

'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

Prof. Ashley is happy—Oxford won the boat race on Saturday.

Mrs. Alexander was "At Home" Friday afternoon to the retiring officers of the Modern Language Club and other friends.

Last Wednesday a meeting of the Y.W.C.A. was held for the nomination of officers and general business. Next Wednesday there will be an open meeting addressed by Mrs. McKay.

W. Malcolm, B.A., can now sign himself M.D. The athletes of the College will remember "Billy's" prowess on the Association football field. We wish him success in his new work.

The approaches to the University are in a disgraceful condition, it being simply impossible to get to the building without wading through water up to the ankles. Some one has suggested that the city charter a fleet of ships to transport student pedestrians to their destination.

A. F. Chamberlain, B.A., of Clark University, formerly Fellow of Modern Languages here, has been chosen by the British Association for the Advancement of Science to go to British Columbia next summer to make ethnological researches under its auspices. THE VARSITY congratulates Mr. Chamberlain on this mark of distinction and confidence bestowed upon him.

The following is the report of the Treasurer of the Literary Society up till March 20th, 1891: Receipts—Balance from 1889-90, \$513.32; fees to March 20, 1891, \$150; sale of periodicals, \$4.64; total receipts, \$667.96. Expenditures—From May 20, 1890, to March 20, 1891, \$624.73. Total receipts, \$667.96; total expenditures, \$624.73; balance on hand, March 20, \$43.23. D. P. McCOLL.

It is with very great regret that THE VARSITY has heard of the death of George A. Cameron, B.A., of Woodstock, which occurred at Woodstock on Tuesday last, the 17th inst. Graduating from the University in 1886 he commenced the study of law with the firm of Messrs. Finkle, McKay and McMullen, barristers, etc., of Woodstock, and had passed his first intermediate examination when he was seized with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, to which he ultimately succumbed. Although of a former generation of undergraduates Mr. Cameron was not unknown in contemporary undergraduate circles, being remembered chiefly for his intimate connection with the movements of those days, with which his name is inseparably connected. He is remembered by his friends for his manly character and genial ways, and to these the news of his death will be a

severe shock. Sincere sympathy will be felt for his parents and family in their affliction.

Last Thursday's meeting at the Y.M.C.A. was one of the most interesting of the year. It was a missionary meeting, and Prof. Baldwin presided. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. J. S. Scott, A. Lea, and W. R. McIntosh, about the International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement, recently held in Cleveland. These speakers are to be congratulated on the excellent way in which they represented to their audience the spirit of that Convention. Each one spoke with earnestness, and set forth clearly and concisely the strongest impressions he had received there and the best things he had heard. Prof. Baldwin gave a few personal reminiscences of Messrs. Wilder, Speer and Foreman, the leaders of the Student Volunteer Movement, who were cotemporary with himself at Princeton, and spoke a few appropriate words about the choice of a missionary life.

The Mathematical and Physical Society held its regular meeting Friday afternoon. The programme being one of superior quality attracted a large attendance. A very instructive paper on Dr. Graves' Theorem, with several deductions therefrom, sent to the Society by Mr. A. T. DeLury, B.A. ('90), of Vancouver, B.C., was read by Mr. Henderson. Another paper on the "Composition of Matter," from Mr. C. A. Chant, B.A. ('90), of Ottawa, was read by Mr. W. E. Rand. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to tender the Society's thanks to the corresponding members for their valuable papers. Having had so many excellent papers which contained much food for after thought, the Society felt the need of a mathematical and physical journal in which to publish the papers and proceedings of the Society. After some discussion, a committee was appointed to investigate the cost, prospects, etc., of such a publication and report at the first meeting of the Society in October. Nomination of next year's officers was the next order of business, in which everybody nominated everybody else, so as to make-up for the lack of a literary election.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.—The first Vice-president, Dr. W. T. Miller, presided at a very large and interesting meeting of this society on Friday last in the School of Practical Science. Important notices of motion for changes in the constitution were given by Messrs. W. A. Parks, T. McCrae and J. W. McIntosh; these will be brought up and discussed at the annual meeting. Prof. Pike gave a succinct account of the storage battery, illustrating his lecture by experiments with the new

battery presented to the department by the (Roberts) Storage Battery Co. In concluding he performed some experiments showing the strength and perfect working of the battery, noticeable amongst which were the decomposition of water using five cells, the brilliant electric light given by the whole twenty-five cells, and the speedy combustion of a large piece of iron wire. Short discussion followed, the chairman thanking the professor for his interesting and instructive lecture. The meeting then proceeded to the nomination of candidates for office, which resulted as follows: President, J. J. Mackenzie, B.A., elected by acclamation; 1st Vice, W. G. Miller, B.A., and E. C. Jeffrey, B.A.; 2nd Vice, W. A. Parks, F. J. Smale, and R. H. Knox; Gen'l Sec'y, R. K. Duncan and R. E. Hooper; Treas., Messrs. Royce, Burton, Stanbury, Cockroach and Sutherland; Curator, W. J. Knox, Rosebrugh, Silcox and Gillies; Councillors '92, G. Elliot, A. D. Chambers and W. L. Addison—'93, Misses Balmer and Hamilton and Messrs. Stuart Edwards, Connor, Simmons and Harvie—'94, Miss Bayne and Messrs. Chrystler, Dent, Lehmann, McKay and Millichamp. Messrs. F. R. Lillie and A. J. Hunter were appointed Auditors, after which the meeting adjourned.

DI-VARSITIES.

A VERNAL RIPPLE.

Sing, sang, sung,
Swing, swang, swung,
Oh!

The man who will sing
Of the beautiful spring
Deserveth to swing,
An inanimate thing,
Hing, hang, hung.

—Trinity Tablet.

"Why is there so much learning to be had in college?" "Because the freshmen bring it in, and the seniors don't take it out."—Ex.

"Are you a drummer?" queried the storekeeper. "Yes," was the reply. "And what do you drum?" "Everything you can possibly want," replied the salesman eagerly. "Then beat a retreat," growled the proprietor, whistling for his bull-dog.—Yale Record.



STUDENTS ATTENTION!

This is a fac-simile of our pins, made from the metal from the College bell, which we are selling at a moderate price. Every student should have one, as they make an interesting souvenir of the fire.

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