

PROBABLY the most sensational lecture ever delivered at the O. A. C. was recently given by our professor of mechanics to the students of the 2nd. year, the subject being an execution abundantly illustrated by all the necessary appliances. A model of a portable gallows tree, about six feet high, was erected and it is believed that it was designed by the lecturer himself. In spite of its rather flimsy appearance it looked thoroughly practical, and owing to the application of mechanical laws, its simplicity and cheapness, it should become a most popular instrument throughout this Dominion. The lecturer appeared slightly nervous, but it must be remembered that this is the first time that he has ever lectured publicly on this science.

A STUDENT who has the bump of amativeness highly developed, as a phrenologist would remark, paid a call on some friend in the city, and finding the fair daughter of the house in, and the master and mistress out, proceeded to make himself agreeable after his own peculiar manner. A ring of the bell alarmed them and our friend sought shelter behind the door. Two lady callers entered and for nearly two hours they remained, discussing the price of dress stuffs in Bollert's, etc.; at last when they left, our friend emerged, weary and down-hearted, with limbs aching from the constrained position he was compelled to adopt. He avers, however, that the tender sympathy of his fair hostess has amply repaid the inconvenience to which his stupidity had subjected him.

THE sixth annual convention of the Canadian Inter-Collegiate Missionary Alliance was held at Montreal from November 6th. to 9th. this year. The Y. M. C. A. of the O. A. C. was represented by Mr. H. B. Sharman, who addressed the Association with reference to the meetings, on Sunday afternoon, 16th. inst. In addition to the delegates from the several Colleges of Montreal the following colleges were represented: Acadia College, Wolfville, N. S.; Queen's College, Kingston; Victoria College, Cobourg; University College, Toronto; Woodstock College; Knox College, Toronto; Wycliffe College, Toronto; Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby; Toronto Medical College, Toronto; Presbyterian College, Belleville, and Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The Montreal Colleges represented were:—McGill Arts Y. M. C. A.; McGill Medical;

Diocesan, (Episcopal); Congregational Theological College; Wesleyan Theological College, and the Presbyterian Theological College.

THE meeting of the Literary Society, on Friday, 31st October, was hardly up to the average. We hope that the committee will be more successful in getting up the programme in future. Mr. Harrison gave us a fine recitation, entitled "The Red Fisherman," an allegorical poem of a weird and uncanny nature, but well suited for recitation. This was followed by a debate on that well worn topic, "Moved that the raising of beef is more profitable than dairying in Ontario." Of the four opening speeches Mr. Beckett's alone was worthy of notice, he had evidently taken great pains in preparing his notes and the subject was well arranged. The open discussion was a very lively one and several of the speeches were really good; eventually the advocates of dairying won, though the vote was nearly even, and the committee also reported that those supporting dairying had made the best speeches. Mr. Harris' recitation closed the programme. We cannot do better than give the critic's report on it verbatim: "I am sure it rejoiced the hearts of all present to see our genial and long-legged friend, Harris, on the platform. His recitation was on historical subjects and was given forth with great energy."

HAMILTON Juniors were unable to play a match with us on Thanksgiving Day, as arranged, so a scratch team from Guelph played a practice match at association, on the College ground. The town representatives were very weak owing to the short time they had to get the team together, only nine appeared, but two substitutes were found them. From first to last the college men had matters entirely their own way, eventually winning by six goals to none; their most conspicuous players being N. Willans, Putnam and Webster. Of course this match is of little importance in deciding what the team will be like, but, with practice, they should excel last year's form, as the new blood is very promising. Our Rugby record is as disastrous as the Association is brilliant. On Saturday, the 15th, the team journeyed to Toronto to play Trinity College, and returned thrashed to the extent of 55 points to nothing. Our forwards held their own fairly well, but our backs were utterly at sea, owing, no doubt, to the want of practice