

Vocal solo by Miss Embury, "The Blind Girl to her Harp."

Debate—Subject: "The world is advancing towards perfection." The affirmative was supported by Messrs. Wallbridge and Connor, and negative by Messrs. Donoghue and Ferguson. The decision was given by the audience in favor of the affirmative.

The historian, Mr. Forin, was unavoidably absent, and his history was read by Mr. Macoun.

Vocal solo, Prof. Stanistreet.

W. P. Ferguson delivered an oration on The Augustan Age.

Instrumental quartette by Misses Abercrombie, French, Vrooman and Powers.

The President elect then delivered his inaugural address, commenting upon the state and influence of the Society, after which the exhibition closed with "God save the Queen."

We think we can safely say that this was the most successful exhibition yet given by the Historical Society. The members, thrown upon their own resources, did themselves and the Society credit, by the manner in which they acquitted themselves. The interest of Prof. Stanistreet, and the kindness of the ladies of Alexandra College, in furnishing music for the occasion, is certainly commendable.

#### PRESENTATION TO PROFESSOR MACOUN.

A number of citizens, together with a large representation of the University of Albert College, and a few members of the Board of Education, met in the Council Chamber to witness a presentation to Professor John Macoun, M.A., F.L.S., F.R.S.C., of a testimonial accompanied by an address. The meeting was opened at 8:30, by the Chairman of the School Board, Mr. Wm. Johnson, who stated the object of the gathering, and paid a graceful tribute to the guest of the evening.

The Secretary of the Joint Committee, Prof. J. T. Bell, read the address, which was as follows:

TO PROF. MACOUN, M.A., F.L.S.

The undersigned, on behalf of the University of Albert College, the Board of Education of the City of Belleville, and the citizens at large of the said City, while congratulating you upon the recognition accorded to your ability by the Government of

Canada in appointing you to the position of NATURALIST OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, feel constrained at the same time to express our deep regret, that your acceptance of that position involves your removal from our vicinity.

In requesting your acceptance of the accompanying testimonial, we do so, not on account of its intrinsic value, but because it is intended to represent, in material and permanent form, the kindly feelings of respect and esteem which we entertain towards you personally, and our thorough appreciation of the value of your public services, and to serve as a token that we will in the future watch your course with the same interest with which we have viewed your progress, by your unaided industry and energy, from the comparatively humble position of a Public School Teacher to the LINNEAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND and the ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

In bidding you farewell, we feel that though the separation may be for your advantage, it is a loss to ourselves, and we express the fervent hope, that good fortune, health and happiness may attend yourself and amiable partner and family, wherever and however your lot may be cast.

In reply Prof. Macoun gave a short sketch of his life. When he came here 28 years ago as an humble school teacher, he did his duty without regard to creed or party, and he hoped to be spared long to do the same in the future. The two best friends he had in Belleville were Prof. Bell and Bishop Carman, but while these two gentlemen had been his most intimate friends, there were others around him whom he could look upon as friends of long standing. He thought the City was blessed with a good School Board and a competent staff of teachers. He regretted to part with such a band of friends, but from now until the day of his death he would look upon Belleville as his real home.

The Chairman called upon Bishop Carman, who made a few suitable remarks. In his opening he referred humorously to the reason why the people had gathered to honor Prof. Macoun. The latter, he said, was a good citizen, whom he had always loved to honor. The Speaker regretted the direct assistance which the University of Albert College