

might take to itself some of the above hints to the *Abbey Student*, it is on the whole a first-rate journal, and the first number promises well for the coming session.

There are articles in several other journals before us which we would like to notice, but space forbids.

✦College News.✦

ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

THE interest and attendance at the meetings continue to increase, a fact which perhaps points to the coming election. Before the meeting opened the time was spent in singing songs under the leadership of A. E. Lavell, which we hope will be continued every evening. We have so little singing now that one wishes for the return to our halls of Strachan, Lavell and others, who always kept the students' voices in tune.

At next meeting the Freshmen not included in the list last week will be enrolled as members. Mr. Hugo moved that the committee prepare a series of Inter-year debates. Mr. MacDonnell's amendment, that they arrange for a debate between Arts and Medicine, or between Arts and Divinity, was carried.

Mr. Fleming gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he would move that \$50 be granted to the support of a Reading Room in the Medical College.

The Executive Committee reported the arrangements for an open meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th. A debate between students from Arts and Divinity and an excellent programme will be provided.

Mr. Rowlands, '93, auditor of the Reading Room curators' accounts, was requested to hand in his report on Nov. 26.

The entertainment at the close consisted of an excellent and interesting paper, read by A. H. D. Ross, in which he described his journey on the geological survey from Lake St. John to East Main River, and thence to Hudson Bay, across a wilderness untravelled and almost unknown. The important places mentioned were Peagwagamee, Ougatchowan and Wahwanstchie, and others with which few people are, perhaps, acquainted. During his

travel the principal food was salt pork, fish and wild geese. He narrated such experiences as escaping from a bear which swam away from them, and of falling into a river while jogging along under a load of 200 pounds.

SCIENCE HALL NOTES.

Classes are again in full swing at the Hall, with about the same average attendance as last session. In the Honor department the number of students has increased. The classes of Junior and Senior Chemistry are attended by both Arts and Medicals, the latter predominating in numbers. The average attendance at the Junior class is at present about 45, which it is expected will increase to 65 before the end of the month, by which time all students intending to take this class will have handed in their tickets.

Fifty students have their names already enrolled in the Senior class. The practical work in connection with the above two classes being not obligatory averages a slightly lower attendance. The Medical Analytical class is attended by all second year medical students.

The Honor classes have increased their number of hopefuls. The number of students taking first year Honor work is seven. The second year Honor class numbers two. By glancing at the time table, posted up on the boards at the Hall, it will be hard for any one to conceive that the students in Science will be idle this session. This is especially true of the Honor students. Their work, as compared with that of most of the Honor departments of the college, is very heavy. As an evidence of the hardness of the Honor course in Chemistry, students who have had one year's taste of the work seldom require a second, but branch off into other departments of study. Some difficulty was experienced in making out our time table, and when at last it has been completed it is found that two classes occur during the week at the hour from four to five o'clock. This is lamented by those desiring to attend their year meetings or other society meetings of the College, which almost invariably occur at that hour, and very frequently on Mondays and Wednesdays, the afternoons on which these classes occur. At present if the student wishes to attend his