

Arts Department.

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND DEBATING CLUB.

ONE of the most interesting meetings in the history of the Club was held on Feb. 1st, when the senior and junior years met upon the platform to debate the following subject: "That Imperial Federation is practicable and should be accomplished." The speakers were: affirmative, G. A. McKinnon and A. Petrie, '00; negative, O. Skelton and J. F. Millar, '99. The judges, Messrs. J. S. Shortt, M.A., and A. Burton, M.A., gave their decision in favour of the negative.

"That the British Parliamentary system of government is superior to the Republic system of the United States," was the subject debated at the regular meeting of the Club on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 9th. The affirmative produced some strong arguments in favour of the British system which were fairly well met by the negative, yet the affirmative carried off the palm. The speakers were: H. B. Munro, B.A., and J. A. McIntosh for the affirmative, and N. A. Brisco, B.A., and C. V. Lindsay for the negative. J. D. Cannon, J. A. McDonald and J. D. Byrnes were the judges.

YEAR REPORTS.

'00.

A regular meeting of this year was held on Thursday, Feb. 2nd. A motion was passed expressing sympathy with the Arts Society in its endeavor to put a stop to talking in the halls. In consequence of the "Muse" having left her, Miss MacAllister was unable to favor us with a poem and instead gave a reading. Mr. Wilson read an excellent paper on "Wordsworth." Songs were given by Messrs. Scott and Crawford.

Mr. Petrie, in his criticism of the meeting, said that Miss MacAllister had given "A-musement" to all, and regretted that he had no "words worth(y)" to express the excellence of Mr. Wilson's paper.

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The regular meeting of the Sophomore year was held on Feb. 8th, at five o'clock. After the usual business had been transacted a programme was given, the principal feature of

which was a debate on the subject, "Resolved, that sentiment is more powerful in controlling actions than reason." The affirmative was taken by G. B. McLennan and J. A. Caldwell, while J. Matheson and J. C. Gandier upheld the negative. After the subject had been warmly contested on both sides, the meeting decided in favour of the negative. The general opinion, however, seemed to be that there was very little to choose between the debaters.

Y. M. C. A.

T. W. Brown led the meeting of Feb. 10th, on the subject of "Service." He pointed out, especially by illustrations from the life of Jesus, that royalty and service go hand-in-hand. It is not enough simply to do good actions but our motives must be good. This character of our service depends upon the motives that prompt us to service. After his address, partial reports were given by two of the delegates who attended the Y.M.C.A. Convention at Brockville. A fuller report of the convention will be given at a future meeting. D. M. Solandt, T. C. Brown, W. Purvis, R. A. Wilson and J. A. Donnell were the delegates who attended the Provincial Convention in Brockville.

PERSONALS.

We are pleased to hear that G. H. Hartin, of the class of '99, has secured a lucrative position in the Edison Electric Co., at Schenectady, N. Y. This accounts for his absence from College this year. His friends will be glad to hear that he intends to pay us a visit at Convocation to witness the laureation of the fortunate members of the senior class.

Mr. E. R. North, B.A., of the class of '96, is the last recruit we have heard of to the ranks of the M. M. P. A. Ed. is principal of the Sandwich public school and has done the right thing no doubt in taking this move.

Ladies' Column.

ST. Valentine's Day has come and gone, and we have heard very little about it. We can remember the time when the post-offices were full of highly perfumed Cupids, roses and forget-me-nots, and those brilliantly-colored, wildly-imagined scarecrows warranted to re-