

nected with its fourteen years' life. The firing of the cannon is a time-honored and solemn ceremonial, and though another cannon burst last year the students are in no way discouraged; and for many years the graduating class will continue in this way to bid farewell to all the associations of their past four years and announce their entry into the "wide, wide world."

E. S. Ruel.

THE MEMORIAL TO MR. DANIEL

An important meeting of parishioners was convened by the Rector, on Monday evening, March 21st, to consider the advisability of erecting a memorial to our late Church-warden. Among those present were: Mrs. G. M. Armstrong, Misses J. Barlow and Sadleir; Sheriff Harding, and Messrs. A. Adams, J. R. Armstrong, Cowan, Emerson, Finley, Flood, G. E. Fairweather, A. H. Hanington, Keator, Sadleir, and George F. Smith. The Rector explained the object of the meeting, and declared his belief that the congregation would warmly approve the general idea, the practical execution of which could be then discussed. At his suggestion a motion to this effect was made by Mr. George F. Smith and unanimously carried. The chairman then read estimates for various forms of memorial, whether of a tablet to be erected in the church, or of a picture in the vestry. The sense of the meeting clearly inclined in favor of a tablet, and on the suggestion of Sheriff Harding a committee was formed to receive estimates and to decide between a monumental brass and a marble tablet. It may be added that a very strong feeling was expressed in favor of erecting a similar tablet to the memory of our late Rector. The committee is as follows: The Rector (chairman), Messrs. J. R. Armstrong, C. Flood, G. F. Fairweather, J. Finley, W. H. Sadleir, and G. F. Smith. They will meet again soon, and their decision will be announced to the congregation.

THE S. M. G. A.

The members of the senior division of this association held the first debate at the fortnightly meeting on the evening of the 8th of March, the subject being, "Which was the greater—Alexander or Xerxes?" It was a decided success. Eighteen in all were present. The debate opened by the merits of Alexander being expressed in an animated manner by Miss McKean, who was responded to with equal spirit by Miss Swann, the leader of the opposition. Several others took an active part and many historical facts were mentioned. When from want of opportunity or deeper research, historical knowledge failed, their mother wit came to the rescue, as was shown by more than one well-pointed repartee. The taking of the vote at the close proved that "History repeats itself," for the Grecian was once more victorious over the Persian. The subject decided upon for the next debate is: "The comparative merits of Bonaparte and Wellington," Miss Ethel Allison and Miss Mabel Hanington being the respective leaders.

J. R. B.

S. M. B. A.

The tie for the athletic championship of the S. M. B. A. between E. Roach and H. McLeod was decided at the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. by kind permission of the committee. The contest consisted of five events: gymnastics, long and short race, high and long jump. After a very close competition, McLeod was adjudged winner of the gymnastic trials by *one* mark only, but Roach speedily equalized this by winning the short race. Then McLeod gained the high jump, but his rival, somewhat to the surprise of on-lookers, was victor in the broad jump. All now depended upon the concluding race, and as Roach had won the contest at the same distance at the previous sports, his chance was thought to be superior. But it was not to be. McLeod got the best of the start, and never let the advantage slip, keeping about a yard ahead throughout. Both competitors were much fatigued at the close, and both were loudly cheered. Roach received a small cup as a souvenir of his excellent struggle, while H. McLeod is athletic champion of the winter season.

Some of our boys also took part in the general athletic sports arranged by the Y. M. C. A., and did themselves great credit. Roach gained the gymnastic prize, H. McLeod several second prizes, and A. Berton made a plucky effort to beat Harry White at the high jump. But he was not in his best form, and did not jump as well as he has done previously. Palmer Waterbury, a former member of our Sunday school, carried off both the long jumps in fine style.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Church Record:

SIR: Your correspondent "TIMON" is evidently one of those sanguine persons who believe that one medicine can cure every disease. His panacea for all ills of Church life is—free seats. I think that a little practical experience of management would modify his opinion. In theory, everyone will admit that all seats in God's house should be free to rich and poor. But what would be the practical result (if such a thing were possible), of an immediate abolition of our present system? An immense strain would be thrown upon those who supervise the financial management of the church, and a heavy tax would in reality fall upon generous contributors, while persons of frugal mind would pay nothing.

A wiser, if more modest suggestion, seems to be this. Let the corporation sell no more of the pews belonging to it, and purchase others whenever they are offered for sale. Many pew-holders, I know, would freely surrender the ownership of their seats to the church. In this way, finally, the real abuse—that of privately owned seats, would be abolished. The rents, which in our church are disproportionately small, could be largely increased if needful, and the corporation placed in a far better financial position than it is now. Of course a large number of free seats should always be reserved. It may be, in the course of time, that our people will be disposed to relinquish the comfort of separate and private seats, and to give the equivalent of pew rents to the