

# SNOWSHOE CLUB.

LAST Saturday the annual meeting of the Q. C. S. C. was held in the Reading Room at 3 p.m. As usual there was a large and intelligent assembly who displayed great enthusiasm. Mr. McLachlan took the chair at the request of the meeting. The retiring secretary, Mr. Farrell, read his report. Among other things he spoke of the highly satisfactory state of the finances of the club. When he had come into office his predecessor had reported \$17 in the treasury, as this money had not been touched and no more had been added to it except the interest, there must now be \$18.20 to their credit. However, it is but right to say that the books have never been audited. There had been four tramps out during the year, all of which the secretary had attended—alone, except one in which Mr. G. Y. Chown had showed up. The Grand Annual Carnival, which nobody attended, owed its success to the Gynnasium brass band and its energetic leader, which the club had secured for the occasion. The report was adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year followed. Former members will be surprised to hear that it was conducted very quietly. The officers are:

Hon. President—John B. McLaren, M.A., Nelson, Man.  
President—A. McLachlan.  
Secretary-Treasurer—R. A. Gordon.  
Executive Committee—J. C. Booth and A. E. McColl.

As there were no more members present no more names could be added to the committee, but it is probable that they will prove themselves quite as efficient as those of former years. It was decided by the club that at least a weekly tramp should be made to the villages in the vicinity. Gananoque is named as the terminus of one, three weeks hence. They may be prepared for a deluge. At the close of the meeting, as was agreed, the whole club with the exception of three members, went for a tramp. It was a pretty sight as they trooped along in their variegated costumes, some in long stockings, some in short, some in Tam O'Shanter, some without. They walked two or three miles across the ice, when the ex-Secretary having frozen his nose and the President his ear, it was decided to return home.

# ALMA MATER.

MANY a time we have reviewed the working of the Alma Mater Society in the JOURNAL, and the tone of such reviews has generally been critical. We have reasoned, expostulated and even lost an editor's patience but yet have had to desist with a conviction clearer than ever that in the A. M. affairs were out of joint. On Saturday evening the 12th we went, determined if possible to find a brighter side. We found it without an effort. There was a good attendance and a lively interest manifested in business and debate. The subject would seem to many as one which would give opportunity for saying much which should have been left unsaid, but the speeches were high in tone, clear and logical. Leading students of Divinity Hall and Royal College discussed the relative merits of their professions without one word of disparage-

ment to either. It was not a question of bad and good but of good and better. Some may say "there is nothing to boast of in this," "it is just as it should be." Very true, but is it not some satisfaction to know that things are in a measure what they should be; that another link is formed in the chain of union between students about which we talk so much and do so little:—

# BUSINESS.

Moved by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Kidd, that the President and the Presidents and Captains of the University foot ball teams form a committee to decide upon our college colors. Mr. Bertram takes the place of Mr. J. C. McLeod who is ill. Under the order "interest and prosperity of the society" as usual the JOURNAL formed the loadstone of attraction. Mr. C. L. Herald complained that a letter of his had been mangled and hacked till not a shadow of its former self. The matter was settled.

Mr. Wright moved that Mr. Henderson's resignation as member of the JOURNAL staff be accepted, and our appreciation of his success in placing the JOURNAL on a good financial basis be recorded. At the meeting on Saturday evening the 19th it was decided that a list of legal voters at A. M. S. elections together with the officers of that society since its inception be prepared. The political discussion resulted in a victory for the Free traders.

# RUGBY FOOT-BALL.

A MEETING of the College Rugby foot-ball club was held in the History class-room on Thursday, 17th inst., to take into consideration the advisability of sending delegates to Toronto to represent Queen's at the annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby Union, which was announced to take place in the Rossin House on Saturday, 26th inst., and for the disposal of other business matters. After Mr. Macdonnell, '84, Secretary of the club, had read his report, which showed a deficit of some few dollars, the meeting unanimously elected the following gentlemen as fit and proper persons to look after the club's interests in Toronto, viz.: R. A. Gordon, '86, Captain of the team, J. C. Booth, '86, and W. Morris, B.A., '82. The remaining business was of minor importance, except, perhaps, that regarding the College colors. This subject created a great deal of discussion, and it was the opinion of every speaker that immediate action should be taken to provide suitable colors which shall distinguish our students from the commonality. For this purpose a committee was drafted to act in unison with that appointed by the Alma Mater Society for a similar purpose. We may therefore expect that this long-felt want will be supplied before the end of the session and that next session our various clubs will be uniformed and the remaining students "badged" in colors peculiarly our own.

A student, who is studying for honors in Natural Science, wishing more specimens for examination than the Museum afforded him, learned to his joy a few days ago, that there were several deceased horses awaiting interment on the commons in the northern part of the city. That very night he set out through the snow to secure the vertebrae of one of these animals. After several hours of weary toiling he arrived at the elysium of his hopes. But alas, for vain desire, the dogs had been there before him. Now we call that a dog-gone shame. Any dog that would make away with a valuable zoological specimen in that manner is not worthy to be called a friend of man. There is no doubt though, but that he is a gone dog for that student has been hovering about the place for the last week with a shot gun.