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## LITERARY SOCIETY.



ON Friday evening we wended our way to the regular meeting of the Literary Society with feelings of unwonted perturbation. The air had been full, during the few days previous, of election talk, and we had eagerly swallowed every item of news. The appearance of the various manifestoes had worked our feelings, and they were finally brought to fever-heat by the publication of the Third Party platform. Here, we felt, was a party that we could support. The principle of noble independence expressed in its first plank—"We don't give a hang for any other party"—has especially appealed to our spirits. It was with the resolute intention of standing by its principles even unto death that we entered the hall.

The memories of last years stirring times revived as we entered the meeting, and filled us with a presageful feeling of coming squabbles. We thought of the poet's words—

Where furious Frank and fiery Hun  
 Fight in their sulphurous canopy ;

—and the war spirit within us began to snort and paw in anticipation of a big election scrap next week.

But we were doomed to disappointment. The "sulphurous canopy" was there in full swing—for many of the members think it their special privilege on nomination night to fill the air of the place of meeting with smoke—but the "furious Frank and fiery Hun" part of the business was not in it. Even the upholders of our own platform, the Third Party, seemed to have vanished, and despite our devotion to its principles we didn't get a decent chance to die on their behalf, and, therefore, refrained from so doing.

After the meeting had been called to order, and the Secretary had read the minutes in his usual sepulchral tone, several matters of business came up and were hastily despatched; and at last the all-absorbing part of the proceedings, the nomination, was reached. We present here with a list of the candidates:

| Office.                 | Candidate.             | Nominator.        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| President.....          | C. A. Stuart, B.A..... | R. S. Strath.     |
| 1st Vice-President....  | S. J. McLean.....      | F. B. R. Hellem.  |
|                         | G. H. Levy.....        | R. C. Dunbar.     |
| 2nd Vice-President....  | L. Brown.....          | J. H. Brown.      |
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| Curator.....            | C. C. Stewart.....     | J. T. Blythe.     |
|                         | W. E. McPherson.....   | J. H. Brown.      |
| Cor.-Secretary.....     | J. D. Chalmers.....    | A. T. Laing.      |
| Historical-Secretary... | R. D. Coutts.....      | J. D. Phillips.   |
|                         | H. P. Biggar.....      | B. A. C. Craig.   |
| Sec. Com.....           | T. G. Bragg.....       | E. A. Henry.      |
| 4th Year Councillor.... | J. J. Brown.....       | G. B. Wilson.     |
| 3rd Year Councillor.... | J. Montgomery.....     | J. D. Webster.    |
| 2nd Year Councillor...  | E. J. Patterson.....   | R. H. Walks.      |
| S.P.S. Coun., 3rd Yr... | A. E. Bergey.....      | E. J. Laschinger. |
| S.P.S. Coun., 2nd Yr..  | W. A. Blackford.....   | E. J. Laschinger. |

From this list it will be seen that there are only three offices contested, those, viz., of First Vice-President, Curator and Historical Secretary. The proposition of Mr. Stuart's name for that of President was seconded by Mr. N. McDougall.

When nominations were called for the office of President Mr. W. R. P. Parker, after referring to the indefatigable interest which the retiring President, Mr. DeLury, had shown, presented his name to the meeting as a candidate for the office for the ensuing year. He was seconded by F. B. R. Hellem. The President on rising to reply was greeted in a way which showed how thoroughly he enjoyed the esteem and respect of the members of the Society. After speaking feelingly of the kindness he had experienced at the hands of the Society during his tenure of office, he begged to decline. Mr. Strath thereupon rose and presented the name of Mr. C. A. Stuart, and amidst great acclamations he was declared President for the ensuing year.

These were peaceable matters. But all men felt that the time for blood had come when the President declared the meeting open to receive nominations for the office of First Vice-President. "The boldest held his breath for a time," until F. B. R. Hellem was seen making tracks for the platform. Arriving there Mr. Hellem told a *hen* story, the details of which we cannot here *hen*-ter upon, and presented the name of Mr. S. J. McLean. We were expecting to see some representative of our own Third Party rise and do likewise. But, alas! no, our beloved Third Party evidently was not in it. Our grief so blinded our eyes that it was with difficulty we could discern what followed. We saw, however, R. C. Dunbar come to the fore. Mr. Dunbar presented the name of Mr. G. H. Levy for the office. But the mild and peaceable way in which it was done warned us that there was to be very little bloodshed this campaign. The correctness of this premonition was soon shown, for in only two other offices was any double nomination allowed to stand. Several other gentlemen were nominated, indeed, but withdrew.

At last the list was gone through to the end. We could hardly realize that the fateful business of nomination was actually over, so tame had the whole proceeding been. We thought of the big time we had had last year, and could only shed bitter regret that it was not to be so now. Our careful training for the moral suasion committee had been of no avail, then? So, alas! it proved.

The next item of business which followed was a discussion in regard to the VARSITY. Mr. W. R. P. Parker wanted to know what the Business-Manager thought of the "tri-weekly" scheme. The Business-Manager said he thought it feasible provided the members paid their fees—otherwise not. The Assistant Business-Manager, being called upon, said he had not heard what his chief had said