

obtain some books on his Psychology and Principles of Teaching.

Miss Mason has provided us with a copy of Herbert Spencer's Essay about which we are keenly interested, probably because Quick writes so critically and unsympathetically about him.

This year we have had special time for reading a most interesting book, James' *Talks to Teachers on Psychology*, etc. We can recommend it to you as very well worth study.

With sincere regards from

THE STUDENTS.

### STUDENTS' MEETINGS.

*June 23rd.*—Number present, 6: Miss Allen, Miss Spearman, Miss Nesbitt, Miss Magill, Miss Ross, Miss Faunce. This meeting came so soon after the Conference that doubtless distant members found it difficult to get away again. Dr. Helen Webb read her Address to Nurses, which she had given as an afternoon lecture during the Conference. There was no discussion, everyone feeling Miss Webb was on her own ground. The meeting broke up early. E. C. A.

There was no meeting in July, owing to the hot weather having sent people out of town.

*Christmas Term. October 28th.*—Three present: Miss Allen, Miss Magill, Miss Beddow. This meeting was held on a Sunday, to suit Mrs. Franklin, but it was so scarcely attended that we really felt it was unfair to ask Miss Montagu to read her paper to such a small audience. Her subject was "Pain," treated beautifully. She dwelt upon the privilege of pain, and how it was a means of ennobling character we are apt to neglect and take too much care to avoid, in our child-training. E. C. A.

No other meetings were held at Mrs. Franklin's this term.

### Committee Meeting.

A Committee Meeting was held on December 8th, at Mrs. Ilsley's, which was well attended. It was called "to discuss business details" that the Editor, Secretary and Treasurer did not feel competent to decide alone.

The following were the agenda:—

1. That subscriptions should be raised to 3/6 to enable us to have three issues of *L' Umile Pianta* yearly.
2. That all subscriptions should be paid direct to the Treasurer, who should send out printed notices to call them in.
3. That each number of *L' Umile Pianta* should contain a short account of the aims of the Association, with a list of Vice-Presidents.
4. Any general reform suggested by individuals.

Mrs. Ilsley in the chair.

The first point was put forward by Miss Allen. Miss Nesbitt said she had heard from a few students that they did not mind the extra 6d., but from none that they did. Discussion decided that three issues were very desirable. They would do more than anything else to keep the Association a working whole, and if less time elapsed between each number interest could be better sustained. Miss Magill hoped that the third number would not be the leavings of the other two, but Miss Nesbitt assured us she had plenty of matter for three good numbers.

The second point was proposed by Miss Flower, as treasurer. It was carried unanimously, all committee members feeling it was a more business-like arrangement than the former one of collecting subscriptions by years. With such a scattered Association as ours, the only way to keep it together is to centralize. A leaflet form for the Treasurer's use was drawn up.

Miss Lanphier spoke on the third point, and said that really the object of the Association was to keep the students together, that they might feel they were working as a united body, not as units. The result of her remarks and of others, together with Miss Mason's letter to the members in an early *L' Umile Pianta*, will be found elsewhere.

After an interval for tea, we returned to business, and Miss Alice Magill's literary scheme was discussed. So many

people have said how much they like the idea, but no one has taken it up.

Miss Nora Magill said her sister would be quite willing to manage a sort of Reading Union, whose members used the Magazine as a means of communicating, suggesting books to be read each term, and writing criticisms or impressions after reading, of which selections or extracts would be published. Miss E. A. Magill will start this, and it was hoped that many, especially country members, will take it up. Post card criticisms of the books read were suggested. They are excellent as practice in epigrammatic writing, and would be short enough to publish a good number. Lists of suitable books would be given each term, compiled by Miss Magill from her own studies and suggestions of members. After this was decided the meeting became more desultory. *February, June, and October* were decided on as the dates for the three issues; to come out on the first of the month.

Then, as it is felt that although Mrs. Franklin is extremely kind, and we all appreciate her hospitality, Bayswater is a little remote for some who manage to get a Saturday half with great difficulty. A public meeting-place would suit some people much better, and, if dates and times were fixed, one could always arrange beforehand to leave that afternoon free. After many suggestions, the Aerated Bread Shop opposite Victoria Station was agreed on. It is central and public, and possesses an unfrequented upstairs Ladies' Coffee Room, which would suit very well. It was decided to hold the meetings every third Saturday in the month, not beginning too near the beginning of the term, when, as was wisely remarked, days off are hard to get. Dates for meetings next term will be found below; 3-15 p.m. is the hour, and the early ones were to order their tea and wait for the late ones as long as they could.

After a hearty expression of thanks to Mrs. Ilsley for her hospitality the meeting broke up at 6 o'clock.

Present: Misses Allen (2), Nesbitt, Flower, Lanphier, Gray, Pennethorne, Spearman, Magill, and Mrs. Ilsley.

E. C. ALLEN, Sec.

Students' Meetings to be held at the A. B. C. (opposite Victoria Station, Chatham and Dover), February 2nd and 23rd, March 23rd, and April 27th.