

Hunter Talks to Literary About Nfld.

TELLS OF RECENT TRIP THERE.

The fourth meeting of the Collegiate Literary Society during the Easter term was held Friday, in the Assembly Hall. The meeting was very successful and one of the main items was an address by Rev. E. Crossley Hunter on his trip to Newfoundland. The other numbers proved very interesting and the meeting adjourned on time, which is much to the credit of the convenor of the programme committee.

At the opening of the meeting a short talk was given on the progress of the school magazine. The speaker had a favorable report to make and expected that the book would be published in about a month's time. A volume solo by Vernon Bourke, accompanied by Miss Margaret McKee, was the next number. It was greatly appreciated and received a hearty encore. At the conclusion of this number Rev. Mr. Hunter addressed the Society.

He briefly traced the early history of Newfoundland and showed that its discovery marked the beginning of Britain's great Colonial expansion. Newfoundland is a very backward country as compared with Canada, its neighbour. The only railway is very inconvenient and anything but modern. Mr. Hunter went on to tell of the wonderful history of the sealing industry and its importance to the Newfoundland people. He also touched on their educational system and pointed out the unpractical methods by which they conducted their schools. Education is not compulsory and they have adopted the denominational system. However, in concluding, Mr. Hunter said that he found the Newfoundland a very friendly and law-abiding people.

The Okeh Orchestra followed with a musical selection which was thoroughly enjoyed. The audience showed their appreciation of this number by two hearty encores. The orchestra is composed of Miss Margaret McKee at the piano, W. McDonald, at the violin, W. Brown, traps, and A. Waters, guitar.

Miss Gilham gave the critics report but no adverse criticism to offer with regard to the program. She suggested that the Literary Society attempt to develop vocal music more in future and advised the formation of quartets. She also thought that the introduction of outside speakers was educational and advocated more talks in future. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Westinghouse Company

TO MAKE ULTRA-AUDIBLE PHONE

The perfection of an electric ultra-audible microphone invented by Dr. Phillips Thomas, which it is claimed will permit scientists to record sound vibrations which now are too rapid for the human ear to catch, was announced recently by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

In its experimental stage, according to S. M. Kintner, director of research for the Westinghouse company, the microphone has been used successfully to transmit by radio the highest notes of the voice and of musical instruments which the ordinary transmitter and received reproduce as mere noises.

Mr. Kintner declared the device has been perfected and simplified to a point where it could be used by vessels at sea in picking up the warnings of foghorns or other sound warnings beyond the range of the human ear; in studying the finer sound vibrations of organs of the human body, such as the heart and brain, and in the realm of the entomologist, who has tried in vain to pick up sounds down to be made by tiny insects but audible to humans.

"The ultra-audible microphone will give for the human ear what the microscope does for the eye," Mr. Kintner said.

Dr. Thomas' device consists of a ring of insulating material on the inner side of which two tiny electrodes are set opposite. A high voltage is passed through the electrodes, producing a soft, purplish glow discharge as it flows through the air between them.

This glowing light, it is claimed, is highly sensitive to sound vibrations, flickering with the sounds and causing changes in the flow of current which can be transmitted to reproducing machines or recorded by a pen.

Heads of the department of entomology at the American Museum of Natural History declared that the new microphone, if made available to science, would open a vast realm of study to the entomologist.

It has long been known, they said, that certain birds, insects and even plants which to the human ear were dumb, made vocal or body sounds in communicating with each other. Male and female insects undoubtedly called to each other by sounds too high pitched for the human ear, they said.

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