

MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

Our lecture-rooms are supposed to be perfectly ventilated, but lovers of fresh air sometimes consider it necessary to open the windows—if they can.

The Salvation Army missionary failed to raise more than \$400 during his academic visit. The Business Manager was his most encouraging patient.

The Assistant Business Manager earnestly desires to have the *War Cry* on the exchange list. Information as to place of application will be thankfully received.

The results of the recent Presidential election seemed to be a cause for general congratulation amongst the students. Should the remote possibility of Annexation ever become a reality, there will be a Solid North as well as a Solid South.

The many friends of "Artie" Edwards were delighted at having him back last week. He is studying medicine at McGill and came up with the football team. We deeply regret having lost one who took such an active and able interest in student affairs.

While so many sidewalks are being laid down, would it be too much to ask that the authorities lay one or two crossings over that muddy road in the park? When a person loses his rubber in attempting to cross, it is but poor satisfaction to see the same fate befall one of the faculty.

THE VARSITY reading-room next door to the sanctum sanctorum is open to our subscribers. All the city papers as well as our innumerable college exchanges are on file, and we are glad to announce that our facilities promise to be well patronized. Socially our advantages are unparalleled.

Some issues ago we referred to the fact that W. P. Bull, '93, had spent his summer among the red men between here and the north pole. W. P. wore moccasins and carried a camera; and we are glad to learn that on Monday evening next he will give a description of the country and its inhabitants, illustrated by calcium light views.

When Prof. Hutton suggested that a Fives Court be built in connection with the gymnasium, he found it necessary to explain to the audience what such a thing was. Now, however, one may be seen any time at Victoria. To stand outside the fence and listen to the small boy's explanations and comments on the game proves wonderfully instructive.

The conversazione of the School of Pedagogy to be held on Friday night promises to be bright and attractive in every particular. It is expected that many of our undergraduates will take advantage of the courtesy of the committee with regard to attendance, not less from the intrinsic attractive-

ness of the event than from old friendships for the representatives of '92 that grace the provincial institution.

It may not be generally known, but there is a short underground passage which leads from the east entrance of the University to the cloak room. Last week a freshman essayed to thread its gloomy mysteries, and for some time his anxious friends mourned him as lost. Great was the rejoicing when he was seen climbing up out of a window in the west end. His fellow-students have been regaled ever since with wondrous stories of untrod realms, and a few adventurous spirits are talking of organizing an exploring expedition.

Jennie Dickerson, at the Savoy Theatre in London, has been especially engaged by the Robin Hood Opera Company to play the part of "Alan-A-Dale" in the opera of that name. Miss Dickerson is an American girl, but has spent some years abroad where she has appeared in all of the productions made by D'Oyley Carte. Her voice is a pure contralto of great range and power; and as the outlaw in Sherwood Forest she is said to be especially good. The music of her part is beautiful, and she will be welcomed when she appears.

Thanks to the vigorous exertions of the Gymnasium Committee the walls of the building are rising rapidly and it will soon be roofed in. The contracts have already, we believe, been given for the apparatus, which will be the very best obtainable. The swimming tank will be no less than 48 x 18 feet, this being three feet wider than the Y.M.C.A. tank. The steam-pipes for heating the gymnasium will be placed under the running track and so will take up no room. The Committee are confident that all will be ready by the 15th of February.

CLASS PHOTO OF '93.—In accordance with the decision arrived at by the class at its last meeting the Executive Committee has arranged that the sittings for the Class photo shall be held during the Michaelmas term. The photo is to be taken by Messrs. Simpson Bros., 567 Yonge St. (opposite Elm), and the departments are each allotted in rotation one week in which to go down to the photographers. The members of the Class, whether of University College or of Victoria, are requested to bear this in mind and govern themselves accordingly.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.—A German meeting was held on Monday. The subject of the evening was Lessing. The programme consisted of an account of Lessing's life by Miss Kerr, a careful review of the state of German literature at the time by Miss Cook, and a short essay in German by Miss Fleming. Mr. Vandersmissen in briefly addressing the club made some valuable practical suggestions to stu-

dents of the German language. At the close of the programme the members formed themselves into groups for conversation. We heard a number of interesting stories about fishing, which were told in truthful German.

We are in receipt of an excellent little work published by Messrs. Kow-sell & Hutchison, particulars of which will be found in our advertising pages. The first part of the work contains a complete but concise syllabus of Elementary Statics and Dynamics, by President Loudon, of the University of Toronto. The subject is treated by the graphical method throughout and the use of the calculus thus avoided, which renders the work suitable for those who have not had the benefit of any training in higher mathematics. The second part consists of a series of Examples by Mr. C. A. Chant, Lecturer in Physics. These are for the most part easy and remarkably well graded. The typography and binding are executed in first-class style, and altogether this little work is one of the best of the kind we have seen. Students in Mechanics at the University will find it an excellent guide to the second year work, and teachers will find it very useful in preparing classes for the primary and leaving examinations.



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