

namie note-books was the reading of a paper on Evolution by Mr. Howard Barnes. Mr. Barnes illustrated his paper by appropriate drawings and casts. A lively discussion followed. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and an impromptu programme of songs, reading and stories rendered. Whatever may be said of the folly and presumption of students in expecting to benefit by such intercourse among their inexperienced selves, it will be admitted that the evenings thus spent are highly conducive to all that tends to make college life enjoyable.

MCGILL MINING SOCIETY.

A very interesting, instructive and animated debate was held at the meeting of the McGill Mining Society on Thursday evening the 31st January.

The subject of discussion was :—

"Resolved, that Bimetallism should be adopted by the nations."

The speakers were :—

Affirmative.

Negative.

J. H. Featherston, '93

H. Herdt, '93.

A. A. Cole, B.A., '94.

R. A. Gunn, '94.

The chairman, Mr. Carlyle, opened the subject by a short explanation of the meaning of Bimetallism, showing that the solution of the silver question is the greatest problem before the world at the present time.

The speeches showed much careful preparation, and were well received. At the close of the debate a vote of the meeting on the merits of arguments used was taken, which resulted in a victory for the affirmative. The meeting then adjourned.

It may be interesting to know that a rise in the price of silver was reported the day after the debate.

MOOT COURT DEBATING SOCIETY.

The first sitting of the Court for the session of 1893 was held on Friday last, Feb. 10th, in the lecture rooms of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Lafleur kindly acting as judge.

The argument was on a petition to set aside a certain resolution of the City Council. A plea of *fin de non recevoir* was filed by defendants claiming a prescription of plaintiff's rights under 42-43 Vict., ch. 53. Messrs. Hall and MacDougall appeared for the city, and the plaintiffs were ably represented by Messrs. Davidson and Lebeuf. The argument lasted for more than an hour, the judge taking the case *en délibéré*.

MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of this Society was held on Saturday evening last, at the usual hour. After some preliminary business, the president called upon Mr. T. P. Shaw ('93), who read a most interesting paper, entitled "Photography in Medicine." After this Mr. J. E. C. Tompkins ('93) presented an elaborate essay on the "Human Face." A review of this valuable paper will not here be entered upon, as it is our purpose to publish it in full in the next issue of the FORTNIGHTLY. Dr. Ruttan has kindly consented to address the Society at its next meeting, Feb. 25th inst.

FACULTY REPORTS.

DONALDA NEWS.

At a meeting of the Donaldas held on Tuesday, Jan. 31st, Miss J. Brown was appointed to the editorial staff of the MCGILL FORTNIGHTLY, for the session '93-'94, while Miss F. Botterell was re-appointed to the position she now holds upon that paper.

Scene—William Molson Hall.

Time—Friday, Jan. 10th.

Students.—V-a-r-s-i-t-y. Rah! Rah! Rah!

Donaldas indignantly :—How rude those students are!

(Yell repeated.)

Oh! how can they be so inhospitable, and treat the strangers so. I am ashamed of them.

Companion mystified :—Why, I don't understand, what have they done? What do you mean?

Donaldas :—Why, don't you hear them, they might have a little compassion and let victory satisfy them i. is such a small thing for them to call out rats! rats! after Varsity.

Companion overcome.

Was the Professor of Greek guilty of forming a pun when he said that owl and fur were the same form?

A very sad accident is depressing the Sophomores. One of their number has been affected with paralysis of the organs of speech, every Greek lecture, this term.

Could it have been anything in our personal appearance which caused the Dean's question as to whether our absence from the Mathematical lecture last week was due to the base-ball match?

First Senior.—Read that in the Donaldas Column!

Second " Well, what of it?

First " It's a joke.

Second " You don't say so, old boy. I'll read it again.

The Students' Volunteer Band have just received from Walford a very handsome enlarged photo of Mrs. Reade (Annie Williams).

Miss Williams was the founder of this band in McGill, and the photo was not needed to hold her in remembrance, although it will be highly prized by its possessors.

"So comes a reckoning when the banquet's o'er."

Indulgently we smile at our "wise folly" of last year, when our table simply groaned under the "feast of nectar'd sweets" it was called upon to bear.

This year, O Juniors! We had enough (had we not?) which was just as good as a feast; and having been taught by Divine Philosophy, that through sight many ideas for mental life are derived, through taste few; those good things, which were on our table merely peeped out here and there from garlands of roses, festoons of smilax, and beds of lovely white silk.

Speech followed speech, and each seemed more fitting