

GOLLEGE NEWS.

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THE first open meeting of the Society, this session, was held in Convocation Hall on the evening of Saturday, February 16th, and many citizens as well as a large number of students were present. Just here we might offer some criticism on the distribution of the audience in the hall, for the number in the right and left full-back divisions was out of all proportion to the strength of the forward line. Far better order might have been maintained if the President had enforced the familiar command, "Come up to the front, please."

After the reading of the minutes, a communication, requesting the presence of a Queen's delegate at the Toronto University Conversazione was read and referred to the Senior Year in Arts. As all routine business had been shelved for the evening, the president at once passed on to the order of entertainment and the following programme was presented :

Chorus.....	Glee Club.
Recitation.....	A. J. McNeill, '95.
Vocal Solo.....	M. Carey, Med.
Recitation.....	J. Ferguson, '98.
Violin Solo.....	Miss Mudie, '98.
Duet (Mandolin and Guitar)....	Tyner and Porteous, '98.
Addresses by John McIntyre, Q.C., Rev. Mr. Porteous and John Machar, B.A.	
Chorus.....	Glee Club.
Recitation.....	R. Burton, '96.
Vocal Solo.....	W. Lavell, '97.
Recitation.....	W. Walker, '98.
Popular Selections.....	Banjo Club.

This was the first public appearance of the Glee Club since coming under the patronage of the Society, and they acquitted themselves very creditably, but the feature of the evening was, without doubt, the performance of the Banjo Club and the duets by Messrs. Porteous and Tyner. Both numbers were heartily encored and the general impression was that a bright future is in store for the Club. The vocalists were also well received, while Miss Mudie gave great promise as a violinist. The gentlemen who recited received their due share of commendation, but considering the character of the audience that assembles on such occasions, they would have been justified in making their selections a little more classic. The speakers of the evening were all old graduates of the University, two of whom were present at the meeting in '58 at which the Alma Mater Society was formed. They related some experiences of wordy battles fought out in the early years of the society, and indulged in some very interesting reminiscences of their college days. The meeting was altogether very enjoyable and we think that with a little practice, the executive could make such meetings a permanent and pleasant feature in college life.

At the regular meeting last Saturday evening, after the reading of the minutes, A. M. Robertson moved in as members of the society all those who had registered in Medicine since the beginning of the year.

W. W. Peck, M. A., presented the report of the General Committee of the Conversazione, giving an account of the sums granted the various sub-committees; and H. R. Grant on behalf of the finance committee read a report of the amounts contributed by the various years and faculties. The expenses exceeded the receipts by \$44.80, and Mr. Grant gave notice that at next meeting he would move that the society enable the committee to meet this deficit by a grant of the required amount.

Acting along the line suggested in a previous issue of the JOURNAL, R. Burton brought in a motion empowering the executive to communicate with other Colleges with a view to obtaining their co-operation in attempting to secure from the Railways of the Dominion increased facilities for the transportation of students' books to and from the various seats of learning. The exemption of fifty or a hundred pounds of books from extra baggage charges would very slightly inconvenience the various companies, while it would prove a great boon to the students.

J. C. Brown, B.A., moved for the changing of the wording of a motion regarding a record book for sports. C. E. Smith presented the report of the auditors of the books of the Business Manager of the JOURNAL, and moved the adoption of the report.

John Machar, B.A., read before the meeting the decision of the New York courts regarding the rights of students to vote in the locality where the educational institution which they were attending was situated. He then in a very forcible and lengthy speech advocated the principle, that the state should fully provide for the primary education of children, and in closing, moved that a resolution to that effect be made a subject of public debate. The executive was instructed to make all necessary arrangements. During the discussion the speaker became involved in a slight dispute with another member as to the extent to which the appropriation of "Clergy Reserves" was advisable, but the matter was not finally settled, as it was felt that such things should be allowed to adjust themselves.

YEAR MEETINGS.

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The regular meeting of the Senior year was held on the 14th of February. Vice-President Day occupied the chair. Mr. A. R. B. Williamson was appointed valedictorian and a representative committee appointed to confer with him in reference to the valedictory. Notice of motion regarding the class dinner was given.