

OUR Hockey Club, which was organized under such favourable circumstances, has come to sudden grief. On account of the fever nearly all of its experts have gone home.

SOME of the boys are now busily practising music for the Public Debate. Judging from the sounds that come from the music room, and from other stray notes that we hear now and then, we would agree that Shakespeare truly said, "Music hath charms to soothe a savage" We forget the rest of the quotation, but nevertheless, as Solomon says, "We ought to grin and bear it," for as is said in yet another place again, "Faint heart ne'er won fair lady."

WHEN so many of the students left us, some of us naturally thought that our work would be lightened somewhat. The teachers, however, evidently do not think that fewer students should mean less work, for the pressure seems rather to increase upon those of us who are left here.

EARLY last Tuesday morning, Mr. A. Massé picked out ten of his best men to take part in an ice expedition down to the river. In the forenoon, work was very slow, in fact so slow that the boys let their saws freeze to the ice. At two o'clock dinner was ready, the boys took their seats, and did justice to the baked beans and pork, which was washed down with a drink of *tea*, something new for them. After dinner, however, the boys commenced work with renewed zeal and soon finished their tasks. They then had the liberty of walking home. The next day, however, the result was felt in general, even Mr. Massé, who did nothing but the planning, complained of a sore back. We are, however, happy to say that there were no accidents as in previous years, excepting that the baked beans caused somewhat of a bad feeling among the boys.

Two very prosperous Literary Societies have been organized in the school since Christmas, one English, the other French. In spite of the friendship between the members of both societies, there still arises a spirit of rivalry, which tends to our improvement. We are all very well pleased with our progress. So much so that we intend to give a public debate in English next Friday, having for its subject, "Resolved, that the pen wields a greater influence than the public platform."

Affirmative.

Mr. Alb. Rossier,
" J. Schutt,

Negative.

Mr. J. Thompson,
" F. W. Therrien.

The officers for both societies are as follows :

FRENCH.—Mr. L. Fredette, *President* ; Mr. P. Nicol, *Vice-Pres.* ; Mr. A. Lavigne, *Secretary* ; Mr. W. Gilmette, *Treasurer* ; Prof. G. N. Massé, *Critic* ; Mr. H. Auclair, *Marshal*. ENGLISH.—Mr. J. Thompson, *President* ; Mr. F. Therrien, *Vice-Pres.* ; Mr. J. Schutt, *Sec.-Treas.* ; E. Norman, B.A., *Critic* ; Mr. Alb. Rossier, *Marshal*.