonderful beauty: here would be *nothing* beautiful, if —!! And, indeed, these anticipatory thoughts were called forth by the fickleness of the following Sunday when looking away from the walls of Carlisle Castle it was only through showers and mists that we caught a glimpse of the hills and valleys of Cumberland.

How continually and eagerly we turned to the west that from the setting of the sun we might forecast its rising. But fortune, who fickle often, oft most partial proves, became propitious, and doubly so, for what spot more beautiful in its peaceful quiet could she have chosen the object of her kind regards. Rising early and finding that the day promised well, we started as quickly as possible that the heat of the sun might not weary the muscles yet unsupple, and so the day's run proved less wearisome. Would that all promises were as well kept!

There rode we right royally:
 For canopy the fleecy clouds,
 For fan the breezes round us.

However, amidst the enjoyment of nature and the intoxication of being and action, there occasionally flits across our day-dream the shadow of doubt and questioning. One sees all around smiling peace and plenty; the earth seems happy, yet into the holiday of our content come unbidden and lazily rebuked practical questions which savored of discussions and theories long since left behind. A pleasant country: surely this is granted. Are the people happy? We are longing to prove it. It is also a country showing grandeur and a quiet restfulness. Are the people noble and trustful? We are already, such is the hopeful enthusiasm of much-experienced inexperienced youth, expecting to see Utopia. The heat of the now far advanced sun prevents much travel, and as often what is least proven is most approved.

Our opportunity soon comes; a load approaches, but stops a distance ahead in a little dip of the road. Loud voices are heard, and soon we up to the scene of action. The load is very heavy, and the horses have discovered it in a most unfortunate, but yet very natural, place. Language proved a very ineffective means of expression, and of all beatings I have ever seen, the most merciless was administered to the delinquents. Such was very rare there, and for this reason I was the more surprised. But it was effectual, and the load was soon on its way. The incident partly answered our questionings, but yet morality and utility had a long and dubious argument, and we inclined to a more uncertain expectation of perfection.

At last our ride has brought us to the top of a succession of rises, and the first good view was lying low and far before us. The sun half-way up the sky lent a drowsy air to every thing. The cattle caught the sheltering shade of hedge and tree. We, too, rested in their shade and quenched our thirst at a small brooklet which crept along with just a murmur like a child's pleased croon.

I tried to take on memory's negative this scene. A word picture would necessitate details which have faded, and many would be wearisome. A few villages were discovered by the columns of smoke, which, like so many giants, drowsily stretched their lazy length up into the summer sky, and some moving wains gave a pleasant contrast and produced that harmony of action and quietness so grateful to the eye. I cannot say more than—it satisfied.

Aroused by a clinking of steel behind, we rushed to the road, fearing an indictment for trespass, but it was only the innocent curiosity of a small boy who, very much like his representative in "Helen's Babies," wanted to see what made "those uns go so quick," meaning the pedals. We endeavored to explain it by a reference to the centrifugal force, cohesion and compulsion which came into play, also mentioning the flume and oil which were used. He seemed first by our *flumen*—*verbosum*, but, at the very close of the explanation, he saw light, evidently by his looks, and we hoped we had done science a good turn by such an able promulgation of her principles; but after the youthful hopeful had put fifteen or twenty yards between us, he shouted back, "You can't fool un!" This means of passing the resting stage did not leave us with our laurels, and we paused so long the next time we tried it that we lost the chance.

What a grand institution for tourists are the sign-posts at the cross-roads! Some, however, of these praiseworthy

institutions, like many others, have become blind leaders of the blind; for instance, it becomes very awkward when one points into four fields, instead of down four roads and it cannot be told which way round it started to move. Our mildness of disposition was proof against five or six miles of extra riding on this account, but when one of the mild-eyed swains told us we were five miles from a certain place, and we had ridden at least four miles according to his directions, to be then told by another we were going in the very opposite direction to the place, made us distrust the Utopian truthfulness of one of them, and we rode as far as Cockermonth before recovering our serenity; but that last coast, nearly a mile in length, blew away all suspicions and again we had faith, and again were ready—to be deceived, if necessary; for we decided that faith, though at times deceived, is better than continual distrust.

Only half our journey through this district was completed and the poorer half by far; but yet even this is poorly described, and can but inadequately picture that winding summer ride we had between the green hedges, hiding in valleys, viewing from a well-won eminence the gently-sloping valleys left behind, and the half-hidden water-courses of which the sun showed glimpses gleaming beneath the dark and traitorous foliage, scenting the wild-flowers, and breathing in life and poetry on every breeze of that verse laden air.

C. M.

LITERARY NOTES.

Cyril,* a romantic novel, by Geoffrey Drage, is among the Xmas gifts from the publishing world, which we found on the Sanctum table on our return. The author presents a series of pictures of more than usual interest, with more than usual clearness. It is a novel with a purpose, however, and so it is protracted to eight hundred pages to air Mr. Drage's views of how everything, from international law to public school discipline, should be reformed. His political science is sound, his sociological essays interesting, but we should have preferred them in a separate volume. The chief characters are Cyril Grey and his brother, Evelyn. They are introduced as typical Englishmen and are, of course, perfect mentally, morally and physically. As a pleasing contrast, Russian and Italian young men, whose shortcomings are at once* apparent, are introduced. The most striking feature of the story is its rapid changes of scenes. Without a moment's notice we are whirled from an Austrian city to an English village, from a London drawing-room to Siberia, from the Afghan frontier to a Highland moor. The descriptions of Eton and Oxford are very good, as indeed are all his pen pictures. We should like to read another novel by Mr. Drage, but this time without too evident a purpose, please.

Under the title "Canada: The Land of Waterways," the September number of the *Quarterly Bulletin* of the American Geographical Society contains a most admirable description of the Dominion. Mr. Watson Griffin, of the *Montreal Star*, is the writer of the article. Beginning in the east, he gives a magnificent chorographical survey of our country, its natural resources, climate and advantages. The endless chains of rivers and lakes crossing and re-crossing the Dominion furnish unlimited facilities for travel and traffic, and for the establishment and maintenance of industries of almost any size and kind. Moreover, these unrivalled waterways assure for Canada her future as the great commercial highway of the world. The description, though concise, is minute and thorough, and every page of it evidences careful and painstaking study and research, rewarded by a most extensive and accurate knowledge of the subject. No attempt is made at literary elegance or words wasted on flowery pen-pictures, so that within the ninety pages of his article Mr. Griffin is able to

give more real and useful information than we have ever before met with in an article of its length. After a careful perusal, all must agree with the author that "Thus favored by nature, the Dominion seems designed to be the great commercial highway of the world, and having a most extensive system of internal navigation, great mineral resources, fine forests, prolific fisheries and hundreds of millions of acres of agricultural lands, while the climate throughout its vast extent is everywhere invigorating, the Canadian people must eventually become a great and powerful nation." Canada must surely reap great benefit from an article of this kind, if it were used by the Government as immigration literature.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

At the last meeting of the above Association held in the Biological Department, the following report from the General Committee *re* the McMurrich and Cawthorne medals was received and adopted: "That the Cawthorne medal be given for the best thesis on some subject in one or other of the branches of the Physical Sciences, including Chemistry, Mineralogy and Dynamical Geology; and that the McMurrich medal be given for the best thesis on some subject in one or other of the branches of the Biological Sciences, the term Biological Sciences to be considered in its etymological sense, special preference being given in each case to those which indicate original research." Dr. Chapman, Dr. Pike and Dr. Chambers were appointed examining committee for the Cawthorne medal; and Prof. Ramsay Wright, Dr. Chapman, Dr. Chambers and Dr. Macallum for the McMurrich medal.

Mr. J. J. Mackenzie, B.A., read a paper on nitrification in the soil, a question which has only been partially settled within the last few months. He gave a full account of the elaborate experiments by which Wieno Gradszki, a Pole, isolated the bacteria which he believed was the cause of the formation of ammonia in the soil. This he named Nitromonas. Dr. Shaw, of Johns Hopkins, on being introduced, made a few remarks on the subject.

Mr. A. T. Rolls and Mr. A. F. Edwards were elected representatives on the committee for the First and Second Years respectively.

Dr. Ellis wishes it to be mentioned that in connection with Photography, he believes the change in the sensitive plate to be a Chemical molecular change, and not a Physical one as stated in our last report.

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF '94.

By kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Fairclough, the Association held its third regular meeting at their residence, on Friday evening, Dec. 19. The President, Mr. Fairclough, referred to the sad bereavement of Mr. W. H. Gillespie, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, and Mr. R. H. Glover was appointed to fill Mr. Gillespie's position during his absence. Mr. Fairclough delivered a very pleasing and instructive address, setting forth the beauties and benefits of the Classics, and giving valuable advice to the students starting out on such a course of study. The author chosen for the discussion of the meeting was Horace. Mr. Glover read a paper entitled "The Influence of Horace upon Modern Literature." Original paraphrases in poetry of Odes I., II., by Messrs. S. J. Sissons and J. H. Brown, were heartily received. Mr. Brown also read extracts selected from Silcox's treatment of Horace, and a general discussion on the subject followed. Later on the party partook of refreshments and college songs, ever most welcome items to the bearers of the name of 'Varsity, and the members dispersed, all feeling grateful to their kind host and hostess for a most enjoyable evening, and heartily agreeing that at least under such circumstances the study of classics is most charming.

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THE LITERARY SOCIETY.



THE first meeting of the Literary Society in the Easter term was held last Friday night. The attendance was large for the night belonged to the lower years, and their numbers were marshalled in full battle array. When the few members of the General Committee who attend its meeting had concluded their labors, the

President took the chair and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. A mistake in these gave rise to passionate but polite disclaimers of each other's identity on the part of two burly Sophomores who both bear the proud name of — well, never mind, the Society proceeded on its way. It proceeded, but it must have been with aspect dangerous and wild tossing of the horns; for it was cautiously approached by two milkmaids with soothing "so-bossy," "so-bossy," in the shape of two notices of motion—1. That the Society grant \$25 to the Engineering Society. 2. That the Society grant \$25 to the Class of '94.

Then came a voice from the parlor. The General Committee was in a hortatory mood and gave us three pieces of advice. The first was that a public debate be held on Feb. 6, and that speakers be elected forthwith. Mr. Hellesms moved the adoption of the recommendation. Mr. Lillie moved in amendment that an invitation be sent to McGill to send representatives to an inter-collegiate debate on that evening. The amendment carried. Again the Committee recommended that the scheme under which THE VARSITY is managed be printed with the Constitution.

Mr. Hellesms again dutifully moved adoption. Mr. G. H. Ferguson objected, and seconded a motion by Mr. C. A. Stuart that THE VARSITY Directorate be instructed to recommend to the Society any changes it may think advisable in the scheme, and that this as amended be printed with the Constitution. The amendment carried. Finally the General Committee recommended and the Society resolved that two hundred copies of the Speech from the Throne be printed for the Mock Parliament.

The following nominations were made for the office of Editorial Secretary: Mr. McNicol, by Mr. C. A. Stuart; Mr. R. H. Knox, by Mr. Ferguson; Mr. A. M. Stewart, by Mr. Hellesms; and Mr. Lamont, by Mr. Lillie. Mr. Knox and Mr. Stewart withdrew, leaving Mr. McNicol and Mr. Lamont as candidates for the honor.

The Society was then entertained by the Class of '93. Mr. W. H. Knox sang, "I'm Afloat," and, being eagerly encored, responded with a song in which the Society itself in playful mood assisted. Mr. K. D. McMillan rapidly followed with "Kit Carson's Ride." Then Mr. McKenzie read an essay on the subject, "Physical Culture," which bore marks of careful preparation. The debate was on the subject—"Resolved, That modern civilization is more indebted to the Greeks than to the Romans."

Mr. S. J. McLean lead '94 on the affirmative, and made a promising and pointed speech. Then followed Mr. Cushing, in the van of '93, on behalf of the Romans, with a slight lack of Roman imperturbability. Mr. Lamb and Mr. Bull succeeded on their respective sides, and gave evidence of future success as orators.

Mr. Reeves followed in a speech, eloquent with quotations both poetical and prosaic. We cannot but express our admiration for many of Mr. Reeves' good points as an orator, but would suggest that his speech would have obtained greater weight had he kept more closely to the line of argument and omitted the quotations.

Mr. Hellesms brought up the rear for '93 and "imperial Rome" with a speech which contained much sound argument and a few very beautiful similes. Mr. McLean closed the debate; the President summed up and proposed to each other's fairness and numbers, so after an abortive attempt to get a decision out of '91 and '92 the President himself decided in favor of the affirmative. Just one remark may be allowed by way of general criticism. The men of '93 and '94 (at any rate most of those who spoke last Friday night) plainly need to learn that it is useless to fling the names of great authorities at the heads of the referee. We should acknowledge no authority here except our own enlightened reason.

When the debate was ended, the men of '93 and '94 with a disappointing carelessness as to what was to follow, arose in a disorderly mass and left the meeting. A few juniors and seniors remained in the room to conduct business as a labor of love, and sat for a long time in baffled uncertainty about choosing speakers for the McGill debate. Mr. Stewart attempted to toy with the constitution in a way that frightened the more reverent members, and after many a useless suggestion it was decided to reconsider the date, to leave it unsettled till we get a reply from McGill and to elect no speakers in the meantime. Then the scattered remnant adjourned.

Five institutions of learning controlled by the Roman Catholic Church have been admitted to the New York university system, and are receiving a part of the academic fund of the State.

President Andrews, of Brown University, has proposed a new marking system for the senior class in psychology. Eight or ten men chosen from the class will mark every recitation through the term. These marks are then to be averaged, and the averages thus obtained will constitute the term marks of the class. It is a novel scheme, and will be watched with interest.

CITY MISSION WORK.

Among the different societies and institutions in connection with our College, none has a more widely reaching influence than the University Y.M.C.A.; an influence quiet in its working, but by no means less powerful on that account. Prosperous in its general undertakings, it is yet felt that it might be still more so. One of the difficulties, if not the chief, under which the work is carried on is the tendency among the members to leave the burdens of labor upon the shoulders of a few. It is generally recognized that this is perhaps due, not so much to lack of interest or willingness to assist, as to a want of knowledge of the precise character of the different lines of effort outside of the well-known weekly meetings. These lines of effort are promoted and guided by Committees whose chief problem is how to let all the student body become acquainted with what they deliberate upon, so that any one, moved at any time to enter personally into the execution of their deliberations, may know the directions in which their opportunities lie.

One of the Association committees has charge of a work which should commend itself to every member of our College and of our Association, viz., the work of City Missions. The present duties of this committee consist chiefly in devoting certain nights each week to the Newsboys' Home, an institution whose work is dear to the heart of our venerable President, Sir Daniel Wilson.

The tri-weekly visits to this Home have for their impelling motives four ends, as follows:—

1. The carrying on, in however slight a degree, of some educational work, e. g., 10 or 15 minutes of practical instruction.
2. The entertainment of the boys by means of readings, music, stories and talks.
3. The use of such influences as will present higher ideals than those the boys at present possess, and as will assist them to realize that a grander life lies before them than they at present believe.
4. The use of such talks or readings, along with the others, as will present the simple story of the Cross.

These meetings are most enjoyable. The boys are bright and lively, but respectful and attentive; and all who have ever gone down express satisfaction, and feel it no lost time to try and help these boys to higher things. Besides this, other openings are presented to which the energy of University men might well be devoted, at least once or twice a month. These the City Mission Committee would like to enter, if they felt that a sufficient number of the students, and especially the active members of the Association, would be willing to help. What is desired is that all should know what is being done; and every effort would be greatly facilitated and encouraged, if those willing to devote a spare hour now and again to such work would only present themselves or make known their sympathy and willingness. For the guidance of such there might be mentioned the names of the Gen. Sec., H. B. Fraser, B.A.; the Convener, E. A. Henry, '93; the Sec. of Com., J. Menzies, '93, or in general any of the officers of the Association.

The latest thing in clubs is the Anti-Student Club, formed by the young ladies of Bethlehem, Pa. Its object is to ignore the frivolous flirting student of Lehigh, who does not mean business.

At a recent meeting of the Trustees of Columbia, a resolution was passed giving each professor a leave of absence once in every seven years on half-pay, such year to count as a year of service to the college.

An effort is being made to raise a subscription for the erection of a gymnasium at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, Mich. This University has over 2,000 students, and as yet has no gymnasium. There is one consolation in knowing that there are other universities beside Toronto as badly off in this matter as we.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

The Engineering Society held its first meeting for the Easter term on Tuesday, January 13, with a large attendance, Mr. Robinson, the president, presiding. Considerable business was disposed of, after which came the reading and discussion of papers. Mr. C. H. Mitchell read an excellent paper on "Earthworks on Highways," dealing with the details of construction, maintenance and protection of cuttings and embankments upon roads and railroads. The paper was very interesting as well as instructive. Prof. Galbraith, being present, was called upon by the president for a short descriptive lecture on the new "testing machine" which is being obtained for the Engineering Laboratory in connection with the School of Science. This machine is to be used for testing the strength of beams and bars of iron, wood, etc., for engineering purposes. He described the principles upon which the machine is built, and gave figures and dimensions which were quite startling. The machine can be made to break a beam of steel with a force of 100,000 pounds, yet the next moment will register that required to snap a silk thread. The Professor expects the testing machine to be sent shortly from Philadelphia, where it is being constructed. Being by far the best yet invented, and the first of its kind in Canada, the machine will be regarded as a valuable adjunct to the Engineering department.

Most of the men are now back after the holidays, and are settling down to the stern realities of student life again. The engineers are pleased to see Mr. A. R. Goldie, of Galt, again in their midst. It will be remembered that he was compelled to give up his year last Easter term on account of a severe attack of typhoid fever. He is now, however, completely recovered and is resuming work for this term.

During the holidays there have been some additions made to the Architectural department. The corridors of the "Draughting-room" wing are decorated with models of ancient architectural studies, and with a number of large framed photographs and engravings of modern buildings of architectural beauty.

Much anxiety is felt for Mr. Harold Rolph, '92, who is very ill at his home, Huron Street, with typhoid fever.

EXCHANGES.

Our table is covered with a large pile of exchanges, to all of whom we offer a hearty welcome. Among the number are several very fine Christmas numbers, to which we hope to make reference in future issues. The *Argosy*, *Owl*, *Tuftonian*, *Chronicle-Argonaut*, *Red and Blue*, *Brunonian* and *Swarthmore Phoenix*, publish excellent holiday numbers.

The *Practical Student*, from the Ohio Wesleyan University, has the following: "THE VARSITY comes to us with all the characteristics of the born Englishman, telling in the hearty English way all about college life in Her Majesty's Kingdom. If THE VARSITY be a fair representation of the college which she loves, we judge the college is alive to all that goes to make the fully developed man." We thank the *Practical Student* for its kind words; but we feel called upon mildly to protest that while we, as Canadians first, last and always, often congratulate ourselves that we are neither English nor Americans, we are always glad to think that we seem destined to have on either hand companions so agreeable.

Vassar's new gymnasium is the largest building in this country, which is used exclusively for the physical culture of women.

The lady students of Cornell are working to endow a ward in the Ithaca Hospital, which shall be open to students of the Cornell University.

TIRE D.

And so you have brought her roses,
 And violets just in bloom,
 And lilies white as her face to-night,
 To put in the darkened room.
 She said no word as she fell asleep
 With her hands cross't on her breast,
 For oh! she was tired, tired
 And longed to be at rest.

She waited so long for you, Jack,
 And yet you never came.
 Your absence broke her heart, Jack,
 But *you* she'd never blame.
 She said: "My Love will aye be true
 And all his pledges keep,
 But I'm tired, oh! so tired,"
 And sighing, she fell asleep.

And now you've come too late, Jack,
 And the final struggle is o'er.
 A weary soul and a wornout frame
 Are weary and worn no more.
 She passed away like a tired child
 That has played all the afternoon,
 And is lulled to sleep by the whispering woods,
 And the flowers, and the brooklet's croon.

So we'll put this rose in her hair, Jack,
 And the violets here in her hand,
 And when she awakes from her tired sleep,
 Their meaning she'll understand.
 She'll know that her Love *was* always true,
 And every pledge *did* keep—
 But her heart was tired, tired,
 So hush! we'll let her sleep.

A. D. NORTHWOOD.

Things Generally.

I.

IF we only had a good big Residence that would hold two or three hundred"—such are invariably the words of those outsiders I talk to on the "Residence" question. Every one feels a regret that it has not fallen to his lot to live the real old-style college life. He recognizes the fact that for him there is an experience *lost*. "The social life," "the friendships," "the memories in after years"—oh, yes, he admits all that, and knows all about it. But when it comes to deciding whether he will go into Residence or not, he emphatically stays outside, repeating to himself, with the slightest trace of a sigh, the *optative protasis*, "If we only had a good big Residence"—and not intending, I am quite sure (if you will permit another use of grammatical language), that "good" should qualify "Residence," but rather add something, in an indefinite sort of way, to the meaning of "big."

And does he choose well or ill, considering the fact that we *haven't* a "good big Residence"? The number of undergraduates is increasing rapidly, the present Residence accommodation is limited, and there seems no chance of its extension. The Residence men will form an ever lessening fraction of the student body. He who would really be in

touch with undergraduate life must know and understand the vast though scattered throng of "boarding-house" dwellers. Can a Residence man know and understand them? Facts show that he can. Is there a danger, that he may not? Facts also show that there is; and if he does not, it is a question whether he does not lose more than he gains by going into Residence.

For, after all, we outsiders—you see, since the avowal will add little to the danger of the disclosure of my identity, which, for the sake of impressiveness, is to remain a dark and impenetrable mystery, I *am* an outsider (with a small o); I jeer at and tantalize policemen on Hallowe'en, and discuss the true inward rottenness of city politics with them next morning over our coffee and toast; when I walk down town, I glance with a proud, contemptuous smile at the Toronto Business College, and, returning, chat with one of its students at lunch, finding him to be a highly estimable young man with human feelings and aspirations; I fight with Meds in the corridor (getting pitched out anon), and estimate with them the prospects of the next day's scrimmage as we lounge on our beds together after dinner; I boast, I trust with reason, of some loyalty to my Alma Mater, though occasionally, very, very occasionally, my affections *are* divided by an attachment to my boarding-house—we outsiders, I was going to say, when I was egotistically interrupted, can also lay claim to an experience, "a multitudinous experience," which may compensate for the loss of the Residence life; we, too, have our friendships, endearing and ennobling; we, too, have our reminiscences that we know can never fade; our social life, despite the various inconveniences of natural laziness, inclement weather, inconspicuous door-bells and impatient waiting-maids; despite the abominable fetters that hasty matriculation and tyrannical class lists place upon us; despite the counter attractions of the city, the political clubs, the second-rate theatres, the public meetings and all, which make me wish Toronto University were to be moved to Cobourg, rather than Victoria to Toronto; despite the deplorable increase of societies, literary, scientific and otherwise, that leave little time for purely social intercourse; despite all these, our social life is not uninteresting nor unimproving, though it may lack concentration and highly cultured development. We certainly do not do enough in the way of entertaining each other. There are certainly too few students' parties in cosy little private parlors (these public receptions where we troop in a herd are generally quite intolerable); yet the principal trouble here is that we simply don't know enough to begin. But I doubt if our Residence friends are very far ahead of us in this much talked of "social life." Taking all things together, then, I think we have as instructive an experience, as valuable friendships, as happy memories, and as much sociability as the Forty Immortals. We are three hundred or so; they, somewhat more than a tenth of that number. Is it worth while to keep up the Residence, then? Back! Stir not, ye avenging spirits that start from the dusty offices of the enveloping city! for I give the answer, "Yes. It is worth while." Why? Oh, for variety, if nothing else. We would be loathe to lose so interesting a type.

NUNQUAM NOSCENDUS.

COMMUNICATION.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

SIR,—The waves of public opinion around the University seem to have tossed things adrift. Rumbling sounds are heard. Harmony has gone, and cruel Discord, with Blind Misunderstanding by her side, reigns supreme.

"Anti-Protectionist" regrets that "the spirit of our Alma Mater" is so sluggish; but if he were present at the "hustling" on the 21st ult., even his fainting, sorrow-stricken heart must have beaten anew, and he must have felt that his manuscript, still unprinted, was bearing fruit. Nor would the scene of the following Tuesday morning have caused him trouble but rather joy. Though the old time customs may be dying, the *esprit de corps* lives on and awakens from its slumber at various times; soon with recuperated strength it will appear stronger than before.

Now the verdant "Freshman" claims our attention. Poor boy! The genial current of his soul has been frozen, yes, actually frozen. Oh, those wicked Seniors! Those "cruel, selfish, cowardly Seniors"! Why this thushness? He says the Freshmen "admire manliness"; but I am afraid they will not admire him, nor his feverish outbursts. He does not, or will not, recognize that the Seniors do all these "mean" actions in a friendly spirit, of which he takes no account. But I think the majority of the Freshmen do recognize the friendly attitude of the Seniors, and will take no stock in the rantings of our "blooming Freshman."

But these outbursts of dissatisfaction from two points of view lead us to think that on account of "a lack of system in our college life—this particular phase of it—there is misunderstanding and consequently discontent.

I am not in favor of returning to hazing, nor am I in favor of letting the Freshman go free into every form of college life without having some check put upon his rash actions. That some Freshmen do rash things is an axiom.

My idea is that we have a College Court. No secret system of persecution, but something open, above board, and sanctioned by society spirit. We are a society; the sovereign power should reside in the hands of the Seniors as heretofore; they should establish a court for the trial of all offenders, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior.

That court should have about three judges, a prosecuting and a defence attorney; all to be chosen in April from the third year by the vote of all the undergraduates in arts.

The judges should have the power to appoint officers to arrest prisoners, serve subpoenas, execute sentences, etc.

Complaints to be laid in writing by any student to the judge, such complaints or charges to be accompanied by complainant's name, which will be divulged to none but said judges. I have sketched merely the main features of a system and would like to see the matter discussed.

Yours sincerely, JUNIOR.

THE COLLEGE WORLD.

Phillips Exeter Academy will have a colored class orator this year.

The University of Nebraska has adopted the three mark method, failed, conditioned, and passed.

Sixty per cent. of the students in Toronto Medical College are pledged total abstainers.—*Brunonian*.

The Italian Government has ordered the study of English to be added to the courses of all the colleges.

The directors of Johns Hopkins will urge the trustees to appoint A. A. Stagg, the Yale pitcher, as director of the gymnasium, in place of Dr. E. M. Hartwell, resigned.

The Governor of Michigan will report in his annual message that the University of Michigan is seriously overcrowded, and that measures ought to be taken to remedy the trouble.

Now is the time for legislation in sporting matters generally, and in the past week for football in particular. In Rugby circles, Secretary Bayley, who was appointed to report on the advisability of introducing the American college Rugby game, has reported adversely to the whole-sale adoption of the American rules, though he thinks some minor points might be changed in the Canadian game. Then there has been the organization of a Rugby Club at Osgoode Hall. The Osgoode men, with so many graduates from the 'Varsity and others, ought to be able to put a premier team in the field.

The Western Association met on Friday and Saturday and transacted considerable business, some of very great importance to Varsity. Everybody expected that the changing of the competition from a semi-annual to an annual one would be carried, but another more satisfactory change was proposed and was accepted. In the future the Western Series will end in October instead of in November as at present. The Varsity team will play the two leading clubs in the Toronto league early in October, and the winners then will be able to play the West and finish the finals by the end of October. If Varsity should be successful, it means that she would play four championship matches in three weeks; but if she can win in Toronto there is no fear of her not being able to stand the strain.

Another change may effect Varsity, and may lead to an injustice that was doubtless not intended. The football year will begin on Jan. 1st instead of on Sept. 1st, as at present. Any who play with one club in the spring cannot play with a different one in the fall. Varsity men are generally in demand among other clubs in the spring, and THE VARSITY wishes to warn any such from agreeing to play in the spring either in the League or Association if they wish to play with Varsity in the fall. But the injustice will be done in a different way. Suppose a good player in Galt, Seaforth, Woodstock or Berlin, matriculates in July and comes up to the University in the fall. If he has played for his town club in the spring he cannot play for the University in the fall. That this is not right every one will admit, and if such a case does arise, as it assuredly will, the good sense of all interested in football will see that justice is done. On the whole the Western Association is to be congratulated at the changes it has made, and on the prosperous condition of football generally.

THE HOCKEY CLUB.

Very little interest has been taken in hockey by 'Varsity men until the present winter. During last term a good deal of talking was done on the subject but no steps were taken to form a club. The reception of a challenge from the McGill club has however enlivened the believers in hockey, and a meeting was held on Thursday evening last in Mr. P. Whyte's room in residence to form a club. The 'Varsity Hockey Club was the outcome of an enthusiastic gathering. Mr. A. T. Kirkpatrick was elected President, Mr. P. Whyte, Secretary-Treasurer, and Messrs. A. W. Harvey, '93, J. Bain, '94, and W. Crain, Medical School were appointed an Executive Committee.

In the absence of skating facilities on the college grounds, the committee are endeavoring to secure the use of the city rinks.

A notice will be posted on this afternoon giving the name of the rink secured, the hours of practice, etc. It is hoped that all interested in the game will hand in their names to the Secretary at once.

Football has been prohibited, as a "fiendish" game, at the Carlisle Indian school, at Carlisle, Pa.

Cambridge and Oxford occupy the same relative positions in their football contests as Yale and Princeton. Since 1873 Cambridge has won seven of the annual games and Oxford six.

NOTICE.

All reports of meetings or events occurring up to Thursday evening must be in the hands of the Editor by Friday noon, or they will not be published.

'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

T. A. CRAIG, of '92, has gone to Denver for the benefit of his health.

SIR DANIEL WILSON begins his lectures on Ethnology to the seniors this week.

THE class of '92 will hold a social meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Hall next Saturday evening.

THE Natural Science and Mathematical and Physical Societies hold meetings this afternoon.

DR. SHERATON, of Wycliffe, has resumed his Sunday afternoon Bible classes for University men.

A REGULAR meeting of the Class of '94 will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall this afternoon at four o'clock.

P. McARTHUR, of '92, who has been spending his vacation in Canada, returned on Friday last to New York.

THE following degrees were conferred at the last meeting of the Senate: B.A.—E. I. Hart, C. R. McKeown, G. B. McClean, C. Moore; M.B.—C. W. Clendennan.

MR. THOMAS L. McEWEN, of Toronto, Ont., has recently entered the school. Mr. McEwen was for three years a student in the University of Toronto.—*Tuftonian, Tuft's College, Mass.*

THE Class of '91 are having their class photos taken at Simpson's, King Street. The committee request that all members of the class shall report at the photographer's before the 1st of February.

MR. E. L. HILL, Science Master of the Guelph Collegiate Institute, is in receipt of a telegram from St. Thomas, stating that he had been appointed Science Master in the Collegiate there, at a salary of \$1,000.

THERE still remain a few unpaid subscriptions among the undergraduates, and the Business Manager desires to intimate that the names of such will be removed from the list if the amount of their subscription be not handed in immediately.

DR. JAMES D. THORBURN, who has recently returned from Berlin, where he investigated the efficacy of the famous Koch lymph, gave a lecture at the Toronto Medical School on Friday night. There was a large attendance of the profession and students.

MR. McKIM has had some very neat hand-bells, as well as several souvenirs of other designs, made out of the metal of the University bell, which may be had from him for a trifle. Mr. McKim has presented each member of the faculty with a memento of the fire.

MISS LELIA A. DAVIS, the first woman graduate of medicine of the University of Toronto, has returned to this city, where she will practice her chosen profession. Before graduating, Miss Davis studied in London, and for the past year has been taking special courses in New York, Vienna and Paris.—*World.*

ORIENTAL CLUB.—The next regular meeting of the U. O. Club will be held in Prof. Wrong's lecture room, Wycliffe College, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27, at eight o'clock. A paper will be read by John McNair, B.A., on "The Physical Features of Palestine: Their Effect on the Development of the Jewish Nation."

G. B. McCLEAN, B.A., of the Class of '90, has accepted a position on the teaching staff of Upper Canada College. Besides being a valuable addition to the staff, his services as a director of athletics at Upper Canada will be invaluable. Upper Canada is the great feeder of our Rugby team, and with McClean as a coach will doubtless continue to be.

MR. G. COUTELLIER, of the Ingres-Coutellier School of Languages, lectured in French to a very large audience in Association Hall last Thursday evening, his subject being "Paris, les Parisiens et les Parisiennes." These lectures by Mr. Coutellier are very interesting, and afford an excellent opportunity for University students for practice in understanding spoken French.

J. B. LOCKHART, of '92, one of the directors of THE VARSITY, has been appointed to a good position in the public schools of Grandin, Dakota, for which place he left during the Christmas vacation. If John shines as brilliantly as a teacher, as he did as half-back for the Varsity foot-ball team, the people of Grandin are to be congratulated on the acquisition of such a star.

WE are glad to find the names of the following students and graduates of Varsity among the successful candidates at the recent examinations held in connection with the Training Institutes of Ontario: A. T. De Lury, B.A., J. G. Wilton, B.A., W. F. Bald, B.A., Miss L. L. Ryckman, B.A., Miss G. Lawler, B.A., Miss A. Wilson, B.A., Miss M. Craig, W. H. Graham, B.A., G. R. Faskin, B.A., R. Bonner, B.A., E. E. Ingall, A. P. Northwood and H. W. Brown.

MOCK PARLIAMENT.—The Cabinet taking office, in consequence of the defeat of the late Ministry upon the new party lines laid down at the last meeting, is composed of the following gentlemen: Premier—J. M. Godfrey; Minister of Finance—A. T. Kirkpatrick; Minister of Railways—F. B. Hellems; Minister of Agriculture—R. E. Hooper; Minister of Justice—H. C. Pope; Minister of Militia—U. M. Wilson; Minister of Marine and

Fisheries—W. G. Watson; Minister of Customs—J. Gillies, '94; Minister of Inland Revenue—W. P. Bull; Minister of Interior—W. P. Reeve; Postmaster-General—J. A. McKellar; Secretary of State—C. A. Moss.

THE parlors of the Y. M. C. A. were filled by the members of '93 on Saturday night last, the occasion of the last social evening for the present academic year. The gathering was a decidedly merry one, notwithstanding the cloud of gloom that cast its pall over the year by reason of the preceding night's defeat at the Literary. The President, Mr. Hellems, was in the chair during the rendering of the programme. Excellent music was furnished by Miss Howson, Miss Johnson, Miss Telfer, and Messrs. Crosby, Anderson, Knox and Parker. Mr. Clark, the orator, spoke very feelingly of the "tie that binds," and other equally touching subjects. Mr. Bull, the critic, was apparently in a brilliant mood, and brought down the house, including Mr. Clark. Refreshments were provided by Lloyd, and were even more tasty than usual.

Y. M. C. A.—The second regular meeting for the term was held on Thursday afternoon last. The subject was Bible study, and was opened by Mr. Frank Lillie in a carefully-prepared and very strong address. In the discussion which followed, Mr. Tracy, Fellow in the department of Philosophy, was present, and urged upon the members of the Association the importance of Bible study on the purely inductive method. A Bible Study Association has been formed, and meets on Wednesday afternoons at 4.15. The first meeting of this Association was held last Wednesday. The General Secretary has been appointed leader of the class. In view of the fact that Dr. Nevins is to address the Y. W. C. A. on Wednesday afternoon, and an invitation has been extended to the members of the Y. M. C. A., the regular Thursday meeting will be omitted this week.

DI-VARSITIES

First Horse: "Let's go to the meadow." *Second Horse:* "Neigh, neigh, Pauline; I'm afraid fodder will be there."—*Munsey's.*

Prof. (to students): "Smoke away, gentlemen; it does not annoy me in the least. I look on tobacco in the same light as hay. I don't eat it myself, but I like to see others enjoy it."—*Life.*



STUDENTS ATTENTION!

This is a fac-simile of our pins made from the metal from the College bell, which we are selling at a moderate price. Every student should have one, as they make an interesting souvenir of the fire.

J. E. ELLIS,
Cor. King and Yonge Sts.