

miracles. He said that in its widest sense the miraculous is not necessarily bound up with the supernatural nor with theism. Many miracles may be mere natural phenomena, which are not accounted for simply because of the limitations of the human mind. The Bible, he went on to say, usually regards a miracle as a superhuman exertion of divine power put forth with reference to some spiritual end. It does not abrogate natural laws, but is the result of certain combinations of these laws; and in its production it may happen that the vital power of the arm of Omnipotence overrides the mere physical power resident in the laws of the material universe, as when the vital power of the child raises a pebble in defiance of the law of gravitation.

Keeping this idea of the nature and function of miracles in mind, those connected with the Exodus were considered in detail, but want of space forbids a fuller report.

The last lecture of this term will be delivered next Sunday by Rev. E. I. Rexford, B.A., Rector of the High School. Subject: "The Purpose and Meaning of the Tabernacles."

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FRIDAY, NOV. 16TH.

The weekly prayer meeting was held in the Second Year Class-Room. Miss Pitcher, '96, led in studying the Life of John the Baptist. This stern, grand character was brought practically before us, his unflinching bravery and deep humility being especially emphasized. None could fail to catch inspiration from the record of such a life.

Twenty-seven members were present; we would welcome many more.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23RD.

Miss Carr, of the Class of '98, was the leader of this meeting, the topic for the day being "Our Example." The responsibility which rests on each one of us in setting example was emphasized very strongly. On this occasion we had one of the largest attendances of the session, and trust that the number will not only continue to be so large, but that it will increase.

MCGILL MINING SOCIETY.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the McGill Mining Society was held in the old Science building, on Friday, Nov. 23rd. President Carlyle in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The President then read a letter from Mr. Blue, manager of the Huestis Copper Mines at Capel-

ton, in which he invited the members of this Society to visit the mines in that district. The Secretary then read a communication from the Secretary of the General Mining Association of the Province of Quebec, concerning the proposed scheme of affiliation. The discussion of this letter was left until the next meeting.

The remainder of the evening was taken up by Dr. Adams, who read a very interesting and instructive paper on "*Mineral Veins*." At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker, after which the meeting adjourned.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

The weekly meeting of the McGill Literary Society opened at 8.15 last Friday evening, with President Hanson in the chair. The minutes having been approved, the committee for nomination announced that Messrs. Craig, Dickson, Hopkins and Mitchell were the nominees to represent McGill against Toronto. Messrs. Craig (Arts) and Hopkins (Arts) were elected as orators, while Messrs. Rogers, Graham, Saxe, Sutor, Colby, Trenholme and Mitchell were the gentlemen chosen to be a committee of management. Mr. R. Childs Patterson gave an enjoyable reading, which was much appreciated by everyone present. Mr. R. Rogers then read an essay, which showed much thought had been given to his subject; it was enjoyed by all. Owing to the lateness of the hour, it was decided that the debate should be omitted, and so Mr. Mullin wound up the evening with a short and interesting critique. The meeting was adjourned until the first Friday after the holidays.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23RD.

The weekly meeting of our McGill Literary Society was held last Friday evening, with President Hanson in the chair. There was considerable business transacted, one important item of which was the resolution to challenge 'Varsity to the regular yearly debate for next January. The programme for the evening was entirely in the hands of Arts 97-8. First came an enjoyable reading by Mr. Stevenson, '97, entitled "The dog that got found," and the reporter would here like to note that with possibly one exception all the readings this year have been humorous. Is this as it ought to be at our Literary Society? Mr. Atkinson, '98, followed with a bass solo, which greatly delighted his hearers. Mr. J. G. Saxe then read an essay on the Sand-Dollar, showing some specimens as illustrations.

The following was the wording of the Inter-Year Debate:—

Resolved: that the Republican sentiment of the