

necessaries of life, their order being bound by law of poverty. With their own hands they cleared and cultivated land on the banks of the River St. Charles, and their habitation built in the year 1620, stood on the site now occupied by the General Hospital. At this time the population of Quebec did not exceed fifty souls, but such was the devotional spirit of the times that different monastic orders were enabled, through the liberality of the pious in France, to found, amid the Canadian wilds, vast establishments of education and learning which are to-day the boast of French-Canadians. In graphic and concise terms the lecturer gave a history of Canada, its founders and promoters, and related the hardships which fell to the lot of its early missionaries when laboring among the natives, and concluded an eloquent and interesting address by saying:—"Let us, if we can, show them that the protestant creed is higher than theirs by the purer, nobler lives it inspires; and if we cannot do this we may cease to hope in any other way to enlighten or to win them over. We cannot read these lives without thankfulness that they were devoted lives; without self reproach for our own indifference and callousness, without a hearty prayer that the spirit which animated them may live out in this country, only purified from the ignorance and error that so often marred the beauty and darkened the light of their lives. And the spirit is not dead! The church they founded, with all the errors, is still a church of Christ, and in it Christ has still many a noble servant, in faithful and earnest parish priests, in noble missionaries in the Northwest, and in devoted Sisters of Charity and Mercy at our own doors.

PHILOSOPHICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY:—The annual meeting of the above Society was held on the evening of Friday, March 4th. The Treasurer's report of the past year was given in, and the following officers for the ensuing term elected:

President—A. McWilliams, B.A.

1st Vice-Prest.—J. McDougall, B.A.

2nd Vice-Prest.—C. W. Whyte, B.A.

Rec. Secy.—R. Henderson.

Corresponding Sec.—R. Johnston, B.A.

Treasurer—Chas. Campbell.

Sec. of Com.—W. L. Clay, B.A.

Councillors:—Messrs. McKenzie, Vessot, McGregor, McLennan, B.A., and Naismith, B.A.

Journal Staff.

Honorary Editor—J. A. McFarlane, B.A.

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The following prizes were also awarded:

Public speaking.—F. H. Larkin.

English Reading.—J. L. Hargrave, B.A.

French Reading.—A. B. Groulx.