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### HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Historical Society is an important factor of this Institution. It is composed of Graduates and Under graduates of Albert University, and meets in the College Chapel on Saturday night of each week for discussions upon literary and scientific subjects. Being conducted on parliamentary principles, it provides ample means for the development of the debating capabilities of its members, and gives them a thorough knowledge of business forms and customs. The Executive Council is at present composed of A. R. Carman, Chairman of Committees and President of the Council; N. Sharpe, Financial Secretary; and J. E. Connor, Corresponding Secretary; and being supported by a large majority of the members, they conduct the business of the Society according to their own wishes, notwithstanding the arguments and protests of the Opposition. At a late meeting of the Society, Professor Dyer was elected President to succeed S. B. Burdett, L.L.D., whose term of office expires on the 15th of February next.

### PHILOMATHIAN SOCIETY.

The Literary Society of the Grammar School is in a very flourishing condition. It meets regularly in the College Chapel on Friday night, and is well attended. A programme of recitations and readings is furnished by the different sections in turn, and is usually well rendered. The most interesting part of the meeting is the debate, when very weighty arguments are used to convince the worthy judges of the ways of wisdom and truth. The officers for the Hilary term are: Governor—A. W. Bannister, B.A.; President—W. H. Metzger; Secretary—W. D. Ferguson; Treasurer—N. L. Massey.

### ARGYLES.

At the beginning of the present term a volunteer company was formed from the students in connection with the 15th Battalion Argyle Light Infantry. Company drill was immediately commenced under the direction of Adjutant Ponton, and the men took a deep interest in their work, so that they have become quite efficient, and have won the admiration of the citizens by the soldierly bearing which characterized their several parades. Col. Villiers informally inspected the Company, and expressed his satisfaction with their efficiency. Captain Walmsley has the entire respect of the men. Much praise is due Adj. Ponton for the interest he has taken in the Company.

### Y. M. C. A.

This Association, which was organized during Michaelmas Term, 1879, is a branch of the International Young Men's Christian Association. It has for its object the development of the christian character and higher religious life of our students. Aggressive in its movements, it has proved a polished instrument in leading our young men in the better way, in strengthening the weak, and profiting all. Hilary Term has opened under most favorable auspices, and already good is being done. The officers for the present year are: W. C. Austin, President; C. H. Winters, Secretary; T. F. Holgate, Cor. Secretary.

### NOTES.

"*Fortnighten perdidit*," said a Freshman on his return after the holidays.

Is there such a nation as the Slabs?

Conundrum—What's a bazaar? A place where lady students go to inspect the finery, and have to pay ten cents to get out.

Professor—"When was Christ born?" S.—"14 A.D."

One of the boys who took observations of the transit of Venus through a piece of smoked glass, says the planet, when crossing the disc of the Sun, looked like a mole on a fair maiden's face.

Paley says he had fun during the vacation.

1st Freshman—"Fine day for the race! eh, Jack?" 2nd Freshman—"What race?" 1st Freshman—"Human race, of course."

"Eyes front," said a lady to one of our soldier boys while on parade, who had set his eyes intently upon her.

It is all right now, eh, Jim? I told you it was periodical, so don't be surprised if it happens again. But what about the oysters?