

ployed by the ancients in raising water and traced the progress which had been made in the steam-engine and its applications from Hero's up to the present time. The paper was well illustrated and proved of great interest to the audience. Mr. T. Russell, P.L.S., read a paper on "Track Laying," in which he gave the general requirements for good work. He also pointed out the necessity of the Engineer seeing that every detail was finished in accordance with the specifications. Several extracts from track-laying specifications were given and proved of interest. The writer concluded by giving a description of the methods of laying sidings and switches; after some discussion the meeting adjourned.

POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

At the regular meeting of this Association, March 13, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That the members of the Historical and Political Science Association of the University of Toronto have learned with deep regret of the death of Professor George Paxton Young, in connection with whose department this Association was organized, and who, though the teaching of Political Science was not part of his academical work, took from the first a warm interest in the Association and its objects."

The resolution was moved by F. Tracey and seconded by F. C. Cooke.

This being the first meeting of the Association since the death of Professor Young, the Society has taken its earliest opportunity to express its sorrow for the University's great loss.

Mr. Houston, in a short address, paid a touching tribute to the memory of our departed Professor.

Nomination of candidates for offices was then proceeded with. The following are nominees:

President—Mr. Houston—elected by acclamation.
 Vice-President—Faskin, Peat, Wilson, W. A., Hall.
 Secretary—McEvoy, Boyd.
 Treasurer—Sinclair, Sale, Pope.
 Councillors—Wilson, U. M., Segsworth, Young, G. A. M., Logie, Woodruff.

The election of officers will take place at the next regular meeting, March 20th.

Mr. Houston gave a short lecture on "The method of studying Political Economy."

Starting with Exchange, and taking as an example a Book and a Dollar Bill, he sketched on the blackboard a plan of investigation.

Exchange, he maintained, was a natural starting point of the study of the science, from the fact that "we are all more or less accustomed with buying and selling." His lecture was well received by the Society.

The next meeting will be the last for the academic year, and a full attendance is specially requested.

TORONTO UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society was held in the medical buildings on the evening of the 8th inst. Mr. H. A. Yeomans, Vice-President, occupied the chair. The report of the General Committee was very satisfactory, showing as it did that the past year had been one of the most successful in the history of the Society. The number of books in the library has been considerably increased, the reading-room continually supplied with all the leading publications, medical, literary, etc., and the Society justly claimed that it stood second to no students' organization in connection with any of the universities or colleges of the Dominion. Before leaving the chair the Vice-President referred in complimentary terms to the kind attentions given by the members of the Faculty, particularly Dr. A. H. Wright, the retiring President, to the Society, and the applause of the students proved that these services were truly appreciated. The following were elected as officers for 1889-90:—President, Dr. John Ferguson; 1st. Vice-President, Geo. A. Shannon; 2nd. Vice-President, R. J. Crawford; Recording Secretary, L. Campbell; Corresponding Secretary, J. L. Smith; Treasurer, Dr. G. A. Peters; Assistant-Treasurer, Geo. Bowles; Curator, L. N. McKechnie. Councillors—T. Middleboro, J. A. Macdonald, J. Dow, J. E. Wilson, G. K. Shirton.

CLASS OF '92.

The Class of '92 held a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. hall last Tuesday afternoon. The attendance was large and great enthusiasm prevailed throughout. All the officers were present, the chair being ably filled by the president, who delivered his inaugural address in masterly style. The first piece on the programme was the Class chorus, which was sung to the tune of "Litoria." Then followed a well rendered piano solo by Miss Hillock and a song by H. Wales. Both Historians reviewed in an interesting manner the history of the class. The Prophet prophesied and the Orator delivered a brilliant oration. The Poet read an original poem which shewed him to be well worthy of his office. Miss Ackermann gave a very amusing reading, followed by a college chorus which, though not very amusing in itself, seemed to afford great amusement to the audience. W. Bunting addressed the meeting on Athletics which he reported to be in a very flourishing condition. Each part of the programme was closely criticised by the Critic, much to the satisfaction of all. The "Lord High Cock olorum" was there in all the majesty of his office and enlivened the meeting by his pithy remarks. The meeting adjourned, to meet at the call of the Executive Committee.

PERSONAL

F. J. Steen, '88, has been studying law in the States, but has become disgusted with the ways of justice across the border and has returned to his native land.

It is with great pleasure that we learn of the brilliant stand taken by J. G. Hume, '87, at Harvard University. At the recent examinations he stood first in philosophy, winning the Thayer scholarship in such fine style that an exception was made in his favour to allow him to hold the scholarship, notwithstanding that he had not been at Harvard for the required length of time.

We are sorry to have to call the attention of our readers once more to the fact that THE VARSITY cannot be run on unpaid subscriptions. We shall be obliged, we fear, to follow the example of certain fashionable tailors and publish a number of the paper giving up the whole of our valuable space to the names of the dead-head subscribers. In fact, our position is so desperate that we must take decisive measures, and proceed to give evidence of our fixed intention to pillory offenders by naming one of the least important among them—just for a beginning. We regret to say that Albert Edward, '60, (ad eundem) has consistently failed for the last nine years to come to time with his cash. Let us hear from you, Mr. Wales.

LITERARY NOTES.

A committee has been formed in London to erect a memorial to Christopher Marlowe in his native city of Canterbury. Lord Coleridge has been chosen President of the committee so that the movement will likely be successful.

Some time ago a movement was inaugurated in Paris to establish a library in which only the works of women were to have a place. The completion of the scheme has just been crowned by a public opening by Carmen Sylvia, the queen of Roumania, who was chosen President of the Library.

And still the tide flows on! Or rather "the sweet girl graduates in their golden hair" are ever advancing. The latest notable instance is Miss Ethel S. M. Montague, who had won high honours before she matriculated at London University in 1886, and has recently passed the B.A. examination in the first division with first class honours in English. She was the only lady in the class.

We gladly acknowledge the receipt of *Once A Week*, a New York publication. This last number contains, together with its excellent cartoon and numerous illustrations, much first-class reading matter. The twenty-four pages contain well-written editorials, (for this number dealing with Canadian questions) a serial by Frank A. Stockton, and a short story by Edgar Saltus, with literary notes and sketches contributed by a number of well-known writers, W. W. Campbell among them. The society part of the magazine is very ably conducted and contains interesting information.