

College News.

At last *Father Episkopon* has announced that he will deign to visit us once more. The date is fixed for the 11th of March, and all are looking forward, for the most part with some misgivings, to seeing their shortcomings held up before the public gaze. The usual supper will, of course, accompany the number, and it is to be hoped that many will contribute to the coming number for which the Sire bids us all "PRÉPARE."

THERE was a meeting held in Convocation Hall on Thursday 23rd ult, under the auspices of the Theological and Missionary Association, for the purpose of listening to the appeal of Canon O'Meara, St. John's College, Winnipeg, on behalf of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. The audience was large, and listened with great interest to his description of some of the hardships and difficulties which the Church of England has to contend with in that Province. The lecturer maintained that the mission cause was not a failing one and that the work among the Indians was especially interesting.

THE Glee Club have had several engagements lately and have learnt several very pretty new songs. On the 20th of January they sang at St. Bartholemew's and 12th of February at St. Matthew's. They also gave a very bright glee called "May Day" at the *Conversazione*, which pleased everyone. An engagement had been made with Milton (where they have already distinguished themselves) but this unfortunately was cancelled; however, on Monday next they are to sing at St. Stephen's, and the manager, Mr. Howden, expects to fill the many engagements now in hand without any trouble or inconvenience.

On Saturday after chapel a college meeting was held for the purpose of discussing several matters of college etiquette and decorum. The meeting was evidently in the humour for passing a vote of censure on somebody or something. One Unknown who had stolen several papers from the Reading Room and one Known who had scribbled a joke (??) on the notice of *Episkopon* were censured in severe terms. On the following Monday the Known who had defaced the notice called another meeting to make an apology, and made a long harangue in which an apologetic tone was conspicuous only by its absence. On his taking his seat, a motion highly revolutionary in character was brought forward by a non-resident. The motion, however, was given a month's hoist to give time for deliberations and consultations.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Theological and Missionary Society on Jan. 24th, the following meetings were arranged:— A regular meeting on Feb. 17th with a paper by Mr. T. T. Norgate on Buddhism; a devotional meeting on the 26th inst. to be conducted by the Rev. J. C. Davidson, M. A., and a regular meeting on March 10th with a paper on Mohammedanism by Mr. H. Bedford Jones, B. A. A motion was then passed, appointing a committee to draw up a letter to the Rural Decanal chapter of Toronto, stating the need of circulating theological knowledge among the laity, and asking their advice as to whether it would be better to proceed by Parochial libraries, or by a central one at Trinity under the auspices of the Association.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE first meeting of the Literary Society this term was held on Friday evening, 17th inst. There was but a small attendance of members, and most of the speakers on the debate volunteered at the meeting. Mr. Mackenzie read

the well known "Tale of the Nancy Bell," and Mr. Leach, an entertaining essay on a trip through Georgian Bay. The debate was "Resolved, that the system of trial by jury should be abolished." Messrs. Thompson and White for the affirmative, while Messrs. Bedford-Jones and Troop upheld the old English system, but the meeting decided against their case by a majority of one. The date of the Annual *Conversazione* was fixed for Tuesday, Feb. 11th, and after passing a vote of censure on those members who were put down to take part in the programme, but failed to put in an appearance without any lawful excuse for their absence, the meeting adjourned.

THE second regular meeting that was held on the 24th ult. was better attended than the preceding one. Mr. Wallbridge read a comic selection, and Mr. Headley an exceedingly clever essay on "My Pipe," which was greeted with much applause from all who indulge in the weed. The debate was on the subject of maintaining a unity between Religious and Secular Education. Mr. Loucks, the leader of the affirmative, pressed forcibly home the necessity of making education in these subjects go hand in hand, while Mr. Coleman argued well from the opposite point of view. Mr. Troop then rose to support the leader of the affirmative, but was most unfortunately taken ill, and, after making an effort to speak, fainted. This naturally caused a good deal of commotion and the meeting finally adjourned.

At the meeting on the 31st ult. after the admission of two new members, Mr. Grout read a short selection entitled "Guinevra," and Mr. Chilcott an interesting essay on the "Moore and Burns." The debate was on the burning labour question of the day in general and Mr. Henry George's land taxation scheme in particular. Messrs. White and Leech in able speeches upheld the taxation plan of the "Labouring Man's Friend," while Messrs. Leighton and Hibbard argued as stoutly on the other side, the latter in a most amusing speech ridiculing the whole idea, and, with his partner, winning the debate.

THE next meeting was held a week later, and Mr. Troop read Matthew Arnold's beautiful poem "The Future." The debate was "Resolved that the influence of the Theatre is demoralizing." For the affirmative Messrs. Garrett and Beamish volunteered to fill the places of absentees, and spoke strongly against the Theatre and its influence, but Mr. Norgate, the leader of the negative, brought most convincing arguments to bear in the other direction, and in conjunction with his colleague, Mr. Beatty, succeeded in winning the debate. Some brilliant speeches were then made on the subject from the body of the hall, after which the Curator called the attention of the members to depredations on College papers and magazines in the Reading-room which he was unable to prevent. The members present unanimously passed a resolution to assist with all their power in the preservation of the periodicals, and to stop, if possible, anyone from cutting out of them such articles as took his fancy.

S. HILDA'S NOTES.

MRS. WADE, of Brussels, Ontario, the sister of our lady Principal, is spending a few days at the College.

THE "Odd Minutes" Guild is accomplishing a considerable amount of work. Of late the Guild has been combined on one evening of the week with readings from Justin McCarthy's "History of Our Own Times."

AMONG recent visitors at S. Hilda's were His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara; the Rev. Dr. Carry, S. John's, Port Perry; Rev. Dr. Langtry, S. Luke's, and Rev. A. J. Brougnall, S. Stephen's, Toronto; Rev. Canon Middleton,