

the work of the society. He then briefly referred to a few matters which must be attended to during this session.

Then followed a reading by Mr. Ramsay; a vocal duet by Misses Dowler and McLellan, who, in response to a hearty encore, sang the old favorite, "Annie Laurie," with guitar accompaniment.

Dr. McLellan then gave an interesting and instructive address on "Faults in our Reading and Methods for overcoming them." The chief defects in our reading are the incorrect vocalization of the vowel sounds and the indistinct utterance of certain consonants, resulting from too rapid reading.

As critic, Mr. Stickle gave an especially thoughtful and comprehensive review of the afternoon's proceedings. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Open Discussion.

The editors believe that it would prove helpful to have a free expression by the students on some subject of general interest. They ask that this take the form of brief articles containing arguments for or against the topic chosen. For the current month they submit the question of "CRAMMING: ITS USES AND ABUSES."

A classification will be made of the arguments received, and published in next month's issue. It is requested that these be handed in by Feb. 3rd.

All will learn with regret of the painful accident which befel Mr. Kennedy while practising basket-ball in the gymnasium last Friday afternoon. This will prevent his taking part in the game this session and thus be a loss to the College team.

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Mrs. Agnes Knox Black's Recital.

In spite of the examination work which confronted the students, and of the heavy snow-fall which closed the door against the general public, a very fair audience gathered in the Assembly Hall on the evening of Thursday, December 14th, to enjoy the concert given under the auspices of the O. N. C. Glee Club and Literary Society. That those who overcame the obstacles to their attendance were more than repaid for their trouble, was shown by the appreciation with which the various numbers were received.

The program was as follows:

- Chorus—"Let the Hills and Valleys Resound."
O. N. C. Glee Club.
Reading—Selections from *Barrie and Kipling*. Mrs. Agnes Knox Black.
Song—"The Flight of Ages."
Miss A. Lick, B. A.
Reading—"A Forgiveness."
Mrs. Agnes Knox Black.
Violin Solo—"Air Varié."
Miss Edith Spring.
Chorus—"Where Are You Going My Pretty Maid?"
O. N. C. Glee Club.
Reading—"Confessions."
Mrs. Agnes Knox Black.
Song—"Sons of the Sea."
Prof. Johnson.
Reading—"Ode to the West Wind."
Mrs. Agnes Knox Black.
Violin Solo—"Lullaby."
Miss Edith Spring.
Reading—Selected.
Mrs. Agnes Knox Black.

All these numbers were heartily received, and response was made to many encores. At the close of her song Miss Lick was presented with a beautiful bouquet. Another pleasing feature of the meeting was a presentation made to Mrs. Black by Miss Dowler, on behalf of the students of the College. The gift consisted of a couple of handsomely bound volumes of Kipling's works. Mrs. Black was taken by surprise, but in a few appropriate words acknowledged the kindness of the students who had taken this means of showing their appreciation of her efforts among them during the session.