

banner of peace borne along in triumph by the "Captain of our Salvation."

When this grandest of all consummations shall be reached we cannot tell, but one thing is certain, that all along the line of our future achievements the songs of Zion shall be rendered with ever-increasing volume and enthusiasm, till at length all the sons and daughters of the Lord God Almighty shall be found lifting up united hearts and voices in the pure and inspiring service of praise.

### Philosophical and Literary Society.

The first regular meeting of this society was held on the evening of the 14th inst., at 7.15 p.m. Mr. J. B. Stewart, President, in the chair.

The names of the following gentlemen were added to its membership:—Messrs. Currie, Cameron, Macvicar, Briol, Waddell, Dewar, McKerrechar, Martin, Blair, Wallace.

The President delivered his Inaugural Address, in course whereof he showed the object of the Society to be the intellectual improvement of its members and that its advantages are the contact of different minds upon a common platform. They have in view the same object in life and pursue the same methods.

No one at the present day questions the necessity for a high standard of literary attainment in the ministry. We live in an age in which the treasures of science and literature are within the reach of the poorest; and he would be guilty of no small arrogance who would set himself up as a teacher of others without some acquaintance with the culture which is open to every one. But culture and learning are to be subordinate to piety and knowledge of spiritual things, and while we seek these as elements of prime importance, let us give all diligence to advance ourselves in the others, remembering that we are preparing ourselves for a high vocation—the highest in which the powers of men can be employed. Let us seek to realize this more fully, and we shall need no urging to the acquirement of the most efficient equipment for our life-work.

Mr. Thomas sang the song entitled "Alsace et Lorraine," which was received with cheers.

Gray's "Elegy" was rendered by Mr. Campbell, reader for the evening, and received a very favorable criticism from members.

Mr. Lee, essayist, read an essay on "Language." In treating his subject the essayist gave an interesting introduction treating of language, as seen in inanimate nature and the brute creation, and rising from this lower plane he discussed language in relation to man.

He entered at some length into the theory of the origin of language, and seemed to favour the view that language, full and entire, was at first given to man, but capable of development as his ideas increased.

In treating of spoken languages he showed the important part it had played in the world. He described the effects the burning words of prophets, orators, minstrels and lovers had achieved.

Under language of signs he gave a number of illustrations showing its use and power. The essayist closed with a wish and belief that the English tongue would spread its conquests further than England's sword.

Mr. Robertson being called on sang "The British Lion," being encored he sang "Nannie will ye gang wi' me," amid continued cheers.

After new business was disposed of the meeting closed with Benediction.

### Exchanges.

WE wish to place on our exchange list, and to receive regularly, every college publication in the Dominion, from Queen's College Journal at the top of the ladder, to King's College Record at the foot. Our American cousins will always be welcome and (we trust) frequent visitors.

The Halifax Presbyterian Witness is an organ held high in our estimation. The editorials discuss in a vigorous and spicy manner all subjects—political no less than religious. The selections are particularly well-chosen and interesting. We noticed that the gentleman who flourishes the scissors forgot to credit us with a report of Prof. Campbell's address on the "Troublers of Israel." It was an oversight of course. The Witness is a redoubtable champion on college matters, and has done much for all our Canadian institutions, particularly for those in Nova Scotia.

Some over-zealous friends, not knowing that Montreal is a great French centre, and that a number of our students *parlent français*, have been enjoying a quiet laugh at the expense of our French column. The Emory Mirror, Oxford, Ga., inquires with a sarcastic smile, "Why not an occasional brief Greek and Latin exercise?" Well, of course, down there in Georgia, French may read like Greek or Latin, but it so happens, friend Mirror, that you have the monopoly of our circulation in your particular district! You see (as you *would* have seen had you been able to translate the French article in our last number) a great many of our students are Frenchmen, and we think it but fitting that the two languages be linked together in the COLLEGE JOURNAL. Hereafter be assured that we do not pay our printers to set up French articles merely for the purpose of puzzling any unfortunate exchange that does not happen to be versed in the language of Bossuet!

As a church organ, the Canada Presbyterian is perhaps without peer. It is sometimes inconvenient, however, to hunt up a paper-knife and cut the pages before we can plunge in *mediis res*. Might not this be altered for the better?

Quoth the Sibyl from a young ladies' college in Elmira, N. Y.:—"The chief feature of the PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE JOURNAL is strong sectarianism." Fair play! The Presbyterian College, Montreal, is a Theological Seminary. Many thanks, ladies, for your praise-worthy wish that we "may live long to be credit to colleges and to college journals." Amen.

Every one of our many graduates should at once send 3 cents to Bengough, Moore & Co., Toronto, for a specimen of the *British-American Workman*. This new venture compares most favorably with English publications of the same class, and is a credit to Canadian Manufacture. Next summer is a long way off yet, but we advise the students when it comes to try and introduce the *Workman* into their mission stations. It will prove a valuable aid.

The October number of the *Sunbeam*, a bright little sheet from Ontario Young Ladies' College, Whitby, lies on our table. The contents and general get-up reflect much credit upon the fair editors. We heartily applaud