

the regular meetings on topics bearing on class-work during last session were of special interest and value to those who took part in them.

The absence of the president and vice-president most probably accounts for the lethargy of the club. We trust soon to see it alive and working vigorously.

THE fiscal policy of the Government has lately been unceremoniously condemned at least as far as the colleges are concerned. Principal Grant on University night spoke of the tax on books as a remnant of barbarism, and again last week Prof. Marshall sent in a home thrust. During the summer while on the continent the worthy Professor of Physics had secured expensive additions to the Physical Laboratory. The apparatus was such as could not be possibly be obtained in Canada yet on landing it was detained by Customs. The College authorities refused point blank to pay the duty and delays resulted. During the course of the morning lecture, an experiment was needed but Prof. Marshall had to explain that though he was a month returned he had been unable to get the apparatus from Customs. He further said, "I hope gentlemen you will bear the inconvenience patiently as we should all be prepared to suffer somewhat for sake of principle." Since then we are glad for sake of Government to learn that its foolish position has been abandoned and our Laboratory is now the better by the apparatus to which we referred.

AS the college staff is now almost complete, or at least as we cannot expect many additions to it for some years to come, we would like to offer a suggestion to that venerable body, the Senate of Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. Our suggestion, put into the form of a query is this:—Would it not be a good idea for our teaching staff to

get their photos taken in a group? Many of our grads. would be glad to have such a picture and would point to this one and that one in it as reminiscences of their college days came trooping up at the sight of the well-known faces. And as for us college boys, even supposing we have money enough to purchase the separate photographs of our Profs. (which some of us haven't), yet in the first place they can not *all* be purchased, and in the second place even if they could, and if further they were all carefully preserved in a fine album, the album is often forgotten—'out of sight, out of mind.' Besides—and we only hint at it—not *every* student, not even every *freshman* would care to let everybody range through the corridors of his own private picture-gallery.

We hope the Senate will think favourably of our proposition, and will give us a finely-framed group to be hung in the Reading-room.

HOW many schemes for the employment of capital University men can suggest! This our latest however deserves more than passing notice. Our somewhat hastily prepared prospectus is as follows:—Kingston is not growing proportionately with her University. Even now the students are beginning to complain of the accommodation available for their term of residence. The want will rapidly increase, while on the part of the college authorities there seems to be no disposition to go in for a Residence pure and simple. It is difficult to make Residences with reasonable rates pay expenses, as they are only occupied during part of the year. Again it has often been wondered at that there is no summer resort in our beautiful city. Here again comes in the difficulty that in such resorts high rates must be charged because of short seasons. Now why not overcome these difficulties by a sort of patent combination. The summer season