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I. Literary.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

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I.

Where Egypt's sacred river creeps
 Along its plenteous plains;
Where rise its monumental heaps
 And colonnaded fanes;
Where History, Art and Science scored
 In sculptured wall their record old,
And in a myriad tombs were stored
 Treasures of knowledge yet untold;
Where Power has reached its loftiest state
And millions cringed before the great;
 A people known to God
 The path of sorrow trod,
And in hard bondage wrought, and mourned their bitter fate.

II.

The silent stars look down—
 Look down and give no sign;
Dumb is the oracle of On,
 Dumb is Osiris' shrine;
And Memnon's sunrise song
 To them no answer brings;
In vain for them his notes prolong,
 In vain for them he sings;

IV. The Seminary.

The hearts of the students were made glad and filled with happy anticipations by the announcement of the decision of the Faculty to give an intermission of work for ten days at Christmas. Excepting Christmas day no holiday was given the two preceding years. Quite a number of the students will visit their homes and friends and "loved ones."

Mr. M. E. Hansel was called home about the 20th of November by the illness of his brother, who died a few days later. Mr. W. F. Galbraith was summoned home by the illness of his sister, who has since died. Mr. Galbraith has accepted the principalship of the public school at Milford, Texas, his home town, and will not return this year. We hope Mr. Hansel will soon be with us.

Two enterprising students, Messrs. Simpson and McInturff, have gotten out a Students' Hand-book for the instruction and guidance of those not acquainted with the Seminary and the city. It is a new venture for Union.

The four delegates to the conference of theological students and professors, held at Allegheny City, November 1st-4th, made their report to the Missionary Society November 12th. The delegates brought back the spirit of the conference and succeeded in a good measure in communicating that spirit to the student body. The delegates emphasized the importance of forming now the habit of personal work with men, of daily devotional Bible study, of secret and intercessory prayer, and of studying missions.

Dr. James B. Woods, medical missionary to China, gave us an interesting and instructive address December 2d on medical work in his field. Dr. Woods is a son-in-law of Rev. Dr. James P. Smith, and with his family is spending part of his vacation at Dr. Smith's home, near the Seminary.

On Monday morning, December 10th, Rev. C. R. Womeldorf, of the North Brazil Mission, gave us an instructive talk on "The

Relations of Protestantism and Catholicism in Brazil." At the same meeting two interesting letters were read from Rev. W. F. Bull, the Seminary's Missionary to Korea. J. B. G.

Entered Into Rest.

B. H. HANSEL, McDowell, Va.; Nov. 19th; 40 years.

MRS. MINNIE GALBRAITH EDWARDS, Milford, Tex.; Dec. 2d; 28 years.

MRS. ANNIE PECK MULLER, Columbia, S. C.; Dec. 3d; 43 years.
Infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Lingle, Union Theological Seminary; Dec. 5; 8 days.
