

# The News

## VARSVITY DEFEATS McMASTER.

Last Friday night the Conservatory of Music Hall was crowded to the doors to hear Messrs. John McKay and W. F. McKay outscore the McMaster men—Messrs. Harkness and McDonald.

The debate was, in many respects, a model one, and it is not the least exaggeration to say that it proved to be the best debate held at Varsity in years. The programme was well conceived and excellently carried out, and Mr. Gorrie, Mr. Cook, Mr. Knox, and Mr. Hardy all gave their numbers in a most acceptable manner. It is, however, somewhat to be regretted, we think, that undergraduate talent is not wholly employed on such occasions, for it would add materially to the interest to have our own men entertain us, as we know many of them are capable of doing.

Mr. Harkness, of McMaster, opened the debate for the affirmative, and eloquently and forcibly endeavored to prove that "an immediate offensive and defensive alliance between Great Britain and the United States would be in the best interests of the world's civilization."

Then Fred. McKay spoke for Varsity, and in a clear and dispassionate manner adduced many effective arguments to the negative.

A. M. McDonald next spoke, and showed that he was possessed of more than ordinary oratorical powers. He brought in his arguments well, but was a trifle too flowery to suit the "Gallery."

John McKay could hardly keep still, so anxious was he to "get at 'em and tear 'em up," which he most certainly did. The Vice-President of the Lit. again showed himself to be perhaps the best speaker at Varsity, and one could see that he was perfectly at home before an audience.

Mr. Harkness then spoke five minutes for the affirmative, and the Judges, Mr. Riddell, Dr. Cavan, and Mr. McKenzie, retired to decide the victors. While the referees were out, the boys called on Mr. Bengough, who was in the audience, and he kindly responded and gave a very appropriate recitation, which brought rounds of applause, and the song of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Soon after, the Chairman, Pres. Loudon, announced Varsity the winners, and a storm of applause followed, showing that the audience perfectly agreed with the verdict. Then the next debate between Knox and Varsity was announced to take place in three or four weeks, and the debate was over.

One pleasant feature was the great number of undergraduates present, both men and women, and the enthusiasm displayed. We have been accustomed to think that the touch-line was the most appropriate place from which the Varsity yell should proceed, but it was emphatically shown that a debate could call forth the best energies of all in this direction to cheer our men on to victory.

The Inter-College League has had its well-merited success so far this year, and it is to be hoped that the Varsity men will now concentrate all their energies towards coming out victorious in this forensic contest, and making the league a splendid success.

## CALENDAR.

Thursday, 26th, 4 p.m.—Lecture, Hon. David Mills, "Egypt," Students' Union. 8 p.m.—Lecture, Prof. McKenzie, "Kipling," St. James' Square Church.

Friday, 27th, 8 p.m.—Mock Parliament, '99 versus '00

Saturday, 28th, 3 p.m.—Lecture, Sam. Hunter, Esq., "Hieroglyphics," Chemical Building. 8 p.m.—Lecture, C. H. C. Wright, Esq., "Gothic Architecture," Canadian Institute.

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

The annual members' "At Home" of the Young Women's and Young Men's Christian Associations brought together a goodly number of the undergraduates and their friends in the Y.M.C.A. Building on Thursday evening last.

Fred. Anderson, '99, was in the chair and directed the proceedings. Mr. Thos. Dodds, B.A., gave a brief address, and also Dr. Tracy, while Miss Laing, '00, Miss Kennedy, '99, and Miss Mabel Dennis furnished the musical and elocutionary talent of the evening. Before refreshments were served, however, Messrs. Anderson, Eadie, Atkinson and Robb gave a very acceptable quartette. Refreshments brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Next Thursday, January 26th, Rev. C. A. Eaton, of Bloor street Baptist Church, will give an address on "The Foundation Facts of Life." The address will be given in the Y.M.C.A. Hall at five o'clock, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

The Mission Study Class will meet on Saturday evening, at 7.30, in the Y.M.C.A. Parlor. The subject of study for this term is "The Social Evils of the Non-Christian World," and all students are cordially invited to join the class.

## NEWS NOTES.

We are glad to see that Mr. Parks is well enough again to be back at College.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Chant is able to be around again, after his somewhat severe illness.

The final report of the Dinner Committee will show that the debt and credit sides of the account will just about balance.

Mr. J. C. McClennan, demonstrator in Physics, is working in the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge. Last word from him reported him well.

The Hon. David Mills will lecture on the "English in Egypt," on Thursday at 4 p.m., in the Students' Union Building. The lecture will be under the auspices of the Political Science Club, and students and the public generally will be welcome.

The Executive Committee of the Conversazione, appointed by the Literary Society, is sparing no pains to make the Conversazione an unprecedented success. Meetings have been, are being, and will be held twice a week until the event is past. The Graduate Committee also is working its hardest.

Let all the students, when the time comes, second the work of the committees appointed by them.