

MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

Mr. S. J. Robertson has charge of this issue of Varsity.

We were glad to see that Mr. D. D. James, '94, is able to be around again. He has almost entirely recovered from his recent illness.

Mr. Reggie Brock, '95, one of last year's Hockey team, who had to leave the city on account of ill-health, has returned much improved in health. He is at present reporting on the Star, but hopes to return to Varsity next year.

Mr. J. W. Wheaton, '91, was in town last week visiting his old college friends. As will be remembered, he was Recording Secretary of the Literary Society in his fourth year, and it would seem that he has a peculiar liking for such work, as he is now the Secretary of the Dairymen's Association. Mr. Wheaton's headquarters are in London, but most of his time is spent in lecturing to the farmers throughout the western parts of the Province.

Several reputable students of the senior years assert that, while they were waiting in the Janitor's room, a freshman came in to use the telephone and that they overheard the following: "Hello! Give me 370. Hello! Is that T. Eaton's? Well would you send up a five cent scribbling-book to number —, Brunswick Avenue? Send it up as soon as possible, please." If this story proves true, surely the authorities will no longer attempt to discourage hustling.

The *Annual Meeting* of the Modern Language Club was held Monday afternoon, Feb. 27, Mr. R. S. Jenkins in the chair. The programme was as follows. Nathander Weise—by Mr. W. A. Braun; German Reading, Mr. Lingelbach; Short Essay in German, Miss Rowsom. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with.

The following are the officers returned: Hon. Pres., Prof. Fraser; Pres., W. E. Lingelbach; 1st. Vice-Pres., J. Lovell Murray; 2nd. Vice-Pres., Miss Jeffrey; Rec. Secretary, W. A. Braun; Treas. W. McKinnon; Corr. Secy., E. Langley; Assist. Treas., Miss Fraser; 2nd year Repres., Miss Neelands. An open meeting of the Club was announced for the following Wednesday when Mr. Bremner has kindly consented to give a lecture on *Diderot*. The meeting then adjourned.

The gymnasium is almost completed and yesterday afternoon Mr. G. W. Orton tested the running track before quite a number of students by running a mile in 5 min. 4 sec. Everything considered, this may be called very fast time, and Mr. Orton declared himself well pleased with the wide

turnings, though he thought they might be somewhat improved were they given a greater slant. It is proposed, if possible, to open the gymnasium in a couple of weeks by a game of basket-ball between a varsity team and the West-end Y. M. C. A. Mr. Orton has also promised to run 15 minutes against any other three students, running 5 minutes each.

Mr. W. Clark, '93, better known as "The Pater", is teaching in the Arnprior High School. He was recently presented with a complete set of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* which was offered by the local paper to the most popular teacher in the County, and has won the hearts of all the neighboring Scotchmen, by his ability to play football and throw the heavy hammer.

The University of Pennsylvania's Dramatic Club, *The Mask and Wig*, will produce, during Easter week, in Philadelphia, a new comedy—*The Yankee League*. One of the main features of the first act will be a college song ballet, into which will be introduced many of the well-known and familiar college airs. The subject will be illustrated by dances of a picturesque order, and among them a dance of four "Beau Brummels," and four "Crinolines." There will also be a Ballet of Twenty-four Hours, in which will be introduced the special dancing features of the performance. This ballet will be sub-divided into four scenes, as it were,—Sunrise, Mid-day, Sunset and Mid-night,—and will be carried out by four choruses of eight each. There will be two *pas de deux*, by Messrs. Simmons and Mohr, and Messrs. S. M. Kendrick and Steele. At the conclusion of this ballet G. W. Kendrick will appear as the *premiere danseuse* of the show. There will also be introduced in this act a Ballet of the Streets. The second act will present a ferry-boat scene as its special attraction, and for this an entirely new and expensive set of scenery has been painted to order. Kelley has written a new song in German dialect which he will sing to music written especially for it by F. B. Neilson. Over three thousand patronesses' tickets have been issued and the usual rush is expected on the morning of the sale.

THEATRICAL LOCALS.

The new melodrama "The Span of Life," which ran for the past three weeks in New York, is one of the successes of the season. H. S. Taylor and Wm. Calder the English manager have both had a number of successful productions, but "The Span of Life" with its wonderful bridge of human bodies eclipses them all. The scenery is novel and handsome while the play itself has decided merit and sustained

interest. The "Span of Life" will be seen at "The Academy of Music" all week, beginning March 20th.

Madame Laura Schirmer Mapleson during her last visit to Russia committed a serious breach of court etiquette by leaving before Royalty. The fact that she was re-installed in favour at court and again sang before the Empress proves that she has merits of the highest order. She will appear in Toronto shortly, wait for her.

EVOLUTION.

On Sunday morning he wore a simple knot,
Because his shirt had neither crease nor spot;
On Monday morn he wore a four-in-hand,
For reasons you will shortly understand;
On Wednesday morn he wore a monstrous puff,
For reasons we may fancy good enough;
Thereafter in a sweater he was clad,
For he had just one shirt a week—how sad.

The west Point Cadets will encamp two or three weeks on the exposition grounds at Chicago next summer.



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