

## THE COLLEGE.

**HIGH ART**—There is no denying that the present Fifth Form are a handsome, classic looking array. They have evidently found it out, for nothing less than having their pictures taken will do for them. Accordingly they have gone about it and have already held a meeting or two to decide who are to be the happy photographers. We believe that their choice has fallen on Messrs. Notman and Fraser, and we cannot but commend that spirit which wishes to "give a chance" to the advertisers in our paper.

The play-ground during the past week has presented a somewhat novel scene. At one quarter, one party of boys may be seen skating on the pond, while if the afternoon is fine another party is as earnestly engaged in playing base-ball as if it were the middle of summer.

This game is steadily increasing at the College and since it is played so zealously now it is feared that it may out-do cricket during the coming season. However there is quite sufficient room on the play-ground for both to be played and we have no doubt but the devotees of cricket will at the proper time commence that game.

## U. C. COLLEGE LITERARY SOCIETY.

On February 16th the Society met in the Prayer-room, the President in the Chair. The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

G. T. Blackstock and J. C. Harstone were then admitted as members of the Society, and the following nominations were made:

J. F. Brown—moved by Northrop and seconded by Cope.

W. A. Mackenzie and B. Sparham—moved by Ponton, seconded by Bowes.

L. Campbell—moved by F. E. Hodgins, seconded by R. D. Richardson.

W. H. Biggar then gave notice of a motion rendering a member who refused to take his place as leader of a debate, when selected by the Committee, liable to expulsion by a vote of two-thirds.

E. B. Brown also gave notice that he would move that the Laws and By-laws be printed for the members, and that a levy be made to meet the expenses. Notices of motion were also given relating to public debates and to members of the Fifth Form being made Honorary Members after they left College, if they had belonged to the Society.

In accordance with a notice given on the 9th February, F. E. Hodgins moved, seconded by J. A. Patterson: (1) That in the law relating to expulsion of refractory members; (2) also in the Law relating to alteration &c., of the Laws; (3) also in the By-law relating to suspension of By-laws; (4) also in the By-law relating to setting aside the President's ruling, the word "two-thirds" be struck out, and "a majority" substituted therefor.

The mover said that he had rather the motion would be considered and voted upon by paragraphs than as a whole.

This was agreed to, and the first paragraph relating to expulsion of members was struck out.

The next section elicited some discussion. L. Harstone, an honorary member, who was present, said that he told the mover he would come down especially to vote against the motion. It was quite a new idea; no society that he knew of allowed any of its laws to be altered without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members. He was strongly in favour of a restrictive policy, which was exemplified by the House of Lords in England acting as a check on the Commons. The laws of the Society, as they now stood, were well constructed. They had been framed on the model of the Laws of the Old Fifth Form Debating Society, and the University Society, and had been carefully prepared

and sanctioned by the present body. They had guided the Fifth Form Society under more trying circumstances than were likely to arise in this Society. He thought there was no need of any change at present.

R. Atkinson said that the present laws were constructed when this Society had split off from the old Debating Society, and had the effect of producing order and quiet among the members. They had been accepted by the whole Society, and as there had been no abuse of them, should be preserved intact.

W. H. Biggar said that these laws had been framed by some ten or twelve members who composed the Society when it was first organized, but that now the roll showed a total of about thirty or forty members, and surely these should have some voice in determining whether the laws should be amended or not.

F. E. Hodgins, in reply to Harstone, stated that in reference to the House of Lords it was quite a question at the present time in England whether that institution was a benefit or otherwise to the country, and that it was likely to be abolished at no distant date. He wondered that Harstone had praised the Fifth Form Society so much, seeing that he was one of those who had headed the movement which resulted in the separation into two Societies. He thought that if Harstone had been present a few nights ago he would have seen that the Society was in quite as trying a position as it was possible to be in. Atkinson had said that there had been no abuse of the provision that this motion was designed to sweep away; but at the same time to which he referred, the minority, of which Atkinson was one of the leaders, had been able to checkmate the majority, and a dead lock was the result, until the minority found it necessary to give way. This certainly was abusing that provision. He thought that if the affairs of Canada, and of the great Empire of Britain could be guided by the wish of the majority, surely the vast affairs of our Society could be managed in the same manner.

The paragraph was then put and carried.

The third section was carried without discussion, and the fourth was lost.

L. Harstone took the Chair for the reading and debate. W. A. Langton read a selection from Tennyson, and F. E. Hodgins a poem of the late D'Arcy McGee, entitled "Jacques Cartier."

The subject "Is Man more Revengeful than Woman?" was then debated, the Chairman deciding in the negative.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Society met in the Prayer-room, February 23rd, the President in the Chair. After the roll was called, and the minutes of last meeting read and adopted, the following were admitted as members of the Society, J. F. Brown, W. A. Mackenzie, B. Sparham, and L. Campbell.

F. E. Hodgins moved, seconded by R. D. Richardson, that A. D. Patterson and W. A. Fletcher be admitted as honorary members of the Society. To be considered next meeting.

The Secretary read a communication from the Secretary of the Theatrical Entertainment Committee, enclosing the accounts and balance unexpended, which was handed over to the Treasurer.

Biggar's motion, seconded by McKeown, that any member who has been appointed leader of a debate, and absents himself without furnishing sufficient reasons to the Society, be liable to expulsion by the vote of two-thirds of the members present, was then debated upon. The seconder, J. G. McKeown, in the absence of W. H. Biggar, explained that as it was the practice for leaders of the debate to absent themselves, this motion was designed to check that evil.—Carried.

E. B. Brown moved that the Laws and By-Laws of the Society be printed and distributed amongst the members, and that a levy be made to meet the expense

J. A. Patterson moved, in amendment, that the clause relating to the levy be struck out. This was carried. Brown then disclaimed connection with the motion, and Harstone moved, seconded by Hodgins, that the laws be not printed. This was allowed to stand as a notice of motion.

J. A. Patterson withdrew his motion, of which he had given notice last week, relating to a public debate.

Wright's motion, relating to members of the Fifth Form being made honorary members after they leave College, was allowed to stand over.

It was agreed to postpone the debate for two weeks and the Secretary made the following announcement:

Reader: Brooke; and subject for debate, "Is the Successful Warrior or Successful Merchant the better member of Society?"

Leaders: J. G. McKeown for Warrior, and W. A. Langton for Merchant.

The Society then adjourned.

**POINTED AND PAINFUL**—An Irish glazier was putting a pane of glass into a window, when a groom who was standing by began joking him, telling him to mind and put in plenty of putty. The Irishman bore the banter for some time, but at last silenced his tormentor by, "Arrah, now, be off wid ye, or I'll put a pain in your head without any putty!"

"Do you know," said a would-be facetious youth to a Rabbi, "that they used to hang Jew and jackasses together?" "Indeed," said the old man, "then it is well for you and I, my friend, that we did not live in these days."

A cool proceeding—An ice man cloping with a nice girl.

What should a soldier load his rifle with? With powder and shot? No, with care.

Where is a soldier's shirt marked? On the collar? No, at the quarter-master's stores?

The lawyer's motto: be brief. The doctor's motto: be patient. The potter's motto: beware. The typewriter's motto: be composed.

Two French ladies were looking for the little daughter of one of them in a group of baby carriages, "Do you see her?" asked the friend of the mother, "Here! I am looking for her nurse."—"Yes: all children look alike. I know the nurse, and I can find the child best in that way."—"As for myself, I think all nurses look alike."—"How do you find yours, then?"—"Oh, I know the soldier who is her beau."

A Phrenologist, strolling through a churchyard, perceived a grave-digger tossing up the earth, among which were two or three skulls. The craniologist took one up, and, after considering it a little time, said, "Ah this was the skull of a philosopher." "Very like, sir," said the grave-digger, "for I do see it is somewhat cracked."

Never chase your hat when it blows off in a gale of wind; just stand still, and you will presently see half-a-dozen persons in pursuit of it. When one has captured it, walk leisurely towards him, receive it with grateful acknowledgment, and pace it on your head; he will invariably act as if you had done him a favour. Try it.

A Sunday-school teacher asked one of his scholars if he had learned anything during the past week. "Yes," was the reply. "What is it you have learned?" "Never to trump your partner's ace!"

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