

Societies.

UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

At the meeting of this Society, held Friday, Oct. 20th, it was decided that the prize of books offered by Mr. Baikie should be awarded by public competition in the Molson Hall on the evening of January 14th, 1898.

The debate of the evening was "Resolved that the control of a University should be in the hands of its Graduates." Mr. Horsfall, Arts '00, and Mr. Dewitt, Arts '00, led the affirmative, and were supported in the audience by Messrs. Blythe, Robertson and White. The negative was championed by Mr. Bernique, Law '99, and Mr. McNaughton, Arts '01. Messrs. Place, Cotton, Ives and C. Cotton also spoke in favor of the negative. The debate was well-balanced among the speakers and keenly contested.

During the evening, Mr. McNaughton, Arts '01, gave a reading.

Mr. Campbell, the critic for the evening, gave a brief criticism of the debate, making several suggestions to the Society's benefit.

The meeting of November 6th was one of the most interesting of the year.

Mr. Archibald, Law '00, read a well-prepared and carefully written essay on "Modern French Fiction." The essayist gave special attention to Zola and Daudet, as representatives of the class of writers most popular to-day in France. The evening's debate was on the resolution: "That the amount of wealth transferable by inheritance should be limited." The affirmation was led by Messrs. Irving, Enright and Cotton, while those supporting the negative were Messrs. Graham, Grace and Patterson. After the respective sides had been opened, the audience took part in the discussion as follows: affirmative by Messrs. White, Place and Ball; Negative by Messrs. Brown, Askwith and Ferguson.

The evening critic, Mr. Geo. McLeod, gave a personal criticism of each speaker's style and oratory, which was highly appreciated.

Nov. 12th. A regular meeting of the Literary Society was held to-night. As there was no important business to be taken up the President immediately called for the programme.

Instead of opening with the usual song, we had a piano solo by Mr. Shaw. The applause which followed could be reduced to temporary quiet only by a second performance.

Mr. Patch read an essay on "The Modern Newspaper," which was introduced by an interesting sketch of the past history of journalism.

Next came a debate on the resolution "That Canada should be annexed to the United States." The speakers on the affirmative were Messrs. Mitchell, Robertson, Thompson and Horsfall; on the negative Messrs. Heeney, Worth, Cotton and Blythe. The resolution was thrown out, and the meeting closed with a good critique by Mr. S. G. Archibald.

Nov. 19th. Another meeting of the above Society was held this evening. The secretary read a communication from the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society, asking us to send a representative to their At Home, to be held in January. To this invitation the secretary will make suitable reply.

A Committee was then appointed to bring before the next meeting nominations of men for the intercollegiate debate. After disposing of the above items of business, the Society proceeded to enjoy the programme which had been prepared.

Mr. Dewitt gave a very good recitation for which he was roundly applauded.

Owing to the "unavoidable," a few numbers of the programme were missing, so the debate was entered into at once. The resolution was that "A representative should vote according to the wishes of his constituents." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Duguid, Archibald, Heine, Cotton, and Irving, and the negative by Messrs. Ball, Brown, Lochieid and Williams.

The negative won the debate, according to the decision of the meeting. Mr. Patch then summed up the proceedings in a pointed criticism. Referring to the small attendance he reproached the Fourth Year for not turning out in stronger force to these meetings. Mr. Patch's able criticism brought the meeting to a close.

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