

We are glad to see that the public lectures, which have been so popular for the last two years, have not been discontinued this year. The friends of the College and the public generally are invited to attend. The first lecture is given on Friday, January 27th, at 4 p.m., by Prof. Morris, LL.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. His subject will be "Socialism and Pessimism." Friday, February 3rd, is the date of the second lecture. Principal Adams, of Bishop's College Lennoxville, will speak on Macaulay. On Friday, February 10th, Prof. Nash, M. A., Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., will take as the subject of his lecture "A Day in Augustan Rome."

The first meeting of the Literary Institute for the Lent term was held on Friday, Jan. 13th. Business matters were the subject of discussion. It was decided that the "Empire" should be placed on file in the reading-room. Conversazione called forth some remarks and the date for that event was fixed.

Among the books lately added to the Library we notice:

Elizabethan Literature—Saintsbury.
 A Memoir of Ralph Waldo Emerson—J. E. Cabot.
 Chambers's English Literature.
 Commentaries on Common Law—Broom.
 Equity Jurisprudence—Flint.
 Carlyle's Works.
 History of France—Guizot.
 Les Miserables—(Original.)
 Gospel of S. John—Sadler.
 Bancroft's Works.
 Les Origines de la France Contemporaine—Taine.
 Theism—R. Flint.
 Art of Extemporary Speaking—Haultain.
 Journals of House of Commons and Senate, 1887.

Church socials, for the time being, appear to be highly in favour among both Arts and Divinity men. Tickets, it is said, are selling at fabulous prices, especially among the Freshmen. Night after night does the enterprising "freshie," enveloped in all his verdant "newness," betake himself to the giddy assemblage, where, surrounded by an admiring galaxy of youth and beauty, he eagerly descants on the "wild excitement" of college life; and as the night swiftly grows old, with a last supreme effort he tears himself away from the scenes he loves so well, seeks his virtuous couch, and is soon lost in blissful dreams of ham sandwiches and blue eyes, jam tarts and rosy lips; dreams alas! which are quickly dispelled as the doleful sound of the chapel bell recalls him once more to the "wild excitement" of college life.

A College Glee-Club has been organized with Mr. F. G. Plummer as conductor and director. Some fifteen members were present at the first practice, which was a most enthusiastic one. There is no reason whatever why the Club should not become a very popular and useful College Institution; we have the talent and the will—all that is required to ensure permanent success is a healthy spirit of perseverance. The Club meets for practice every Monday and Thursday at 2 p.m.

The next number of *Episkopon* will shortly be read and the scribe asks for contributions at once. We would again remind contributors that *Episkopon* is by no means a medium for the display of personal insult and spite; but rather for the good-humoured and wholesome correction of the more objectionable traits displayed in the characters of both freshmen and seniors. This, *Episkopon's* true object, seems to have been most scandalously forgotten both by contributors, editors, and committee of revision in the last number.

Again we have to draw the attention of the authorities to the "coal gas nuisance." Surely some steps might be taken to prevent the abominable stench which so often permeates the College Buildings. This is a matter which affects not merely the Students, but must be felt by professors as well, to say nothing of the discomfort which even visitors must experience from it. Why this thussness year after year?

PERSONAL.

We are glad to hear that H. R. Sidley, '87, after passing successfully at the end of the three months' course at Kingston Training Institute, has been appointed to the Classical Mastership in Sarnia High School. Mr. Sidley entered on his duties on 9th inst.

G. Warren, '88, was ordained Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Toronto at an ordination held in S. John's Church, Bowmanville, on December 18th, 1887. Rev. Prof. Roper preached the sermon. Mr. Warren continues to assist Dr. McNabb in S. John's Parish.

At the Christmas ordination by the Lord Bishop of London, Eng., John Carter, '82, was ordained to the Diaconate, and licensed to the Curacy of S. Anne's, Limehouse, London, E. Mr. Carter graduated from Exeter College, Oxford, taking a second-class in Honour Philosophy.

EXCHANGES.

We expected to have received many Christmas numbers among our stock of exchanges for the present month, but it seems as if very few of the Colleges send forth any such thing. We think it would be well if a break was made in the usual routine of the different papers at least once a year in some such way as the issuing of a special Christmas number, as it would have a decided tendency to keep the editors out of "a rut."

Distinct from its usual matter, the "Presbyterian College Journal" has a very good and well written article on "Nomenclature," the perusal of which afforded us no small gratification. We feel thankful that some of the names therein mentioned were not inflicted on us in our infancy. Many interesting and to some extent, novel researches might be made in this field, illustrating the old question "What's in a name." The Canada Educational Monthly has an article on "The Study of Classics," which we trust will be widely read, as it is high time that the ideas put forth by the writer should be more widely recognized in this country, with its present tendency to *pseudo-utilitarianism*.