

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The Modern Language Club held its usual meeting this week on Tuesday in Moss Hall, Mr. D. R. Keys, B.A., in the chair. Shakspeare's 'Henry V.' was the topic for the evening, all the parts of the programme bearing on this play. Essays were read by Mr. Chas. Whetham, on the 'Characteristics of Shakspeare's Historical Plays'; by Mr. A. MacMechan on 'Prince Hal and King Henry'; by Mr. Chamberlain on 'The History of the Play'; and by Mr. Aylesworth entitled 'General Remarks on Henry V.' These were interspersed with dialogues and recitations from the play. Mr. W. H. Smith gave the famous speech before Harfleur, beginning 'Once more into the breach,' with his usual force and vigor, and Mr. W. J. Rowand the equally famous one before the battle of Agincourt. Messrs. Needler, Hardie and Fere rendered the scene in which Pistol captures the French soldier, with great spirit; the palm must be awarded to Mr. Needler for his correct impersonation of ancient Pistol. The 'leek' scene followed; Mr. Roswell playing *Fluellen*, Mr. Sykes *Pistol*, and Mr. Shearer *Gower*. This proved very amusing, the audience demanding an *encore*. In the absence of the gentlemen who were to have taken it Messrs. Robinette, Bowes and A. E. Smith read the 'Wooring Scene' with which the play closes. This was followed by an interesting discussion of some questions raised in the essays. The meeting then adjourned. The enthusiasm manifested by all who took part made the evening a decided success, but it would be well if more time were spent in the preparation of the essays and dialogues.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Acheson, M.A., presided over the meeting held on Tuesday evening. Mr. C. F. Durand presented his opinion as to the object and use of extended classification in subjects such as botany and zoology. Mr. T. M. Hardie favored the Society with a pleasingly written essay upon the series of strata known as the Utica formation, directing his observations to a consideration of its origin, mode of deposition and geographical distribution in the Province of Ontario. Several localities in the vicinity of the Rideau River and City of Ottawa were particularized. Mr. Acheson read a short abstract of Darwin's 'Origin of Species' explaining the ideas of true evolution, natural selection, survival of the fittest, etc. The assertion in the report of last meeting 'That lower animals have no instinct,' was intended to mean that they do not possess instinct as ordinarily understood, but something more.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The University Y. M. C. A. met on Wednesday at 5 p.m. as usual. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Sales. The services were opened by hymn 154, prayer was offered by the leader, followed by the reading of Heb. x., the twelfth verse of which was taken as the topic for the address. The marked contrast between Christ's sacrifices and those of the Mosaic economy were clearly pointed out. It was remarked that no matter how good an example Christ might be to follow, or how elevated His teaching, man's deepest needs could not be met by these alone, or in any other way than by the atonement. 'Without shedding of blood there is no remission.' If we admire intellectual greatness we have it in Christ; if moral purity, 'He was holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners.' And when under a sense of guilt we apply to Him for pardon and cleansing, we find that God can be just and yet the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus. Mr. T. C. Robinette spoke briefly of the divinity of Christ. The meeting closed with singing and prayer.

THE COMPANY.

At a meeting of the Company held last Monday Mr. Acheson presented a statement of the financial condition of the Company, which showed that, owing to the action of the Government in refusing to pay for more than the regulation number of men, K Company has about \$120 less than was at first estimated. In consequence of this and the nearness of the University banquet it was decided not to have a dinner this year, and to reserve whatever surplus there might be in the funds for use on the 24th of May.

The N. C. O. class is largely and steadily attended, but the recruit class is as yet small; which is rather surprising, for it is manifestly to the advantage of any undergraduate wishing to

join to do so now and be drilled for one hour once a week, rather than to enlist later on in the spring or next fall, when there will be drill three times a week at least.

QUICQUID AGUNT.

The Glee Club sang at Richmond Hill last night.

The arrangements for the Residence dance are progressing favorably.

Notices have been put up in the Reading Rooms regarding practices not in accordance with the rules and regulations.

At the last meeting of the Canadian Institute, Professor Young read a paper on 'Imaginary Quantities,' which will, in all probability, be printed.

The growing opinion in regard to examinations is evinced by what Professor Young said to the Fourth year Metaphysical class, 'That examinations were a hindrance to teaching.'

Very few of our undergraduates availed themselves of the invitation to the public debate at Wycliffe College on account of the matters of importance that were being transacted at our own society. Those who went, however, report a most pleasant evening.

Many of our undergraduates attended the Trinity College Conversazione on Thursday evening, and unanimously report a very pleasant time spent. One feature of the evening—the dance—seems to have occupied their closest attention, and many are the regrets that a similar item could not be introduced upon our programme.

A meeting of 'K' company was held last week to reconsider the subject of the annual company dinner. It was decided unanimously not to hold the dinner this year. The cause of this resolution was the fact that the government refused this year to give any pay for men beyond the regulation number; consequently, 'K' receives pay for thirty-two men instead of for about fifty, as was expected.

Anyone attempting to write a history of a year at University College would most probably watch all the notices on the Bulletin Board, but there is one notice this week that would puzzle anybody not well up in College phraseology. It commences, 'A meeting of the Negatives,' and ends, 'By Order.' We first thought it referred to the freshmen, but upon enquiry we find it has something to do with the new working of the Literary Society.

A portion of the Glee Club having again been invited to take part in a concert at Streetsville, there may have been seen wending their way towards the Union Station last Friday twelve satchels, accompanied by as many owners, or quasi-owners, namely, Messrs. Frost, McKeown, Wigle, Cane, Young, White, Vicars, McWhinney, Brown, Henderson, Morphy, and Fleury. They, after contributing their share to the programme in the shape of glees, College songs, and 'The Regular Army, O,' a song and drill under the captaincy of Mr. J. McG. Young, were invited by Mr. R. B. Barber to a dance, at which there were about seventy-five couples present. We will not venture to say how many Conversazione tickets were promised, or how many impressions were made, except that all returned home next morning after a most enjoyable trip.

ROTTEN ROW.

Mr. Bleakley, second year Engineering, has been obliged to return home through ill-health.

Residence is about to lose two of its numbers. Mr. E. J. Bristol, B.A. '83, who will move down town, after being in residence six years, and Mr. R. Moss, who is going to enter the law office of Messrs. Ross, Killam, & Haggart, of Winnipeg.

The first house has got an acquisition—a kitten.

The question that is puzzling the Doctor is, 'What is the worst thing he can do?' To ask two friends to the dance and make enemies of the remainder, or promise invitations to everybody and give to none.

QUICQUID QUERIES.

What the students are going to sing at the banquet.

Why there is not a dance in Convocation Hall after the Conversazione.

If the freshmen will understand the magic lantern jokes in the Mathematical lecture room at Conversazione, or if they will forget to bring their gowns.

If Webb will start hauling up provisions early Monday morning.
If he will recognize a Residence student by sight.