

The President, Mr. W. P. Lewis (3rd Arts), is a man worthy in the estimation of the students, of the position which he to-day occupies. Long connected with literary work, both at the Diocesan College and at McGill, and unwearied in his efforts to have the students cultivate their combative powers of oratory, he has raised the society beyond all expectations.

The society holds its meetings on every alternate Thursday evening during the session. It is customary at the first meeting to introduce the "Freshmen," and allow them to "fire a volley" in the presence of the old and tried veterans—a rather interesting ceremony. Freshmen usually "fear no foe," their

motto is—"Onward we must go,"

but as—"Time rolls on, and on,"

Piteous, they pace the throng,

Alas! "Time's up,"—Woe-ho—that gong.

We cannot refrain from mentioning here the keen enthusiasm manifested at the opening debate by Messrs. Jekill and Overing, who ably supported the affirmative side of the resolution, and Messrs. Graham and Mason, who, in animated and well chosen language, maintained the honor of the negative side. The subject of the debate was:—"Resolved that England has progressed more under Kings than Queens."

The leader of the affirmative, Mr. Henry Jekill, B.A., cited history from the days of Alfred the Great, down to the present year of Queen Victoria's reign. In an able and scholarly manner he touched on all the "progressive" measures which tended to advance the interests of England during the reigns of the long list of Kings. The speaker, however, did not forget to point out the detriment to England's advancement, during the short history of her four or five Queens.

Mr. F. H. Graham (3rd Arts), leader of the negative side followed. Although apprised of his perilous position at the last moment, he failed not to execute the task imposed upon him, but nobly braved the "battle and the breeze," and showed, "as is his due," the comparative futility of his opponents arguments.

Mr. Overing (1st Arts), supported the affirmative. It is but justice to Mr. Overing to state that his arguments, so far as "force and matter" are concerned, were peerless, and hit the mark at which they were so well aimed.

Mr. George Mason ably supported the negative. With his usual humorous style of speech, graceful bearing and genial manner, he sustained the reputation which he has long held as a speaker among his fellow-students.