

publics of this year did themselves full justice. They deserved the *encore* which they received. The subject of debate was—Resolved, that public opinion is a safe guide to legislation. On the affirmative, were R. Haddow and D. S. McPherson; on the negative, J. B. McLaren and James Argo. Decision was given in favor of the affirmative.

Since I wrote you last, the Glee Club have given their annual concert at the Asylum. It was as successful as usual, but passed off without any occurrence of much note. On Thursday, the 29th. ult., the club were at Claude, and the fellows say they had a good time. "A good time" means that they reached Claude without a railroad accident, drove a mile or two on a cold night without being frozen, had a substantial tea awaiting them at Dr. Robinson's, sang to a crowded house in the evening, ate supper after the concert, had comfortable quarters for the night, rose at six next morning for another drive and railroad ride, got back to Toronto about nine o'clock and cleared \$15.00 for the benefit of the Glee Club. The Club have just one other engagement for this season—a concert at the West Presbyterian church on Thursday of this week. The proposed expedition to Bolton has fallen through. I should have mentioned that they sang, not long ago, for Mr. Collins, at All Saints' school-room.

The first Friday in March has been settled on by the Society as the date on which their annual elections will be held. I have heard scarcely anything yet about probable candidates, nor have I been canvassed for my vote. There has been no talk this year so far, about cliques and caucuses. I think we got rid of all that sort of thing when your year graduated. Our third year men say that when they were juniors, there used to be rings and wire pullers in theology. But things are very different now.

There has been some little dissension about the form which the closing exercises should assume this year. The probability is that they will be much the same as they have been on the last two occasions. If anything new turns up in this direction I will let you know.

Examinations are beginning to loom like a black cloud, in the not very distant horizon, and most of the boys are beginning to shorten the sail of their pleasures and getting into shape to meet the coming storm. Now is the time when one feels the advantage of having the ballast of a well balanced mind, and the solid timbers of good physical health. ("The rapid, flashing metaphor is the rhetorician's figure.")

The University *Conversazione* comes off on Friday of this week. Some of the members of our Glee club are assisting the University club in the Cantata which they are preparing for that occasion.

Now, I must close.

As ever, your friend,

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