

the applause that followed—they got it. The success of the evening warrants self-congratulation and still greater efforts in the same direction—not years hence, but *next* year, and more than once in that year.

It was a happy thought which prompted our high Kakiac to invite the noted temperance lecturer, Mr. John Hector, to take dinner at the Hall on the 14th ult. The "Black Knight," as he is popularly called, commenced his after-dinner address by facetiously referring to his inability to "grow red in the face" with confusion at the heartiness of the applause tendered him on rising. After a few further preliminaries the big man briefly narrated the most interesting events in his varied career as cattle-boy, soldier, engine-driver, butler and preacher. He explained that although now a Methodist, he had a great leaning toward the Baptists. "He, himself, when a young man had been baptized (applause), his father and mother, who had fled from slavery in *ante-bellum* days had been Baptists (renewed applause)—so had their master." The usual applause not forthcoming here, Mr. Hector with a very surprised air enquired the reason, and then—with that inimitable "whole-soulness" peculiar to his race—laughed. That laugh was a treat in itself. In concluding his remarks the "Knight" gave some very sound advice to the students in regard to preaching and practical Christian work, at the close of which, all present joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds." After this visit the McMaster boys will always have a warm remembrance of Mr. Hector and a deep interest in his work of temperance reform.

On the 17th inst. we were all delighted to welcome Dr. Caven, of Knox College, to lecture to us on "Palestine." Our Chancellor had no necessity to introduce the Dr. to us, for he is well known to all. In his introduction he briefly related the circumstances that led to his visit to the "Holy Land." About a year ago stricken down by la grippe, he went thither health-seeking accompanied by his friend the Rev. Mr. Hamilton. Sailing from New York in February, they arrived in March, where they remained for two weeks, here he was joined by his daughter and her husband, returned missionaries from India. With Cook as their guide they sailed to Joppa and thence travelled by carriage to Jerusalem. Dr. Caven had much that was interesting to say about that famous city, its sacred sights, its inhabitants, the prevailing religious sects, the superstition and lamentable condition of the masses. They remained some time here, visiting the city and the chief points of interest in the surrounding district, such as Bethlehem, Mt. Olivet, the "Dead Sea" and many other points. After having secured their outfit they set out for the northern part of Palestine, travelling over that rough road on horseback. Passing up the Jordan, they passed through many of the chief scenes of Christ's public ministry, all of which were fraught with interest. Hallowed memories made these scenes sacred and as they journeyed they felt the presence of the Saviour overshadowing the land. Our hearts were all charmed with the simple and powerful address of our much esteemed brother.