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On Thursday evening, Moss Hall was comfortably filled. After the usual opening exercises, Mr. John Crawford addressed the meeting, taking for his subject, the parable of the talents as found in Matt. xxv. The speaker spoke first of the basis of division, which was the ability of the servants. The master having ascertained the business capacity of each, bestowed gifts in accordance with that capacity. The second thought was the reason for an unequal distribution of the talents. Any association in order to do effective work must contain varied talent. A railway company would not be a success if all were directors. This varied talent is just as essential in the Kingdom of God. Lastly as to the use made of the talents, all that is required of any one is a right use of what is given. The sin of the man who had only one talent lays not in his having squandered it, but simply in the fact that he neglected to use it.

Mr. McLeod drew attention to the man of one talent. Had he been faithful to his trust he would undoubtedly have received a like commendation with the others.

Mr. H. J. Hamilton gave utterance to the practical thought, that, if we use what opportunities we have of bringing souls to Christ, other opportunities will soon be afforded us.

Messrs. Owen, Garside, Doherty, Talbot and Graham followed with brief practical addresses.

At the close of the meeting next Thursday a business meeting will be held, when the nomination of officers for the Easter term will be received.

"Does not Wisdom cry?" What does this wisdom teach? Listen to His voice and hear Him say in tones of authority: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." You possess natural life. Seek spiritual life. You have been born into this natural world. Seek the new birth into the spiritual world.

Hear Him again! "Build your house upon a rock!" Let your bright hopes have a solid foundation! Hopes founded on the world's flattery rest on sand. Against one Rock the storms of centuries have dashed in vain. Let your hopes rest on Him!

Once more He speaks! "Keep your treasures safe from moth and rust and thieves!" Fame, wealth, earthly happiness shall quickly pass away. The very "heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll." Labor, then, for the eternal, the satisfying!

A friendly greeting has come over to us, and to all American colleges, from far-distant Ceylon. Some time ago Jaffna college organized an Association similar to our own, and its increasing efficiency can not for a moment be questioned. While conventions draw American colleges near to one another, we fancy this friendly salutation from "Ceylon's isle" is the preliminary of a more intimate acquaintance between the students of the Eastern and Western World. The cor.-sec. says he would highly appreciate a letter from any of our Colleges. His name is Tampoo Hemphill.

Apropos to foreign communications, we have written to Central India to a University graduate, who is devoting his life to Christian work among the heathen, asking for the contribution of a paper on the missionary outlook there. If our request is acceded to, the letter will be read at one of our first missionary meetings next term.

Let us earnestly hope that no odium will ever attach itself to our Association through the inconsistency or selfishness of any member. We call it inconsistency for any student to engage in both prayer and profanity; we call it selfishness for him to be indifferent to the reputation of Toronto University in any of its Society meetings or athletic sports.

A lively interest is manifested from all quarters in our proposed building. The subscription list has been opened this week, and over \$800 has already been subscribed. Graduates, prepare!

THE FORUM.

The usual fortnightly sitting was held last Saturday night in Temperance Hall. The attendance was nearly double that of the first meeting, about 75 being present.

The Premier, Mr. John A. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. T. B. P. Stewart, leader of the Opposition, moved the appointment of Mr. F. B. Hodgins to the position of Speaker. The motion was carried unanimously, and Mr. Hodgins accepted the position, briefly thanking the members for the honour conferred upon him.

Mr. J. E. Jones, Secretary of State, read his Chinese Bill a second time, and in a speech supporting it dealt chiefly with the history of the agitation in the countries affected by the immigration.

Mr. W. J. Fenton, Minister of Public Works, in seconding the Bill, spoke about the character of the Chinese and the importance of the issue to British Columbia.

Mr. T. A. Gibson, Minister of Militia, opposed the Bill and defended the reputation of the Chinese, especially as regards their military, and showed the advantages of their principles of government.

Mr. J. W. Garvin, member for Yale, B.C., dealt with the question as viewed by the people of his far-off Province.

Messrs. McNamara and Boulton made clever speeches in favour of the maligned race.

Messrs. Stratton, Burritt, and Harrison supported the Bill.

The second reading of the Bill was defeated by a large majority.

The Premier will, at the next sitting, introduce a resolution in favour of Imperial Federation. Notice has also been given of a Bill establishing prohibition.

The next meeting will be held in McMillan's Hall, corner Yonge and Gerrard streets, on Saturday evening, the 6th of December.

MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society, which was to be held on November 25, was postponed till December 9, in consequence of Professor Proctor's lecture.

Mr. J. Reid, B.A., is to read a paper on the "Application of the roots of unity to some problems."

There will also be some physical experiments.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

A German meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 25th, the Vice-President, Mr. Rowan, in the chair.

In pursuance of his notice, Mr. H. J. Hamilton moved, seconded by Mr. Shearer, that in future the Club hold its meetings at 4:15 p.m. on a day to be selected by the committee. Carried.

The chair was then taken by Mr. Squair, B.A., who acted as critic during the literary part of the programme. Mr. Macpherson read an essay entitled "Footsteps of Genius." Then followed readings by Messrs. Shearer and Chamberlain, the former reading a selection entitled *Schillerweihe*, which was well received. A short time was then taken up by five-minute speeches on favourite German authors, after which the proceedings were brought to a close.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of the Society was held in the School of Practical Science, on Wednesday, 26th instant, Mr. McCallum, B.A., Vice-President, in the chair.

Mr. Geo. Acheson, M.A., read a paper on the "Skeleton of the Pectoral Limb." Having explained the structure and the position of the various bones in a typical limb, as found in the Chelonia, he went on to point out the various changes it had undergone in the various forms of the vertebrata, and described at some length the primitive structure of the fore limb as seen in the Dipnoi.

He then showed that these modifications—which he traced to the highest forms—were the result of different functions that this limb had to perform, and said that these changes were to be regarded from a physiological point of view. He concluded by pointing out the characteristics of the limb in animals whose locomotion was aquatic, terrestrial and aerial.

Mr. T. H. Lennox read a sequel to his paper of last week on the "Tortion of the Humerus." He, in a very able manner, explained Gegenbaur's and Schmidt's (Stuttgart) theories regarding the rotation and musculature of the limbs.

A short discussion ensued, in which several members took part.

Mr. W. L. Miller was appointed 2nd year representative on the general committee.

It was suggested by a member of the committee that it was desirable to introduce a new feature into the programme of the Society's meetings, viz: debates on scientific subjects. A discussion on this suggestion then took place, in which several members warmly advocated the scheme.

It was subsequently moved, and carried, that at the next meeting the Theory of Descent be the subject for debate.

Mr. T. McKenzie, B.A., and Mr. T. P. Hall, B.A., were appointed leaders in the debate.

Mr. McCallum explained some experiments recently made on the act of respiration in fishes, and described the function of a certain appendage found on the operculum of the dog fish.

The roll being called, the meeting adjourned.

ROTTEN ROW.

The Fourth Year Debating Society held its first meeting Wednesday. Professor Proctor's lecture on "The Great Pyramid" was supplied.