

"That this Society desires to express its great regret at the sudden death of Dr. Mostyn, and to record its high sense of the valuable services rendered by him to both the public and medical profession."

Dr. A. S. Oliver invited the Society to hold their next meeting at his residence, on the first Friday in May.—*Whig.*

#### ALMA MATER.

**M**R. DUFF, Secretary of the Banquet Committee reported that all arrangements had been made, the admission was to be open to all members of the University, and the students and their friends, the tickets to be \$1. Students half price. This last clause was hailed with an unmistakeable expression of approval. As some one suggested, it was eminently proper that the students who would go merely for the "feast of reason," and would of course only nibble at the edibles, should not be put on a level with the *hoi polloi*.

A petition was read from the students residing in Kingston, asking for the use of the gymnasium during the summer months. Permission was unanimously granted.

#### VOLUNTEER COMPANY.

**T**HIS Company has decided to adopt a uniform. The tailoring department of "B" Battery will furnish a neat and nobby suit at a comparatively small cost. The jacket is something of the Norfolk style, and the suit will be worn by the members during the session. "What is plum-duff without plums?" says a sailor, and "what is a soldier without a uniform?" But the idea of wearing that uniform all the time is a novel one. Is the martial bearing of the volunteers not sufficient to distinguish them from the civilians?

#### SNOW SHOE CLUB.

**T**HE officers of this Club for this session are:

Honorary President—J. F. White, B.A., Whitby.

President—W. E. D'Argent.

Honorary-Secretary—H. E. Young.

Ex-Committee—H. M. Mowat, H. B. Rathbun, A. M. Ferguson, J. S. Skinner, A. Farrell.

Inspector Impedimentorum—The competition for this office was so "intense" that a free fight ensued in which all the contestants managed to lose a little gore. Some were severely injured, two of them fatally, each piercing the other through the heart with the heel of his shoe.—R.I.P.

(The above is from the ready pen of our fighting editor. That man always lets his fervid pugilistic imagination run away with him, and truth of course suffers. We disclaim any responsibility and don't believe a word of the account.—Eds.)

#### ADDRESS OF MR. JAMES ROSS,

BEFORE THE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

(Concluded.)

**I** PROCEED to speak of your great work i.e., your duties on the Sabbath Day. It is hardly necessary for me to say that nothing must be allowed to interfere with proper preparation for them. Let every case of religious experience and every hardened stubborn sinner that you meet with during the week remind you of the Sabbath. Let every case of sickness, every accident, every death speak to you of your sermon. If your discourse is to be the product of all your mental and moral power you must be thinking of it when you sit in the house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up. Each one of you will have his own method of preparation, but whatever that method may be you will accomplish but little without concentration. But don't mistake me. You must not have a hard dry skeleton lying on your study table and be continually thinking of that. While I would recommend you to read standard authors that you may cultivate an easy and scholarly style, you must draw the material of your discourses from living men and not from books. When you sit down to write your discourses and have exhausted all the thoughts on the subject that come readily into your mind don't sit on grinding out common places enough to fill the required number of pages. Jump up and go out and visit some sick person or some aged Christian and turn the conversation round to the topic of your discourse. At all events let life stir your thoughts and then the expression of them will be living and powerful. Follow the Master's example and teach by illustrations. Draw your figures from the every day life of your hearers. If you attempt illustration from the wonders of Astronomy or the principles of Mathematics your humble audience will settle themselves back in their seats for a comfortable snooze, but if you begin to speak about ploughing or sowing they will straighten up to hear what you have to say about it; and you may succeed in conveying some spiritual truth to their minds before they are aware of it.

I found it very profitable in the first years of my missionary experience to take the whole life of some Scriptural character as the subject of one or two discourses, giving a brief outline of his career in my own words and then drawing attention to some particular features for which he was distinguished. The incidents of the incomparable life are before you in the gospels and they will form an exhaustless treasury of moral teaching and exhortation.

I have always followed the plan of reading one of the Gospels through in course and making a running commentary on the portion read, explaining the difficult passages and calling attention to the lessons to be learned from it. This allows the set discourse to be shorter and I think sustains the interest better.

A large proportion of your time will be consumed in walking from place to place. It is a pity to lose the whole of this time in simply walking. Carry a small Bible with you. Sometimes you will enter a house where there is no copy and you will put them in an awkward position if you ask for one and they have none. Then when you are weary with your journey, like your Master before you, and sit under the shade of a friendly tree you can guide your meditations by the source of all truth. I have found it a pleasant exercise while walking to commit portions of Scripture to memory. This will take away your thoughts from your own fatigue; and under the open heaven, amidst the summer beauty of Nature, passages will be presented to your minds with new power.

I shall occupy but little time in speaking minutely of your manner in mingling with your parishoners. Your own common sense will be your best guide. Gentlemen, be