

For the editorial staff of the *Knox College Monthly*, the following were elected:—J. S. Mackay, B.A., G. E. Freeman, J. C. Smith, B.A., W. L. H. Rowand, B.A., Wm. Farquharson, J. L. Campbell; Manager—J. A. Jaffary, B.A., Assistant Manager—R. C. Libb.

A very pleasing occurrence transpired in the students' dining hall, on Thursday evening last. Mr. Fullarton, the steward of the college, and his lady were presented by the students with a handsome tea service and clock, the total value amounting to upwards of \$80.

Mr. R. M. Craig, president of the dining hall, accompanied the presentation with a neat address, to which Mr. Fullarton made a suitable reply.

#### MCMASTER HALL.

The regular meeting of the McMaster Literary Club was held on Saturday evening last. The debate was an open one, the subject being, Resolved, 'That the suggestion to reduce the University examinations to a primary and a final should be adopted.' Mr. Forsyth led the affirmative and Mr. Gilmour the negative. The decision was given in the negative.

A very interesting course of lectures was delivered this week in connection with McMaster Hall, by the Rev. Dr. Boardman, two of which were given in the Jarvis St. Church, and the remaining three in the College itself.

#### WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

On Monday evening the Hon. S. H. Blake delivered before the Literary Society of the College his lecture on 'Success.' The lecture was delivered in an eloquent and impressive manner, and we are sure it will not be without its effect upon the students. Readings were also given by Messrs. Gaviller and Daniel.

Representatives from Trinity, Knox, and McMaster Hall, met at Wycliffe last week to discuss the advisability of forming a Canadian Missionary alliance on the same basis as the American Inter-Seminary Alliance. The discussion was of a heated character, and brought well to the fore the 'Canada First' element. A committee was appointed to correspond with the other theological colleges with a view to having a larger delegation from Canada at the Inter-Seminary Alliance at Hartford next October.

The Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A., has been compelled, owing to clerical duties, to take up his residence near the cathedral. Mr. G. M. Wrong is acting as Dean, and fills the position with great satisfaction to the students.

#### MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

##### TRINITY.

The different lecturers here have finished their courses; and now the students are reading for the various examinations. The College examinations begin on the Tuesday following Easter Monday, and continue during the rest of the week, while those in connection with the council commence about the middle of April. The number of those who intend to take the Council examinations this year is not so large in proportion to the attendance here as it has been in previous years; many of the students intending to take a course in Great Britain after graduating here.

#### OSGOODE LITERARY AND LEGAL SOCIETY.

'There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood leads on to fortune.' The same trite but true maxim is also applicable to all societies, and applies with special force to the Osgoode Literary Society at the opening last fall. Then was the time, which taken at its tide, would have made our Society a live, influential, flourishing body instead of the smouldering embers of its former greatness, as it stands to-day. Though your reporter was not a partisan at the last election, subsequent proceedings, and the general standing of the Society to-day, force him to say that the act of discourtesy perpetrated by a majority of its members in not recognizing the just claim and unquestioned qualification of our President's opponent on that occasion has visited us with dire disaster and literary bankruptcy, forcing us to seek extraordinary expedients to draw together a bare quorum. Such experience, costly though it is, may prove to be a boon, if it only teaches our members to recognize merit even at the expense of personal feeling.

Very few members met at the Society's rooms on Saturday evening last, neither the President nor Vice President being present. In fact, a majority of the officers-elect have not done their duty to their Society, as their attendance has been very irregular, and in some particular cases, without mentioning names, they have been absent altogether. A day of reckoning is, however, coming when the Ballot Box will mete

out justice to those who have been derelict in duty. Mr. Bolster was moved into the chair, and after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and put to the Society, declared them adopted. The resignation of the defunct Government was not handed in as was expected, and as was due after the severe defeat of a week ago. The Premier's fondness of office is presumed to be the excuse for his breach of Parliamentary rules. It is understood, however, that his resignation will be handed in next week, if not the services of the Sergeant-at-Arms may be called into action. Mr. Bolster will be Premier of the new Government and probably Minister of the Interior. And rumor says that Mr. Swartout will be Minister of Public Works, Mr. Wilkins, of Finance, Mr. Mahoney, of Justice, and probably Mr. MacDonnell, Secretary of State. This, of course, is only report and is subject to variation. By motion it was decided to hold a regular meeting and to have a 'Hot Debate' to test the impromptu speaking powers of our members. Several spoke on different subjects and showed a marked readiness to deal with such matter on the spur of the moment. Mr. Swartout's lot fell to 'Wine and Women.' He showed the fallacy of the 'historic advice,' 'beware of vine and vidders.' Mr. Allan spoke on 'Society Dinners,' and in a clear and argumentative style showed the advantages and benefits to be derived therefrom. Messrs. McMichael and Forgee spoke on 'Wiggins' Storm,' and seemed to unite in saying that weather prophets should be suppressed by Act of Parliament. Mr. Taylor gave a humorous and effective speech on the hackneyed phrase, 'Mowat must go.' Mr. O'Meara was quite at home in discussing 'Coffee-house Girls,' and showed a praiseworthy acquaintance with his subject. Mr. McDonnell in a few remarks abolished 'Capital Punishment,' and Mr. Symon will not allow women to vote, although their expectations had been aroused by the recent *Conversazione*. Mr. Jarvis will not allow Canada to become annexed to the States nor become independent, but will ever keep it a colony of Great Britain. Mr. Wallace made Manitoba a paradise, while Mr. Cairns and Duggan spoke eloquently upon other subjects. The speakers gave their addresses, in ready style, and a marked improvement is noticeable since the opening of the Society last fall.

The 'Annual Dinner' now came up for discussion, and a committee was appointed to attend at the different Houses, 'The Queens', Rossin and Walker, and see what arrangements could be made, and report on the next evening. It is to be hoped that the Society will see that the dinner is not inferior to that of last year, which current report says was the best that was ever given under its auspices.

Mr. Swartout gave notice that he would be prepared to support his motion, next Saturday night, to have the public debates carried on in Parliamentary style, after which the Society adjourned.

#### CAMBRIDGE.

27th Feb., 1883.

Matters have at last been satisfactorily arranged between the Vice-Chancellor and townspeople. In deference to the largely signed memorial he has, without giving up his authority in such matters, promised to give his sanction to theatrical performances during the remainder of the term.

At the Union last week, Blain of John's moved 'that in the opinion of this house, Her Majesty's opposition is neither Conservative nor a party.' Blain's own speech was certainly one of the best the Union has listened to for some time, but he failed to persuade the House, and lost by 97 to 153.

On the 15th the appointment of a deputy-professor of International Law was opposed in the Senate. Sir W. V. Harcourt is the Professor, and the opposition to the appointment of a deputy was intended as a protest against the present system, by which a Professor is practically allowed to make his office a sinecure. The motion, however, was easily lost and was really never meant to be carried.

The two inter-varsity football matches have come off since I last wrote. On the 14th the Rugby match was played at Blackheath. Oxford was expected to score a very easy victory, as they have seven international players in their ranks, while Cambridge has only two, but they only won by the bare majority of one try to love, and that try was very strongly disputed. The Association match came off on the 27th, at the Oval. Most people thought that it would be a runaway affair for Cambridge, but a very even game ended in our victory by only three goals to two.

To outsiders at any rate, it seems that the 'Varsity eight is to be ruined again, as so often before, by frequent changes in the crew, and certainly the past week has seen no improvement. However, they are an exceedingly powerful lot, and with luck may pull off the race yet. There has been some difficulty in finding a boat to suit them, and I hear that an order for another still, has been given to a Cambridge boat-builder.

The University Athletic Handicaps have been going on yesterday and to-day. I shall have something to say about them in my next.