

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS.

ALL reports from Societies must reach us by noon on Thursday to insure insertion.

SENATE MEETING.

At the Senate meeting last Thursday night at University College, the following additional appointments to the list of examiners for 1889 were made:—In Law—W. F. Walker, M.A., LL.B., and his Honour Judge Muir, M.A., LL.B. In Arts and Law—Hon. Vice-Chancellor Proudfoot and Hon. David Mills. In the Faculty of Medicine—Obstetrics, H. S. Griffin, B.A., M.B.; medicine, H. H. Wright, L.D., L.C.P. and S. In the Faculty of Arts—French, L. E. Horning, B.A.; German, Rev. G. C. Workman, Ph.D., and A. F. Chamberlain, B. A.; English, Rev. A. H. Reynar, M. A. In Mental and Moral Philosophy—Rev. J. R. Teefy, M. A. In Ancient History—G. H. Robinson, M.A. and H. R. Fairclough, M.A. The following relative values were assigned to the subjects of the Political Science department:—2nd year, Political Economy 100, English Constitutional History 200, Canadian Constitutional History 100; 3rd year, Economics 200, English Constitutional Law 100, History of English Law 100, General Jurisprudence 100.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

Tolchard's Hall: Friday, March, 15th. Nomination night. Our candidates Federal and Progressive were nominated to-night in the hall atop of the big grocery at the corner of Alexander and Yonge Streets. This building stands over against a druggist's shop across Yonge St., whither from time to time students from the meeting turned in to get cough drops and lozenges to sooth the husk and dust out of their throats.

Our Society may be effete but it can at least knock up a dust. Mortality is dust and so is immortality, at least, so much of it as happened to be in to-night's eloquence. When the candidates for presidency came in, dust rose reverentially from the floor and cheers from the partisans. When Mr. Gordon proposed Mr. Smith—cheers and dust. When Mr. McPherson proposed Mr. Dewart—cheers and more dust. When the candidates' names were mentioned, when the candidates made their impromptus, at every new proposal, everything well put, every here-here-ism—always cheers and ever more and more dust. There was dust in every cheer and cheerfulness amid all the dust.

After an ovation to retiring President Creelman the following candidates were named:

FEDERAL.	PROGRESSIVE.
President..... W. H. Smith, B.A., M.D.	H. H. Dewart, B.A.
1st Vice-Pres.... W. G. W. Fortune	J. J. Ferguson
2nd Vice-Pres.... J. W. Scane	W. Walker
3rd Vice-Pres... G. A. Badgerow	W. W. McRae
Rec. Sec..... J. B. Peat	W. H. Graham
Cor. Sec.	F. T. Barker
Treasurer..... W. Hardie	H. C. Pope
Curator..... A. T. Thompson	G. A. Faskin
Sec. Com..... P. White	R. H. Knox
Councillors 4th Year... T. B. Smith	D. Black
3rd Year—Bowman	A. W. McMurchy
G. A. M. Young	E. B. Merrill
2nd Year... H. R. Wales	D. C. Ross
L. Haggerman	

Messrs. Barker and Haggerman are claimed by the Federals, but the Progressives also claim an undivided one half interest in the same. No further comment here on these proceedings. For further information hear and see the various partizans whose rage THE VARSITY cannot borrow. What is interesting may become interested. As the retiring President would say, "There is a limit beyond which."

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

The School of Science is in ferment. Committees, armed with resolutions from indignation meetings, sub-committees

clothed in brief authority, are rushing round interviewing the President, Prof. Galbraith and the Registrar. But all in vain! Sir Daniel sends them to Mr. Langton, Mr. Langton sends them to Prof. Galbraith, and Prof. Galbraith sends them to the ——. Although their numbers are formidable and their mien ferocious, their demands are humble. "'Tis but a little thing they ask." The sword of Damocles, that is to say the examinations, is suspended over their heads and what is their request? Do they petition to be allowed to come out from under the sword? No. Would they like Mr. Damocles to take the sword down and put it away in a glass case? Again, No. All they wish is to be informed at what hour of what day the grisly object may be expected to obey the laws of equilibrium and fall upon their devoted heads.

Mr. Damocles, in refusing to enlighten them, expresses himself as actuated by principle. He wishes them to be ever ready, girt about with their armour of knowledge and with their helmet of wisdom on their heads, and will not reveal the fateful hour lest some of the more wily watchers might slumber peacefully in the meanwhile, and when the bell "summons them to heaven or to hell" arise adorned with such armour as contained Tweedle-dum and Tweedle-dee on the occasion of their ever-memorable duel.

Mr. Damocles should, however, remember that the days of torture are past; that Hope (or Fear) deferred is worse than any rack or screw; and that he is liable to a suit from the Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals! No, it can't be that Society either, at least not the branch of it which is signalized in the name.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

The Association held its regular fortnightly meeting last Thursday evening, the President in the chair. Mr. Hunter read an interesting and instructive paper on the Dispersion of Seeds, which excited considerable discussion and elicited remarks from Prof. Chapman, Dr. Ellis and Mr. Simms. Prof. Chapman then read a communication (1) on some unexplained anomalies in mineral bodies; (2) a criticism of a new geological map. Dr. Ellis, Dr. Acheson and Mr. Munro discussed the subjects of the Professor's letter. The next meeting will take place on March 28th, when the nominations for offices will be made, and notice of motion will be received of any proposed changes in the constitution. The programme will consist of papers by Miss E. M. Curzon and M. J. Munro.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The club met on Monday at the usual hour, with Sir Daniel Wilson in the chair. The special interest was centred in the fact that Mr. Squair was to read a paper on the importance of the Study of Modern Languages, but the pleasure of the meeting was considerably increased by an excellently rendered piano solo by Miss A. Robertson, and a most opportune selection from the "Newcomes" read by Mr. Spence. Then followed the paper by Mr. Squair. The essay first dealt with the difficulties with which "Moderns" has had to contend in working its way through the classical prejudices arrayed against it and in winning for itself a just and equal position with other University courses. Following upon this were advanced some strong reasons why the study of modern languages should not only maintain that position but should even rise to greater importance. With the march of centuries, the stock of ideas is enlarged and even old truths are regarded in a different light by each successive age and people. These views we must know and compare with our own. The paper dealt also with the practical utility of the study. Modern languages represent existing peoples with whom we have to deal and in order to be successful even in commercial affairs, we must not only be able to converse with them but we must know their characters, their peculiar dispositions. This knowledge can be acquired only by a careful study of their languages and literatures. But even from a philological standpoint, the paper went on to demonstrate, the importance of modern languages was over-looked. Classical philology at present was built up on probability and was therefore unsettled. With that of the modern languages it was not so. Definite laws have been recognized, and with those laws and the data from which they