

University and College News.

METAPHYSICAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

The Third Year Class held a meeting on Tuesday. Mr. J. A. McMillan was appointed chairman. The object of the club is to foster independent research and to encourage an interchange of opinion on difficult problems. The important subject of Political Economy has to be mastered without the aid of a lecturer, and the students desire to render mutual assistance in this study.

It was decided that the club should consist of the members of the Third Year Class in Mental Science and Political Economy. Students of other years will be heartily welcomed as visitors.

The officer shall be Chairman, Secretary, and a committee of three to decide on the subject of discussion for the following meeting. The Chairman shall be appointed at each meeting; the Secretary to be elected permanently, and the committee to be selected at each meeting by the Chairman. In every three meetings two shall be devoted to the discussion of Political Economy and one to Mental Science. Mr. J. G. Hume was elected Secretary.

Mr. H. A. Aikins read a paper on The Wages Fund Theory, in which he compared the views of Fawcett and Henry George. The paper excited much interest and discussion. The club is likely to prove a source of much profit to its members.

Messrs. W. B. Wright, A. Crozier and J. A. Taylor, were chosen as the committee for the next Political Economy meeting.

MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the above society was held on Tuesday, the President, Mr. J. M. Clark, M.A., in the chair. Messrs. Montgomery and McWilliams were elected members of the Society. Mr. T. J. Mulvey, B.A., then proceeded with the discussion of the different theories of Light, and showed how Light, as a subject of Physical Science, had been developed. He explained the various hypotheses that were made to explain the phenomena of light according to the corpuscular theory, showing that they should be changed for the much simpler assumptions of the undulatory theory, which is upheld by the physicists of to-day. The paper was made all the more interesting by the experiments which had been made the previous evening on the same subject.

A discussion took place upon the properties of the luminiferous ether, which will form the subject of a paper by the president at the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday evening, the 24th, in Lecture Room No. 8.

Some neat solutions of the problems which had been handed in were given by Messrs. Mulvey, Bowerman, Crawford, of Houston and Moore. The society then adjourned. A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held immediately before the next meeting.

THE COMPANY.

On Thanksgiving Day there was rather a poor turnout of the Company; some of the members having to play football; others, who had been to the North-West, considering that they had had enough of drill, went to see the two football matches. Before the regiment started on its march up King St. some amusement was caused by the discovery that a "K" man was wearing a pair of rubbers over his boots. This unmilitary act was atoned for by the immediate removal of the rubbers, which were abandoned to the first street arab who might pass that way. As usual "K" braced up in the march past and acquitted itself very creditably in all the movements ordered by General Middleton. On returning to the drillshed the Company was dismissed to meet again when the spring drills commence.

The annual rifle competition of the Company took place on the Garrison Common on Saturday, the 14th inst. In spite of the day, which was one of the most disagreeable we have had this fall, there were about 25 men present. After finishing the 400 yard range the Company adjourned to Mrs. Curran's cottage where an excellent dinner was provided, the expense of which Lieut. Gunther kindly took upon himself.

After dinner, and the singing of college songs, Corporal Hamilton proposed the toast of Colour-Sergt. McEachern, which was received with cheers. The occasion of this toast was the fact that Mr. McEachern was read out on Thursday evening as having left the Company. He has always been one of the most efficient non-commissioned officers in the Company, and has taken more interest in it than almost any one else. Those who are at all acquainted with "Peter" very much regret his loss. In responding to the toast Sergt. McEachern said that he was leaving the Company on account of pressure of work, and would not like to retain his position at the same time only half performing the duties attached to it.

The following are the prize winners with their scores, which are

necessarily low on account of the snow-storm which prevailed at the time of the shooting:—

I. Company Challenge Trophy—Ranges 200, 400, 500, and 600—	
Colour-Sergt. Cronyn	60 points.
II. Aggregate—Five practices and match—Ranges 200, 400, and 500 yards—	
Pte. Chrystal	320 points.
Corp. Patterson	316 "
Corp. Crooks	305 "
III. General Match—Ranges 200, 400, and 500 yards—	
Colour-Sergt. Cronyn	51 points.
Corp. Hamilton	48 "
Pte. Mustard, W. P.	47 "
Pte. Chrystal	46 "
Pte. Smith, A. G.	43 "
Pte. Redden	43 "
Corp. Crooks	41 "
Pte. McLaren	41 "
IV. Nursery Match—Score made in general to count—	
Pte. Mustard, W. P.	47 points.
Pte. Smith, A. G.	43 "
Pte. Redden	43 "
Pte. McLaren	41 "
V. Range Prizes—	
200 yards, Corp. Patterson	20 points.
400 " Colour-Sergt. Cronyn	20 "
500 " Pte. Senkler	17 "

Communications.

A UNIVERSITY BATTALION.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY :

Here is a project on which I would like to see graduates and undergraduates express opinion in VARSITY, namely, the establishment of a University Battalion in connection with our Active Militia. The nucleus in our University Co. of the Queens Own, exists in present good condition and with a creditable past record at Ridgeway, the Belleville rios, and in the Northwest Expeditionary Force. But the best record of the University Co. is in the number of good, active, trained officers it has given to the battalions all over Ontario, and to the Manitoba regiments as well. There is not a battalion in the province but has old Co. K. men on its muster rolls. If we had four or six companies, that good influence would be increased that many fold.

There would be no trouble in getting men to fill, say four companies to begin with—what with University College and the theological halls clustered about it twice that number of "men good and true" could be enlisted. The "Medicals" could supply two companies if needed. There is no scarcity of capable officers, and we would not even need to go out of our own numbers for a first-class colonel. He need not be a Toronto man.

But in connection with this scheme we would require a drill shed in the park. That would be somewhat difficult of acquirement, but gone about in the right way it is to be got. Toronto must have a large drill shed; why not keep the present one and build two others of smaller size, one behind the college, another on the garrison common in the west end? Such a drill shed could be utilized as a gymnasium and for meetings in connection with the college, to the extent that the university authorities could see their way to paying a portion of the cost and giving a site.

The battalion I have thus outlined would be the most efficient, the most ready for active service, and the most beneficial in its influence on the rest of the militia force of the country.

Let Co. K men past or present give us their views, and if they are favourable let us then call a meeting to take further counsel and hear more details.

W. F. MACLEAN.

ANOTHER VIEW OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY :

Some few years ago it was found out that the revenue derived from the University endowment was inadequate to the needs of the University and College. Various plans for making good the deficiency were suggested. Of course, many of these were impracticable, but two at least were not. Students' fees could be raised and scholarships could be abolished. We all know what took place. A new tariff was struck, of such a nature that, instead of fifty-nine dollars, a student has now to pay one hundred and fifteen dollars of ordinary fees in proceeding from matriculation to graduation.