

academic advancement could be made. He coupled with the toast the name of Hon. G. W. Ross, LL.D., of Toronto University. The honorable gentleman was received with the singing of "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow." It was the duty, he said, of the Local Legislature to foster his "Alma Mater" and all other educational institutions of the Province. He referred to the prosperity of the secondary schools as evidenced by the fact that now and then the University captured one of the older teachers as lecturers or professors. He congratulated Mr. Maclean on anticipating the policy of the Local Government. It was pleasing that the University was not ungrateful for what was done for her advancement by the Government. The number of the faculty had been doubled and the number of the students trebled in twenty years. The Legislature expected the University in return to foster a high standard of scholarship. It was so far doing its work well. So long as this continues the University will contribute much to direct and control the destiny of the Dominion.

Walter H. Robinson then rendered, with fine effect, a solo, which was enthusiastically encored.

Mr. A. B. Watt, in eloquent terms, proposed the toast of "Alma Mater." The fervent devotion of her undergraduates testifies her ability to impart a broad and vigorous culture. The University had grown up with the country, and had always remained in touch with her best interests, and in the Fenian Raid had sent forth a company to defend her territory. The undergraduates should labor with a twofold aim, to widen her influence and become one of her distinguished sons.

The President replied briefly to this toast, and was followed by John G. Inkster. He was not the father nor yet the mother of the University, but a son and the representative of the daughters. John was humorous and advised the Faculty that they should "spare the sups. and not spoil the sports." Becoming serious, he advocated the cultivation of a strong University spirit and pointed out many ways in which this would conduce to the honor and glory of the undergraduates and of the University to which they belonged.

Prof. Alexander, in proposing the toast of "Sister Universities," made pleasing reference to the kindly rivalry between McGill and Toronto.

Dr. Peterson, of McGill, replied. He gave us the intimation that McGill was all right. He reciprocated the kindly feelings which Toronto always cherished for McGill. He was glad of the solidarity of interests which prevailed among universities of this and other countries.

Provost Watkins, of Western University, followed. In his short speech he expressed his pleasure at the recognition of this young university. It was a great tribute to Toronto that two of her distinguished graduates occupied positions on the staff of the Western University. Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria, also responded to this toast, and spoke feelingly of the friendly relations which had existed always between the federated Colleges.

Mr. W. D. Love gave a solo, and to an encore sang "The Whistling Girl." The toast of University Societies was proposed by Mr. J. C. McLennan, and responded to by Don Ross, '98, T. J. McNeece, '97, and G. C. Selby, '97, each of whom delivered themselves of brilliant speeches.

Mr. A. F. Barr, B.A., proposed the toast of Athletics in an appreciable manner, and was responded to by J. L. Counsell and Mr. T. Gibson. Both of these gentlemen excelled as after-dinner speakers.

Mr. B. K. Sandwell, '97, proposed the toast of The Press, which was responded to by Mr. Cecil H. Clegg.

"The Ladies" was proposed by Mr. Mitchell, and responded to eloquently by Mr. James Little.

This brought the happy gathering to a close. Some of the students, loth to go, remained, and entertained the

representatives from the Colleges in sleepy songs and weary stories. Veritably it was a great night, with great guns, great grub and great gab.

STRANGE!

'Tis worthy the note of all.
—A strange and marv'ous thing—
Our "freshettes" come in the fall,
Instead of in the spring.

STUDENTS' SOCIETIES.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

The Philosophical Society held a regular meeting on Friday last. Mr. T. H. Robinson, B.A., read an interesting paper on the "Metaphysical Proof of God," which was ably discussed by Prof. Kirschmann.

At the next meeting to be held in the Students' Union, on Friday, 11th inst., at 4 p.m., Prof. Alexander will give an address on "Some Principles of Aesthetics and their application to Literature." A cordial invitation is extended to all students and their friends.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The last regular meeting for the Michaelmas Term was held on Monday in room 4. The papers read were of a high order, and the whole meeting made a creditable finish to a very successful term's work. The programme was as follows: Wm. Morris, H. J. O'Higgins; Matthew Arnold, J. T. Shotwell; Swinburne, Miss Mills. Prof. Mavor delighted the audience with personal reminiscences of William Morris. It is probable that the Public Lecture announced for December 14th, will be held on Saturday, December 12th, in the Biological Building. Further notice will be given elsewhere. The subject of the lecture is "Mediaeval Life in Germany," and Prof. Vander Smissen's well-founded reputation for the treatment of such subjects is sure to give him a large audience. Those desiring to hear this treat should come early.

VARSAITY GLEE CLUB.

The Glee Club are holding their few final practices this week for their Concert next Friday evening in the Massey Hall, which they confidently expect will be a record breaker. The boys have got their music in splendid shape, and undoubtedly will shed additional lustre on their already great musical reputation. The Banjo and Guitar Club have especially catchy music this year, which will appeal very strongly to their friends in the top gallery. Their new descriptive piece, imitating plantation life, is said to far eclipse all former compositions of this kind, will be played by the combined Banjo, Guitar, and Mandolin Clubs. The Concert is under the distinguished patronage of Sir Casimir Gzowski, Administrator, and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, besides that of several well-known society ladies, and will as usual be one of the society events of the season. It is hoped also that the students will turn out in large numbers to show their appreciation of the efforts of the boys to make this organization the leading College Glee Club in America, and to spread abroad the musical fame of our Alma Mater.

From the first, the attendance and enthusiasm at the Mulock Cup series has been unusually large. The games in the first round, at least, were not of a very high class, but a marked improvement can be seen in those played lately.