

Caven asked them to say a few words to us after dinner, and they very kindly complied. Perhaps the most interesting point in the speeches was the hope or the expectation that some day they would, as a college, find themselves beside us in Toronto. If this means University Consolidation and College Confederation, it is a consummation devoutly to be desired. Of course we gave our distinguished guests as hearty a reception as we knew how; and Dr. Proudfoot, in our behalf, thanked them in a few well chosen words for their courtesy in addressing us.

I referred in my letter to Professor Neff's lectures in elocution. They only lasted three weeks, so it is sometime since they closed, but it will be long before they are forgotten. Prof. Neff, in the short time he was with us, won the admiration and esteem of the students; and it will be very gratifying to hear that his services have been secured again next season.

A committee was appointed sometime ago by a mass meeting of the students to confer with the authorities in reference to the ground behind the college. We wished to secure it, if possible, for purposes of recreation, and to have it put in shape this fall, so that it could be used next year. Permission was obtained to make use of the ground, and operations were begun on it; but the severe weather and the snow, which came just after the work was commenced, brought it to a sudden termination. However, it will go on in the spring if not before, and you will find, if you visit Toronto next summer, that the back of the college grounds have been very much improved.

You remind me, very properly, in your letter, that I omitted to tell you anything about the Missionary Society. I should have informed you that the election of officers took place last month, with the following result:—President, J. S. Hardy; 1st Vice-President, J. M. Gardiner; 2nd Vice, Wm. Farquharson; R.S., A. McD. Haig; C.S., R. J. M. Glassford; Treas., Jno. Robertson; Councillors, Messrs. Goforth, Wilson, McLean, McGillivray, and A. U. Campbell. I am sorry to say that, owing to a combination of unfortunate circumstances, the society finds itself in financial difficulty this year. Permission has been obtained from the ministers in several of the neighboring towns to supply their pulpits for a sabbath with a student, who will lay the wants of the society before the people and seek subscriptions in its behalf. If any of your congregation feel inclined to send along a trifle, it will be thankfully received.

What a mixed up letter this is, to be sure! The next thing I have to tell you of is the very successful concert which the Glee Club gave at Georgetown, on Wednesday the 26th inst. The members of the club say it was one of the best they have ever given, and I understand that the large audience present was vastly pleased. The club's share of the proceeds will help to lighten, very materially, the debt which has been hanging over them from last year. One more effort will wipe it out. It is not quite certain yet where that effort will be made, but the club's popularity is such that there will be no difficulty in making an engagement.

I am sorry that I must close my letter with a sad reference. Mr. John McGillivray, of first year theology, has been bereaved of a brother who died on the 25th of this month. Mr. McGillivray, and his brother Donald, who though not with us is of us, have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole body of students in their great sorrow. Hoping to hear from you soon.

I am, as ever, your friend,

A. LOFAR.