

MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

The Natural Science men have been keeping up a regular cannonading of late with their different chemical mixtures, but nothing more serious has resulted than spoiled cuffs and shirt-fronts.

Those students who were refused tickets by the Registrar, for last Saturday's lecture, will be glad to learn from Mr. Bull's letter in another column, that the matter has been satisfactorily arranged.

Mr. G. L. Lamb, '94, has gone home to Ottawa, where he will stay until the examination commences. He has obtained permission to use the parliamentary library; but it is said that the S. P. S. notes in last week's issue had more to do in hastening his departure.

From the amount of profanation that proceeded from the men who received honorable mention in the 'Varsity column of Saturday's *News*, we should judge, that if once his identity be disclosed, it might be uncomfortable for the correspondent to run across them.

We regret to learn that J. A. McMurchy, one of the most prominent members of the class of '92, is seriously ill. He attended the School of Pedagogy last term, and since New Year's has been teaching in the city, but the recent severe weather has affected his lungs. It is sincerely hoped that he may soon be better.

With his accustomed modesty J. L. refuses to say anything as to the nature of his oration, but from other sources we learn that it was one of the best speeches of the evening and several hits brought down the house. That these gentlemen sustained the reputation of Toronto in other important capacities goes without saying.

The delegates to Queen's and McGill dinners received their appointments with a smile of self-satisfied complacency that on their return had widened into a grin of the largest proportions, expressive by its extent and constant recurrence of expectations surpassed, of conditions and capacities of which the "half had not been told."

A meeting of the Political Science club of '95 was held in room 3 on Tuesday. Through some mistake neither the President nor 1st Vice-President were on hand, so Mr. McKinnon took the chair. The subject for debate was; "Resolved, that Durham's recommendation to submit the French Canadian to the vigorous rule of a British majority was an expedient recommendation." The speakers on the affirmative were

Messrs Clarke, Chisholm and Crysler, while Mr. Coleman was alone on the negative, the other speakers having failed to materialize.

The Curator and House Committee wish to call the students to the By-laws governing the Reading Room, especially to that one which forbids the marking or defacing of the periodicals in the Reading Room. We are sorry to say that some destructive person and profane scribe has of late been mutilating one paper in particular.

The news that Mr. W. A. Parks of '92 has obtained a position as chief assayer to one of the large Sudbury mining companies, has been received with general satisfaction. While an undergraduate he was universally popular and the high stand which he took throughout his course, left him well fitted for his present responsible and lucrative position.

The Political Science men have discovered a new source of amusement, and no longer waste their time in profitless waiting when the lecturer is late. Before almost any lecture a set of bag-pipes may be heard sounding the sweet, sad strains of Annie Laurie, or that martial air, The Campbell's are Coming. Should a Highland company be organized, there would be no difficulty in supplying the music.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.—A French meeting was held on Monday, Jan. 30. Mr. Jenkins brought in the report of the committee appointed last term appointed to frame a new constitution. The programme began with an excellent essay by Miss Johnson on "Atala". Mr. E. R. Langley followed with a well-written essay in French on the "Life of Molière." Miss Clayton read an appreciative paper on "Chateaubriand." The literary programme closed with an interesting account in French of the "Evils of the Christmas Exam." by Mr. W. E. Linglebach. Afterwards the members of the club endeavoured for half an hour to express themselves in the immortal language of France.

The meeting of the Pol. Sc. club of '94 was somewhat delayed last week by the absence of its chairman, but this did not hinder it from having a vigorous debate. The subject under discussion was "Resolved, that Canada is better fitted for a manufacturing country than for an agricultural country." The speakers on the affirmative were Messrs. Wickett and Fry, and on the negative Messrs. Dunbar, Moss and McCaig. Owing to the brief time allowed them, the speeches were rather short, but they nevertheless, presented an admirable picture of Canada's great resources. Next week Prof. Hume

will give an address on the relation between Ethics and Pol. Economy, to which all students are invited.

There has been considerable delay in finishing the fitting up of the gymnasium owing to the water-main having been frozen. It was impossible to get steam into the boiler, and the plumbers could do nothing until it was thawed out. The building, however, is now well heated, and it is expected that work will go on without delay. The heating fixtures have all been put in place, and the hardwood flooring is being rapidly laid down. The swimming tank has only to be given a cement or tile bottom and it too, will be ready for use. The water will be 4 feet deep at one end, and 7 feet at the other. The committee have been working hard, and faithfully, and still hope to have the building ready by the end of this month.

For lack of space we are compelled to hold over the report of the Mathematical and Physical Society.



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