

Extramurals vs. Intermurals, best three out of five in favor of Intermurals. Further comment would be "a thrifle superfluous."

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The Ottawa Bicycle Club hold their second Annual Meeting at the Metropolitan Athletic ground, in the afternoon of May 24th. Their Tournament on that day last year was in every way successful, and this year promises to be even more successful. Besides a good programme of Bicycle Races, there will be three foot races for amateurs, namely 100 yards, quarter mile and a mile for which valuable prizes are offered.

There will also be a parade of Wheelmen which will be worth seeing.

As Bicycling is a sport which should be encouraged, the races of the Ottawa club should be well attended.

SOCIETY NOTES.

ST. THOMAS' ACADEMY.

On the evening of the 31st ult., Mr. F. X. Brunette read a carefully prepared essay on "The Beautiful." The paper throughout was interesting, able and instructive and gave evidence on the part of its author, of an easy familiarity with his subject. Mr. John P. Donovan briefly referred to the subject from a psychological standpoint.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

On the 20th ult. a very exhaustive paper on "Human Fossils" was read before the society by Mr. A. Lajeunesse. In his endeavor to ascertain approximately the antiquity of man, the essayist was fully successful. Rev. Father Dontenville criticised at some length some of the leading features of the Essay. At the regular meeting on the evening of the 3rd inst., Mr. D. J. Cahalan presented a most instructive work on Volcanoes, Mr. F. L. French reviewing the different theories advanced as to their probable origin.

Mr. A. Charron followed with a discription of an analysis of a mineral. His results were criticized by Mr. C. McCarthy, who however agreed for the most part with the conclusions of the analyst.

FRENCH DEBATING SOCIETY.

The last regular meeting of this society took place on Thursday evening the 4th inst. The subject of debate was, "Re-

solved that a re-ponsible government is preferable to a monarchical one." Mr. F. X. Brunette and Mr. A. Charron supported the affirmative and Mr. Rodolphe Paradis and Mr. Chas. Gaudet spoke in favor of the negative. The debate was a very animated one. Several of the members addressed the meeting towards the close of the discussion. The vote resulted in favor of the affirmative.

EXCHANGES.

After an absence of four months, several numbers of the *King's College Record* have reached us and cannot be passed over without notice. The subject of teaching English receives full and able treatment from a competent authority, Prof. Roberts. The substance of the whole article is learned from the words, "He that walketh with the wise men shall be wise," which the writer chooses as a text. The study of English serves a threefold purpose, discipline of the faculties, power of effective expression in words, and culture both moral and intellectual; this can be obtained to a higher degree by secret and continued communing with the great authors who will imperceptibly influence their devotee, than by the most persistent study of rules of composition or rhetoric. The professor is a believer in the principle of *timeo hominem unius libri*: "The reading of many authors, will have less effect upon a student's expression than will the oft repeated searching of a few." We fancy that our contemporary is doing more to cultivate a true Canadian spirit than any journal we know of; it strikes the proper key by drawing the attention of Canadians to their literary treasures. The studies of Canadian poets are very well done. There is Charles Heavysegg, of whose tragedy *Saul* Hawthorne said: "the work is indubitably one of the most remarkable English poems ever written outside of Great Britain;" Evan McColl, who, although a Scotchman, found inspiration in our Canadian scenes; Bliss Carman and Arthur Weir, true poets, but whose best work is yet to come; John Reade, the Canadian Tennyson; John Hunter Duvar, whose drama *De Roberval* looks hopefully upon the Canada of the future; and last Thomas D'Arcy McGee, the poet orator who felt proud to call our Canada his home."