

SOCIETIES.

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The subject of the meeting of 6th December, 1895, was "A Redeemer Promised." Miss Doull referred to the promise as found repeated in Isaiah and Hosea. The Jews held the idea that redemption meant "something bought back again for money." Christ was promised to all, and without money. In I Kings 56, Solomon acknowledges that God fulfills His promises, and later, John the Baptist appeared to declare that that promise was about to be revealed.

At our meeting on 13th December, 1895, Miss Brown took up in continuation the subject, "The Redeemer sent." The verse "I am the Lord," Isaiah xlix, was the text chosen. Jews and Gentiles are both forgiven, and His atonement took away the penalty of sin and brings us back to God. The price paid was "physical torment and mental torture," not the fear of Calvary but the dread lest physical strength could not endure. A way to Heaven was revealed, not a description of it. Both leaders took up the subjects in such a way as to leave no doubt of the Promise and its Fulfillment, and the thoughts were so worded as to make all more beautiful.

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W. J. Wanless, M.D., travelling secretary for the Students Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, visited our Association on the 7th and 8th inst. Dr. Wanless has had a considerable experience in medical mission work, having labored for about six years in India under the auspices of the American Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. He is at present home on furlough.

He addressed the Student Volunteers at the residence of Mr. A. C. Leslie, 311 Peel St., on Saturday evening, and on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock he spoke to the students generally, in the Association Building, and presented the needs of the work in India in a very lucid and forcible manner. He also spoke in the American Presbyterian church at the evening service.

The last meeting of the Fall term was held on Sunday afternoon, 15th December. Mr. Tory presided. The topic was "The Parable of the Sower" Luke viii. 4-15. The meeting was one of the best—because it was most practical—that have been held.

Mr. Tory still continues, we are pleased to say, to have charge of the meetings for the Spring term. They will be resumed again on 12th January.

UNDERGRADUATES LITERARY SOCIETY.

The meeting of this Society, held on 6th December, was very largely attended, considering the near approach of the examinations. The president, in calling the meeting to order, expressed his pleasure at seeing so large a gathering, and congratulated the committee at the same time on procuring a full programme.

One item of business was disposed of before the debate. Mr. Mitchell, president of the Society, and Mr. Robertson, president of the Fourth Year in Arts, were appointed to debate for us against Toronto University.

In the absence of a reader, the Sophomores opened the programme. They sang a hearty song, having words suited to the occasion. A storm of applause called forth an encore.

Mr. Munn, Arts '98, then read a carefully prepared essay on "Woman in Ancient Greece." The subject for debate, if not exactly academical, was at all events very interesting. It is certainly gratifying to feel quite sure that you can hear the last word said on a vexed question by merely attending a meeting of the Literary Society. It was resolved "that the verdict rendered in the Shortis trial was just."

Mr. Archibald, Arts '97, in opening the debate, pointed out that the meaning of the word *just* must be taken as "according to law," and hoped that the speakers would not fall a-bickering over terms when there was so much of real importance to discuss. In the course of his speech Mr. Archibald touched on the following points: that expert testimony proving unsoundness of mind can carry little weight. The opinion of Lord Campbell was adduced to strengthen this contention. Mr. Archibald also thought that the doctors, without being in any sense venal, would be almost certain to find that for which they were set to look. He also insisted on the fact that the Crown was not required to prove the sanity of a prisoner, and that therefore the silence of Dr. Villeneuve should not be construed as a tacit admission of insanity. He also blamed the defence for allowing Shortis to enter the witness box if he were not of sound mind. He maintained that the question of insanity was really the point at issue. By way of calling attention to some of the very sane acts of Shortis at critical periods, Mr. Archibald referred to the letter he wrote to his lawyers, instructing them to base his defence on insanity. Mr. Archibald took his seat amid hearty applause.

Mr. Marler, Law '98, opened the debate for the negative. As an old Arts man Mr. Marler congratulated the Society on its large attendance. He was rather surprised that the examinations could inspire the members with so little fear. Approaching the