

Murray; reading, Mr. B. A. C. Craig; essay, Mr. Chrysler; debate, *Resolved*, That ministers of the Gospel are justified in taking part in politics—leaders, J. W. Griffith and F. B. R. Hellem.

The inter-collegiate debate with representatives from McGill University is expected to take place the following Friday evening (January 22nd) in the School of Practical Science Hall. Our college will be represented by the old veterans, Messrs. F. E. Perrin and J. A. Cooper.

THE SENATE MEETS.

In a recent issue of THE VARSITY we advocated certain changes in connection with what has been known heretofore as the Pass Course. It is with satisfaction that we learn that the Senate are proceeding to take action along the lines suggested. We do not propose to take the credit of having guided the Senate to this wise decision; it is more probably one of those remarkable coincidences which so frequently occur when great minds are occupied with the consideration of the same problem.

At the meeting of the Senate on Friday a statute was read for the first time, which, among other important matters, directed that "Candidates in pass subjects shall be arranged in the annual class lists in three grades, A, B, C, the minimum percentage for A being 75 per cent.; for class B, 50 per cent., all under 50 per cent. to be ranked in class C."

Mr. Embree, also, gave notice of motion that the Graduation Course, now called the Pass Course, be hereafter called the General Course.

We give below the text of the more important parts of the statute:—

"On the supposition that such additions to the staff as may be required will be made, the following scheme is proposed, with the recommendation that it be applied in the first and second years of the course:—(1) Requirements in pass work in first and second years—(1) Students in attendance on lectures are required to obtain at least 33 per cent. on the May examinations, and also 33 per cent. of the aggregate number of marks assigned for the May examination, for work done during the term, and for attendance at lectures, according to the following schedule: May examination, 100; term work, 30; attendance on lectures, 20; total, 150. (2) Reports on term work in the department of English shall be based on the essays written during the session, of which five shall be required from each student. In other departments such reports shall be based on those parts of the work which the professor or lecturer may deem most appropriate as tests of proficiency. The maximum number of marks to be assigned for term work shall be 30; and no candidate shall be credited with marks below 10. Reports of attendance at pass lectures shall be required in all departments, and marks for such attendance assigned as follows: For attendance at four-fifths, 20 marks; for attendance at two-thirds, 13 marks; for attendance at one-half, 7 marks. The Senate may, for good and sufficient reasons, excuse non-registered students from attendance at lectures; and shall dispense in such cases with the above requirements with regard to term work, except in the case of English. The Senate may, upon the report of the University or College Councils, based upon the recommendation of a professor or lecturer, excuse registered students from term work and attendance on lectures in individual subjects, except in the case of English. Candidates in pass subjects shall be arranged in the annual class lists in three grades, A, B, C, the minimum for A being 75 per cent., and for B 50 per cent., all under 50 per cent. in class C."

The following are the regulations concerning the award of the Edward Blake scholarships:—

"1. Every candidate for scholarship at matriculation shall make application to the registrar on or before the first of June, and the fee for matriculation shall be for-

warded with the application. 2. The papers at examination for scholarship shall be those for the High school leaving and matriculation examination, with the omission all alternative questions except in the case of essays, and the addition of one honour paper on mathematical problems. 3. The answers shall be read by the examiners who prepare the papers. 4. A candidate shall be considered to have first-class standing in a department if he obtains 66 per cent. aggregate on all the papers in such department, and in the case of Modern Languages and Science departments if he be classed in honours in each subject of the department."

[The above report of the meeting of Senate came to hand too late to receive much comment, as our editorial was then up in type and ready for press.—Ed.]

MEDICAL NOTES.

The electric light lately introduced into the dissecting room was for some time decidedly more ornamental than useful. Each evening after 5 o'clock, just as the students had got nicely to work under its refulgent beams, it went out with provoking suddenness and without a moment's warning, leaving its victims to grope about in the dark for what is not easily found even in broad day light. To provide against such a contingency the more ardent spirits provided themselves with wax candles, by whose flickering flame they might have been seen continuing their labors after electricity failed.

It seems that proper arrangements had not been made with the engineer at the Varsity who runs the dynamo, and that he closed up as usual shortly after five.

However this matter seems to have been looked to, as the last two evenings the lights have been burning till 6 o'clock.

As to the character of the light furnished some disappointment has been expressed. Certainly the dissecting room has not been radiant, whether it is owing to insufficient current or to the limited number of the lamps, which, moreover, are hung much too high to give the best effect.

Possibly the less pretentious but more reliable method of lighting by gas would give better satisfaction to the students.

The lecturers and also the students suffer considerable annoyance in the west wing lecture room of the Biological Department from the tramping of not the most light-footed gentlemen passing by the back stairway to the dissecting room. It has been suggested that at a trifling expense, matting of some kind could be laid down in the hallway at the back of the theatre which would prevent or lessen this source of disturbance during the lectures. Certainly the idea is worthy of the Faculty's consideration.

One of our well-known students of Anatomy, who has marked poetical genius, has hit upon a novel and ingenious method of remembering, or recalling, anatomical descriptions. As a pastime he puts his thoughts into verse and arranges it so that the idea or initial letters of the words will recall the different relations. He has thus expressed himself on the right pneumogastric nerve, the significant words of which are in italics:—

With reason ¹refulgent he crosses the ²stream,
With ³vows left behind and ⁴midway between,
From ⁵to per to ⁶laziness quickly he goes,
And in ⁷perfect negligence seeks for repose.

¹Refulgent—restiform body.

²Stream—sub-clavian artery.

³Vows—vein.

⁴Between—vein and artery.

⁵To per—trachea.

⁶Laziness—lungs.

⁷Perfect negligence—plexiform network.