

mittee to select a captain for '93 and '94. He also reviewed the duties of the Athletic Committee. However, his motion being ruled out of order, he gave notice of motion that at the meeting two weeks hence he would move that "The relation of the A.M.S. to the other Societies of the College be considered." The discussion which this ought to produce should be interesting to all and secure a large attendance that evening.

Mr. Hugo moved that the Secretary compile a list of the changes in the constitution during the last three years.—Carried.

Mr. Best moved that a resolution, containing some changes desired in the delivery of mail, be placed in the Library for the signature of students. These changes, if sanctioned, will mean some expenses which the students are to bear.

The auditors appointed reported the books of the business manager of the JOURNAL and of the treasurer of the A.M.S. in a satisfactory condition.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, the new treasurer, produced a lengthy bond in which Francis Grant Kirkpatrick, law student, and his heirs are his security to the amount of \$200.

We will now be plain for the benefit of our new president. In the first place, a president ought at all times to be ready with a ruling and not await the rising of some learned member to say that such-and-such a ruling is found in such-and-such a chapter of Bourinot. The confusion arising from such an occasion can be stopped by a careful perusal of Bourinot or Cushing and an immediate sensible ruling. A chairman giving a reasonably clear decision will generally be supported by the house, and repeated confusion avoided.

### BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT.

Part of the apparatus ordered in England, for use in this department, has arrived. We have received ten first-class microscopes, oil immersion objectives, and accessories for doing work in normal and pathological histology. A Du Bois Raymond inductorium muscle forceps, and a time-marker will enable experiments with muscles and nerves to be shown to the class, while sphygmographs, cardiographs, etc., supplied to students, will enable them to verify for themselves some of

the well-known facts about respiration and circulation. Subscriptions for the full cost of the apparatus are now in order.

At a meeting of the medical faculty held Monday evening, Jan. 9th, Dr. Clarke, superintendent of Rockwood Asylum, and College lecturer on mental diseases, donated a very valuable microscopic objective ( $\frac{1}{4}$  glycerine immersion) to the University. The lens will be very useful in doing work in general bacteriology, and in the pathological department. It is to be hoped that many more, as generously disposed, will come along and aid in putting this department into first-class shape.

### '96.

Nearly all our class poet's have at last given us contributions. Here is the effort of the singer of '96, which is very seasonable:

The wind bloweth, the farmer soweth,  
The subscriber oweth, and the Lord knoweth  
That we are in need of our dues.  
So come a-runnin' ere we go gunnin',  
We're not funnin', this thing of dunnin'  
Gives us the everlastin' blues.

We are waiting for '95's poem, which owing to its delay must be something superior.

### Y. M. C. A.

No one will deny that this institution has been in the past, and continues to be, a centre of good influence in the College. But while this is a matter of gratification, we may still ask in a spirit of perfect friendliness, whether it could not be made the centre of even a wider and more permanent influence than it exercises at the present time. In other words, is the manner in which the Association does its work quite satisfactory, and more fundamentally, is it an organ of the truest ideas of life and of the best religious thought of the University?

It is very evident that the first question at any rate must be answered by a negative. We have not reference to the executive management of the Association—that leaves nothing to be desired—but to the way in which the weekly prayer meeting is conducted. It is certainly a jarring chord in the seriousness of the hour that the *applause* should be so frequent and so ill-timed. We meet together, not for any vague purpose, but that we may learn from one another what the idea of