

the close of the glacial epoch. The Professor then discussed the various methods of fixing the date of this epoch, showing that it cannot reasonably be believed to have ended more than seven or eight thousand years ago. While the lecture dealt with the subject most thoroughly and scientifically, it was written in language of studied simplicity and could be easily followed by those who had no technical knowledge of Science. It was listened to with attention and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

#### A. M. S.

The Alma Mater Society has commenced the session of '91-'92 with unusual spirit. The attendance has been large, the discussions free and vigorous. If the executive committee, instead of leaving this energy to find its own outlet, will apply itself diligently to provide good programmes, there is no reason why this session should not be the most successful for many years. The class of '95 has so far attended well, let the meetings be made so interesting and profitable now that they will be led to form habits of regular attendance by which they will act throughout their course.

It is true that the orderly transaction of business is the most interesting and the most profitable part of the society's work. Still there is not sufficient business to keep up a continued interest for very long. Two hours of discussion upon a report from the athletic committee, if carefully governed by the rules of order, will do the members more good than the most carefully prepared formal debate; but reports which will provoke such discussions cannot come up every night, and by immediately providing some good programmes the Executive will take advantage of the best opportunity of improving the society which has presented itself for some time.

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The Alma Mater met upon the first Saturday evening of the session, when a long list of notices of motions was handed in. The athletic committee was called upon to report *re* the gymnasium.

At the second meeting Mr. A. E. Lavell, on behalf of a special committee, reported a new university yell, which was received with great enthusiasm and practised for some time. The

practice of college songs, which has been so neglected for a few sessions, was revived with so much spirit as to give the reporter of one of the city dailies the idea that it would hereafter form the chief feature of the meetings.

The reports of the retiring Business Manager of the JOURNAL, and the retiring curators of the Reading Room, showed that those departments were in a satisfactory state. The curators of the Reading Room were re-elected in a body. The senior classes in Arts and Medicine have been asked to take strict measures to exclude all except students from the gallery at meetings of convocation, and thus prevent the rowdyism of the 16th from being repeated.

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The freshman classes in Arts and Medicine have been received as members. And Rev. Dr. Reid, of Toronto, and Asst. Professor Wm. Nicol, M.A., have been elected honorary members.

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The chief business to come up at the meeting on Nov. 7th will be the report of the athletic committee *re* the gymnasium.

#### COLLEGE NOTES.

The Y. W. C. A. reception held at Miss Nettie Anglin's —of which an account will be given later—was a very pleasant affair. All the lady students of both Colleges were in attendance, and the sceptical ones who feared the lack of the male element would be seriously felt soon discovered their error, and frankly acknowledged that girls were nicer than boys to talk to anyway. Perhaps the boys agree with them.

Will the Professor who remarked that he liked to hear "the hum of girlish voices about the halls" please step forward? Reserved places in our Hero Gallery are being rapidly filled up, but room shall certainly be made for him.

A. Walker, '94, has gone to Knox College. '94 has added another new man, Mr. Sills, to its already large class.

There are 33 ladies attending classes in Arts of whom ten are freshmen.

H. C. Windel is at present unable to attend classes on account of sickness.

J. Kirkwood, '95, has been very unfortunate. He was in attendance on classes but a short