

attended by the students. On Nov. 21st, a talk, on "The Temple," which was keenly appreciated by all who heard it, was given by Rev. Mr. Howitt. The Membership Committee is actively at work and the list of members is steadily increasing.

Miss Bollert presided over a highly interesting and edifying meeting of the Literary Society on Nov. 10th. After the reading of the minutes and the disposal of routine business, the programme began with a piano duet by Misses Good and Wallace. The central feature of the afternoon was a debate conducted entirely by the ladies. Misses Bradley and Weir and Misses Norton and O'Connor took the affirmative and negative sides respectively in a discussion on the question of the influence of public libraries on their patrons. Many and ingenious were the arguments adduced by the fair debaters, ranging from the sublime heights of bacteriology to the more prosaic levels of Johnny's errands after school. Suffice it to say that the judges, Misses Urquhart, Hall and Guest, after an elaborate process of discrimination and unification, awarded the decision to the affirmative. After Mr. Dickenson had discoursed sweet vocal strains, Mr. Painter criticized the proceedings with prolific profundity.

At the regular meeting of the Literary Society on Nov. 23rd, Mr. Macpherson gave a delightful talk to his happy family, who highly appreciated both the fatherly counsel and the fatherly counsellor. (For a detailed report of the address apply to Mr. T. T. M. Galbraith, who so ably seconded a motion to tender Mr. Macpherson a vote of thanks.) Mr. Kingston read a very ably prepared essay on Mary, Queen of Scots. The musical numbers were a solo by Mr. Pirie of the Collegiate Institute, a solo by Mr. Welsh and a chorus by the Ladies' Glee Club. The attention accorded the chorus, especially, was *rapt*.

The closing meeting of the Literary Society for the term on Dec. 7th, was of a specially interesting character. In accordance with a recent amendment to the constitution, nominations were received for the various offices for next term, the election being appointed to take place at the first meeting on Jan. 18th. Miss Ball gave a recitation, and Messrs. Newcombe, McDonald, and Pirie contributed solos. Vice-Principal Thompson related thrilling stories of marvellous encounters and hair breadth escapes to the delight of his hearers, till the arrival of Dr. Montague, whose eloquent and inspiring address was the impressive feature of the afternoon's programme. After eulogizing the scientific and industrial progress of the closing century, and painting a glowing picture of Canada's coming literary pre-eminence, he capped the climax by the generous offer of a prize of five dollars' worth of books for the best essay on "Home Life in Canada," to be written by one of the ladies of the present O. N. C. class.

Athletics.

WHAT WE HAVE WE HOLD.

The beautiful Spectator cup is to adorn our library for another year. Since our last number was issued the College team has played three matches in the series and won them all, thus gaining easily the foremost standing in the league. Great credit is due Captain Whitely and his band in purple and gold for the valiant efforts they put forth to uphold the Normal College on the gridiron. During the last three weeks of the contest it was almost impossible to practice out of doors on account of rain and snow, yet every opportunity was taken advantage of, the gymnasium being employed when the campus was unavailable on account of the inclement weather. As a result the College representatives were in good form up to the end of the season and successfully mastered the several propositions they "ran up against."