

enough to be present with a very interesting account of one of Germany's National Fêtes. Mr. S. R. Brown had chosen as his reading, "The Boys"—a poem of college life; the subject and manner were really first class.

The subject of debate was: "Resolved that oratory is better acquired in a debating society than in the class-room." Although the subject was full of interest to a society of the nature of this, the debate was scarcely up to the standard of previous meetings. Messrs. E. De F. Holden, Gerrie, and Mason, spoke in favor of the society, and were sufficiently eloquent to secure a decision in favour of the affirmative. Messrs. Murray, Brown, and, Hislop argued for the classroom. The meeting adjourned after Mr. J. Naismith's critique. Several songs gave variety to the programme.

At the meeting of this society on Friday evening, Jan. 29th, Mr. N. P. Yates, the President, was in the chair, and the following members were present: White, Rogers, Naismith, McKenzie, Solandt, Hibbard, Gibson, Colby, Bryson, Bryan, Mason, Martin, McPhail, McOuat, Topp, McArthur, Johnson, Robertson, and Murray. G. A. Calder, B.A., came in during the evening, and the proceedings came to a standstill for a moment to give him a welcome. Mr. C. W. Colby, the essayist of the evening, treated of "Edmund Burke" in a masterly manner. An extract from Shakespeare's King Henry V. was the reading given by Mr. Alfred P. Murray, who replaced Mr. M. Hersey.

The evening's debate was on the subject, "Resolved that money should be taxed as well as real estate." Messrs. J. Naismith, Gibson and Rogers, spoke on the affirmative, and secured a verdict in favour of their views. The negative side was well represented in Messrs. Johnson, McKenzie, and Robertson. The president called on Mr. F. Topp to read his critique. The president and the critic both referred to the number of young speakers on the programme, and gave them great encouragement by praising their first attempts. G. A. Calder, B.A., now Minister of Finance in Aylmer Mock Parliament, on being requested to speak a few words acknowledged gratefully the benefit to be derived from the society; and congratulated it on the performances of its young members, and the general improvement in its debates; he also said he was much pleased to see such an improvement in the University GAZETTE. The meeting then adjourned into a reception for Mr. Calder.

GRADUATES' SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the Society was held at the University Club on 23rd inst. There were present:—Prof. C. H. McLeod (in the chair); Messrs. J. R. Dougali, J. S. Hall, M. M. Tait, Q. C., F. J. Shepherd, M.D., Robert Bell, M.D., Ottawa, and F. W. Kelly, Representative Fellows; Profs. Chandler, Robidoux, M. P. P., Trenholme and Hutchinson; Drs. Geo. Ross, James Stewart and T. Johnson Alloway, Messrs. E. Lafleur, A. McGoun, C. J. Brooke, W. Sproule, F. E. Gilman, Alex. Falconer, A. H. U. Colquhoun, W. H. Turner, J. H. Burland and J. Ralph Murray, Secretary.

A letter was read from Mr. W. McLea Walbank, stating that he was heartily in sympathy with the movement on foot to get a long needed improvement in several of the Faculties of our *Alma Mater*, and hoping that the meeting might have beneficial results.

The following graduates were elected members of the Society:—Dr. C. E. Cameron, G. Wilkins and T. Wesley Mills; Messrs. G. C. Wright, B.A., Willis Chipman, B. Ap. Sc., Brockville, T. W. Lesage, B. Ap. Sc., J. F. Mackie, B.A., Wm. R. S. Reddy, B. C.L., A. J. Brown, B.A., W. H. Turner, B. A., A. H. U. Colquhoun, B.A., and A. E. Barnard, B.C.L.

A report to the Executive Committee of the Society on the Law Faculty by a sub-committee appointed for the purpose was read by the Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. A. McGoun, Sec. by Mr. J. Ralph Murray.—"That this Society upon report of the Committee, and from information obtained from various sources is of opinion that the Faculty of Law is at present by no means in an efficient state, and thinks that steps should be taken before the opening of next session to put the Faculty more nearly on a par with the other Faculties of the University."

Prof. Trenholme was not satisfied with the wording of this Resolution. He had been connected with the Faculty for about twenty years, and thought it was much more efficient now than when he was a student.

The Resolution was then amended as follows and carried; Resolved—"That this Society upon report of the Committee, and from information obtained from various sources is of opinion that certain improvements might be made in the classes of the Faculty of Law, and thinks that steps should be taken before the opening of next Session to effect this object."

It was next moved—That to this end it be suggested to the Faculty of Law that the following changes be considered:—

- (1.) That the session in law be made to correspond in length with that of the Faculty of Arts, and that it be divided into three terms as follows:—from 1st Oct. to 15th Dec., from 1st Jan. to 15th Feb., and from the 15th Feb. to 31st March; and that different courses of lectures be delivered in the different terms.
- (2.) That the present staff of Professors be reduced in numbers.
- (3.) That the rooms of the Faculty be changed from their present position to the Fraser Institute or some more suitable place.
- (4.) That steps be taken to make the law book in the College library available to students of the Faculty of Law.
- (5.) That a Special Professor, who shall give the greater part of his time to the affairs of the Faculty and deliver special lectures, should be appointed at a special salary.
- (6.) That the regular lectures be given in the morning, as far as possible.
- (7.) That special courses be arranged for the evenings.
- (8.) That application be made to the authorities for sufficient funds to carry out any of these suggestions, and also for funds to remunerate more adequately the Professors.