

ex-M. P. for Glengarry; and Mr. M. McLennan read another paper, on "The Gaelic race, the Aboriginal Inhabitants of Caledonia or North Britain," written by Rev. D. B. Blair, Barney's River, Nova Scotia. These papers were thoroughly discussed, and active measures were taken for collecting reliable information concerning the early settlement of Canada.

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PHILOSOPHICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.—There was an informal adjournment of a meeting of this Society on the evening of Nov. 20th. The intimation that a mob was making its way up to McGill put an end to all business for the evening.

The last regular meeting, Dec. 4th, was of an unusually interesting nature.

Proposed important changes in the constitution were voted upon. A motion to transfer the power of awarding prizes from the hands of the students to an outside committee, was lost. In this connection, it was resolved that voting for prizes should take place at the penultimate meeting, on the merits of speeches delivered, and readings then rendered. Subjects for speaking and selections for reading to be chosen by the Executive Committee, and placed upon the board before the 15th of December.

The subject for debate for the evening was: "Resolved that a monarchical form of government is more conducive to the prosperity of a nation than a republican." The subject as thus stated covered too much ground, and in the short time allowed for a

debate could not be fairly discussed. In passing, we would mention that great care is necessary in choosing a subject, and in the wording of the resolution, in order that debaters, moving in a well-defined space, may discuss a question fully on its own merits. Notwithstanding this, each speaker acquitted himself with credit, and the members of the Society had the pleasure of listening to the most ably conducted debate of the session. The speakers were Mr. A. S. Grant and Mr. J. A. Nicholson on the affirmative; and on the negative, Mr. S. Rondeau and Mr. F. Larkin. We bid farewell to our Literary Meetings until next session, when, with increased desire for self-improvement, we shall enter heartily into its work once more.

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THE MONDAY CONFERENCE.—The question of "Pastoral Visitation" came up for discussion on Nov. 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

Mr. A. CURRIE, B.A., introduced the subject. He particularly emphasized the thought that this duty should be performed, not in the capacity of a social visitor, but always in that of a spiritually-minded pastor. One of the main objects of pastoral visitation was to get an understanding of the people, in order that the pulpit ministrations might be more adapted to meet their daily wants.

Mr. A. Ogilvy, B.A., suggested a number of points on which he, for one, had experienced difficulties. They were such as these: Should an elder accompany the minister? and if