

THE Philomathic and Excelsior Societies have adjourned their regular meetings until after Christmas. Both societies have been well attended, and successful this term, and will begin with renewed interest after vacation.

A CHANGE has taken place in our Faculty. Mr. R. D. George has departed for McMaster, and his place is filled by Mr. J. J. McNeill, B.A., a graduate of the same University. We wish Mr. George all success in his year's work, and welcome Mr. McNeill to his new position.

THE annual open meeting of the two Literary Societies took place on Friday, Dec. 11th. As was expected, the entertainment proved a complete success. The first part of the programme consisted of instrumental music, songs, quartettes and choruses. After these a farce-dialogue entitled, "A Regular Fix," under the management of Mr. Herbert Piercy, was presented, and proved amusing and entertaining. The attendance of town people was large.

JUST now a black and heavy cloud, looming up before us, casts its shadow upon us, and written upon it in menacing characters, we read, "Christmas Exams." But it is comforting to remember that this cloud has its silver lining, and when it has swept over us, leaving consternation and destruction in its wake, the bright and reviving rays of Christmas vacation will shine down to cheer our drooping spirits. Some appear to be harassed by the dread of taking over 100% in the exams., and have not yet commenced "plugging," while others, more prudent, are daily and nightly filling their craniums with knowledge. We wish to all alike, both idle and studious, a pleasant vacation, and many Christmas gifts.

WINTER has again commenced his reign, bringing in his train all the numerous amusements and sports which usually accompany him. Our skating rink is now nearly in condition for skating, as it now requires only a sharp, hard frost to complete it. The hockey club will organize soon. Several of the players on last year's team have gone, but we hope to have a good team again this season. There has been some talk of having inter-year matches in hockey during the winter. No doubt they would be very interesting, especially since some are such adepts (?) in the art of skating.

THE members of the Fourth Year, and the teachers too, have laid away their canes with a sigh of despair. In former days it was counted a mark of dignity and distinction to carry a cane, but alas for the degenerate days of the Present! It is alarming to see a youth with a stick of immense proportions, but when one beholds a boy who has not even attained to the dignity of "long pants," struggling with a cane which, judging from its length, was intended for a crutch, it is time to draw a line somewhere. It is to be hoped that some of the juveniles will hang up their canes for a few years, until they have reached a maturer age, and will give the members of the Fourth Year a chance to remove the crape from theirs.