

and naturalness than for his rival, and defended him from some of the charges made against him.

Mr. A. D. Passmore brought up the point of superiority in metre of the former poet.

Mr. Broad ably criticized his opponent's arguments, and supported those of his leader. He considered that if they proved that Longfellow was as great a poet as Tennyson, they would have fully gained their point.

Mr. Aylesworth, on being called upon, criticized very coolly the arguments of one side and the other alternately. Although on the whole in favor of the negative, he unnecessarily compared both poets to Burns and Byron, whom he said he considered to be much greater.

The leader of the affirmative then spoke for a few minutes, chiefly confining himself to showing that Tennyson was very far from being an artificial poet, but was, in fact, just as natural and simple in his poems as Longfellow.

The President, in summing up, stated that as from the arguments given he was unable himself to make a decision he would leave it to the meeting, which decided in favor of the affirmative, by a small majority.

In the junior division, Mr. Robinette presided. In the absence of Mr. Logan, Mr. Chisholm read 'The Educationer.' This gentleman would do better if he would put a little more force into his reading. He was followed by Mr. J. J. Elliot, who read a comic selection from 'The Widow Bedott,' which was very well received.

The debate was on the same subject as in the senior division. Mr. J. G. Holmes led on behalf of the affirmative. He was supported by Messrs. Edgar and Bradford. The negative was led by Mr. Keyles, followed by Messrs. MacMurchy and Scott. The Vice-President summed up in a very clear manner, giving some valuable hints. The decision being left to the meeting, was decided in the affirmative.

After the debate, the Secretary of the General Committee announced that they had chosen the following gentlemen to arrange about the holding of public lectures in Convocation Hall:—Prof. Ramsay Wright, Messrs. Cane, G. W. Holmes, McGillivray and Bowes.

The President announced that the Hon. Edward Blake had consented to take the chair at the next Public Debate. The elections for that occasion were then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—For essayist—Mr. W. H. Smith; reader—Mr. J. J. Elliott; debaters—Messrs. McLeod, J. McG. Young, Cane, and L. P. Duff.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

At the meeting of the League held on Friday, Nov. 9th, the committee appointed to draft a constitution brought in its report, which was accepted. It is unnecessary to give all the details of the constitution, which has been posted in a conspicuous place by the secretary. Its leading features are these—there are two pledges—one of total abstinence, the other debarring members from treating, as well as from drinking in public places. In having a double pledge the League differs from Harvard, but after consideration it was thought better that there should be two pledges. The constitution otherwise is modelled upon that of the Literary Society. After the adoption of the constitution the selection of officers took place, with the following result:—President, A. C. Miles; Vice-President, H. J. Hamilton; Sec.-Treas., J. M. Baldwin. Representatives from the years—J. H. Bowes, J. C. Tolmie, A. H. Young, C. J. Hardie. These officers compose the Executive Committee, besides which there is a canvassing committee, which includes the Executive Committee with these additional—Messrs. May, Smith, McMechan, Preston, Macleod, Haviland, Cronyn, Needlar, Cameron, Kent, Mahood, Aikens and Fleury.

So far the League has met with sympathy and encouragement from graduates and undergraduates. The number of members is far larger than its promoters expected, and several prominent men, friends of the cause, among whom we may mention Hon. S. H. Blake, Rev. D. J. Macdonell, Dr. Aikins, etc., have kindly consented to speak upon the subject of Temperance at a public meeting, of which due notice will be given.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

This series of meetings was opened on Sunday last, by a short prayer meeting held in Moss Hall, and conducted by the President of the College.

The meeting on Monday in connection with the Luther celebration was well attended. The addresses by Mr. Vandersmissen and Professors Roth and Kemmerer have been so fully reported already that we do not think it necessary to do so again, and would merely advert to one prominent thought in Professor Roth's address, namely, that students should not neglect any particular branch of study because it is distasteful, for how do they know but that thereby God is preparing them

for some great work in after life. In illustration of this he pointed out how Luther's study of poetry and music when at college fitted him for the composition of those grand hymns which have been the voice of Christian life ever since.

Though there was a falling off in the attendance on Tuesday's meeting, Dr. Sheraton's earnest address on 'Life from Christ,' was listened to by a very appreciative and attentive audience. The main thought throughout was that Christ is all in all to the Christian. He is the source of our life and that life does not consist in the doing of moral deeds or in reformation of character, but in living in Him. The Alpha and Omega of Christian culture is Christ; as we begin with Him so we must go on in Him, 'cleave unto the Lord with full purpose of heart.' Another thought that was made prominent was that in our surroundings, our daily studies, petty trials and unpleasant duties lie elements of our growth, as the colors and beauty of the flower lie in the dark and noisome mould from which it springs.

The half-hour meeting on Wednesday at five o'clock was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Castle. The attendance was much better than on the previous afternoon, and much interest was manifested. Dr. Castle spoke from Acts 8, 26-40, and his theme was 'Opportunity.' He used the gospel narrative of Phillip and the eunuch as an illustration of two great classes, Christians and those who, though thoughtful and serious, had not yet given themselves to Christ. He emphasized Phillip's prompt obedience as a lesson for us, and urged both classes to take advantage of their opportunities.

The regular weekly meeting of the Association was held on Thursday. Mr. G. W. Holmes addressed the meeting on the 'secret of success,' taking Joshua 1, 8, as the basis of his remarks. He spoke of the many books written on success in life and the different views entertained on this subject; these books usually fail from leaving a false ideal of success; the question then comes up, what is success in life? the answer is in the words of the text: 'This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate . . . that thou mayest observe to do all that is written therein.'

Then in order to meditate we must have by heart the words of the law: meditating on these makes us perform what is written therein, for it is a metaphysical truth, thought tends to work itself out in action. Other reasons are that thinking on God's Word teaches us what true success is, and gives us great and high motives for living.

QUICQUID AGUNT.

When are the double windows going up in Residence?

The first instalment of the Scholarships, won last May, were paid last Thursday.

Several new lockers have been placed in the Gymnasium, all of which have been speedily taken up.

From all appearances there will be a large turn-out of 'Varsity students at the performances at the Grand next week.

Arrangements are being made for a Rugby match with Guelph Agricultural College, for next Saturday, weather permitting.

The match which had been arranged between our second fifteen and that of Upper Canada, for last Wednesday, was declared off.

The challenges from London and Queen's for a match to take place to-day could not be accepted on account of the lateness of the season.

Two tickets of invitation were issued to each member of the Ass. F. B. C., for the championship match to-day between the University and Knox College.

The moderate temperance pledge forms a very convenient excuse for the recipients of scholarships, when asked to 'come down town and treat the crowd.'

Several of the committee of the Literary and Scientific Society were entertained at dinner last night by Prof. R. Ramsay Wright, President of the Society.

Apropos of the arrival of the snow, we would wish to recall to the minds of our readers the project which was set on foot last year, of forming a tobogganing club in the University, and of erecting a slide up on the edge of the lawn. We think that if a few energetic persons were to take hold of this scheme it might be easily carried into effect.

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OSGOODE LITERARY AND LEGAL SOCIETY.

Like other e-theory-al bodies whether of a greater or of a smaller magnitude, the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society continues to revolve on its weakly axis. But the first meridian line of its distinction