

to her room for twenty-five years, during which time she has not put her foot to the ground. The greater part of this time she has been confined to her bed. Rheumatism, gradually but surely, made her its victim, till to-day she is able to move but one joint in her whole body. Amid all her suffering she has placed implicit trust in her Father, believing that the end of all trial and pain would be the perfect life. Such is her bright, happy disposition, and strong Christian character, that when you pass into her room you feel that the glad smile upon her face has made the sick room bright and cheerful. It has been the privilege of the writer often to visit her, and each visit has been worth more than volumes of sermons on patience and long-suffering. Her quiet, gentle spirit, developed through years of pain, has spoken to him of a life that has already entered into the eternal, and sees through all God's dealings with men a wise, loving purpose. One remark will disclose that spirit:—"I am a prisoner here—but not a prisoner without hope. The future is bright with the promise of hope."

## M'GILL NEWS.

The annual intercollegiate debate between Toronto University and McGill took place in Toronto in January. Toronto was represented by her best men at their best, but nevertheless the McGill boys carried off the palm of victory. The boys report having been well treated by the Torontonians. Our literary Society justly feels proud of her debaters, Messrs. Kollmyer and Messenger.

McGill Faculty of Arts held its annual dinner at "Walker's," on Friday night, Jan. 29th. It was a grand success in every respect. The dinner was excellent and well served, and the speeches were distinctly above the average. The Congregational students played an important part in the "feast of reason and flow of soul," (it must not be inferred that they did not play an equally important part in doing justice to the long and varied *menu*). Mr. D. S. Hamilton responded to the toast to the University Athletic Association, of which he is President. He was greeted with an ovation that showed his popularity among the students in general. He made some good points for the Association, and his speech was nicely punctuated with laughter and applause. Mr. R. O. Rose replied on behalf of the "Theologues," to their toast. His speech was characterized with becoming dignity. Mr. Geo. Read gave a solo in good voice, and was obliged to respond to a vociferous encore. Mr. F. J. Day rendered a solo with his usual clearness, which was well received. The task of responding to the toast to the Freshmen fell on Mr. J. C. Watt.

The Congregational College has always been

able to furnish good specimens of "muscular Christianity." We are glad to say that Mr. Hamilton has been elected President of the McGill Athletic Association. To those who know anything of college life, made up of all classes of men from different faculties, this speaks more of Christian influence than of mere popularity.

The officers of the McGill Y. M. C. A., have been elected for the ensuing year. Our College is represented by Mr. Hamilton as Vice-president.

The first of a course of lectures on the lines of the University Extension Movement under the auspices of the Graduate Society of McGill, took place in the William Molson Hall, on Feb. 5th. It consisted of an able lecture by J. G. Bourinot, Esq., LL.D., D.C.L., on a "Parliamentary, Compared with Congressional Government."

## Children's Department.

## A MISSION BIBLE-CLASS.

Having heard of a remarkable Bible-class in Paisley, I determined to pay it a visit. Passing along the main thoroughfare of the quaint old town, which has become famous all over the world for its thread and its philanthropists, we reached Storie street. About half-way down we came upon a beautiful hall, into whose open door was pouring a stream of young people from fourteen to twenty years of age. Most of them were girls, plainly but neatly dressed, who seemed to be eager to be in good time for the opening hymn, which was led by the missionary, Mrs. Andrew, who presided at the harmonium. The sight that now met my eyes as that audience sang was most cheering.

There were about two hundred present, a fifth of them young lads who occupied seats in the isles, the girls in a dense mass filling the area. It was this central body that most drew my attention, for the girls "to a man" were singing with evident heartiness, whilst their bright faces, neatly arranged hair, and little shawls round their shoulders told of a short toilet after tea on coming home from mill. Here they were after a hard day's work, looking as happy as if they had just risen for this one enjoyment. Surely the Word of God has not lost its charms when to study it so many young people can be brought together, on a cold winter evening, in a town where there are many counter attractions to those held out by a mission-hall. The explanation of this presence is, however, largely found in the fact that the workers in connection with the mission are zealous, the teaching given by the missionary, Mr. Andrews simple and direct, and the singing all that could