

'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

W. M. Davidson, '93, is progressing favorably.

The new beadle is a regular attendant at the Pol. Sc. lectures of '94.

Knox College "At Home" is declared off, to the general regret of their friends.

Next week the most approved form of salutation will be, "When are you going home?"

Dr. Shaver, of Stratford, father of Mr. Shaver of the second year, medicine, died last week after a long illness.

We are pleased to learn that our esteemed friend, Mr. D. A. Burgess, '90, is recovering from an almost fatal attack of lung trouble.

Mr. A. E. Myers, '95, well known to us all for his athletic prowess, is an inmate of the Hospital as the result of an attack of typhoid.

Mr. Wrong has announced that the Historical Seminary work, for which a room has been set apart in the new Library building, will commence immediately after Xmas vacation.

No account of the '95-'94 Association football match has yet been given in VARSITY. Be it understood, however, that '95 was victorious, thereby winning the championship of University College.

The Hockey Club has secured the use of Victoria Rink for three afternoons in the week. Inter-year matches are already being talked of, and there is every indication that the game will be more popular with the students than ever.

The identity of Adam Rufus, who writes the "Varsity Chat" in *Saturday Night* has long been a perplexing question, but, since the last issue of that paper, the opinion has been gaining ground, that "Eve Rufus" would be a more descriptive *nom de plume*.

We will take advantage of this column to acknowledge the kindness of Mr. Strath in taking charge of the issue of last week. It is needless to point out that the number was an excellent one, inasmuch as Mr. Strath's work is invariably of that order.

This from the *Mail*, re St. Andrew's Ball in the Pavilion: "Several of the dances were played for the first time in Toronto. Perhaps the best of the new selections was the M. Schottische, "Gretchen," which was composed by Mr. W. Hargraff, of Cobourg, who is a very talented musical freshman at Toronto University."

Seminary rooms have been set apart in the Library building for the following departments: Political Science, History, Latin and Greek, Teutonic, Romance and Oriental Languages,

and Philosophy and Ethics. So, little by little, the rooms are being fitted up, and hopes are entertained that they will really be ready for use after New Year.

There was a meeting last Thursday of Mr. Boles' Cabinet, and the following were sworn in as ministers: Messrs. Bull, Phillips, N. McDougal, Henry, Woods, Fry, Reeve, Craig, Chalmers, King, Montgomery, Allen and Boyd. The proceedings, of course, were secret, but close friends of the government are spreading rumors of some very revolutionary proposals.

We have long been wondering why the library is not opened for evening use, and, after diligent search, we have found the cause. The lighting appliances are all in, but it seems that the Finance Committee are waiting for the Senate to meet and endorse their report of the expenses involved. To those unacquainted with red tape and officialism there is but little satisfaction in such an excuse.

A third year man, who is taking pass French, happened to buy "Atala," a fourth year book, instead of "Athalie," a Biblical story, which is on for his year. Having, with much diligence, read the book through, he thought he would call around and see how the class was getting on. He was rather crest-fallen at finding out his mistake, but says, that he thought all along that it was a queer sort of Bible story.

On Friday last a petition was set on foot, requesting the authorities to provide some means which would enable the students to leave hats, coats, umbrellas, etc., without fear of their being stolen. If all who have been unfortunate to lose any such articles had signed, we fancy a very large petition would have been presented to the authorities. We have not yet heard what was the outcome of the matter.

A paper on which, among many similar, the appended hieroglyphics appear, was picked up near the corner of College and Spadina last week. Any probable solution of their use and meaning will be gladly received.

K	5	7	20	7	15	27
B	2	3	4	18	23	24
H	-9	4	9	14	28	29 32 45
D	-9	-22	-17	-25		
I	13	26	-33	34		

The other portions are very similar, but occasionally the order of the letters is changed, and in one or two the letters G and A are inserted, apparently in lieu of others.

A very *enthusiastic* and *unanimous* meeting of the Political Science Club of '94 was held on Wednesday, 23rd inst., at which the following officers were elected for the current year: Honorary President, Prof. Mavor; President, Mr. J. M. McEvoy, B.A., LL.B.; Vice-President, Mr. J. H.

Brown; Councillors, Messrs. Barnum and Carroll; Secretary, G. B. Wilson. The next meeting of the society will be held December 7th. Papers are expected to be read containing a "Criticism of Mills' Four Fundamental Assumptions." Members of the class are requested to hand to some member of the Executive Committee the names of subjects they would wish to have discussed at the meetings of the society.

DI-VARSITIES.

DESPAIR.

She stood beneath the 'lectric lamp
In the cool, fresh morn and bright,
I rearranged my mortar board
As she flashed upon my sight.

"Pray, fair Freshette," I softly said,
"Why tarry you thus there,
With pouted lip, and knitted brow,
And melancholy air?"

"Alas!" she sighed and gazed on high,
Where the swinging arc lamp hangs,
"I'm dead-broke for a carton stick,
To curl my Langtry bangs."

NINE T. SIX.

It is a curious fact that dull weather is generally wet, and dull lectures are generally dry.



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