

lectures on Apologetics, and by Dr. Fleming of Manitoba College in the subject of Systematic Theology. We cast no reflections on our esteemed Principal when we say we are very fortunate in having these visitors work amongst us. Their lectures are proving most stimulating.

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A Special Series of Lectures.

The Devotional Committee has arranged a series of lectures to be given on Friday evenings. The series was opened by Dr. Fraser, First Presbyterian Church, his subject being "The City Problem." Dr. Fraser dealt briefly but comprehensively with this subject, and presented the case for active social work by the Church, with a vigour and insight that were impressive. Nothing so vividly brings home to men's minds and hearts the evils of the city and the problems which our modern cities present, as the statement of actual cases. Dr. Fraser was well furnished with evidence and did not hesitate to use it effectively. We believe that more such presentations of the facts of social conditions are necessary in our preaching today. The Doctor's conclusion was the one which is slowly impressing itself upon all social and moral reformers, namely, that the only possible solution of the social and economic evils of today is the winning of the business men—the rousing of those who call themselves followers of Christ, and who have acquired a fair share of this world's goods, and the responsible leadership in industry, to a fuller sense of their obligations as Christians and as men. We are grateful to Dr. Fraser for his concise presentations of the problem of the city.

Students' Council Officials.

The students' council have elected officers for the current session. The

offices were filled as follows: President, J. T. McNeill, M. A.; vice-president, J. M. Wyatt, M. A.; secretary-treasurer, A. MacKay; advisory committee, D. A. Chalmers, J. R. Craig, A. McLean. The members of the athletic committee were A. R. Gibson, B. A., convenor; A. O'Donnell, B. A., H. Rae; the devotional committee, W. Scott, B. A., convenor, S. F. Moody, A. Andersen.

DR. WELSH'S LECTURE.

It was a keenly appreciative audience that heard Dr. Welsh lecture on Mark Twain. The American humorist had a warm admirer in the lecturer, and through his medium reached the audience with the usual effect which accompanies the reading of Mark Twain. Merriment, bubbling up from the depths, showed itself in the broad smile that prevailed on the countenances of the students from the beginning of the lecture to the end; now bursting forth into uncontrolled roars of laughter, as Mark Twain's droll drawing humorous parleys upset the staid Presbyterian equilibrium, and again softening into a faint hesitating expression, when Mark's real pathos left them uncertain whether to laugh or to be sober.

Dr. Welsh gave us a picture of this peer of American humorists, in which we found not only the man who saw the ludicrous, but also the man with a firm philosophic life basis. We saw in him the man from the land of unconventionalities viewing the exaggerated reverence of the European for the past with a natural scorn, but at the same time we saw that underlying the seeming coarseness and irreverence of some of his humor there lay a sincere respect for all that was real; and we were given to feel that if there was any irreverence to be condemned, we