

= School of Practical Science Notes =

The first meeting of the Engineering Society for the year beginning Oct. 1st, 1897, was held at the school on Wednesday, Oct. 13th. J. A. Bow's resignation of the office of fourth year representative from the S. P. S. on VARSITY's editorial staff was read and accepted, and H. W. Charlton elected by acclamation as his successor. A. G. Piper was elected to the business board. After other business of the kind, Pres. H. S. Carpenter read his address, which was received with great attention, not only because it was interesting, but because of him who spoke. It gave a brief history of the society, relating its ups and downs, and how in '95 it was rescued from the financial slough by the timely and unstinted hard work of ex-Pres. G. M. Campbell. We are glad to say that it is still well on top.

Next in order was the relating of summer experiences. W. W. Stull was first called upon. The incident of his survey trip most impressed on his memory, or rather on his "innards," was the dinner he ate on the C.P.R. boat. No wonder that he relished it after living on pork and hard-tack for two months.

E. V. Neelands, in relating his experience, greatly shocked the modesty of the members by stating that he had to go quite a distance on his return journey without his clothes, having forgotten to have them sent to the starting point.

A. H. Smith showed by his example how good positions may often be obtained by working the game of bluff.

A. G. Piper on his journey north, to investigate some mining claims near Sudbury, stopped over night at a village inn on the outskirts of civilization. On going to his room he turned down the bed clothes and discovered that the bed was already occupied, but by a being strange to most of us. He added for the benefit of those who had never seen one that this being was much like a small mud-turtle.

Mr. John Shaw, next called upon, arose and proceeded to the platform amid shouts of enthusiasm. In fact, it was with the utmost difficulty that the president could calm the audience. His speech was eloquent and dramatic—the first is merely a supposition as nobody could get any connected idea of what he was talking about for the continuous shower of comments and criticisms. Once, while out on the survey, it was necessary for him to stand for some time in water up to his waist. It is said that the water-mark still remains.

J. Patterson also gave his experiences.

After the discussion of more business the meeting was adjourned.

It is with much pleasure that we refer to the marriage of Mr. L. B. Stewart, lecturer at the school, which took place in the holidays. Although it is late, yet we desire to offer our hearty congratulations and good wishes for the future.

E. Andrews is one of the survey party engaged in the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railroad.

T. Martin, who took his B.A.Sc. in mining engineering this spring, has secured a position in the Regina Mine near Rat Portage.

W. J. Troup, one of our old standbys on the track, has left us and is now in Buffalo engaged in the construction of cinder paths for others to run on.

C. McBeth is at present a man of leisure.

The following, received not long ago from a freshman, is a recommendation for the lecture-room seats:

DEAR SIR,

I sat on one of your seats for four hours at lectures, since when I have used no other.

"I remain standing,

"Yours, etc."

In the actual laying out of a railroad the instrument is levelled on the rod for the purpose of taking readings. However, with the third year surveying party this is of secondary consideration, the primary one being to get in focus the faces of the pretty nurse girls who frequent the parks in the afternoon.

The latest is that a graduate of the S.P.S. in electrical and mechanical engineering has secured the position of Inspector of Mines over one of the recently discovered gold fields.

Next Friday we intend to lead the procession preceding the games in the six-in-hand tally-ho, the two drags having been secured a couple of years ago by the Arts men. As we cannot all go in this, other ways are being provided by which the rest may be in line. It is rumored that a Klondike expedition will be fitted out, and if such can be done great interest will be added to the procession.

Let all the S. P. S. men keep together and yell for those who are going to do their best to uphold the honor of the school. On Friday we will do it up—blue, white and yellow.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

To-morrow afternoon the biggest crowd of the season should gather on the University campus, to watch the annual games of the University Athletic Association. President Hobbs and Secretary Martin have made excellent preparations for a fine afternoon's sport, and the procession and band will add greatly to the attractions.

Magnificent as the prizes have been in the past, the committee has gone to even greater expense this year. The services of the Queen's Own Band have been retained and popular music will be rendered between the events. The chief events of the afternoon will be 100 yards dash, running high jump, half mile run, one mile run, 440 yards run, throwing the hammer, pole vault, 120 yards hurdle race, relay team race, 220 yards run, running broad jump, quarter mile run (Collegiate), two miles run, putting the shot, mile walk, running hop, step and jump.

The competition for the championship cup is expected to be very keen this year. Three well-known athletic Macs are in the race, McMordie, McMillan and McArthur. As these men have never yet tried conclusions, it is impossible to say which has the best chance of winning.

Of course, the feature of the afternoon's sport will be the grand procession, which will start from University College at 1 o'clock sharp. John Grampian Inkster has been chosen grand marshal, and that fact is a sufficient guarantee that everything will be done decently and in order. The Arts students will lead, in drags, and the other students will follow in drags, victorias, cabs, vans and omnibuses. Everyone is requested to yell his loudest, and to advertise well the Annual Games of the Athletic Association of the University of Toronto.