

Faculty Items.



THE December meeting of the Macdonald College Club took the form of a club supper, held in the college dining room. About fifty members were present. The toast to the King was followed by a toast to the Allies, responded to by Dr. Harrison, and one to the Empire, responded to by the Rev. Norman McLeod, after which Prof. McNaughton, of McGill University, addressed the club on "War and the Bible." This brilliant and inspiring address was much enjoyed by all present.

Our sympathy is extended to Miss McGill, whose father, Lieutenant-Colonel Sydenham C. McGill, died in Kingston a few minutes after the breaking of the New Year. Col. McGill, who was born in Montreal in 1842, joined the Royal Canadian Rifles in 1860, became adjutant of that regiment and was commander of the depot at Prince Arthur's landing during the Red River Rebellion. Later he served with the 22nd Foot at Fermoy, Ireland, with the Fourth Regiment of Cavalry in Canada, and for seventeen years as staff adjutant in the Royal Military College. Since his retirement in 1900 he had been manager of the Frontenac Saving and Loan Society.

During the Christmas vacation the majority of the men of the staff took advantage of the special military instruction given by Dr. Harrison with the assistance of Professor Laird, Dr. Shaw and Mr. Boving. All taking part felt greatly benefited by this course and it is hoped that the benefits will be apparent in the movements of "Platoon No. 1."

Two shooting competitions were held December 17th and 18th—a handicap match for those who had taken part in last year's competitions and an open match for newcomers. The first prizes for the two matches, Christmas turkeys, were won by Mr. A. C. Gorham and Prof. S. C. Laird. In the open match Mr. E. H. Jones came second and Mr. Van Zoeren third. In the handicap match, Messrs. Starrak and Ness were tied for second place, and Messrs. McLaurin and MacMillan for third, while Prof. Bunting won fourth place. With their handicaps, Messrs. Gorham and Ness exceeded the total score possible for a scratch competition, Mr. Gorham making 115 and Mr. Ness 106 out of a possible total of 105. Without their handicaps they would have stood third and fifth, respectively, Mr. Hammond ranking first, Mr. Summerby second, and Profs. Barton and Bunting fourth. Another handicap competition is announced for January 22nd.

Volley ball is now the popular sport among the men of the staff. This gymnasium game is a sort of tennis without rackets and with a ball as large as a football. One of its convenient features is that the number of players who can take part in a game is not limited. Mr. Starrak and Mr. McLennan have the honour of having introduced the game in the college.

The ladder competition of the Golf Club, which was continued until snow came, was won by Prof. Laird with Dr. Harrison second.

Short course duties necessitated the absence of many members of the staff in the early part of the month of January.