

The University Bazaar Society.

For lack of space we are unable to give any report of the meetings held during the month, excepting that of the twenty-fourth. On this evening the members turned out in full force, and manifested great interest in the speeches. The evening was graced by the presence of Professor Goldwin Smith. The subject for discussion was "Will Republicanism eventually supersede all other forms of Government?"

The President, Mr. C. P. Davidson, having taken the chair, the programme of the evening was commenced by Mr. Keller, who gave a spirited rendering of Macaulay's "Virginia." Dr. Beers followed with an essay, or rather sketch, called "Wild Duck and Digression," which displayed the humor and racy descriptiveness of one who is not unknown in literary circles. The debaters were, for the affirmative, Messrs. McLaren, Fisher, G. E. Jenkins and McLennan; for the negative, Messrs. Trenholme, Lonergan and MacMaster. The speakers were frequently interrupted by bursts of applause, and though the meeting did not break up till eleven o'clock, the interest never lagged. On being put to the vote, the negative carried by a small majority.

The Chairman then, with a few appropriate remarks, introduced to the society Professor Goldwin Smith. That learned gentleman then rose, and after having given some pleasing reminiscences of his experiences at the Debating Society at Oxford, and commended the utility of Political Debating Societies generally, proceeded to discuss the subject of the evening's debate.

He reviewed the state of the world with regard to its governments, from the despotism of China in the East to the Republic of the United States in the West. He said that the belief in the hereditary principle, and the divine right of kings, was a primitive idea, and that as nations advanced, it became less strong, so that at the present day we found it most powerful in those nations which were least civilized, as in China and Russia. As we advanced, too, from the east to the west the principle became less strong, in China being at its height, in America having disappeared altogether. It was nonsense to talk of the divine right of kings for, if we took the history of the Jews, they were expressly warned against having a king. In England, he said, monarchy had come to the vanishing point. During the Crimea there had been a strong feeling in favor of abolishing monarchy altogether, and the English people would never stand another George IV. But in the course of time another George IV. must come, for it stood to reason that persons brought up to an assured position, in the midst of luxury, and with every means of gratifying their desires, must degenerate, and that the ability to govern did not descend from father to son. He had no doubt, he said, that Republicanism would eventually supersede monarchy, but that he did not by any means take the United States as a model of Republicanism. The speaker then sat down amidst a generous round of applause, and a vote of thanks to him for having honored the society with his presence, was then passed and the meeting adjourned.

The annual meeting was held last night in the rooms of the Mercantile Library Association, St. Catherine street. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, having been adopted, the elections of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and the following was the result:

President: Mr. J. J. MACLAREN, M.A., B.C.L.
 Vice-Presidents: } R. C. FISHER, M.A., B.C.L.
 } S. MCLENNAN (re-elected).
 Secretary: W. S. WALKER (re-elected).
 Treasurer: G. E. JENKINS (re-elected).

Committee: { C. P. DAVIDSON, M.A., B.C.L.,
 } W. G. BEERS,
 } M. LONERGAN, B.C.L.,
 } R. A. RAMSAY, M.A., B.C.L.,
 } S. C. STEVENSON,
 } A. F. RITCHIE, B.A.

The Younger at McGill.

FIRST PAPER.

THE WEEK BEFORE THE SPORTS.

At all times during the session, save when buried in the snows of winter, the College grounds present a certain amount of activity. Students are scattered over its surface engaged in football or cricket, or idly strolling in knots of two and three, while the colour necessary to give tone to the picture is supplied by the bright dresses of the nurses and children who seem doomed eter-

nally to haunt the rotunda. But the stir and bustle of the year seem to have culminated in the week before the athletic sports, and afford to outsiders and loungers like ourselves an interesting spectacle. So, lighting our pipes, and loosening the academic severity of our garments to become more in accord with the spirit of the scene before us, let us ramble for a few minutes among the groups which dot the football field, now changed into a race course. We turn towards the spot whence rings out a clear voice above the surrounding clamour, and hear a law-student advocating with perhaps more noise than vivacity the claims of his favourite far "over the hurdles." He speaks too with more earnestness than is usually displayed in the courts of which he is destined to become an ornament, offering to sustain the claims of his man with his purse. Near him we see an embryo C. E. scientifically taking the altitude of his last jump; again at the upper turn of the course a candidate for the Championship Quarter swings along over the course to pick out the places where he can best force the running. At our right is a "medical" examining the thews and sinews of a comrade with a critical ability which speaks well for his powers of diagnosis. But, see! The crowd falls back and three or four gallant members of the Rifle Corps, clad in little more than the popularly received idea of their uniform, come down the track at a canter in training for the "Volunteer's Race;" the bystanders cheer their favourites; each warrior to his work, sprints, and the easy run is increased to top speed.

Presently one shoots ahead of the ruck and comes in a winner by several feet, amidst the congratulations of his friends, while the second man, a Theolog, throws himself upon a bench and as he energetically mops his forehead, mutters: "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong."

Against a tree-box leans a Nestor of the course surrounded by an admiring though somewhat verdant group of freshmen, listening to the feats of yore, which seem to lose nothing by repetition. At each succeeding tale their enthusiasm increases and their mouths and ears open with astonishment; there is no telling to what lengths their admiration for the narrative might have carried them were it not for the providential advent of a wind-driven football, which diverts their attention and they rush after it, and Nestor, despising the fickleness of the rising generation, walks off in disgust. The collectors, wanderers like ourselves, but with a more rapid stride and a more definite purpose, roam about, subscription books in their hands, and in their mouths the cry of the horse-leech's daughters, "Give! Give!"

They attack some parsimonious student—alas, there are such!—and do not leave him till his name is added to the list, but more pleasing far it is for them when a contributor

"With a peaceful like smile on his features,
 And a dollar greenback in his hand,"

adds that sum to the fast-increasing fund for the Sports. A warning shout causes us to spring aside just escaping being annihilated by the "56 weight" hurled by a brawny giant in our rear, and we hasten to join the quietest, though perhaps the most interested men on the grounds, the little group of *cognoscendi* who, as far removed as possible from the "ignobile vulgus," are, by basing their calculations on the records of previous time and training, endeavouring to approximate as nearly as possible to those now results in the future, but which we shall all know before this meets the eyes of my readers.

The above is the first of a series of papers on subjects connected with the College, by a student who preserves that anomalous connection with the University which gives him the title of "Partial." The next paper will be on "The Bumptious Freshman."

EDITOR.

Mathematical Physics.

SCENE—CLASS ROOM.

Student—"How do we know that action and reaction are equal?"

Professor—"If you want a practical demonstration, suppose W., who sits at your right hand, should strike you, and C., who sits at your left, should strike you at the same instant with exactly the same force, why then—". At this point the Professor is interrupted, for W. and C. prepare to make the supposition real, and the student, having his memory aroused by the threatening gestures of his classmates calls out with all the agony of fear, "Pray, sir, don't let them try it, for I am not a rigid body."

The genial Professor not displeased to find that his pupil has at least a clear notion of a rigid body pardons him.

The classmates smile and our hero rejoices.