

interesting and the attendance is increasing. The next meeting (Dec. 8th) will be addressed by Mr. Alfred Jury, on "Convict Labor in competition with Free Labor."

The Modern Language Club met on Monday, as usual, in the Y.M.C.A. building, and listened to a very interesting and instructive address by Mr. William Houston, M.A., on the Pedagogical Treatment of English. The subject was introduced by a few general remarks on English, in the course of which the value of that branch as a means of mental culture was shown to be quite equal to that of Classics, though the speaker took care to say he had no wish to depreciate the study of Greek and Latin. There were four points taken up—Composition, Literature, Grammar (confined to Etymology and Prosody), and Philology. With reference to the first of these, the speaker said that a child practises composition as soon as it begins to speak, and should receive its first teaching then. This teaching should be *corrective*. Under the second, reading of texts themselves was advocated, with reference only to such side-work as serves to make the meaning clear. It was also said that a book should be read *as a whole* at first, the particular parts being taken up afterwards. Under the third heading, the members were informed that they had begun at the wrong place to study grammar, taking up Etymology first instead of Prosody. Under the fourth, the tracing of words to their roots, and not of roots to their present forms, was insisted upon, as was also the study of dialectic writings as opposed to works on philology. A short discussion followed, in which excessive practice of parsing was condemned, and the change in setting English papers approved of. The next meeting will be devoted to the study of Gautier's works, when essays will be read by Messrs. Gibbard and Jeffrey.

Dr. A. H. Newman, Prof. in Historical Theology, McMaster Hall, has been invited by Prof. Philip Schaff, D.D., LL.D., of New York, to edit St. Augustine's Anti-Manichaean treatises, with a revised translation, notes, and an introduction on the Manichaean Heresy for the "Post Nicene Christian Library," of which Dr. Schaff is the general editor. Dr. Schaff has assigned the various parts of the works of the Greek and Latin Fathers to be included in the "Library" to leading patriotic scholars on this continent and in Great Britain. The work promises to be one of great value and interest.—Dr. MacVicar has recently returned from Baltimore, Ind., where he was in attendance at the fifth annual session of the Baptist Congress, assembled for the purpose of discussing questions of the day. The paper contributed by Dr. MacVicar, and afterwards discussed, was on "Popular indifference to religion."—Pastor Joshua Denovan's Friday afternoon lectures on Romans, in the Mission Hall, College street, are in such favour amongst the students as to attract them *en masse*.—The Rev. M. B. Parent, B.A., is stopping at the Hall while engaged in canvassing the Baptists of the city in the interest of "La Grande Ligne," their mission school amongst the French Catholics of Quebec. Mr. Parent will be interesting to the members of the Varsity Glee Club as the author of "Emotions et Conseils" in the McGill College Song Book.—On Monday evening Mrs. MacVicar entertained the faculty, students and lady friends from the city at an informal reception held in her rooms in the Hall. The Hon. Senator and Mrs. McMaster were also present. The evening was most enjoyable.

On Friday evening, Nov. 26th, the Literary and Scientific Society held its seventh regular meeting. On recommendation of the general committee it was decided to hold a public debate on the evening of Dec. 10th. Mr. W. A. Bradley was nominated to fill the vacancy in the committee of third year councillor caused by the resignation of Mr. J. N. Elliott. There being no other nomination, Mr. Bradley was declared elected. The literary programme was as follows:—Songs by Messrs. Fowell and Garvin, both of which were encored; a humorous reading by Mr. F. B. Hodgins, also deservedly encored. Then followed the debate, the subject of which was:—*Resolved*, That the Pass Course, as laid down in the University Curriculum, affords a better training for practical life than any single Honour Course. Mr. E. Bayley was the first speaker, and in his usual conversational style brought forward several pithy arguments for the affirmative. Mr. Laflamme, the leader of the negative, occupied his ten minutes in a fluent and forcible speech. His style, however, might be characterized as a little too didactic. Mr. G. B. McClean, of the first year, followed with his maiden speech in support of the affirmative. We venture to prophesy that, as he acquires confidence, he will become an effective speaker. Mr. T. C. DesBarres closed the debate for the negative, confidently upholding the superior advantages of an honour course. Mr. J. O. Miller, presiding in the absence of the President, after presenting clearly all the arguments brought forward, submitted the question to the audience, who decided in favour of the negative.—The following appointments were made for the public debate:—Reader, Mr. T. J. Parr; essayist, Mr. W. J. Healy; speakers, Messrs. Sparling, Cody, Laflamme and Talbot. During these proceedings M. S. Mercer, B.A., who happened to be present, was called on for a song.—A feature of the evening was

the presentation of a medal to Mr. G. B. McClean, who took first place in the recent cross-country races.

The following books have been received into the library since Oct. 1st:—

Goethe, J. W., *Faust*—translated by Bayard Taylor.
The Railways and the Republic, Hudson, jr.
Farrar, F. W., *Sermons and Addresses in America*.
Hauff, Wm., *Das Kalte Herz*—Ed. Vander Smissen.
Payne, Joseph, *Lectures on Science and Art of Education, &c.*
Youmans, E. L., *Culture Demanded by Modern Life*.
Latham, H., *The Action of Examinations, &c.*
Behrens, J. W., *The Microscope in Botany*.
Burnside, (W.S.) and Panton, (A.W.), *Theory of Equations*.
Hamerton, P. G., *The Intellectual Life*.
Kay, David, *Education and Educators*.
Zeitschrift für Wissenschaftliche Zoology.
Korting, G., *Encyclopædie, Philology*.
Elze, K., *Notes on Elizabethan Dramatists*.
Bancroft, H. H., *Works*.
Year-Book of Facts, 1839-'55.
Dudley, W. R., *Cayuga Flora*.
Journal of Society of Arts.
English Cyclopædia, Ed Chas. Knight.
Morley, Hy., *Shorter Eng. Poems*.
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Crawford, O., *Comic Dramatists*.
Poems on State Affairs.
McCurdy, J. F., *Aryo Semitic Speech*.
Suckling, Sir John, *Poems, Plays, &c.*
Green, Hy., *Shakespeare and the Emblem Writers*.
Bacon, Delia, *Philosophy of the Plays of Shakespeare*.
Brathwaite, R. A., *Strappado for the Diuall*.
Macoun, Jno., *Manitoba and the Great North-West*.
Ontario County Gazetteer and Canadian Cyclopædia.
Malone, Edw., *Life*, by Sir Jas. Prior.
Southesk, Earl of—*Saskatchewan and Rocky Mountains*.
Macfie, M., *Vancouver Island and British Columbia*.
Chappell, E., *Voyage to Newfoundland*.
Pedley, C., *History of Newfoundland*.
Ellis, Hy., *Voyage to Hudson's Bay*.
Kotzebel, *Voyage of Discovery—South Sea and Behring's Straits*.
Hooper, W. H., *Tents of the Tuoki*.

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Vox Humana. B. Our National Literature. JOHN B. PYKE.

Mr. John King's "Other Side of the Story." W. F. W. C.

Topics of the Hour.

New York Letter. W. A. S.

Communications.

An Athletic Association. JOHN S. MACLEAN.

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