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TRINITY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The regular meeting of the Medical Society was held on Tuesday evening. Although the weather was very unfavorable an unusually large number of students was present. Among them was a goodly representation from Toronto Medical College and the Women's Medical College. The teaching staff was represented by Drs. Sheard and Fotheringham and Professor Kirkland and the General Hospital by Drs. Lange and McEachren.

President Hogg occupied the chair, and discharged the duties in his usual graceful manner.

The first paper was by E. C. Ashton, '98, on Exophthalmic Goitre. The subject was very cleverly handled and the paper met with marked approval. Mr. Ashton's remarks were punctuated at frequent intervals by very pertinent queries from the rear benches. In the discussion which followed Frank Porter and Dr. Sheard took part.

Dr. Sheard delivered an address on "Plumbing and Draining," and gave a great deal of information of much practical value. Messrs. Wrinch and Ashton contributed to the discussion.

Dr. Fotheringham followed with a paper on Thoracic Aneurism.

The selections by the Glee Club were much appreciated, as was also the solo by H. G. Johnston '99.

Dr. J. H. Allin, a graduate of '96, who is now a successful practitioner in Denver, Col., was a visitor at the College last week.

The many friends of Mr. Morley Fallis, '98, will regret to learn that his continued ill-health compels him to abandon his medical studies for this session.

The class of '99 purpose holding a Dinner at the conclusion of the spring exams., that will doubtless eclipse even the Diamond Jubilee Banquet. The function will be conducted after the fashion of Dr. Sheard's student days. Invitations have been sent to all the institutions in the city.

Rastus Brent and Charlie Service are in daily training for the banquet.

It is rumored that Jimmy Moore will be the Conservative candidate in East Toronto.

Morrison, a new man, will probably hold down third for St. Michael's this year.

Isbester and Shepard will go on the American hockey tour.

VARSITY DEFEATED IN DEBATE.

McGill Men Carry Back the Honors for First Time in Years.

THE ARISTOCRACY UPHELD.

Large Audience at Conservatory of Music Hall to Witness the Annual Conflict.

Last Friday two Demosthenes from McGill's large and assorted stock of orators arrived in town to do battle with Varsity men. It was the occasion of the 155th annual public debate and the strangers came up with blood in their eyes and fully primed for the wordy contest. For a number of years Varsity has succeeded in bearing away the palm from these intellectual struggles with her sister University, but Friday night she met defeat after a long and well fought contest.

In past years either Association Hall or the Gymnasium have been the scene of these oratorical contests, but this time the committee were fortunate enough to secure the Conservatory building. The hall is finished in brick and has a gallery at the lower end, which together with the ground floor is capable of accommodating between five and six hundred people. On this occasion it was filled to its utmost capacity and the censors were put to their wits' end to find seats for the many friends of the college.

Professor Wrong took the chair shortly after eight o'clock, and along with him filed in those who were to take part in the programme. They received the usual ovation of sallies and witticisms from the gallery.

When each member of the gallery had questioned those on the platform to his heart's content things quieted down, and Prof. Wrong announced that W. A. Sadler would favor the audience with a piano solo. He rendered Godard's Second Mazurka in his usual fine style. Mr. James T. Shotwell followed with an essay entitled "Signs of the Times," a subject admirably suited to such an occasion, and which allowed him to sink himself in reverie and see with his mind's eye the workings and relations of events past and present and hint at things to come.

His hearers gave him marked attention throughout the essay, a fact which speaks volumes for their appreciation. Mr. Jackson, who was such a favorite soloist on the Glee Club tour this fall, was prevented from being present, but the number was most acceptably taken by Mr. W. Flaville Prizer, also one of the Glee Club's favorite soloists. He possesses a most pleasing baritone voice, which he controls with the greatest of ease. His first number brought him a well deserved encore, to which he was kind enough to respond and gave "The Anvil Chorus." This well-known selection gave ample scope for the exhibition of the wide compass of Mr. Prizer's voice and won him hearty applause. The reading given by "Nick" Finch was very happily chosen. It was the story of an Englishman's suit for the hand of a Spanish lady, and of the duel between him and a Spanish cavalier, his rival for the lady's affections. Multifarious were the loop holes afforded for the gallery critics, and time and time again the situation or some touch of sentiment struck a sympathetic chord in the breast of someone in the gallery, who forthwith loudly voiced his private feelings.

The debate on the subject "Resolved, that the British Aristocracy does actually render such service to the state and society as to warrant its retention of present status," composed the rest of the programme. Professor Wrong in introducing the speakers and welcoming the visiting debaters announced that each speaker would be allowed twenty minutes and the leader of the affirmative an additional seven minutes to reply.

S. G. Archibald, B.A., thanked the chairman and Varsity in general for the welcome that he and his colleagues had received. He said that the subject for debate naturally divided itself into two divisions, duties to the state and duties to society, on the part of the British aristocracy. He intended to discuss the first, while his supporter would take the second. The many advantages of the second House in England were pointed out and a contrast drawn between it and the American Senate, which was by no means favorable to the latter. The British lord, he said, had a political training which no other statesman in the world possessed, for he breathed, from his cradle one might say, the atmosphere of politics. They had leisure, money and education to devote to their country's welfare and they did it most faithfully. Besides this they were incorruptible, a striking contrast to many American statesmen of the Platt type.

"Jock" Inkster received cheer after cheer from the gallery when he rose to defend Varsity's interests and incidentally to

prove the uselessness of the British aristocracy. His first step in this direction was to strike the leader of the affirmative's arguments out of existence on the ground that Mr. Archibald had missed the point. Jock then gave instances to prove that the House of Lords had nearly always hindered the Commons whenever there was any legislation brought forward which might have been beneficial to the people. He then spent considerable time in showing that aristocracy from the palmy days of Greece and Rome to the present has had rather a detrimental effect on the advancement of society. In England the House of Lords had opposed the Habeas Corpus, disestablishment of the Irish Church, freedom of the press, and too many other good measures to be mentioned in an account of this length.

Mr. Heney, the second speaker for McGill, made probably the most fluent speech of the evening, his gestures particularly being especially good. He began by pointing out some of the disastrous legislation which had emanated from American democracy. There the almighty dollar rules everything and everybody, but in England the aristocracy inherits great estates and this regrettable feature is never found. Regarding the social position of the British aristocracy he admitted that mistakes might have been made, but who has not made some mistakes during his career. If we remove the British aristocracy we remove the social atmosphere in which the Queen and her Court move, and we strike the first blow in the conflict which will lead to the downfall of the monarchy.

Hugh Munroe made an able speech, although it was a little too ironical to be as pleasing as it might otherwise have been. The speakers were divided into the two classes, aristocrats and commoners. He hardly believed, or he at least hoped, that all the instincts of statecraft were not given to one class and even in this class only to the eldest son. What had aristocrats done for England more than had been done by commoners. It was not a question whether a second chamber was useful or not as one of the affirmative speakers seemed to think, because a second chamber could easily be maintained without an aristocracy. Lord Roseberry has said that the House of Lords, as now constituted, is a menace to society. Even Salisbury advocated a change in the second House.

After Mr. Archibald had replied Professor Wrong summed up the debate, managing quite skillfully to compliment every speaker in a different way. It was of course, very difficult to decide a debate of this nature, especially when both sides had done so well, but taking everything into consideration, he thought that the visitors had slightly the better of the argument and he accordingly awarded them the debate. The visitors were loudly applauded by the audience, which broke up after a most pleasant and instructive evening.

The following Varsity men acted as censors in the hall:—Messrs. G. H. Black, D. A. Ross, F. D. McEntee, G. W. Ross, R. A. Armstrong, A. H. Adams and L. Allen.

VARSAITY'S CONVERSAT.

For two weeks or more the committee entrusted with the arrangements for the Conversazione have been working diligently, and they are now assured that their guests on next Friday evening will be most royally entertained. With the building elaborately decorated throughout, music supplied by three large orchestras, refreshments served by Webb, and dancing in the two large examination halls, the six hundred guests who are fortunate enough to obtain invitations for that evening will find that the hours pass only too quickly. Nor has the committee forgotten the intellectual side of the entertainment.

The Natural Science and Philosophical Associations and the School of Practical Science have conceived many new ideas, which will add new interest to their exhibits. These displays will represent the class of work done in these departments at the present time.

The interior architecture of the building has made it possible for the decorators to arrange many pretty cosy corners, which are always so popular.

It is a pleasure to be able to look forward to the fact that the uncomfortable crowding which has heretofore been the only feature that detracted from the perfect enjoyment of the event will this year be avoided. The committee last year failed in their attempt to limit the number of tickets, such a great number having been issued, but this year only the requisite number has been printed, and it will therefore be impossible to have more than the six hundred guests present.

The following will be the lady patronesses: Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. Hutton, Lady Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. George Gooderham, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Gzowski, Mrs. Irving Cameron and Mrs. Hume Blake.