

churches, of the gazing groups from the farm-houses, of the snow-heaped fences and of a hundred and one things in connection with such an event. A sleigh-ride in which a hundred and fifty merry laughing boys are comfortably ensconced in half a dozen vans, hallo answering halloo, cheer answering cheer, and song answering song, is something more than ordinary. It was no small disappointment then that when the time arrived, this long looked for pleasure should be out of the question.

On the morning of the 25th ultimo, the small boys formed no small part of the swaying crowd assembled around the beautiful and heavily-laden Christmas tree erected in the recreation hall. It was quite natural, while waiting for the distribution, that they should show a certain amount of impatience, but ample provision being made, everyone received something to his taste and consequently a general feeling of satisfaction prevailed.

At the entertainment given by the students on the evening of December the 26th, considerable surprise and pleasure were manifested by the audience at the athletic exhibition given by J. Macnamara and E. Gleeson, the former with the bar, and the latter with the Indian clubs. They have been called on to take part in the public entertainment to be given under the auspices of the Senior Athletic Association on the 29th inst. There are besides about twenty other Juniors practising dumb bell and club swinging movements preparatory to the coming exhibition.

The rink is at present in a fair state, though on account of the many frequent changes of weather it is with the greatest difficulty kept in good condition. The Juniors deserve much credit for the interest they take in clearing it of snow or assisting in floating.

The Junior Snow-Shoe club has been organized for sometime, but for want of sufficient snow there have not been any tramps. Snow-shoes, moccasins, tuques, etc., are all in readiness. The officers of the club are :

Director - - Rev. B. David, O. M. I.,
President - - - D. St. Pierre,
Vice-President - - - J. Macnamara,
Secretary - - - A. Rochon.

The season so far has been particularly favorable for hand-ball and the consequence is that the alleys are always engaged. An interesting match took

place on the 14th inst., for the championship of the 3rd B. Commercial and 2nd Commercial. The 3rd B. Commercial won two straight games, the score in the first being 17 to 21, and in the second 3 to 21. O. Labrecque, a representative of the 2nd Commercial was much disappointed as he was certain of victory. P. Brunelle, a representative of the 3rd B. Commercial claims the championship for one year, and any other games played between these classes will be merely for exhibition.

Our Lowell Juniors have formed a skating club to be known as the "Lowell Shooting Stars." The officers are the Most Worthy Chief Skater, F. Lamoureux; High Worthy Knight of the Skate Straps, P. Brunelle; Worthy Guardian of the Rink, O. Allard; Comptroller of the Hose, A. Vallerand; Chief Conductor of the Snow Plow, J. Lavery; Master of the Hydrant, H. Beauchemin.

The rank of the students leading the Commercial classes for the month of December is :—

1st grade—M. Mellon, P. Ryan, P. Mellon.
 2nd grade—J. Macnamara, W. L. Murphy, A. Christin.
 3rd grade (2nd div.)—A. Pelissier, J. O'Reilly, J. Rigney.
 3rd grade (1st div.)—E. Gleeson, R. Letellier, B. Murphy.

ATHLETICS.

The classes in calisthenics are doing splendidly and every practice shows a marked improvement over the previous one. In the use of the clubs, dumb-bells, and bar-bells great cleverness is already shown and it is not too much to predict that the Athletic Association entertainment to be held on the 30th inst. will be quite in keeping with the success and reputation of that body.

Our football boys took it badly that Ottawa College did not accept their challenge.—*Queen's College Journal*.

Well, really, this is refreshing. We never thought that our refusal would be taken so badly. If we remember aright Ottawa College has met Queens on two occasions and registered two victories over her foot-ballers,—once with a score of 22 to 7, and again 17 to 0. And yet