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## The Literary and Scientific Society.

**ON** the 9th of February, after a week's rest, the only Society met again for work. President Mason filled the chair. The late Secretary read minutes, ten minutes, lingering fondly by the seat of his splendors, and like the setting sun, "more glorious ere his course was run." Messrs. Hinch and Martin were away on a visit. No one knows where Mr. Davidson was. But nothing daunted the Society sighed and began to elect a Secretary. After a sharp contest, troubled by some protests against the scrutineers and possibly some corruption in the back of the room, Mr. G. F. Smith was declared the winner. It is said that Mr. Carson polled the next largest vote. Only six responded to A. W. Smith's last affecting appeal for support. Several elegant nominations for the office of Critic were reluctantly declined. And then the Society in a fit of rage almost decided to have no critic next day. But Mr. Stewart was elected. More important were the nominations to the offices of Treasurer and Councillor vacated by Messrs. Cooper and Sifton. The thirst for office manifested by certain individuals who figure in every election we have, made the list of nominees as long as usual. When, therefore, the President choked off this part of the programme, declaring out of order a man who wanted nominations left open, the Society did not demur. All this time Mr. Murray was looking as happy as an oyster with its shell opening, because he knew the Society was pleased with him and his work as Curator. During the discussion

on the class photograph Messrs. Burnham and Wethey interchanged frequent glances of defiance. Mr. Thompson came in and took a seat. Mr. Langford scored the photograph committee. Sifton, Allin, Tamblyn, Hansford and Elder dealt with the matter from different points of view. Finally nothing was decided upon.

The debate started at 3.40. Mr. Burnham and Miss Inson scouted the idea of woman's benefitting by the higher education. Mr. Wethey and Miss Iler proved the absurdity of their position. Still, Mr. Burnham's tongue was tipped with persuasion, and his side would doubtless have won had not Mr. Wethey shown how Higher Mathematics made his cookery what it is. After the critic Mr. Gillesby had performed his duty, the society adjourned with the song for the "Widow at Windsor."

President Mason stayed away from the next meeting and Second Vice President Walker took the chair with a firm resolve to clean out the caterpillars of the commonwealth. The re-appearance of Messrs Hinch and Martin made the Society's heart flutter with pleasure. Everybody knew there was a lot of business to be transacted, which only such experienced hands could expedite so as to leave time for an excellent programme. After the minutes were read and rather hastily approved, Mr. Hansford moved the abolition of the office of critic. The Chair tried to cut him short, but an audience enthralled by the subtle spell of golden speech refused to be balked of its delight. The orator was followed by several insolent objectors, Wethey, Martin and Tamblyn. It was Mr. Martin's greatest effort since he became ex-President. The Latin