

THE students of the University were delighted and profited by the sermons and lectures recently delivered by the Rev. O. P. Gifford, D.D., pastor of Delaware Ave. Baptist Church, of Buffalo, N. Y. The lecture on Monday evening on "The Problem of Life" has called forth many comments of appreciation, while the sermons were of a most stimulating character. Dr. Gifford has an excellent delivery, a beautiful diction and rare ability for pleasing and profiting his hearers at the same time.

PROF. Farmer delivered a lecture on "A Liberal Education," before the Collegiate Institute, in Brockville, on the evening of Friday, March 12. From the report given in the *Brockville Recorder*, we learn that the lecture was very interesting and highly appreciated. Prof. Farmer in this lecture defined what he considered true education to be, and showed how the theoretical could find a practical test in life with all its broad and inviting avenues for usefulness. Says the *Recorder*, "The lecture was brought to a close by an eloquent and forcible appeal for the study of the classics, which he said developed, strengthened and beautified the mind."

THE Mathematical Society held its closing meeting for this year in Class Room 8, on the 22nd March. The programme consisted of a paper on "Recent Discoveries in Telegraphy," by H. S. Jordan, '00; a paper on "Mathematics as an Aid to Mental Culture," by W. W. Charters, '98, and a paper on "A Liberal Education as an Aid to Mathematical Teachers," by A. M. Overholt, '97. After the programme the election of officers for next year was held and the following were elected:—Hon. President, Prof. McKay; President, A. W. Vining, '98; Vice-President, W. W. Charters, '98; Secretary Treasurer, B. R. Simpson, '99.

THE general Literary and Scientific Society held a very interesting meeting on the evening of the 5th inst., President P. G. Mode, '97, in the chair. The programme opened with an instrumental duet by Misses McLay and Cohoon, which was well received. Mr. J. F. Vichert, '97, followed with a reading, which was rendered in his usually admirable style. After Mr. C. Triggerson, '00, had delighted the audience with a vocal solo, Mr. W. Houston, M.A., delivered a very interesting lecture on Tennyson, dwelling especially upon the "Idylls of the King" Mr. Houston advanced some thoughts gained from original resources, and in every way pleased his audience. An instrumental duet by Messrs. Overholt and Roy, brought a very interesting meeting to a close.

THE Faculty and students of McMaster had the pleasure, on _____, of listening to a carefully prepared lecture, by Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, D.D., of Rochester, on the late George J. Romanes. The lecture was, in brief, a mental and spiritual biography of Romanes. Born at Kingston, Ontario, trained to the doctrines of evangelical Christian faith, and seized of scientific method and spirit in the full