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### THE PUBLIC DEBATE.



LAST Friday evening the Literary Society held its second Public Debate for this year in the School of Science Hall. Professor Alexander was the chairman of the evening. The First Vice-President, Mr. C. A. Stuart, also took his place on the platform. The President came in late and attempted to secure an unobtrusive position in the audience, but the members caught sight of him, and circumstances compelled him to betake himself to the front as well. There was a very fair attendance of visitors. As for the students, the rival attraction in the Auditorium had led many from the paths of virtue. Those few who were present, with some notable exceptions, took up their usual position in the rear. It is due to their efforts to remark that the absence of the majority was scarcely noted by the audience. The strain upon individuals, however, told heavily upon the quality of jokes submitted, and the crowd was often noisy without being funny.

The programme opened with a song from the Glee Club. Mr. Standing followed with an excellent essay on

"The Decay of the Imagination," which, however, suffered severely from interruptions in this meeting, the usual fate of essays read before our great Society. Mr. J. W. Graham followed with a well-rendered recitation, and was obliged to respond to an encore. The Glee Club then gave the Society two more College songs. The Glee Club is going to Hamilton again this year and is to be somewhat frugal of its classical music round College. The subject of the debate was "Resolved that the prevalent belief, the moral, intellectual and social progress of the human race, is confirmed by the judgment of history." Messrs. E. E. Perrin and W. C. Clarke upheld the affirmative, and Messrs. J. A. McKellar and E. A. Henry the negative. The speakers acquitted themselves well, but manifested an alarming tendency to reduce the question to one of excessively modern Canadian politics. In summing up, Professor Alexander, while acknowledging the strong attack made by the Negative, adjudged the victory to the speakers of the Affirmative. This concluded the programme of the evening and the audience dispersed. This will be the last Public Debate for this year.

### UNIVERSITY SENATE.

A meeting of the Senate of Toronto University was held in the biological department on Friday evening.

Prof. Ashley gave notice of a motion to appoint a committee to consider the relation between the department of Board of Arts Studies and the degree of LL.D. A report of the Board of Arts Studies was adopted in favor of statute placing the department of Modern Language on equality with Classics and Mathematics, in competition for the Prince of Wales' scholarship at matriculation. The statute was read a second time and passed.

The report of the Board of Medical Studies was adopted, recommending that an examination in general pathology be held in the third year, and in special pathology in the fourth year. The statute embodying this change was read the first time.

A report for a plan for more effectual teaching of pass subjects in first and second years was received. A report was adopted providing that the number of papers in each department be settled by the head of that department in the University and University College, after conference with representatives of various subjects in affiliated colleges, and also providing that no matriculated student in any year be allowed to write in more than two courses. A report embodying a course for the degree of bachelor of music was received. The report of a committee submitting the proposal from the Canadian Institute of Homeopathy for recognition of homeopathic practice of medicine in the medical faculty was received.

A report of a committee appointed to consider what portion of land should be set aside for athletics and the question of sites for a new building was adopted, which recommended that the ground in the University be set aside temporarily for additional grounds for athletics, and that no part of University ground between College Avenue and Hoskin Avenue and Queen's Park Road be alienated.

On motion of Prof. Ashley, it was resolved:—  
"That in the competition for the Blake scholarships in the second and third years in Arts (first and second years in Law) equal importance shall be assigned to each of the papers set, and that in Constitutional History there shall be two papers, one for English and one for Canadian history."

Mr. Houston gave notice of a motion for the appointment of a committee to report as to the best means of securing reasonable publicity for Senate meetings.