

Again special reference must be made to the ladies of the city who so kindly assisted with the programmes. Some of London's best and most popular singers favored us with well-rendered selections. Their singing simply charmed us, and we only regret that they were not of ourselves, that we might have the privilege of hearing them more frequently. Words will not express our gratitude to those who assisted at our meetings, and we regret that we have not the opportunity of returning the compliment.

During the term the Society has listened to two very valuable debates, "The object of education is mental culture rather than a training for special pursuit," and "There should be definite ethical training in school." The subjects, although exceedingly deep in their meaning, were well handled, and the speeches delivered went to show that among the graduates of this Normal we are certain to find some eloquent speakers and weighty debaters.

Among the chief educational features of the meetings, special attention must be called to the many addresses delivered by men of educational repute. Mr. MacPherson, Chairman of the Board of Education, addressed us from the standpoint of a trustee. The City Inspector of Public Schools, Mr. Carson, delivered an address on the nervous and mental growth of the child. Mr. Barnes, Inspector for East Lambton, spoke on the subject of the teacher's equipment, and our much-esteemed Model Master, R. M. Graham, favored us with a talk on that subject in which he revels, "The Psychology of Number." They called our attention to many fundamental truths which we hope not to forget.

At each meeting of the Society we were favored with selections of beautiful verse from the pens of our poets. They have more than distinguished themselves, as the poetry published in another part of these columns will testify. In our ranks we have seen many poets bloom, and we will look forward to seeing them in the near future as representatives of Canadian verse. We leave each reader to judge for "thonsself."

Our critic was present at all meetings, ever ready to criticise, both favorably and adversely, the doings of the Society. He

wielded a powerful weapon, but his blows fell amid such shores of wit and humor that all members anxiously awaited his coming to the platform. His suggestions were always very beneficial, and his encouraging remarks made the faltering student feel like trying once again.

Before closing, it might be well to note that the Society performed Missionary and Patriotic Work. To the Home Colleges' Missions they contributed a handsome sum of money. To the Patriotic Fund they gave more freely and expressed their high appreciation of the work being done by the loyal sons of Canada. In respect to the latter the Society regrets that among that noble body they have not a representative.

I feel safe in saying that the meetings were all up to the highest standard, and reflect credit on the Society. The meetings have proved exceedingly useful, and we all feel quite confident that when we go out from these walls of learning, we shall be able to take our part in the meetings of any literary society or social gathering with a gracefulness and dignity which become one of the many blessings of the student who has been a member of the "Western Normal Literary Society."

Throughout the entire term the spirit of friendliness has permeated all the actions of the students, both within and without the School. The private rooms of our Principals were always open to us, and we took advantage of the kindness and willingness to advise us. They felt that we were surrounded with disadvantages, and endeavored in every possible way to make up for these many drawbacks. Our Model Master, R. M. Graham, and his able staff of teachers, we found were our staunch friends. Although they at times criticised us apparently severely, we recognize it was for our good. In all their dealings we have found them frank and considerate, and we regret that our final practical work is not left to their charge.

After many years, when we recall this "Landmark of Our Life," it shall be a never-to-be-forgotten picture. With the name of the London Normal we shall always link those of our worthy teachers and the Western Normal Literary Society, which has made the five months spent here one continuous round of pleasure.

Vive ! Valeque !