

CHURCH UNION.

A Public Meeting of the Philosophical and Literary Society was held in the David Morrice Hall on Friday, 27th Nov., at 8 p.m.

It was opened by the President, Mr. A. Ogilvie, B.A. After the singing of a hymn, Prof. Campbell invoked the Divine blessing on the meeting.

Having referred to the delight it gave us, as students, thus to cast aside for a time the worry of study, and to endeavor to entertain our friends, the President called the Rev. Robt. Campbell, M.A., to the chair.

A college quartet, composed of Messrs. Larkin, MacVicar, Macfarlane and Johnston, being called on, sang "God is near thee." After which Mr. Clay, in powerful tones and vigorous spirit, read "Sparticus' Address to the Gladiators."

Mr. J. McLaren elicited applause by his singing of "Nazareth." Mr. Cayer then gave a reading in French, doing full justice to *La Belle Langue*.

The chairman then, in witty and pithy sentences, introduced the event of the evening, a debate on, "Resolved,—That the interests of Christianity demand the Organic Union of the Protestant Churches."

Mr. A. CURRIE, B.A., on the affirmative, maintained that Protestants being one in commission, "Go ye forth into all the World and preach the Gospel to every creature," one in source of Power, and in many other respects, it was to be lamented that, when they differed on minor details, they should face around and fiercely draw swords, forgetful of Christ's prayer that we "all might be one." Milton had well said that 'anarchy reigns in hell; but in destroying man the devils are united.' We ought to be united to meet our common foe. Had Protestants been united the world might have been evangelized and the cross planted on every shore. Again, a united Christianity would commend itself more forcibly to the world. Denominationalism taxed the people heavily; in other words, there was a profuse expenditure for work done. We should unite, in view of the vast fields yet to be reached by the Soldiers of the Cross. How incongruous did our petty differences appear in face of the perishing millions of heathenism!

Mr. T. J. BARON, B.A., on the negative, looked for the conditions necessary to Union. They were mainly two, a common creed and a common church government. We, as Presbyterians, hold that our church government is Divinely authorized. We might unite on a common creed, but it would undoubtedly exclude many doctrines which we hold to be Divine Truths; and, believing that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, we could not permit this. Denominations also exerted a very beneficial influence on each other, preventing the tendency to run to extremes. Errors were thus rooted out, and a pure Gospel preserved.

Mr. J. McLAREN, in supporting the affirmative, based his plea on the prin-