

by any means the least enjoyable part of the evening. These pictures consisted of a number of portraits of famous men and women of France, some of the most beautiful being different portraits of Marie Antoinette painted by Mme. Le Brun, and of the most interesting portraits of Voltaire from an innocent youth to an old man with the famous leer. Of landscapes, none could be daintier than those of Watteau with lovers in the foreground and an idealistic grove of trees in the back. One never tires of seeing those realistic pictures of Dutch suggestion where the mother is preparing a meal and childish faces look out from a background of dark kitchen rafters, and a few chickens pecking around on the floor.

About 11 o'clock the guests took their departure, taking with them a pleasant recollection of an evening that edified them both physically and intellectually.

Mrs. Ramsay Wright gave an at-home on Saturday afternoon after Prof. Coleman's lecture. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in her charming rooms.

A meeting of the alumnae of the University of Toronto was held on Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Addison, Withrow avenue. Interesting papers on Russia and Japan were read by the hostess and Miss Flavelle, of Lindsay, and a letter from Mrs. S. J. McLean, of California, a graduate of '98.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

As with every function held this year, the annual Glee Club concert, which took place Friday evening last, was "a distinct success," and "the best that has been given for years."

A large crowd, considering the extreme lateness in the term, gathered in Association Hall to hear the various productions of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs. These were more than ably assisted by Mrs. W. Hughes Oliphant, a singer the appreciation of whose sweet contralto voice was abundantly shown by the numerous bunches of roses she received, while Miss Marietto La Dell added to the already numerous reasons for her popularity by bringing down the house with every number she gave. Ross McKinnon, already known to undergraduate fame, for other reasons than his voice, showed that particular phase of his many charms to the best advantage yet, while the accompanists were Miss Mockridge and Mr. Thompson, familiarly known as "Harry" and officially as H. V. Thompson, '05. The many friends of the club showed their interest by turning out in numbers. Several of the faculty were present, and it is known that they almost unanimously gave the club their practical support. Unfortunately, the fact that May is close at hand prevented many of those of the undergraduates who were "most anxious to hear the club" from being present. This general absence, however, was compensated for by the presence of not a few of the more prominent and select men of the various years—some of them, we are proud to state, with feminine accompaniments.

Arts students who were in the gallery endeavored to show their jealousy of the more fortunate thus accompanied friends below by an occasional "jolly," but they were half-hearted on the one side and entirely ignored on the other. The Varsity yell was indulged in at intervals by this dozen of men, but the vocal quality was thin, and was entirely eclipsed by the silence of the eight Dents in the opposite gallery, who had wholly forgotten their "H'I'm a Yack."

Taking it all in all, the concert was successful beyond expectation; there was a goodly crowd, and the practical support which the club received by those who, though not present, purchased tickets, is much and warmly appreciated.

THE UNIVERSITY SERMON.

The third in the series of University Sermons arranged this term was delivered on Sunday by Rev. Chancellor Wallace, of McMaster. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Professor Clark, of Trinity, and the McMaster Glee Club led the service of praise.

The sermon itself was based upon what the preacher termed "The Ideal Prayer for the Student." The words were taken from Ps. 119: "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of the law." This prayer is marked by humility, aspiration and dependence and finds its parallel in the spirit of study which is indicated in the attitudes: "I do not know," "I want to know" and "Help me to know." All law followed to its source leads to God, therefore, Godspeed to every student who, whatever the field his researches, makes the prayer of the text his own. The prayer is for the transfigured life freed from the burden of satiety and monotony that weighs upon the multitudes in whom imagination is dead and freed from the dead level against which the soul revolts. The closing sentences were made an appeal to the students in the audience of whom it was asked, "Who shall come to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty?"

The auditorium was well filled by a student audience and the platform was occupied by a very representative body of the members of the various faculties, Vice-Chancellor Moss and Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria, also had seats upon the platform.

SATURDAY LECTURE.

The Saturday lecture of last week was delivered by Professor Coleman in the Chemical Building. The subject was "The Conquest of the Country." A most interesting account was given of the progress made in the opening up of Canada, the advance of agriculture and the development of the means of communication between distant points in the vast territories of our land. Beginning with the wild animals who made definite paths for themselves, he described the natural highways. The Indians, with a genius for conquest, navigated the rivers and carried on a limited agriculture. The French followed, and then the English of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Lantern illustrations were used showing the methods of conquest by the lumbermen in Quebec and Ontario; by the early settlers of the prairies with their Red River carts and ox teams; by the prospectors in British Columbia, and later by the same agents in the Klondike country. Notwithstanding all the progress made, the country is not yet conquered. Only the borders have been subdued, and the final conquest will not be made for many years to come.

"Spoonng is innocuous and needn't have a sequel;
But recollect, if spoon you must, spoon only with your equal."