

as revealed in His Son Jesus Christ. The condition of the maintenance of the Eternal life given by Christ is simply actively in accordance with the laws of that life, just as physical life increases by the due discharge of functions, so is it with the spiritual life.

A marked feature of the meeting was the excellent singing. Gentlemen who wish to aid in the service of song, are asked to meet for practice at 4.45 on Thursdays in Moss Hall.

THE FORUM.

The University Forum met last Saturday night in Wolseley hall, corner of Gerrard and Yonge streets. About 20 members were present, and the smallness of the attendance was no doubt due to the insufficiency of the notice given. The speech from the throne was read by the Speaker, Mr. F. B. Hodgins.

The Premier submitted the list of his Cabinet, which is composed of the following:—Messrs. Crawford, Hunter, White, Johnston, Aikins, Waldron, Hodges, Holden and McGowan.

The Premier, Mr. T. B. P. Stewart, moved its adoption, and in doing so said that the National Policy had failed to do all that had been claimed for it. The Canadian Pacific railway had been managed in a way which was injurious to the country. Our present mode of making commercial treaties was unsatisfactory. The Boundary award was a victory against Sir John. We should have an Elective Senate. His speech was, in short, an able and practical explanation of the questions of the day from a Grit standpoint. The seconder was Mr. Waldron, who made a very good maiden speech.

Mr. Ferguson, with vigour and fluency, attacked the sentiments embodied in the speech. He gave statistics as to the success of the N. P. since its adoption in 1878. The present depression was felt less by Canada than by England, United States, France, or Germany. Six thousand people in Birmingham alone, in free trade England, were out of employment. The speaker contended that the Conservative railway policy had been a marked success. The British constitution as adopted in Canada gave more real liberty, security, and peace to the subject than did any other constitution in the world. He opposed the democratic spirit, which was covertly seeking to overthrow that constitution. There are no practical grievances which can be relieved only by a radical change in our constitution such as the Reform leader advocate. He closed with a defence and eulogy of Sir John Macdonald, who had been attacked by the Reform leader.

The interest which was taken in the meeting was evinced by the frequent bursts of applause which interrupted the rival leaders. Other members continued the debate as long as the lateness of the hour permitted.

Mr. J. W. Garvin's speech regarding the Boundary award won him much applause.

The debate was adjourned till Saturday next, the 31st, when it is hoped that every member will be present at 7.30 sharp.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

A French meeting of the Club was held on Monday afternoon. An essay was read by Mr. Blackstock on "The works of Moliere."

A discussion took place on "The French language in Quebec." Different members of the French Academy were quoted showing that the literary French of Quebec and that spoken by the educated classes is as pure as that of Paris. There is no difference between the French of *La Patrie* and that of *Le Gaulois*.

There is a *patois* in Quebec spoken by the French uneducated classes just as there is one spoken by the illiterate of France or of England.

College News

KNOX COLLEGE.

The next public debate will take place Friday, Feb. 6th. The chair will be filled by Prof. Young, and the question for debate will be "Resolved that public opinion is a safe guide for legislation."

Friday of this week the Students' Missionary Society hold their third annual meeting in Convocation Hall. An interesting item on the programme will be the reading of reports on missionary work by A. W. Haig, B. A., and Mr. A. J. McLeod.

Mr. Dobbin, of the first year theology, who has been seriously ill for some time, is now able to resume his duties.

McMASTER HALL.

Rev. J. J. Baker, M. A., of Belleville, paid us a visit on Tuesday last,

The Fyfe Missionary Society has at work sixteen missionaries in the city, and three in the country.

The cold weather does not cool the ardour of the Football Club, and the ball still continues to bound amid the snow and ice.

The *Cos Ingeniorum* Literary Society met for the election of officers on Friday evening, when the following men were elected: Pres., I. L. Gilmour; Vice-Pres., R. Earside; Sec.-Treas., G. E. Morphy.

Wednesday having been set apart as a day for special prayer on behalf of schools and colleges, the day was observed in McMaster Hall by suspending all lectures and spending most of the morning in devotional services in the chapel.

Drift.

Above the desk of the literary editor of a leading New York journal is pasted the following:—"The Just Rule of Criticism: 'The reputation of books is raised, not by their freedom from defect, but by the greatness of their beauties.—*The Vicar of Wakefield*.'"

"ROSY-FINGERED MORN."

The night blows outward
In a mist,
And all the world
The Sun hath kissed.

Along the golden
Rim of sky,
A thousand snow-piled
Vapours lie.

And by the wood
And mist-clad stream,
The Maiden Morn
Stands still to dream.

—W. W. CAMPBELL.

Every boy is not fit to be sent to college, because it is not every one for whom a college education is beneficial. Properly applied, a college training is a sort of polish that adheres only to material of fine grain. Culture does not adorn every nature, and, except with the wealthy, the expensiveness of a college course should plainly indicate an expectation of some substantial return. Money should not be wasted in turning basswood into clockwork machinery.—D. A. O'SULLIVAN, in *Educational Monthly*.

PITY 'TIS, 'TIS TRUE.

How often have our most important examining bodies, the Education Department, and the University of Toronto, employed examiners that were not sufficiently wise, conscientious and experienced. Papers have been set, over and over again, at their examinations, with numerous errors, not always typographical. Inexperienced people have been appointed both to prepare and to examine papers. Papers too long by half for the time given have been set. Papers going beyond the limits of the subject as laid down in the curriculum or as prescribed by custom have been set. Papers for an inferior examination have been made equal in difficulty to those of a superior examination in the same subject at the same time. There have been papers entirely too difficult, others entirely too simple. There have been papers so eccentric in treatment, that a candidate who might know perfectly eighty per cent. of the subject prescribed could not make five per cent. of the paper assigned. Papers have been set that gave clear evidence that the examiners had not read the whole of the work which they examined, but had dipped into it only here and there.—John E. Bryant, in the *Educational Weekly*.

THE AGE OF WISDOM.

Ho! pretty page with the dimpled chin,
That never has known the barber's shear,
All your wish is woman to win;
This is the way that boys begin,—

Wait till you come to forty year.....

Forty times over let Michaelmas pass;
Grizzling hair the brain doth clear;
Then you know a boy is an ass.
Then you know the worth of a lass,—

Once you have come to forty year,
—William Makepeace Thackeray.