

He concluded by saying that some might hold Typhoid was not a debatable subject, but he thought, and was sure the majority were with him, that the subjects in medicine not debatable were very few and far between.

Mr. Lake, followed, answering the former speaker, as to how it is communicable: by drinking water which contained Typhoid germs, (supposing such germs to exist), breathing the air impregnated with these germs, by excreta coming in contact with drinking water, by the clothing of Typhoid patients, the water from the washings of these coming in contact with drinking water, &c.

Mr. Williams contended, that if there was a germ, it would take a certain time to develop before it could convey disease. A healthy man may inspire a few germs without hurt, and he did not believe this fever could be developed in 24 hours after breathing in of germs. He believed Typhoid Fever was caused by germs from excreta.

Mr. Logan considered Typhoid Fever was invariably taken from a case or cases of this disease; he did not believe decomposing sewage was the cause.

The Dean in summing up said he approved of such discussions or debates, and from his experience he believed the bulk of Typhoid cases resulted from drinking contaminated water. He, however, maintained he had contracted a very mild form of the fever, by visiting his patients, but experience proves that contagion is very low. He could add nothing new, as the subject had already been exhausted by the debaters. As a precaution, he would disinfect all excavations, keep the air of room clear and fresh, and if possible place the patient in a large room.

The President then called on Messrs. Brown, Gillespie and Lockhardt for a song, which was offered in good form, receiving an *encore*, in response to which was rendered that touching little ditty "Please give me a penny," which was probably even more pleasing than their first piece.

The discussion was resumed. In response to numerous calls Dr. Teskey made some remarks. He complimented Mr. Bingham on the care and study his paper exhibited, also the other gentlemen who had taken part in the discussion, and the Dean, whose experience rendered his ideas almost beyond question. We gain our information regarding this disease from chemical observance, from post mortem marks, &c. Typhoid follows, generally, in districts where we have had previous malarial disease. The great weight of the disease generally rests in the blood and muscular system. He discussed the germ theory, also other theories held in regard to it.

Mr. Shaver recited "The moneyless man" with great effect, and in response to an *encore* gave a humorous story of a German and his troubles.

Mr. Farrar sang "Terrence O'Reilly" in good style; in response to an *encore* he excused himself on the ground of having a bad cold. The proceedings terminated by a hearty chorus from the boys, and all went away feeling that they had spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

The piano is back and the students make good use of it in practising new songs. There will be a large sleighing party of nurses and medicos from the Hospital on Wednesday evening; we hope all will enjoy themselves.

#### McMASTER HALL.

The Theological Society held its regular meeting last night, the subject for debate being 'That the new historical criticism with regard to the Old Testament is on the whole beneficial to Christianity?'

A herd of cattle strayed into the yard at the beginning of this week. The College augur says that this has an important bearing on the Higher Education of Women, for if the dumb brutes seek admission to our Colleges why should we any longer hold out against the fair charmers who share man's joys and increase his sorrows?

The Fyfe Missionary Society met on Wednesday evening, the principal business being to discuss proposals for missionary work in the North-west next summer.

Certain of the residents of McMaster Hall will soon be in a position to issue challenges to the neighboring Colleges for competition in toffy-making.

It is currently reported that a University graduate, at present studying theology, has succeeded in obtaining the little answer which has made so many men happy. We wish him joy.

## General College Notes.

Ann Arbor has a Political Science Association.

Of the 1,474 students at Oberlin, 776 are ladies.

The elective course at Harvard embraces 148 subjects.

Harvard is thinking of changing its four years' course to three.

Ten "Japs" and one Armenian represent Asia in the University of Michigan.

There are one hundred and ninety college papers in the United States.

John Hopkins University supports five journals devoted to original investigations.

Drs. McCosh and Osborne have articles in the January number of the *Princeton Review*.

Football must go. So says a council of presidents, which recently met in Boston for the discussion of such topics.

The Ladies' Literary Society of Nebraska University have adopted the following motto:—"Arma virumque cano."—*Ex.*

A subscription of \$23,000 has been raised at Yale for a Young Men's Christian Association building, to be erected on the campus.

Matthew Arnold lectures once a year at the Cambridge University, England, and by so doing holds his professorship in the university.

At Williams College, on the night of the president's reception to the senior class, some students stole all the refreshments provided for the occasion.

A Druidic university has been established in New York City for the purpose of instruction in the arts, sciences and philosophy of the ancient Druids.—*Ex.*

The president of the Add Ran College, Texas, has prohibited the young ladies from wearing bangs, as this fashion is supposed to retard the progress of students in their studies.—*Illini.*

The University of Missouri is erecting a new building at a cost of \$100,000. The new chapel when completed will seat 1,800. The old audience hall will be divided into two society rooms, having a capacity of 600 each.—*Ex.*

The following is the circulation of the leading American college papers: The *Dartmouth*, 1,030; *Tuftsian*, 1,000; *Yale Courant*, 850; *Yale News*, 650; *Lampoon*, 700; *Harvard Advocate*, 450; *Athenaeum*, 600; *Princetonian*, 725; *Amherst Student*, 625.—*Ex.*

The number of years a medical student must study before he obtains a degree, is, in Sweden, 10; Norway, 8; Denmark, 7; Belgium, Holland, Italy and Switzerland, 6; Russia, Portugal, Austria and Hungary, 5; England and Canada, 4; United States, 2 or 3; and Spain, 2.—*Ex.*

### CHAUCER'S "CANTERBURY TALES."

A granger took his son to market-town one day, by way of reward for his having worked hard recently. While the father was talking to the shop-keeper, the lad spied a cheap Bible on the shelf for sale. He timidly asked his rich old relative 'to buy that book for him.' 'Wh—what do you want o' that book?' gasped the father in unfeigned amazement. The boy summoned up sufficient courage on the spur of the moment to answer, 'I tell you what, dad, there's a heap of good readin' in that book.' It is so with Chaucer. When I was a boy I had heard about the Canterbury Tales, and wondered what they were like. So, saving up till I had amassed sufficient of the 'needful,' I invested in a Nimmo's Standard Library edition thereof. The first surprise was that I so readily understood his old English; I recognized many old familiar friends in words I had heard in the vernacular of the old settlers, such as 'axe' for 'ask,'—not to mention rhymes that had the recent slang 'passengair' termination.

The fact that Chaucer was a spring poet became patent in the very opening lines of the Prologue. *Apropos* 'spring poets,' why need paragraphists in the contemporary press try to wax so witty about those poor unfortunates that perpetrate verse? I cannot think a poor man merits to be lynched on the nearest