

Some more improvements have been made in the Reading Room since Christmas. The covers for magazines and the case in which back numbers are deposited are a great advantage. Some of us are wondering how the Medical and Ladies' Reading Rooms are getting on.

"Say, I believe all these stories about Mohammed are only fiction."—W-and-l, '94.

Frequently we have heard complaints about the tampering of certain students with notices on the bulletin board. If a student puts up a notice, in a few days it is impossible to recognize it. A certain member of '94 from the Science Hall has been complained of for trespassing on notices and the habit of monopolizing another man's notice has become engrained in him. We make these remarks because recently several ladies put up notices of lost articles on the board and even these were not sacred. If these students cannot pass by a fellow-student's notice let them at least cease to interfere with the ladies'. The court cries, HOLD!

The Freshman Class held a regular meeting on February 2nd, at which a splendid programme was presented. Mr. Burton read a most interesting paper, descriptive of his visit to the Italian and Jewish quarters of New York, while Mr. Fralick related some of the adventures of a camping expedition to the head waters of the Mississippi. A strong Glee Club, under the leadership of J. B. McDougall, rendered a couple of choruses in good style.

Last Friday evening a number of students drove over to the home of Mr. H. Malone, '93, Garden Island, and spent an enjoyable evening. The drive was under the guardianship of the Angels' Club and its success and pleasure was equal to that augured by the name. At the supper toasts were given to the Queen, Ladies, Canada, Co-education, Our Entertainers, etc. Humorous and excellent speeches were given. The students will long remember the kindness and friendly welcome of Mr. and Mrs. Malone. Indeed, no place surpasses Kingston and its vicinity in that open hearted welcome which makes one feel that he is not among strangers.

We are sorry to record that our worthy Janitor is laid up with a stroke of paralysis. We hope that he may soon be restored to his duties, which can be successfully performed by him alone.

Graduates in other places seem, we are glad to see, to be well satisfied with this year's JOURNAL. We have received many letters of praise, and none of disapproval; the last received being from H. M. Mowat, Toronto. The students also seem pleased with our efforts, so that we at least please our subscribers, which is perhaps even more important than giving satisfaction to the *Niagara Index et al.*

Scene: The Physics Class-Room. An experiment in electricity is going on, Miss G—— having hands on the insulating stool.

Professor: "Mr. Young, will you kindly touch her hand?"

(Young does so, and an electric spark is the natural result).

Professor (calmly): "Ah, yes, touching hands is usually considered *sparkling*."

Y. M. C. A.

Wednesday afternoon the English Class Room was packed to hear John R. Mott speak, and none who heard him were disappointed. He speaks with such directness and confident appeal to facts that he is most convincing.

He first took up the oft repeated statement that christianity is losing its hold on thinking people, especially college students. By the closest statistics from Yale, Harvard, Stanford, and the State Universities, all of which have no connection with any religious denominations, he proved that the very reverse is true. He claims to prove from actual statistics that almost one half the college students of America are christian, while of young men generally the proportion is only one in twelve. He cited the case of Yale, where at one time in the early days of this century there was only *one* professing christian and six "Tom Paine" clubs, to-day there is a Y.M.C.A. with over four hundred members, and a beautiful building built by that association and used exclusively by it stands on the Campus.