

and instructive meetings know what benefits are to be derived from them. The members of the sixth and seventh forms ought especially to take a deep interest in this society, as the topics discussed are of the utmost importance to them and the instruction given can be more thoroughly appreciated by them; as to the members of the other forms, an enjoyable evening could not be spent in a more advantageous manner than by attending the meetings of the Scientific Society. It is to be hoped that the society will uphold the reputation which it has gained for itself in the past, and that the same encouragement, which it has heretofore received from the students, may greet its exertions in the future.

ATHLETIC ENTERTAINMENT.

During the two scholastic years preceding the present one, for some reason or other, the annual athletic entertainment was conspicuous by its absence. In fact, looking back with an impartial eye it would seem that athletics generally have been a little on the wane for the past two or three years. It is said to be a historical fact that among enterprising peoples a period of lassitude and ease is ever followed by a more than ordinary display of energy. This seems to be true of the O.U.A.A. This year the Athletic Association, in all its departments, has taken a steady, well measured step forward. Its annual calisthenic entertainment took place on Wednesday, the 20th of Dec. A goodly number of Ottawa's citizens attended, and judging from their frequent outbursts of applause, they found the entertainment an excellent one.

The programme opened with a selection from Mullot excellently rendered by the College Band. Mr. Jos. McDougal then stepped before the curtain and briefly explained the nature of the different performances which were to be presented and pointed out, in a happy way, the many beneficial results accruing to students from participating in gymnastics.

Next followed a hand-drill in which twelve senior students took part. The various movements were neatly gone through with musical accompaniment.

After this the dumb-bell exercises by the juniors so favorably impressed the spectators that they frequently signified their appreciation by hearty applause. After the seniors had gone through a number of movements with indian clubs, Mr. E. Gleeson came forward bar-bell in hand and by his dexterity and coolness soon convinced those present that though only an amateur he can hold his own with the average professional gymnast. A declamation entitled: "La Nuit de Decembre" gracefully rendered by Mr. G. H. Prenoveau brought the first part of the evening's programme to a close.

During the interval the Band furnished choice music. Then followed a farce appropriately named "A Sea of Troubles." The object of the farce of course was to amuse the audience and so well did the different characters do their duty that even the cynic Diogenes would have been obliged to smile, at least, had he been present. The chief features of the second part of the calisthenic exercises, were the walking pyramid and the grand final pyramid. The latter we believe was what the newspaper man would call the "hit" of the evening. The whole affair was a complete success. Great credit is due to Mr. J. O'Brien for his pains-taking efforts in drilling both the senior and junior students in the different exercises which made such a creditable showing.

SPORTING NOTES.

Snowshoeing has always been popular among the students. The present season should witness much activity among the lovers of this healthful exercise, judging from the amount of snow that covers Mother Earth. Some individual trials have been already made with pronounced success. Let us soon see the long and regular tramps of yore.

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The Ottawa Hockey League has been re-established for the season 1894, and is composed of the following clubs:—Ottawa Juniors, Electrics, Ottawa College, and Aberdeens. To make the competition between these young clubs all the more keen, the league intends to purchase a fifty dollar trophy.