

tion in regard to this matter. During the past Session the magazines and periodicals subscribed for by the Association were of comparatively little service, because of the want of a proper reading-room where these papers and magazines might be kept on file.

The principal business of the evening was, of course, notices of motion regarding changes in the constitution. Several motions were brought forward, the most important perhaps being one providing for the admission of others than graduates or undergraduates in Science, in Toronto University, to the membership of the Association.

At this meeting, also, nominations were made for offices for the coming Session. Several nomination were made for the office of President, among whom, of those consenting to stand for election, a choice will be made at the annual meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, March 27th.

Dr. Ferguson again kindly favored the Society by reading his second paper, on 'The History of our Knowledge regarding Secretions.' In further dealing with his subject the writer dealt briefly with the various theories regarding the mode of secretion and the exact secreting agent. His criticisms upon these, and the clearness of his answers to the many questions put at the close of the paper, cannot but be of much benefit to those who were present.

A paper contributed by Prof. J. P. McMurrich on 'The occurrence of Test cells in the Ascidian ovum,' was read by Mr. O. Weld, but owing to the lateness of the hour, it and the following paper by Mr. Geo. Acheson, B.A., were passed over somewhat hurriedly.

Mr. Acheson briefly called attention to several Diatoms and Desuinds found in city water, among others to a species of the latter which had not previously been described. We regret that time would not permit a more detailed account of this specimen, of which we may perhaps be allowed to hope to hear more hereafter.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Y. M. C. A.

The attendance at the Thursday evening meeting was smaller than usual, owing no doubt to increasing fine weather and press of work from the early prospect of examinations.

The leader, Mr. J. H. Buchanan, took as his subject the words 'No more death, neither sorrow,' from Rev. xxi. 4. The words, he said, were supposed by most to apply to the church in its purified state. But we might as individuals apply them to ourselves. This self application is, however, a matter of great difficulty; we are so used to associate with all our lot here, even the very pleasantest part of it, the idea of change and decay and death that we cannot dissociate it from our minds as yet in connexion even with the heavenly pleasures. But there, because there is no sin, neither will there be death, nor the sorrow that always accompanies it. The subject, however, is one rather for contemplation than for speech; if our thoughts fail, our powers of expression must surely fall short also. The main pleasure of heaven is not this sense of freedom from death; it is the conscious resting in Christ's favor, under the smile of his countenance, with no storm-cloud of sin rising to hide its bright shining. And this home and happy condition is free for all who are willing to enter in by the only door, which is Christ Jesus.

Mr. McGillivray followed, and in a few words pointed out the reason for this changed state in the last words of the same verse—'For the former things are passed away,' the first heaven and the first earth, with all its load of sin and degrading influence, this body and its lowering and hampering desires. This season of the year to us as students is perhaps the most trying to spiritual life; as examinations draw near, our time grows more precious, and we are inclined to slight the ordinances of grace both public and private. We must guard against cutting off our source of strength just when we most need it.

The President shortly called attention to the fact that this was not an unpractical subject, that Christians do not, as some say, trade on their future prospects and neglect their duties in the present sphere. The criminal condemned to die, would not enjoy the richest banquet, nor the intercourse of dearest friends, when he knew that the gallows awaited him next day. And this was the exact position of the unsaved in this life. Surely then we who have the prospect of such blessing should have the right of looking forward to it and calculating upon it.

After announcing that Mr. W. H. Howland would address the next weekly meeting, the President closed the meeting with the benediction.

PERSONAL.

We notice that Mr. R. F. Ruttan, B.A., of University College, is Editor of the Medical Department on the staff of the McGill College Gazette.

QUICQUID AGUNT.

Two hundred men were proposed for membership at the last meeting of the Literary Society.

Owing to the nearness of the examinations, there will be no more practices of the Glee Club with Prof. Torrington, this year. On Wednesday last, there was a special meeting to rehearse for the public debate, at which Mons. Pernet sang the solo in the French-Canadian song, 'En Roulant.'

A gay old professor named Wiggins
Said a storm was to visit these diggins;
But he had to postpone
His intended cyclone,
For the sun caused a hitch in his riggins.

Of the many distinguished men who have gone forth from the classic portals of our Alma Mater, we cannot claim one, named by a local paper as a graduate of this college. To Albert University belongs the honor of educating Prof. E. Stone Wiggins.

The Residence band made its first appearance in public by a very creditable rendering of 'Baby Mine' beneath the Dean's window on Monday last, in celebration of the late intelligence from the Azores. From respect for his papa it has been unanimously resolved to admit the new arrival to the honors of Residence without the customary appearance before the Grand Mufti.

Battalion drill was resumed on Wednesday. In the regimental orders the following promotions were announced:—Sergeants Scott and Gunther to be 2nd Lieutenants, provisionally; Corporals Fotheringham and McEachren to be Sergeants, and Privates Hagarty and May to be Corporals. It has been decided to have a photograph this year, instead of the usual dinner.

The nomination of officers for the Literary Society will take place next Thursday, and the election on Friday, 30th inst. It is quite probable that Prof. Wright will have opposition, but he has decided to abide by the decision of the undergraduates who will almost unanimously support him. A good deal of interest attaches to the elections for the minor offices, and both parties are doing their utmost to bring in their respective candidates.

The attention of University authorities should be drawn to the state of the pond near the entrance to the grounds. The evil odour arising is simple intolerable. At this time of the year, when fevers and sickness are so prevalent, too much care can hardly be given to drains etc. Perhaps the newly appointed Medical Health Officer, Dr. Canniff might do something in the matter. But certain it is that something should be done, and done speedily.

On Friday evening, last, the annual banquet of the ΘΞ Chapter of ZΨ Fraternity was held at the Society's rooms on King Street and proved a very enjoyable affair. Mr. Harry Webb supplied a most elaborate menu, which was done ample justice to by those present. Amongst other toasts were the following: 'Fair Canada,' 'The University of Toronto,' 'Chancellor Blake,' 'The President of University College,' 'Our Child at McGill, the Psi Chapter,' 'The 'Varsity,' etc. After a successful and prolonged evening the brethren separated.

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KNOX COLLEGE.

The last regular meeting of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society was held on Wednesday evening last. The usual reports were read, and seventeen students were appointed for the summer to parts of the Province not receiving regular ministrations. At the close of the meeting the President, Mr. John Mutch, M.A., addressed the Society in a few well-chosen remarks, congratulating the Society on having arrived at the close of one of the most prosperous years in the history of the Society.

Mr. J. C. Smith, B.A., was appointed delegate to the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance to be held in Hartford, Conn., next October.

The last meeting of the Knox College Literary and Metaphysical Society was held on Friday evening, March 9th. Election of officers for the ensuing year took place with the following result:—President—J. S. McKay, B.A.; 1st Vice-President—G. E. Freeman; 2nd Vice-President—W. S. McTavish; Critic—J. A. Jaffary, B.A.; Recording Secretary—W. A. Duncan, B.A.; Corresponding Secretary—J. M. Gardiner; Treasurer—Wm. Farquharson; Secretary, Committees—J. L. Campbell; Curator—C. Rutherford; Councillors—Messrs. Howard, Webster, and J. Hamilton, B.A.