

Mr. J. R. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. A. G. Cross, "that this debate be adjourned till the first night for which there is no programme provided."—Carried. After a motion to reconsider had been put and lost, Mr. Boodle rose to say that he thought the gentlemen appointed to take part in this debate should have sent word if they found themselves unable to do so, and he would give notice that at the next meeting of this Society he would move a vote of censure upon the Corresponding-Secretary and those members who have failed to take the parts assigned to them in the debate of this evening. Mr. Cross was here called upon for a recitation and responded with an extract from Longfellow.

At the meeting on January 18th Mr. Ritchie took the chair. The following report was read by Mr. E. W. Arthy: "The Speakers appointed for the Public Debate have agreed to recommend the following subject, viz.: Ought theatre going to be encouraged? Affirmative, Messrs. E. W. Arthy and J. R. Murray; Negative, Messrs. R. Greenshields and R. W. Boodle. They further recommend that the debate be held upon the 13th February." Mr. Boodle declined to take part in the Public Debate. On motion of Mr. D. Downie the election of another Speaker was arranged for the following Friday. Mr. Boodle then proposed the motion of censure of which he had given a week's notice. Mr. Campbell's excuse of illness was accepted by the meeting, and Mr. Boodle withdraw the name of the Corresponding-Secretary when the motion as amended was carried. The following question was then discussed: "Should Latin and Greek form a necessary part of a College training?" Affirmative, Messrs. E. W. Arthy and E. Lafleur; Negative, Messrs. R. W. Boodle and A. W. Atwater. Messrs. Lafleur and Atwater being absent, Messrs. Elliot and Campbell said a few words in favour of the affirmative. Decision for the affirmative.

At the meeting of the 26th January a new election of Speakers for the Public Debate took place, as those already appointed had resigned for various reasons. The following were elected: Messrs. Arthy, Elliot, F. Hague and J. Mackie; Reader, Mr. R. C. Smith. Mr. Campbell gave notice of a motion to introduce new rules of procedure, which will be considered on the 1st inst. The First Vice-President having taken the chair, the question "Ought the Dominion Senators to be chosen by the Legislatures of the respective Provinces?" was opened by Mr. C. J. Doherty. Mr. Ritchie followed on the negative, and Messrs. C. J. Brooke and A. G. Cross on the affirmative. Decision for the negative.

#### UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY—PROGRAMME.

Friday, 1st Feb.—*Subject of Debate*.—"Is the Malthusian Theory Sound?" Speakers:—Affirmative, Messrs. S. Cross and R. J. Elliot. Negative, Messrs. A. McGoun, jr. and J. R. Murray.

Friday, 8th Feb.—No Meeting.

Friday, 15th Feb.—*Subject of Debate*.—"Should Toronto University receive additional aid from the Ontario Government?" Speakers:—Affirmative, Messrs. Donald Downie and A. J. Brown. Negative, Messrs. G. B. Mignault and H. J. Duffett.

Friday, 22nd Feb.—Public debate in the Ladies' Ordinary, Windsor Hotel. *Subject*.—Not yet decided. Speakers:—Messrs. E. W. Arthy, R. J. Elliot, J. B. Mackie and F. Hague.

Friday, 29th Feb.—Essay by Mr. C. J. Doherty, President.

The first annual dinner of the Arts students was held in the Richelieu Hotel, on the 23rd of January. This dinner was meant to take the place of the old-time class-dinners, but can scarcely be said to have done so satisfactorily. The members of one year are not sufficiently well acquainted with those of another to allow of the merriment which formerly reigned at the class feasts. Still, as an experiment, this dinner may be pronounced a success. About fifty of the undergraduates assembled and did justice to the good cheer provided, after which toasts, speeches, and songs became the order. As on

similar occasions, the speeches were of various nature; some were humorous, others would-be humorous; some sentimental, and others practical. The songs were good and the drinking—soft drinks—if we may judge by the length of the bill, was deep. The following were the toasts, which were responded to by the gentlemen whose names are coupled with them:—"The Queen, Canada and the Governor-General," W. H. Turner; "United States," A. H. U. Colquhoun; "Alma Mater," W. Patterson; "Sister Universities," A. P. Solandt; "Professors," J. W. Pedley; "Literary Society," E. D. F. Holden; "Theology," W. T. Currie; "Medicine," W. G. Johnston; "Science," C. Trenholme, B.A.; "Law," C. A. Ducloux, B.A.; "McGill Gazette," H. S. McLennan; "Benefactors," F. Pedley; "Sports," R. B. Henderson; "Ladies," A. L. Blackwood. The speeches were interspersed with songs by Messrs. Lochhead, Stewart, Clements, Budden, Baudry and Arnton. The chair was well filled by the president of the third year, Mr. Lochhead, the president of the fourth year being absent.

More accommodation is urgently needed for the books in the library, which are already overflowing the shelves. Various suggestions have been made as to the best means of overcoming this difficulty. One is that cases, such as are now in the middle of alcove 8, might be placed in all the alcoves. This appears to be an objectionable plan, since it would mar the pleasant appearance of the library and would also seriously interfere with the space necessary for convenience in taking and replacing books upon the existing shelves. A better plan would be to put some one division of the books into the room now occupied by the Professor of German, for whom doubtless a room could be found in the main building. The present door of the room could be blocked up and a passage cut from the library, so that those passing in or out would still be under the librarian's eye. The cost of this plan would not be greater than that of the other, since the fittings of the room need not be of such an expensive kind as those in the library.

#### THE ANNUAL SCIENCE DINNER.

The Science men have dined—not on sandwiches, carried through miles of woods and eaten in primitive style while surrounded by their much-dreaded enemy, the mosquito—but in grand style in the capacious dining-hall of the Richelieu Hotel.

The progress made by the Science Faculty of late years has been so rapid that the events of each session usually excel those of previous ones. The fourth annual dinner, held on the evening of the 15th January, went far to confirm this fact. Never before had so many Science undergraduates gathered around the festive board to spend so merry a time. Mr. J. L. Hislop, who, as President of the Faculty, occupied the chair, seemed to be as much at home at the head of the table as when distinguishing himself in athletic feats on the college campus. Messrs. Trenholme, Watson and Carlyle occupied the vice-chairs. The many excellent dishes, prepared by Mr. Durocher, were partaken of with a relish which showed that roughing it during the vacations does not tend to destroy the appetite. After the *menu* had been fully discussed, the chairman began the intellectual part of the evening's programme by proposing the usual opening toasts of "The Queen" and "The Governor-General." Mr. J. A. M. McCarthy, in replying to the latter, found means to say a word in favour of his much-abused fellow-countrymen. The toast of the "United States" was ably responded to by Mr. J. Roy, who seems to be an admirer, not only of the form of government and enterprise of that vast Republic, but of its ladies as well. Mr. Roy is, we believe, too loyal a Canadian to desire political union, but would not object to another of a more sociable nature. "Our Alma Mater" elicited a feeling address from the Secretary, Mr. C. B. Smith. "Sister Universities" was proposed by Mr. J. Hislop, and responded to by Mr. J. Crossley, late of Oxford, who paid a high compliment to McGill and its several staffs of professors. Mr. J. S. Garneau replied in behalf of the Polytechnic School of Montreal. Mr. S. Pitcher responded to the toast of the "Dean and Professors" in a manner that implied that he had forgiven them for the various heavy tasks which they had imposed upon him. We fancy however, that, while our friend's magnanimity may enable