

REPORTER'S FOLIO.

PHILOSOPHICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

The second regular meeting of this Society was held November 1st.

The first item upon the programme was an essay by R. Johnston on the "Ignatian Epistles." He sketched briefly the life of Ignatius, and the history of the controversy regarding the authenticity of the Epistles and their contents. A French reading was rendered by C. H. Vessot, after which the debate of the evening was proceeded with. The subject for discussion was "Resolved that the Ignatian Epistles are genuine." John McDougall, B.A., spoke on the affirmative, and started by distinguishing between genuine and authentic. He then indicated how many Epistles he regarded genuine, and the reason why so much importance has been assigned to them. The remaining part of his speech was taken up in sketching the external and internal evidence in favour of their genuineness. The leader on the negative, J. H. McVicar, B.A., argued in the same line as the affirmative leader, and showed that the Epistles were not referred to for 200 years after the time of Ignatius. He concluded that they were fabricated in Origen's time. He said that the Bible was entirely ignored in them. The next who spoke in favour of the affirmative was J. Nis-smith, B.A. He very successfully replied to the objections urged by his opponent. W. L. Clay, B.A., on the negative, then vigorously criticised the affirmative position, after which J. McDougall, B.A., replied in defense of his own position. The decision of the members present was given in favor of the affirmative.

At another meeting of the Literary Society, November 16th, the resignation of J. A. Nicholson, B.A., assistant editor of the JOURNAL, was accepted, and W. L. Clay, B.A., was appointed in his stead.

The following interesting programme was then carried out: Reading—"How Canada was saved," by W. McKeracher. Essay—"The Literary value of Incidents of Canadian History," by J. McDougall, B.A. Reading—"The Captured Flag," by J. P. McInnis. Essay—"The Moulding Influences of Early Canadian History," by Rev. A. B. Cruchet.

THE INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE.

Only three of the theological colleges in the city were represented. The fourth, the Diocesan College, had been invited to take part in common with the other institutions, and had indeed accepted the invitation, but to the great regret of all, none of our Episcopalian brothers found themselves sufficiently at leisure to make the necessary preparations. Hence there were two Presbyterian representatives, instead of one as originally intended.

The meeting was held in our Convocation Hall on Friday evening, Nov. 23rd, and Rev. Dr. Barbour, Principal of the Congregational College, occupied the chair. Before the debate Mr. P. N. Cayer, of the Presbyterian College, gave a French recitation, and Mr. J. H. Stevenson, of the Wesleyan College, an English recitation. After a selection by the quartette, Messrs. Kalem, Reid, Eadie, and Dewar of the Presbyterian College—the subject