

Donahue was unavoidably absent, but Mr. Graham made a model chairman for the evening.

Mr. Dresser brought up his motion to treat Scriptural quotations in debates merely in their literary and philosophical aspect. This brought out considerable discussion, and it was finally agreed to exclude all quotations from the Bible as proofs.

It was decided to ask Dr. Murray, and in case of his inability, Prof. Cox, to deliver the closing semi-annual address. Mr. Duclos read an essay on the character of Cromwell, and Mr. Walker gave a reading.

A song by the meeting then enlivened the proceedings and prepared the members for the debate on whether England is rising as a nation or not.

Messrs. A. MacVicar, Moffat and Botterell spoke well for the affirmative, but the meeting decided that Messrs. Farnsworth, Garret and Howard had the better of the debate. Mr. Mansur acted as critic for the evening. It was decided to hold the closing meeting on the 25th inst.

The next meeting was held on the evening of the 18th, the President in the Chair. After the transaction of some minor items of business, Mr. J. W. H. Hickson read a studied essay favorable to the extension of the franchise to women, and Mr. Mahaffy sang "No, Sir," much to the appreciation of the audience. The debate discussed the question whether Home Rule would be beneficial to Ireland or not. Messrs. Gordon, Cleland and Connor spoke in favor of the affirmative, and Messrs. Honeyman, Davis and Edgar for the negative. The speeches on both sides were able and lively, but the meeting decided in favor of the affirmative.

Science Jottings.

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Fac. App. Sci.

We are pleased to observe that the popular bearer of the War President's great patronymic has secured a work in four volumes entitled "Modern Steam Practice and Engineering."

It is currently rumored that he intends to place the work in the library for the convenience of his classmates.

Now that Science has such conveniently located bulletin boards, no student should neglect to keep himself well informed of their contents.

Prof. Nicolson is busily engaged in setting up the new engine in the Thermo Lab., which will be one of the best of its kind in the world and of great benefit to the Students.

Fortune smiled on the App. Sc. Reading Room last week. The committee realized handsome proceeds from the sale of periodicals on Thursday, and are gratefully indebted to Prof. Bovey for presenting them with several new and attractive pieces of furniture.

So great was the grief of a certain gentleman (of no mean *Rank* in the first foot-ball team) over the result of the recent match at Toronto, that he has sacrificed on the tonsorial altar those familiar appendages which once adorned his genial face.

A deplorable illustration of the ignorance of the masses was furnished by students of a sister faculty during the recent survey near the Medical Building. Attracted by the instruments, a large number of youths grouped themselves artistically in front of what they fondly imagined were cameras. Judging from those present, it seems that a student must have reached his third year in that Faculty before he can distinguish between a camera and a transit.

The zoology lecturer has met a long felt want, by introducing a word for the shadowy promise seen on the upper lips of L-rm-th and B-l-c-k-n. They answer exactly to his definition of a "*cilia*."

The Testing Laboratories.

The Testing Laboratories are by no means the least instructive of the varied departments of the Engineering building. That for the testing of cement is in full operation, and much information is being elicited as to the properties and strength of the different brands of cement under the actual conditions to be met with in practice. The results are carefully tabulated for future reference.

By means of the Emery and Buckton machines, tests are being made on all materials of construction, their behaviour under stress indicating how they should be employed in structures. At present, under the direction of Prof. Bovey, an exhaustive series of experiments is being made on the resistance to drawing of nails driven in different kinds of wood. This is an undeveloped subject, and it is to be hoped that the results of the present experiments will be published for the benefit of the profession. Elaborate experiments have also been made by Prof. Bovey, assisted by the fourth year civil class, to test the strength and quality of the car axle broken in the well known St. Joseph Levis accident on the I.C.R.

A point of great importance brought out at the evidence in the trial re this accident is the fact that wide temperatures prevailing in cold climates like Canada during winter largely increase the tendency of axles to fracture; in fact, it has been shown that the resistance of fracture at 100° is very often three times as great as that at a low temperature. The subject of the effect of variations of temperature on the strength of axles still requires thorough investigation, and it is hoped that these experiments will be carried out in the McGill College Laboratory at an early date.

Arts News.

Mr. Chas. Mansur has been elected to represent the students in Arts at the Medical dinner.

Mr. J. R. Dobson, B.A., Captain of the Arts tug-of-