

DELTA SIGMA.

The Fifth Annual Lecture of the Delta Sigma Society was delivered by Sir William Dawson, in the Peter Redpath Museum, Dec. 13th. There was a large attendance of members, both regular and honorary, and also of visitors. The address, on the subject "An Ideal College for Women," was one of the most interesting the Society has ever heard, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The abstract given below renders any description unnecessary.

We had hoped that Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen would have been with us, but on account of the death of Sir John Thompson, Her Excellency was called to Ottawa, and so was unable to be present.

The lecturer introduced his subject by a reference to the earliest known authoress, the prophetess Deborah, and to her remarkable poem, as an evidence of the status and education of women in that remote time in which she lived. He then glanced at the educational and literary position of women in the intervening times, and at the remarkable extension of the education of women, and of their influence in literary, scientific, social, political, professional and religious affairs within the last quarter of a century. He then referred to the practical division of colleges for women into two classes—those that, like Girton and Newnham in England, and the Harvard Annex in the United States, are connected with old universities, and may be designated as affiliated colleges, and those which, like Holloway and Cheltenham and Smith in the United States are more or less self-contained, and may be regarded as independent of university control. Without any invidious comparison with others of their respective classes, he took Wellesley and Newnham as examples of these two types, and enquired in some detail in what respects they approached to ideal colleges, in reference to home and social influences, courses of study, the value of their degrees or certificates, their economy and facility of management and of extension, and the causes which have led to the preference of one or the other system. This comparison, with occasional reference to other colleges differing in details, occupied the greater part of the lecture. In conclusion, the relative position of the Donalds special course in McGill was referred to, and the prospect of its development into an institution nearer to the ideal college than those even of Britain and the United States—independent in all except the degree giving power, provided with an adequate staff of its own, yet having the benefit of all the educational appliances, and, as far as necessary, of the staff of the University, taking an equal place with McGill College, and perhaps becoming ultimately as extensive in the sphere of its operations, and thus fully meriting the high title of "Royal Victoria College for Women."

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The leader of the weekly devotional meeting held Nov. 30th was Miss Fraser of the Class of '96. To Miss Fraser was allotted the subject of "Perseverance," which was very clearly and beautifully handled.

Miss Krause had charge of the meeting of Dec. 7th, which will be the last held in 1894. That evening our thoughts, under the subject of "The Book," were directed to the necessity of Bible-study, and the benefits to be derived from a regular and systematic course to be pursued, not only intellectually, but from the heart. The attendance on this occasion was somewhat smaller than usual.

These meetings will be continued after the Christmas holidays, and, we trust, will be duly enjoyed.

MATRIMONIAL.

Mr. Donald Guthrie, a graduate of McGill in Arts and of the Presbyterian College, was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Stirton, of Guelph, Ont., on Dec. 5th. Mr. William Patterson, B.A. '93, was groomsman. The wedding took place at Guelph, from where Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie set out for a trip to Buffalo and other points. Mr. Guthrie is remembered for his sturdy scrimmage work on the first football team and for his recitations as a member of the Glee Club.

EXCHANGES.

We beg to remind our College contemporaries that exchanges should be sent to Editor-in-chief, MCGILL FORTNIGHTLY, care McGill University Library.

In our last issue we referred to the pleasure it gave us to notice transatlantic exchanges, and we now gladly acknowledge the receipt of the *Glasgow University Magazine*. Whether in arrangement or in writing, the *Magazine* has attained a very high standard. It contains nothing that is dull, and among its bright and readable articles, "A Carpet Sale" is very amusing. The Marquis of Lorne, in his article on "Nationality," which is really an argument in favor of the union, as at present existing, of the United Kingdom, lays down as an axiom, something that it is well worth our while to remember in Canada: "Local rivalry is often wholesome; national rivalry generally hurtful,—why? Because local rivalries promote emulation on the same lines and for the same objects. But national rivalries work on different lines for different objects. Therefore, the larger the area of national effort, where a central government can procure perfect control, the more wholesome will local effort become."

We have perused the last number of the *Queen's* with much pleasure. It contains a sufficiency of local items, with thoughtful editorials and articles of general interest. We can heartily endorse the greater part of the editorial devoted to the need of more extensive reading than is customary among students,—a need, however, which, in view of the rapidly increasing use of the Library at McGill, our undergraduates seem to feel. Nevertheless, we must admit that among some of our undergraduates, at least, the plea "no time" is a good one.

The *King's College Record* has a well-written article on the English Drama, and the interest of the number is greatly enhanced by a strong poem from the well-known pen of Mr. Charles G. D. Roberts, whose