

MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

Mr. G. J. Blewett, '94, has been unable to attend lectures this year, but promises to be up for the examination.

Prof. and Mrs. Baldwin were "At Home" last Wednesday to the students in Philosophy of the 3rd and 4th years.

Prof. Baldwin has, we regret to say, decided to accept the offer of Princeton. In September he will begin his duties as Professor of Psychology.

Sickness has rarely been so prevalent amongst the students as it has been this winter. Most of those who have been attacked by it are now better, but we are sorry to learn that Mr. D. Glassey, '93, is still suffering from a low fever. We earnestly hope that he may soon recover.

Mr. W. O. McTaggart, '92, after spending a few months in the office of the Fisk Teachers' Agency of Boston, has returned to Toronto and opened out a Canadian branch at 32 Church Street, where he will be pleased to have a call from all University men who purpose engaging in the teaching profession.

We quote the following from Friday's *Toronto Mail*:—"The marriage of Miss Fannie Bartlett to James Brebner, B. A., registrar of Toronto University, took place last night at the residence of the bride's parents, Victoria Avenue, Windsor. Rev. John Gray, of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, officiated." The *Varsity* offers its sincerest congratulations, and wishes Mr. Brebner every happiness during his married life.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB. — A French meeting was held on Monday, February 20, in the College building. The author discussed was Victor Hugo. The programme was as follows: A brief account of the life of Victor Hugo, by Miss Telfer; a carefully written paper on "Napoleon le Petit," by Miss Smith; and an excellent essay on "Marie Tudor," by Miss Fleming. The meeting closed with conversation in French.

Tempted by the recent moon-lit nights, a few of the bolder spirits amongst our students who fear not the approaching exams., organized a sleighing party and on Saturday evening set out for the Humber, coming back by the way of North Toronto. The evening was calm and cloudless and everyone enjoyed himself most thoroughly. It seems a pity that such an event should be so very rare.

The last meeting for the term of the Political Science Club of '95 was held on Thursday, February 23rd, with Prof. Mavor in the chair. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance to hear the opposite principles of Free Trade and Protection discussed. Messrs. Dirstein and Stanbury spoke for Free Trade and Messrs. Tucker and Procter for Protection, and their

speeches were able expositions of their respective doctrines. The chair decided that the arguments advanced were in favour of the Protectionists. In conclusion a vote of thanks was passed to Prof. Mavor and Mr. McEvoy for the time and trouble spent in behalf of the club.

It is said that the Political Science men of '94, when tired of studying the philosophy of government, occasionally undertake the solution of abstruse mathematical problems for the sake of the relaxation which it affords them. But not long ago, while engaged in this innocent amusement, they came across the following question which completely baffled them: If three snakes, each 2 feet long, be placed so as to form a circle, what will the circumference of the circle be when each snake has swallowed the one in front of him? A few were of the opinion that the circle would still be six feet, while others stoutly maintained that there would be no circle left. Perhaps some of the men in honor mathematics can give the correct solution.

Last Thursday the Hon. S. H. Blake gave an interesting address at the Y. M. C. A. on "Parables in Nature." Even before the speaker arrived the room was crowded and many who were late found themselves compelled to stand in the hall. After showing how we can draw proofs of God's mercy and grace from commonplace things around us, the speaker went on to compare the life of the student with that of St. Paul, which at first was narrow and bigoted, but afterwards kept growing wider and more perfect, day by day. Mr. Blake was listened to with attention, and we are but uttering the wish of everyone present when we say that we hope before long to again have the pleasure of hearing him.

On Thursday evening a team of stalwart Varsity men, chosen from those who attend the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, boarded a car and went out to the Western institution to instruct its members in the art of playing basket ball, but the Westerners soon showed that they needed no instructions and succeeded in beating the Varsity team by 6 to 2. The play was very fast and exciting, though at times a trifle rough. Our own men excelled in individual play but were not so good at passing, and were handicapped by being unaccustomed to the sort of ball used. The following composed the Varsity team: Back—MacLaren, Agnew, Forrester; centre—Carroll, Craig, Sanderson; forward—Mollins, Piersol, Wickens and Roxborough.

Y.M.C.A.—Last Thursday's meeting was largely attended by the students. There was a special attraction this evening, Mr. S. H. Blake having kindly consented to deliver an address

to the Varsity men. The most interesting and earnest address appealed to the hearts of almost every man present. The Y.M.C.A. feels greatly indebted to Mr. Blake, who showed his interest in the Association by leaving urgent business in the city to come up and spend an hour with us. The students will not forget the Gospel Services held every Sunday afternoon at 4.15 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. Next regular meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday, March 2nd, at 5 p.m. The meeting which will be of a missionary character, will be addressed by Dr. Avison, who intends starting soon for Korea.

A meeting of the Natural Science Association was held on Friday afternoon with the President, Mr. Miller, in the chair. Prof. Pike and Dr. Miller were appointed a committee to read the essays for the Cawthorne medal, and Prof. Wright and Mr. Mackenzie for the McMurrich medal; Mr. Jeffrey and Mr. Munro to award the prizes. The president of the association is the convener of each committee. A motion was unanimously passed instructing the secretary to inform the Library Committee of the great inconvenience occasioned science students in not being allowed to take books out of the library. Dr. Ellis favoured the association with an address illustrated with stereopticon views on the manufacture of sulphuric acid. The doctor was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for his interesting address.



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