

1904. What a difference that would make over the ordinary session's work!

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

The second of the open meetings of the Philosophical Society was held on Friday evening, January 8, in the Biology room, old Arts building. An illustrated lecture by Dr. Knight on "Brain as the Organ of Mind," followed by a paper by Dr. Clark on the same subject, was the programme offered. Dr. Knight treated the subject from the point of view of Physiology, and showed the development of the nervous system as seen in the lobster, the dog, the monkey and man. This showed that the tendency is to have the functions of the nervous system centred more and more in the brain, the higher the animal is in the scale of life. Then the lecturer passed to the functions of the brain itself, showing how different parts control different sets of nerves and muscles, and briefly gave the audience all the important facts known to physiologists concerning the brain. In conclusion Dr. Knight frankly confessed that he had no idea as to how the brain is the organ of thought or will. That he would leave Philosophy to answer if it could.

Dr. Clark's discussion of the subject from the Pathologist's point of view was also greatly enjoyed by the audience. Dr. Clark's experience in this work ensured an interesting and clear paper, the only fault the hearers put forward being that it was too short. This, however, is a censure which every lecturer or speaker would be quite willing to have passed upon them, even if they had not an excuse like Dr. Clark, who was called upon

to give his paper on very short notice.

To say that the meeting was successful is scarcely doing it sufficient justice. The lecture room could not accommodate the numbers who attended, and a second room had to be thrown open. Many had to stand up all through the meeting, and although the room became very warm and uncomfortable, each one took it quite philosophically, and in fact was rather sorry when it was all over.

The Society has arranged for a particularly good programme for the term, and will doubtless have the hearty support of the students in the work it is doing. It has already justified its existence in the list of College societies and deserves to be prosperous.

The following has been told us on good authority:—A student handed in an essay to a professor, which was so poorly written that it could not be deciphered by the latter. He returned it later with that information written on the back of it. The student, however, could not read the criticism, and it was only after very careful work by a couple of his friends that the professor's note could be made out. What he should do in the case is what he is now debating.

Arts was represented by Mr. J. D. Calvin at the medical dinner, and by Mr. G. A. Brown at the Science dinner. Both report a very enjoyable evening, but that was a matter of course, for our sister faculties never fail to make things interesting when they foregather for a good time.

The Arts delegate to McMaster dinner is reported to have "kept