

F. A. DRUMMOND, B.A., '77, Secretary-Treasurer of the JOURNAL for '76-'77, who recently went to Manitoba, on the Pacific Railway Survey, has returned from the vigorous duty on the prairie and entered the office of the Assistant Receiver General, Winnipeg.

DE NOBIS NOBILIBUS.

MOST of the students were delighted to hear that another sitting of the Concurus had been held. The fines went into the Ladies' Aid Society in Collinsby. They have offered to furnish a room whenever it is needed. We venture to say those Freshmen will not flirt again this session.

MERRY Christmas!

LAST JOURNAL for '79.

VACATION is just the time to get subscribers.

THE following from an Ex. we pin on the wall and say "them's our sentiments": "The man who writes us long anonymous articles has the heart-felt thanks of the small boy to whom we give the contents of our waste paper basket."

IN rummaging our note book the other day we accidentally came across the following, written, without our knowledge, by some fellow or other, who likely took our book for an autograph album. In reply we may say that his little poetic appeal is useless, since, if he owes us nothing we haven't time to waste thinking about him, and if he is a "subscriber in arrears" his reminder is altogether unnecessary:

"Think of me in the hour of leisure,
Think of me in the hour of care,
Think of me in the hour of pleasure,
Spare me a thought in the hour of prayer."

THE Zoology class expect to finish the study of invertebrata before Christmas.

OUR postmaster, John Cormack, Esq., has taken up his quondam position behind the library wicket, and there is consequently the usual "rushing" and "shunting" at 11:05. Who will be the first to be inserted in the hole? Take care '83.

No, strange to say we haven't got any John Smiths in our college; but our tallest man, who is six feet three, and our shortest man, who is five feet, and our fattest, are all Smiths. We have also a few more who are intermediate between these. Such is life. It has been said that Adam (not Adam Smith, the "wealth of nations" man) finding the task of naming mankind too tedious, stopped classifying soon after he had begun and called the rest Smith. This is of course *mythical*. But we do know that Adam's direct descendant, Tubal Cain, really was a Smith. This gentleman must have been the first of the genus, and his antiquity is the only way of accounting for the appalling number of the species.

ALMA MATER SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the A.M.S., under the regime of the new officers was held last Saturday night. The new President, D. McIntyre, B.A., was in the chair, and conducted the duties of the position in his usual courteous yet decided manner. Mr. O'Reilly presided at the Secretary's table. The chief business was the election to the office of critic. This election was not held at the annual meeting on account of the resignation of the two candidates who were nominated. Mr. James Ross was unanimously elected amid hearty applause. It was resolved to hold a public debate immediately after the holidays; Mr. A. B. McCallum and the Secretary were appointed leaders, and the subject chosen was that "Canada would be better independent of British rule."

It was also resolved that the admission be free. Mr. Denike, of the Royal College, then took the chair, and the question was debated as to whether the "Thirteen American states had sufficient grounds for reselling." The Society then adjourned. We were glad to see a number of medical students present. They will find it of great advantage to attend the meetings, as they will never have so good a chance again of becoming proficient in public speaking.

A PROF. who is greatly annoyed by students that pretend to be absent on account of sickness, gently reminded the miscreants the other day that perhaps some of them would be "sicker" in the spring.

SOME persons are in mourning for the Concurus. But they shouldn't be. It is not dead, but sleeping.

WE regret to say that Messrs. Wm. Hay and W. S. Smith met with an accident when driving home from Pittsburg on Sabbath evening. The horse wanted to see how the buggy would go in the ditch. He saw it go to pieces, and was, we suppose, quite satisfied. The occupants survived and are recovering their usual health.

SOME of the Freshies have purchased cheap jack-knives and are going for the desks lively. They are much more pleased to have their names there than at the head of the list at the finals.

MEETING of Concurus at Collinsby last week. It was very successful.

THE Professor of Metaphysics intends introducing this year a new mode of determining the relative standing of students in his classes. He considers it almost impossible to assign the exact number of marks to each answer, and so proposes to withhold the results of the monthly written examination till the end of the session. Then in order to test the real knowledge of the subject he will give in the last examination questions on matter not discussed in his lectures. This will be a test of originality and the Professor will be enabled to give the relative standing without giving a definite number of marks. This is surely a capital idea, and will enable him to give mere cramming machines their proper place, and also to reward "honest work."

A FRESHIE wants to know if lambkin means a little lamb, does pumpkin mean a little pump?

A GALLANT senior, on meeting two of his lady friends on Princess street, after doing the polite with his Glengarry, cheerfully accosted them with the salutation: "Haloo! How do you do?"

THE Glee Club favored the people of Collinsby and vicinity with a musical and literary entertainment on Tuesday, 9th, which was listened to by a very appreciative audience. The Club sang very well but they showed a lack of practice which we hope may not occur again. It is to be congratulated on its possession of not a few excellent voices. The Club also sang a couple of songs at an entertainment on Tuesday, the 16th, which was well received.

CLASSES closed on the 18th inst., and will reopen on the 6th of January, 1880.

MR. ROSS is to be congratulated on his appointment to the office of critic of the A.M.S., which he is capable of raising to the important position it should occupy in the Society.

It is a well established fact that the Sophs. of Queen's have always distinguished themselves by the amount of cheek which they display. The following incident, however, proves to be a remarkable exception to this rule: