

read by Mr. W. T. Herridge, B.A. This paper showed careful preparation, depth of thought and elegance of style. It was a valuable contribution to the literary entertainment of the evening.

Prof. J. McLaren sang with much effect a solo entitled "Nazareth," which won deserved applause.

The question for debate which formed the main feature of the evening was "Is Organic Union of all Protestant Churches in Canada desirable and practicable?"

The affirmative was maintained by Mr. D. Currie, B.A., in a clear, logical speech, delivered with animation and which carried conviction. He was supported by Mr. Selaz in a warm, enthusiastic and evangelical address, which was highly applauded.

The negative was ably sustained by Mr. McKenzie, B.A., in a witty and telling speech which carried the whole house and at times convulsed them with laughter. He was supported by Mr. A. Scrimger in a scholarly and philosophical manner, which reflected much credit on the youngest member of the debaters.

No vote was taken on the question, through which a protracted discussion was well handled by both sides.

Prof. McLaren and Mr. S. A. Thomas sang the famous old duet, "Robin Ruff and Gaffer Green," in first-class style and becoming the musical ability of both these gentlemen.

In his closing remarks the Chairman congratulated the Society on having such philosophical and literary talent as was displayed during the evening.

The meeting closed by the Rev. Prof. Campbell, M.A., pronouncing the Benediction.

Although the evening was far advanced, many availed themselves of the invitation given to go through the buildings and to glance into the snug, home-like quarters occupied by the students. Thus ended a very interesting and successful programme.

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To the Editor of the COLLEGE JOURNAL.

THE MONDAY LECTURES.

THE last number of the JOURNAL contained an intimation to the effect that the Monday discourses are to be superseded by a course of lectures on Pastoral Theology.

Without questioning for a moment the desirableness of such a course of instruction, or the abilities and experience of the venerable divine who has been appointed to conduct it, I think it is a matter of regret that the "Monday lectures" cannot be continued. Let us hope that our *Local Note Book* has been misinformed on this point. Few of us will ever forget the pleasure and profit derived from those meetings when "all students were expected to be present." Many of us have lived to realize the wisdom of the far-seeing, far-reaching counsel imparted on such occasions. Neither proof nor illustration is necessary to convince anyone that a series of addresses from prominent pastors and missionaries, from all parts of the world, representing every variety of experience in the work, and illustrating the power of the Gospel in all lands, must be of the greatest value to young men preparing for the ministry. Such was enjoyed in former years, and it is to be hoped, on behalf of future classes, that the Faculty will find it in their power to continue the practice.

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MR. EDITOR.

Permit me to call the attention of your readers to a subject which ought to be interesting to all Theological Students. The Professors of the Philadelphia School of Oratory have decided to hold their summer classes again this year in the town of Cobourg. This will afford an opportunity to many in Canada of receiving instruction in the art of public speaking. The course is most complete. Great attention is given to Vocal Culture, Expression, Articulation and Slides. By means of the exercises, the most unpleasant voices may be greatly improved even in a few weeks. Several of our ministers who attended the classes last year can testify as to the great benefit which they received. Some who suffered from minister's sore throat have been completely cured. In addition to the other exercises, it is proposed this year to have a class for ministers and theological students, which shall be devoted to Bible reading, delivery of Sermons and the reading of two of Shakespeare's plays.

A GRADUATE.

EXAMINATIONS.

Mr. Editor,—

Already several logical and enthusiastic minds are discussing the practicability and advisability of examinations as a test of scholarship, with a strong leaning towards the negative side. The reason of this springs from the nearness of these trying ordeals. In the uncertain and hazy atmosphere of dreamy slumbers featherless bipeds stalk majestically before the view. How will the thermometer stand is the frantic cry? Will it descend to 33°?

The advice of the undersigned is to cheer up! With more valor that characterized the heroes of Thermopylae advance to the fray. Charge! Senior Charge! Absorb the engulfing notes! Examinations, torturing and awe-inspiring to the bravest, are but the means of ushering us into the active and more delectable duties of the mission-field. Welcome them with bated breath.

Yours truly,

"PERIPATETIC."