

This year the public meetings were eminently successful. The society was convinced that its powers of attraction were sufficient to overcome all obstacles of inclement weather. As usual, the most stirring night, from a physical and emotional view-point, was on the occasion of the annual elections. In the heat of the contest hard knocks were exchanged, and many a brave man bit the dust. After the smoke had cleared away,

"In *Knox*, a Gordon! was the cry,"

was the line of Scott, brought forcibly to our recollection. We were struck with the anxiety of some to select one of the Nephilim for the office of curator. Was it that they thought of the amount of leverage required to hoist up to our files the weighty literature of our reading-room, or of the dire necessity of maintaining order owing to the misanthropic tendencies of some talkers, not to say readers?

At last, the mystic circle of clasped hands was formed, and to the mournful strains of the college coronach the society passed away into the intermediate state of the summer holidays.

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THE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ON the evening of 10th March the "closing" meeting of this society was held. The business in connection with the last meeting of the session is usually one of great interest, because students are chosen and appointed to the various fields, the annual report is presented, and the financial standing of the society is given. Last year twenty students were sent out, but the society found itself heavily in debt in the fall and so it was decided not to send more than seventeen this spring. Thirteen will go to Muskoka and Algoma, and four to Manitoba and the North-West. The annual report, of which 5,000 copies have been printed for circulation, shows that our missionaries preached in 77 stations to an average Sabbath audience of 3,400. The greater number of these people would be without any public means of grace except for the labours of the students of this society. It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of this work in keeping many professed Christians to a consistent life,