

DIVINITY HALL.

NOTES.

OUR President, M. H. Wilson, B.A., has been chosen by common consent to fulfil the duties of valedictorian for the Senior year. His Holiness has warmly approved the choice, expressing himself in these terms: "Is enim est eloquens, qui et humilia subtiliter, et magna graviter, et mediocria temperate potest dicere."

R. Burton was one of Queen's representatives at the annual Y.M.C.A. convention held last week in Ottawa.

The other day a worthy member of the Senior year entered class ten minutes late. As he took his seat the recording angel wrote down the number 21583.

F. A. McRae, who was detained at home by his mother's illness, returned on the 18th inst. He will henceforth be in his place as Speaker of the House of Commons, a position he has ably filled during several sessions of the Mock Parliament.

We notice with much pleasure that the Arts Society has decided to undertake the management of an Arts dinner at the close of the present term. As Divinity students who have breathed the college atmosphere for at least four years, we should realize the necessity for such a function, as a manifestation both of student unity and of the courtesy due to sister universities. We therefore bespeak for the dinner the cordial support of Divinity Hall.

These are the days of homilies, lectures, sermons and criticals, and a weary weight of sorrow presses upon the overworked divines. We had been accustomed heretofore to accept and practise Herbert's counsel, "Resort to sermons but to prayers most; praying's the end of preaching." Now, however, our advisers urge us to reverse the statement, and having regard to our sheepskins, we are constrained to obey. With no little apprehension we await the result, eagerly hoping that a few good commentaries and the lapse of time may reconcile us to the change. Meantime the price of paper has increased and the blue lead-pencil is much in evidence.

Inquisitive freshman to tutor in French—"Is this your first 'whirl' at the University?"

A lady, who is unacquainted with parliamentary procedure, witnessed the formal opening of parliament last Saturday evening. She was deeply interested but also puzzled. "Who is that gentleman in the chair on the platform?"

"That's Mr. Burton, the Deputy-Speaker," replied her friend.

"The Speaker? Why, he didn't talk much."

PERSONALS.

We have received from a subscriber living at Bath, Ont., a number of articles on mathematical and theological questions. The majority of these are, we fear, of too abstruse and technical a character for a magazine like the JOURNAL.

Rev. D. R. Drummond, B.D., of Russelltown, Que., was called to the pastorate of Knox Church, St. Thomas, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th. This is one of the largest and most important congregations in the Presbyterian Church. The call was entirely unanimous, no other name being proposed. The interesting thing is that Mr. Drummond was not a candidate, and never preached to the congregation there. He was called upon his record as an able preacher and faithful pastor. The pulpit has been vacant since July last, when Rev. J. A. Macdonald resigned to accept the editorship of *The Westminster*. Knox Church, Ottawa, has also been desirous of having Mr. Drummond's services.—*Pres. Review*.

The London *Star* contains the following note:—

"It seems that an enterprising insurance manager has succeeded in insuring the Ambassador of the Emperor of China, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Tutor and Guardian of the Heir Apparent of the Celestial Kingdom, the Earl of the First Grade—enfin, Li the Interviewer!"

According to *The Policy Holder Journal*, the smart individual who has secured Li Hung Chang's policy is Dr. Horsey, the Asiatic manager of the Sun Life Office of Canada, who represents and manages a district whose population is estimated at 500,000,000, more or less. Dr. Horsey travelled with Li Hung Chang during a great part of his recent grand tour, and his intercourse of 2,500 miles with the 'cute traveller concluded in something much better than the usual platonic farewell."

Not only did Dr. Horsey secure Li's policy, but he got him to write an essay on life insurance. Li the scribe says in his essay that when he first heard of life insurance he was unable to understand it; but he eventually realized that it was simply an exemplification of the philosophy of preparing in the time of plenty for days of adversity, as propounded by Chao Ping Chung in his commentary on the words of the Sage Mencius. Moreover, Li created Dr. Horsey a Knight of the Double Dragon.

Dr. Horsey, it may be added, is a native of Ontario, having graduated eight or ten years ago from Queen's University, where he was very popular. A brother of his, Mr. Herbert Horsey, was a well-known football player, having played wing with great brilliancy on the Queen's University team. He is now in China with his brother, and is probably inducing Li Hung Chang to introduce football into the Chinese educational curriculum.