

McMullen fell asleep, and out of deference to his position and age the brethren softly slipped away, leaving him to enjoy a snooze equal to that of the most just.

The adjourned meeting will be held in one week, when further business will be attended to.

The Archbishop has blushed twice since his installation, and that not at the conduct of his flock, but at the words of the guides. In a moment, perhaps of irritation, one of them said "Be Gad Kephath"; the other, in cold blood, when two answered to the name "Best," asked, "Who is second Best?" We hope Presbytery will not inquire into this conduct.

SCIENCE HALL NOTES.

Who are they? Where are they going? These were the queries with which the ruralists along the Perth road plied each other as McIlquham's three-horse van, containing two serious browed professors and fifteen zealous, rampant students of mineralogy, wended its way northward during the early hours of last Tuesday. "How are you old, chappie?" "Good morning! Have you used Pear's soap?" etc., *ad libitum*, rendering a harmony second only to that of "Varsity rooters," did much to enlighten the rustics as well as rend the rocks which the party had set out to examine.

At 9:30 by Supple's chronometer, although old Sol was near the meridian, the Webster mica mine was reached. Forthwith baskets and hampers were produced, and the pic-nic part of the excursion well enjoyed. In a few minutes afterwards the dump, old shafts, &c., were invested by these embryo mining engineers, and the hills re-echoed to the sound of their hammers as they investigated the various ores or secured samples. Calcite, quartz crystals, pyrites-pyroxene, apalite, scapolite, galenite, muscovite, biolite rewarded their labours, each student securing splendid specimens, which will be an addition his mineralogical collection, as well as a memento of his School of Mining days.

No new minerals were discovered, or paying lodes located, but the main object of the trip—the examination of minerals as they occur—was completely and satisfactorily realized. It was an all day geology and mineralogy class, and while the boys had their fun they also gained much knowledge, and in such a practical manner as never to be forgotten.

THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The Literary and Scientific Society held its first meeting for this session on Tuesday night, about twenty members being present. Mr. Laird's resignation of the office of critic was accepted, and T. S. Scott was appointed to act until the annual meeting. The

Executive were instructed to secure J. A. McColl to fill the vacancy on the programme caused by Mr. Laird's resignation. The President, J. C. Brown, then read his inaugural, a paper on the American Civil War. The subject is a wide one for the compass of a single paper, but Mr. Brown succeeded admirably in presenting a logical and interesting sketch of the forces which culminated in that great struggle. Beginning with the colonial era he traced the concomitant forces in the north and south, and showed that the two great causes of the war were state rights and the question of slavery. The plan of the paper lent itself to clearness of treatment; the correlating of the various forces was perspicuous, and the inferences and judgments sound. But of course it is impossible even to attempt a resume of a paper so condensed. Mr. Brown has placed the standard of excellence very high, and it is hoped that this high standard will be maintained throughout the year. The special critics contributed but little towards the development of the subject, but an interesting general discussion followed, dealing principally with the slavery aspect of the question. The critic closed the discussion with a few brief but pointed remarks. The next meeting of the Society will be held the last week in November, when a paper on Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables" will be presented by J. W. McIntosh, M.A.

COLLEGE NOTES.

A tour of inspection through the college halls and grounds at the beginning of the session is not without interest. There are usually some changes or improvements to note which have been made during the "long vacation." We recently spent a half hour in such a tour and made some notes by the way.

The Levana Room, that *terra incognita* whose privacy is invaded by man only at the annual conversazione, is still protected from the vulgar gaze by ten feet of board wall on which might fitly be inscribed "Post no Bills." The Freshman still stands at the gable window, following with soulful gaze the visions of loveliness that flit along the corridor and disappear behind the screen. A fine piano has been elevated to those skyward regions, and our sister students evidently intend to make the most of their dingy cloister.

But here we are, as the tourist guide-books say, at the Philological laboratory, whose atmosphere suggests that some of the Aryan or Semitic roots have become touched with the "dry rot." As we gaze into the vacant room thoughts of other days throng upon us, a sonorous echo seems to roll along the room, and spectre forms rise before us—