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Freshmen are finding it rather difficult to become acclimatized to the varied zones in the School. At nine o'clock we enter a very cold room. From ten to eleven we are roasted. From eleven to twelve we freeze again and so on ad infinitum. The Third Year balked the other day and refused the fourth variation in the Chemistry lecture. Some few were keen enough to enter the room, but blushed at the scornful cry of "scab." The Professor immediately locked the door in order to retain the few who might have sloped before full time.

The snowball fight was the grand finale of trouble which has been brewing lately. Tapping was getting common and painting was the latest fad. The Freshmen were becoming more active and the Second Year decided to quench their rising freshness, and in a body marched out to give battle. The fray lasted for an hour or more, and was exciting in the extreme. Mr. Babe Reynolds was an interested spectator, until a well-aimed shot removed his hat. Mr. Bryce worked willingly and Mr. Whelihan came in looking as if he had been run over by a sewing machine. Both sides, of course, claimed a victory. On returning to the School, the doors were found to be locked and coats and hats were thrown out in a picturesque pile by Professor Graham. School was declared off for the day and a large delegation enjoyed the performance at the Star.

A very successful meeting of the '04 Debating Society of the School of Practical Science was held last Friday night. The vice-president, Mr. P. C. Contes, was in the chair. Mr. L. H. Chilvers read a very interesting paper on "The Mining Possibilities of Ontario," supplemented by his last summer's experience. A de-

bate then followed on. "Resolved that Labor Unions are Beneficial to the Country." Messrs. Manson and Begg upheld the affirmative, and Messrs. Munro and Hara, the negative. The negative carried the day, though many good points were brought up by the affirmative. Mr. F. N. Rutherford acted as critic. His remarks at the close were very much appreciated. At the close of the debate the discussion was then thrown open and nearly all present took part. The next meeting is to be on Friday, February 13 at eight o'clock in the gymnasium.

There seems to be no good reason why a scientific periodical of more or less popular nature should not find a place among the excellent collection of journals at present kept in the Library. On the contrary, there are some very good reasons why one such, at least, should find a place there. The views of most people on engineering and scientific work in general are almost entirely confined to economic and popular aspects, and while technicalities are indispensable on the part of the engineer, he should in no case be unfamiliar with such features as most strongly appeal to his less scientific brother. If we wish to talk interestingly about engineering work to non-scientific people, we must remove our spectacles and don theirs. Several good periodicals of the nature mentioned can be had, and among them might be named The Engineering Magazine and The Scientific American. This latter, with its supplement, covers a field but lightly touched upon by the periodicals in the racks at present, and would be a very useful and welcome acquisition indeed.

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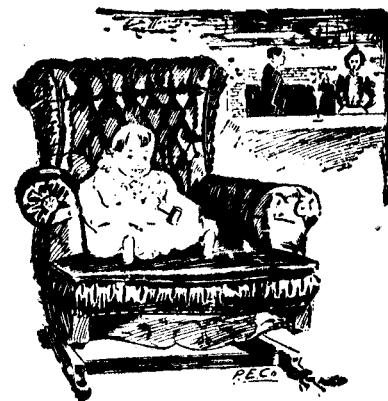
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