

THE Class of '98, the Freshmen of McMaster, held their first Annual Rally in the residence of Dr. B. D. Thomas, Roxborough Ave. All who were present at this maiden gathering unite in pronouncing it a great success. Although the snow fell to the depth of several feet, the Freshmen and their ladies were not deterred from their course, and their pluck was rewarded by the pleasant evening which they spent. During the evening the following programme was rendered :

- I. Address of Welcome,..... President Y. A. King
- II. Reply,..... G. H. Clarke, '95.
- III. Duet,..... Misses Bailey and Holmes.
- IV. Class Poem,.....
- V. Class Oration,..... L. H. Thomas.

Refreshments were served in approved style and the remainder of the evening was spent in social conversation, games, etc. Not until nearly morning did they separate, to plough their way through the snow drifts to their several homes. The Freshmen are to be congratulated on the success of this their first Rally.

VICTORY! Victory! Victoria!!... We fully expected last Saturday morning to hear the newsboys calling out, "All about the Inter-Collegiate debate!" but as they did not, we feel that it devolves upon us to do so here. Last Friday night (Jan. 25th), at eight o'clock, McMaster moved over into the chapel of Victoria University in a body to hear the final decision of the matter, whether or not "the House of Lords of Great Britain should be abolished." After a short but interesting preliminary programme furnished by Victoria students, Hon. G. W. Ross acting as chairman, the debate began. The Victoria representatives were Mr. G. N. Hazen and Mr. A. W. Crawford, both of '95, who argued ably for the affirmative of the question, and would straightway have abolished the Lords had it not been for the McMaster speakers, Mr. J. C. Sycamore, '96, and Mr. J. F. Vichert, '97, who were even more determined in arguing for the negative. Powerful speeches were made on both sides and much cheering and applause from the friends of both Universities testified to the sympathy and appreciation of the audience. When the chairman finally rose to sum up all the arguments brought forward and to give the decision, a hush fell over the assembly and

"The boldest held his breath—for a time"—

not for a long time, however, for the air soon rang with cheers and shouts of "Boom on Mac,"—when the judge pronounced in favor of the negative. Victoria showed its good feeling by joining in the cheering, and the hearty singing of the national anthem brought the meeting to a close.

McMaster wishes here to express its appreciation of the kindness and good feeling shown it by Victoria, from beginning to end, in the matter of the debate, and its hope that such amicable relations may long be continued.

DURING the past month we have had the honor of hearing and seeing in our own Hall the man who preaches to the largest congrega-