

Arts College.

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AT the meeting on the 10th, W. F. Crawford was leader and read a carefully prepared paper on "Optimism." The advantages possessed by students and the privileges which are theirs were pointed out as ground for rejoicing. A shallow optimism was deprecated, but an optimism that comes from trust and faith makes men better. The address was practical and discussed by various members in a practical way.

Owing to the arrangements being made for the conversazione, the closing meeting for the season was held on Thursday instead of Friday afternoon. Harry Feir lead the meeting on the subject of the "Influence of the Holy Spirit." The address was delivered with much personal earnestness, and was very sensible and to the point. It was pointed out that the work of the Spirit was manifested in ordinary daily life and not merely on unusual and extraordinary occasions. Mr. Logie Macdonnell presided at the piano at both meetings very acceptably. The programmes for next term have been issued and distributed. With such a good list of subjects and speakers the meetings ought to be interesting and helpful.

[We have not received any report of the Q.U.M.A. for this issue. This explains its absence.—Ed.]

YEAR MEETINGS.

'98.

The senior year met on Monday, Dec. 13th. George A. Edmison was chosen to represent Queen's at the annual dinner of the students of McMaster University on Dec. 21st, and A. F. Huffman was elected as the Arts representative to Queen's Medical dinner. The delegates who recently attended various college functions reported as to the excellent treatment received while away. The programme consisted of a prophecy by N. A. Brisco, a poem by W. A. Fraser, and a partial history of the year by H. B. Munro.

A special meeting was held on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, when certain financial matters were considered. It was also decided that the year place a motto among the Conversazione decorations, and the committee appointed for the purpose nobly fulfilled their duties. '98 will likely hold an "at home" about the latter part of January.

'99.

The regular meeting of the junior year was held on Dec. 14th. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. W. Kemp was appointed *pro tem*. Mr. A. H. Hoard was introduced and elected a member of the year. After the business proceedings had been arranged

the programme was proceeded with. It consisted of a duet by Misses Anglin and Bajus; a paper by the historian, Mr. Beckstedt; a poem by the class poet, Mr. Bell, and solos by Messrs. McIntosh and Tandy. The president then, amid applause, introduced Mr. Barker, who has recently been elected a member of our society, and who then proceeded to give his inaugural address.

In the first place he stated as his reason for joining our year the fact that he had been informed that there are more "pretty young ladies" in the class of '99 than in any other class in the university. He then went on to give some of the impressions he has received since he arrived in this country. He is well acquainted with the British Isles, France, Belgium, Germany, in fact all Europe, and has travelled extensively in Africa, and congratulates us on having a summer climate that is unparalleled in any of these countries.

At the same time he does not see why the people of Canada should have been offended at Mr. Rudyard Kipling's "Our Lady of the Snows." Mr. Barker says that no one can deny that we have a great deal of snow, though Mr. Kipling might have gone a little further and told of our beautiful climate from the month of April to that of November. He also congratulated us as Canadians on the small amount of intoxicants consumed by our people, and on the fact that we are a church-going nation. Though Mr. Barker is neither a religious man nor a total abstainer, yet he recognizes the value of these characteristics in a people. He also told us some very good stories of experiences he has had in Canada, and especially of one when he was driving with a young lady to a church some miles distant. The horse got stuck in a snow drift, and it was fully half an hour before someone came up and got them out of their embarrassing position, and, said Mr. Barker, "it was the most pleasant half hour I have ever spent."

Everyone was delighted with Mr. Barker's address, and if applause is any criterion of a speaker's merit, Mr. Barker is to be congratulated on his first attempt at Queen's. It is to be regretted that on account of the rainy weather the attendance at this meeting was not large. However, we all hope that Mr. Barker will kindly appear again before us and tell us of more of his adventures in our own and foreign lands.

'01.

The regular meeting of the year was held on Wednesday, Dec. 15. The meeting did not favor the undertaking of any decoration, symbolic of the year, for the conversazione; it was agreed, however, that individual members should assist in the decorations. A motion was passed expressing the