

REPORTER'S FOLIO.

Philosophical and Literary Society :—

The second regular meeting of this society was held on Friday evening, 1st of Feb., the President in the chair. After preliminary exercises the secretary read a lengthy communication from Mr. Cleland, in which he complained of the enforcement of the regulation regarding the compulsory attendance of intending competitors. After some discussion, Mr. J. S. Gordon moved that a special meeting of the society be held on Saturday morning, Feb. 9th; this motion was carried. The same gentleman gave notice of motion to change the time appointed for the competition to the end of the session, for thus the difficulty would be satisfactorily removed. Mr. J. P. McInnis gave notice of motion respecting that clause in the constitution touching the system of electing the officers of the society. Mr. T. A. Sadler then brought forward the resolution of which he gave notice at the previous meeting, relating to the appointment of judges for the French competition.

The programme was then proceeded with. It proved to be one of peculiar interest, partly because of the high character of the music and recitations, but specially because of the fact that the majority of those taking part in it were juniors. The first number was a recitation by Mr. C. Houghton, entitled "The Soldier's Conflict at Waterloo," and the hearty applause which he received attested to the merits of the recitation and the excellency of its rendering. Mr. J. G. Stephens, our popular soloist, next favored the society with one of his favorite national airs. Mr. N. D. Keith added greatly to the interest and pleasure of the meeting, by giving a selection from Shakespeare. Then followed the de-

bate, whose subject was, "Resolved that the Pulpit wield a greater influence for good than the Platform."

Mr. J. J. L. Gourlay in an eloquent address opened the discussion, and elaborately traced the influence of the pulpit from its earliest history down to the present day, clearly setting forth the very important part that it has played in bringing about many of the greatest moral reforms of the world. He was followed by Mr. Houghton, upon whom, in the absence of his colleague Mr. Taylor, who was called away from the meeting by pressing business, the task and honor of upholding the influence of the Platform rested. This he succeeded in doing in a manner that would have done credit to a much more experienced logician. Mr. J. R. Thompson in a neat speech, closed the discussion. The critic for the evening, Mr. F. W. Gilmour, gave a brief summary and criticism of the programme.

The third regular meeting of this society was held on Friday, 22nd of Feb. The President occupied the chair. After the opening exercises, the business, which was of a peculiarly interesting and important character, was proceeded with. The first item was the motion of which notice was given at a previous meeting, touching by-law number three, section three, dealing with the election of officers for the society. In the absence of Mr. Miller who gave notice of the motion, Mr. H. Murray brought in the amendment, which was carried. Mr. Angus Graham presented a very full and clear statement of the financial condition of our College Journal; it was highly satisfactory to the society, and reflects credit upon the treasurer and those associated with him. Messrs. J. S. Gordon and J. C. Stewart were appointed auditors of the "Journal" accounts for the present year.