

with life and beauty and animation. The College seemed for a while to forget its stern lecture-room and silent study in the smiles and laughter of its visitors. "Such might in college ne'er had been" and—soon—again shall be" let us say, reversing the poet's latter thought. Our thanks are due to Willis & Co., who loaned the piano, to the ladies who kindly assisted in the decorations, and to those who contributed so largely towards the success of the gathering by taking part in the programme.

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And now, before I drop the curtain, let me perform the last duty of my office. I thank you, kind reader, for the consideration I have always met at your hands. Consideration is so different from a club that I appreciate your forbearance. The local editor may claim indulgence since his manner is so intimately dependent on his matter, and his matter is gauged by the events of college life. But with all your indulgence I am conscious of many failures, and I can only atone for my faults by introducing to you one who will more ably and more acceptably fulfil the duties of the office,—my reader, Mr. Deeks, my successor.

R. MACDOUGALL.

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## REPORTER'S FOLIO.

### PHILOSOPHICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

During the month of March this Society held three meetings. At the first the annual competition for prizes in reading and speaking took place. This tempted a greater number of students than usual to leave their books and assemble in Lecture Room No. 1. The contest in public speaking came off first. Three gentlemen held forth eloquently on "The Time and our Duty." Mr. R. Johnston, B.A., was awarded the prize. Then came the English Reading. Again three candidates came forward and vied with one another in working up the imaginations of a somewhat sleepy audience by reading a description of a storm at sea. Mr. W. A. Cook was the victor. Mr. L. Giroux succeeded in securing the first place as French Reader.

At the next meeting the business of the JOURNAL was discussed, and the staff for 1889-90 was elected. The following is the result of the election:—Editor-in-Chief; C. W. Whyte, B.A.; Associate Editors; J. Naismith, B.A., W. A. Cook, and D. J. Fraser; Local Editor; W. E. Deeks; Reporting Editor, D. MacVicar; Corresponding Editor, H. C. Sutherland; French Editors, W. Charles, B.A., B. Sc., C. H. Vessot; Treasurer, A. MacGregor; Business Committee, J. R. Dobson, J. Tayler.