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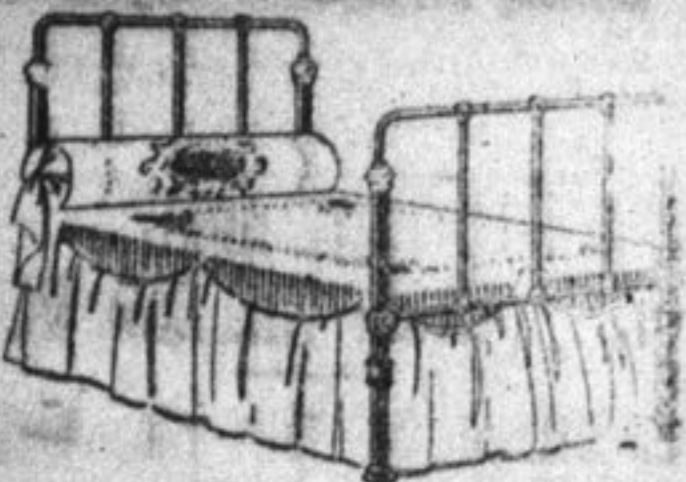


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### THE HALLS OF QUEEN'S

THE ALMA MATER MEETING ON SATURDAY EVENING

German in Convocation Hall on Sunday afternoon by Prof. John Dall—Realization of Christianity Assured.

The first Alma Mater meeting after the New Year has never been noted for a large attendance and Saturday night was no exception, although Arts '16 was to have debated Arts '17, but representatives of the latter year did not appear.

The result of the former agitation amongst the students concerning the regulations of the Senate Social Function Committee, were reported by the committee representing the A.M.S. These two committees met, and by all indications an amicable settlement will be reached this week.

Rev. John Dawson reported that the results of Queen's "experiment" with the skating rink were so far favorable and the management was running smoothly. The open air rink will probably be ready for use this week as it has been flooded.

Additional officers were elected to the basketball club, being, Capt. E. E. Watts; vice-pres. J. S. Laid; committee, J. M. Wood. While the report of the soccer club was read. This club although having lost the championship had a very successful season, and next season an inducement will be made for McGill to reconsider their withdrawal from the game. Members of medicine '16 were present to relieve the cap for the MacLennan series, but the cap failed to be produced. The officers elected for 1914 were:

Hon. pres., Prof. W. L. Grant; president, Prof. J. Macdonald; vice-president, L. H. Duffett; secretary, Mr. Gilchrist; assistant secretary, Mr. Stackhouse; capt. 1st team, Mr. Coulter; capt. 2nd team, W. Sagar; committee, Messrs. Donaldson, Sills, Lavin, Hardy.

Changes in the constitution were made and hereafter the society will meet after Christmas at 7 p.m. and before at 7.30 p.m.

The Rifle Association Club was admitted to the A.M.S. and the constitution considered, but this was left over to be adopted later.

The Oratorical contest which was announced during last week, has met with poor success, and in all probability, by the outlook, there will be none.

Convocation Hall Service.

Service at convocation hall was conducted Sunday afternoon, by Prof. John Dall, of the university. The gist of the sermon was an able effort to show that notwithstanding the present difficulties and hardships that beset christianity, the prospects of the realization of its truths and advancement are assured. The texts of the sermon were from Luke xii, 32: "Fear not," and Luke xiii, 19: "The kingdom of God... is like a grain of mustard seed."

There are some people who have no confidence in the future of christianity or will allow credit for its past works, this view naturally having its effect on the true adherents, many of whom cling to the old forms for fear of change, which others fly to half thought-out ideas that seem to meet their need. Two thousand years have done little to change christianity and most of the world is still at the wrong pole to its teachings. The rich and poor are still at extremes, the immoral of filth of the latter being reflected by the former, and the fault is that the world is still to learn the purity and unselfishness of christianity. We are told the church is a moral failure, has outlived its usefulness and cannot justify its claims scientifically. However, in the middle of the attack and indifference it is safe to say there never was a period in the world's history more Christian than the present. The Christian ideal is behind society and is responsible for the good in it. Even those who are searching for new religions and ideas cannot lose sight of Christian principles. To-day the Bible is studied and understood to a greater extent than ever before. Thus when we see so keen an interest, so many utopias based on christianity, we need fear not.

The second test expresses confidence and hope. The seed is planted and concealed, its prospects doubtful, but we know if it is good and the soil also, there is no fear for its growth and production of fruit. Christianity has been tried to be explained by its birth and sources with the contributions of Jesus Christ, but its growth cannot be thus explained by the mere seed or soil of its origin, but by its reaction on these. The truth was first planted in a Jewish element by Christ and here it absorbed all the good and eliminated all the baseness of a people with one God. Next it spread to the great Roman world, where with the Grecian and Roman influences it was modified, and in time became somewhat degenerated. Still, as in a living and growing thing, the life was there. The barbarians who descended on the Roman empire were next effected and bent their stubborn necks to the easy yoke of Jesus. When the old ideas of the church crumbled Christianity adapted itself to its new environments and with its different changes to the present day it has thus been influenced by them. From the one God of the Jews to the individualism of modern men, all have had their effect on Christianity, still its growth has gone steadily on. If this has been the case in the past why need we fear for the future? In the past there have been problems overcome as great as those of to-day and in the present the church is not the tender sapling of the past, so we must be strong and able to deal with hindrances. As Jesus Christ has been the power of salvation in the past so to-day will He save the souls of men. The transplanting of the church have been often the changes so abrupt it looked as if it would be obliterated, but it still survives and flourishes. In the present we are saved by these thoughts from rash presumption and foolish despair, for what has happened in the past will happen in the future. Christianity is indestructible. It has subdued all environments and there never will come a time when it cannot subdue them. The end is not for us to see, but

looking in the darkened glass of the future Christianity will be changed from glory to glory.

Guy McFarlane rendered a solo, "Nearer My God to Thee."

### A FIRE WAS FOUGHT

BY WORKINGMEN PILING SNOW ON IT.

Blaze in Boarding House at Cataragui Bridge During the Blizzard on Monday Morning—Fire Brigade Could Not Respond.

While the blizzard was raging at six o'clock, on Monday morning, a fire broke out in the boarding house owned by Fallon Bros., and used for the housing of the men they have at work on their bridge contract, at Barrieffield. It is believed that the blaze was caused by a defective stovepipe.

The men were astir in quick order, and their prompt action prevented a serious blaze. By tearing away some of the boards where the fire caught, a good check was put on the blaze, but the men were handicapped owing to the fact that they had no water. However, there was plenty of snow, and it was used to good advantage, and the men soon had the fire under control. The loss will not reach more than about \$50.

At first it was thought that the fire would be a very serious one, and a telephone call was sent to Fire Chief Armstrong. Owing to great danger of fire in the city, a very heavy wind raging at the time, the chief came to the conclusion that it would not be wise to take any of the men or the apparatus over the bridge, and after consulting Mayor Shaw, no assistance was rendered, but very shortly after the first alarm, the chief received word that the fire was under control.

However, Mayor Shaw and the chief made a trip over to the scene, in order to keep in touch with it, and to see if there would be an urgent call for assistance.

Mayor Shaw, as the retiring chairman of the fire and light committee, was certainly on his job until the last minute, as this was his last day as chairman of this committee.

Kingstonians at Dinner.

The San Diego, Cal., Journal says: Guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stevenson of Ingalls street are Professor and Mrs. N. H. Dupuis of Kingston, Can. Professor Dupuis is a member of the faculty of Queen's university in that city. He and his wife were among the guests at a dinner given on Christmas night, by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sundberg of St. James Place. Covers were laid for ten. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stevenson and Miss Dorita Stevenson, formerly of Kingston, Ontario, Can.; Professor and Mrs. Dupuis, Miss J. E. Ham of Napanee, Ontario; Mrs. E. Berg of Isanti, Minn., and Mr. H. W. Glasgow, formerly of Kingston.

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