candidates for the Bachelor's Degree, and a longer, closer-fitting one is used by the Masters. The cap is never removed from the head in bowing; touching it with the hand and inclining the head is all that is deemed necessary. The tassel is always worn on the left side, front, &c."—*Nassau Literary Magazine.*

COLLEGE NEWS.

A. M. S.

SOME of the amendments to the constitution of the Alma Mater Society, which will be proposed at the coming annual meeting, should not be passed without careful consideration. We wish to draw attention to the most important. Changing the fee is a matter of opinion; it will make no great difference whether the change is made or not. Abolishing Bourinot will make the chairman's position more difficult and will leave the society with no *definite* authority upon many points and will do *no good at all;* but it will do no great harm: Bourinot may be readopted at any future annual meeting.

But there is one proposed change which may not be so lightly considered. It will forever remove—and in this case the injury, once done, is irremediable, reconsideration in the future will avail nothing—it will remove the dignity attaching to honorary membership and it will offer a direct insult to every lady graduate and undergraduate in Arts and Medicine. We refer to the proposition to make all lady students honorary members.

"The Chancellor, Trustees and Senate of the university and affiliated faculties shall be, *ex officio*, honorary members." [Art. 2, Sec. 3.] Any graduate of the university may be elected an honorary member by a five-sixth vote of the members present at any meeting, provided due notice has been given. [Art. 2, Sec. 4 and Art. 5, Sec. 5.] This is what the constitution says about honorary membership at present. Lady students and graduates are admitted to ordinary or honorary membership upon the same terms as persons of the opposite sex. Why make a change? The only reason yet suggested—it has not perhaps been explicibly stated—is that it will make the ladies more *convenient tools for election managers.* Comment is needless. The Alma Mater is not yet so false to its history and traditions as to pass a proposition of that nature. We will make only one suggestion. It is that the ladies should vindicate their honour and respect for college traditions by coming out and indignantly voting down the motion.

THE SCIENCE HALL.

There are about 70 students doing practical work in Chemistry, from simplest chemical experiments to complex analysis. Every place in the Junior Laboratory is filled already. If more men enter, a new class will have to be formed, and places assigned them in the Senior Laboratory, where there is still room. This is a pretty good proof of the crying need there was for the new building, and of the development of Chemistry in Queen's since Professor Goodwin took charge of the department. It also shows the necessity for fitting up Laboratory No. 3, which, on the day of opening, was used as a refreshment room, but which is intended as a working class-room for the Juniors. About $1,000 are needed for this purpose. Some one whose name will be permanently associated with it, as Dr. Acheson's is with the Quantitative Laboratory, is eagerly desired by Dr. Goodwin and Mr. Nicol. His appearance will be welcomed by friends, and especially by all who are interested in the science side of the University.

LABORATORY AND LECTURE APPARATUS.

Last week an extensive consignment of apparatus for Chemistry and Assaying purposes arrived from Germany. This was ordered in August, and more recently a supplementary order had to be sent to New York, on account of the number of students being larger than was anticipated. Both consignments came to Kingston on the same day, and on comparing them, the German goods were found to be not only better, but cheaper. Moral: Order largely and in time. Trust to students *galore* being on hand.

CRYSTALS THAT ARE NOT CRYSTAL.

There is in the Science Hall a unique collection of models of crystals. They are made of pine and beech, and are unusually large, so that it is quite possible to demonstrate with them the various crystal forms to large classes. These models have been made by a