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## LITERARY SOCIETY.



NINETY-FIVE is the champion of the years in Association, in Rugby and in the Lit. How this last came about is worthy of remark. It illustrates the sage remark that Fortune is short-sighted and Justice lop-sided. Friday night gathered but a bare quorum, President DeLury took the chair, the minutes were accepted, some new members were proposed, the next two weeks set apart for mock parliaments and every prominent freshman nominated for first year councillor. The society on Mr. Macenzie's motion discovered it was invited to conversats, at Trinity and Knox. These invitations were accepted, and Mr. H. A. Moore and Mr. J. D. Phillips were respectfully voted in as representatives of our august corporation.

A reading by Mr. Moss precluded the interyear final. Messrs. Robinson and Wicker '95, were prepared to uphold "that, society at large has more influence in determining a man's character than has his home." Messrs. Silcox and Burns, '93, objected. Mr. Robinson said he was a freshman and that ministers' sons always turned out badly. Four men left the room. The president was coy, and asked the meeting to decide the debate, calling on those who favored the affirmative. One man arose, wherefore Mr. Wicker declared that he preferred the despotical ruling of the President to that of the Democracy, further contending that all present were fourth year men, who had neither the ability nor the judgment requisite for a correct decision. The meeting determined to decide, and proved Mr. Wicker's contention correct by voting that the affirmative had won. No new business, no announcements and darkness brooded.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The next meeting of the Association, Feb. 2nd, will be Consecration meeting.

Mr. John R. Mott, the International College Secretary, will visit Toronto during the first week in February. He is a graduate of Cornell and one of the strongest men who have gone out from American Universities within recent years. Immediately after graduation, although a position was open to him in the faculty of his Alma Mater, he threw

himself into Christian work among the colleges of the country. He is gifted with great organizing ability and with an unusual power in marshalling facts before his audience. During a three months' tour last year among the colleges on the Pacific Coast, Mr. Mott established Young Men's Christian Associations in upwards of thirty institutions and gave to Christian work there a tremendous impetus. The World's Students' gathering at Northfield took place last year while Mr. Moody was absent in Europe. His chair as Moderator was filled by Mr. Mott with remarkable success, and the great conference went on day after day increasing in spiritual power under his wise management. Mr. Mott comes to Toronto in the course of a tour among Canadian Colleges. On Sunday, Feb. 5th, at 4 p. m., he will address a mass meeting of the students of the city in Association Hall. On the following day at 5 p. m., he will speak to the students of University College in the University Y.M.C.A. Hall.

## NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of the Natural Science Association on Friday Mr. N. McDougall read a very interesting paper on the Petroleum industry of Ontario. Petroleum is probably formed by the decay of organic matter. The construction of the wells, and the manner of separating the various products and impurities from the crude material were described.

Mr. P. W. Currie then gave a graphical description of a mineral trip made by Mr. Roxburgh (94), Mr. Radden (95) and himself in the County of Peterborough. The northern part of the County is very barren and rocky but contains valuable iron, gold, silver and lead mines, and is of special interest to the geologist.

Mr. Silcox's paper, read at a previous meeting, was an interesting one, having as its subject "Nervous Localization in Reference to Phrenology."

Various proofs were given to show that different portions of the brain have definite functions. A development of any portion of the brain need not be indicated by the outward configuration of the skull.

The theory of "bumps" has been carried to an extreme by Phrenologists, yet the shape of the head is to a certain extent an index of mental power. The human brain is much more complex than that of animals, being greatly convoluted, while the animals are smooth or but slightly convoluted in the higher types. The more intellectual a race, the larger and more complex the brain.

It is desired that all those who intend to compete for the Cawthorne or McMurrich medals, hand in their names to the Secretary without delay. The essays must be read before the Association or handed in before March 1st.

S. P. S.

The Annual Meeting of the Canadian Electrical Association was held in the S. P. S., on Wednesday and Thursday, January 25th and 26th. Many valuable papers were read, among them being one by R. G. Black, an undergraduate of the school, on "Incandescent Lamps," and one by T. R. Roseburgh, Lecturer in Electricity on "Speed Control." The badge worn by the members was a piece of white silk with the Initials, C. E. A. One of the Freshmen enquired of an officer if they were "Holdin' revival meetin's." He had interpreted the badge, "Christian Endeavor Association."

A great deal has been written of late on the wholesomeness or rather unwholesomeness of the city water, but perhaps no one can speak with better authority than the members of the Fourth Year. Last Friday while conducting an experiment in Hydraulics they had an experience in which, although interesting, was rather disgusting. In the experiment water had to be passed through a vertical screen about two feet six inches square, with meshes one-