

SOCIETIES.

Y.M.C.A.

Two more Sunday afternoon lectures have been added to the series of historical addresses on the Old Testament. On October 28th Mrs. Ashley Carus-Wilson, B.A., lectured on "The Hope of the Promise," showing admirably the development of the Messianic hope, from Eden until that hope was realized in the Christian era.

Last Sunday Dr. Rose, of St. James Methodist church, spoke on the subject, "The Bible and Modern Criticism." He thought plenary inspiration could no longer be maintained. It was best to acknowledge that slight errors do exist in the text of Scripture. But when we consider the essential purpose of the Bible, these apparent discrepancies, which may yet be reconciled, are of little significance. The Bible is not a scientific treatise, nor does it openly claim historical accuracy or literary perfection. Its avowed object, as set forth by such a passage as John XX. 31, is to lead men to God, to holiness of life and to salvation; and for this purpose it is absolutely infallible, inerrant.

For the next two weeks lectures are as follows:—

Nov. 11.—Egypt in relation to Israel, by Sir Wm. Dawson, F.R.S.

Nov. 18.—The Revelation to Moses of God as Jehovah, by Prof. Ross, B.D.

These lectures are designed to be of practical value to students in general. It is therefore hoped that many more college men, no matter what their denomination or religious profession, will attend. It will pay. There's time enough for a walk after four o'clock.

MCGILL MINING SOCIETY.

A meeting of the McGill Mining Society was held on Friday, Oct. 26th. Mr. Gwillum, the vice-president, occupied the chair, as the President was unavoidably late. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Gwillum then introduced Sir Wm. Dawson, who gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on the outcrop of coal seams.

At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer by the President.

Mr. Gwillum's motion to have the night of meeting changed to Friday instead of Thursday was then brought up for discussion, and carried.

MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of the Society this term was held in the upper reading room of the College, on Saturday evening, October 20th. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Mr. Merrick was appointed chairman.

A letter was read from Mr. Cruikshank, resigning the presidency. The Society regret very much to lose the services of such an able and painstaking president as Mr. Cruikshank has proven himself to be; but as he stated that he had determined to resign only after careful consideration, and that his decision was final, the meeting accepted his resignation. The election of another president was left over until the next meeting of the Society.

The paper of the evening, which was a most interesting and exhaustive one, was read by Dr. John Bailey of the Fourth Year. The title of the paper was "Notes on Feeble-mindedness." At the conclusion of the paper, a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered by the meeting to Dr. Bailey. The next meeting of the Society takes place in Lecture Room No. 1 of the Medical Faculty building, on Saturday evening, November 3rd, commencing at 8 o'clock.

The students of all years, from the Medical Faculty, are most cordially invited to attend the meetings of the Society.

MCGILL LITERARY SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above Society was held in No. 1 class-room, Arts building, on Friday evening, Oct. 26th. President Hanson in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Then, as there was no business to come before the meeting, the programme was proceeded with.

Mr. Mitchell of Law opened the programme with a recitation from Sir Walter Scott. Then followed a song by Mr. Hopkins, Fourth Year Arts. Mr. A. R. Ross of Second Year Arts read a carefully prepared essay on the subject of "Education."

Mr. Mitchell (Law) then opened the debate on the subject:—"Resolved, that the existence of the English House of Lords is beneficial to the Empire."

Mr. Donahue (Law) then took up the cudgels for the negative. After his speech the discussion was thrown open for anyone to take part.

Messrs. Saxe (Arts), Carmichael (Law) and Devlin (Law) ably defended this institution of our realm, whilst Messrs. Mullin (Law), Trenholme (Law), and S. Graham (Arts) as ably attacked what they called, useless a piece of apparatus in the English Legislation.

So closely contested was the question that the vote of decision resulted in a tie. The President then gave his vote in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. Carmichael then gave his critique, omitting none from the chair down. He characterized the whole proceedings as "very good."

It is to be hoped that the programme committee will see fit before long to have another open debate.

The meeting then adjourned, not to meet again for two weeks.