

THE LIT.

Friday, March 7th.

Constitution Night at the Lit. did not seem to form as strong an attraction as in former years, since there were only a handful of the members present when President Thompson and Secretary Gould ascended the rostrum. However, those who were there were in a scrappy mood, and the proceedings seldom flagged.

Mr. Wallace, who knew what we were up against, moved that the minutes be taken as read, but could find no seconder. Secretary Gould, figuratively speaking, spat on his hands and started in, but Messrs. Younge and McDiarmid mercifully flagged him with a motion that they be taken as read, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Hamilton then moved that the Literary Society suggest to the Alumni Association that the two undergraduate representatives on the Alumni Executive be made members of the editorial board of the Alumni Monthly. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion and it was carried. Mr. Hamilton, emboldened by his success, moved that the new constitution of THE VARSITY as presented by the committee be taken up serially, and Mr. McDiarmid seconded the motion. Mr. Wallace said it was unnecessary, but Mr. R. B. Cochrane announced that he had several amendments to offer, and the motion was carried.

The constitution was then taken up. All went well until it came to the clause which provided that two of the representatives of the editorial board for each class should be promoted each year. Then Mr. R. B. Cochrane arose in his might and moved that the words "if advisable" be inserted. Mr. Hodgson seconded the amendment. After a long discussion, in which Messrs. McGuire, A. R. Cochrane, Hodgson, and Day, spoke in favor of the amendment, and Messrs. Younge, McFarland, Ingram, Martin and Darling, opposed it, the amendment was carried. Mr. Cohen then moved that a clause be inserted providing for the recommendation by the nominating board of two men as editors in chief, such recommendation to be accepted or refused by the editorial board at their own discretion. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. At this point J. L. McPherson, B.A., was noticed, and Mr. Oliver proposed that he be elevated to the platform. John didn't want to go, and he had his way. Mr. Cohen's motion was put to the meeting and carried. When the articles regarding the Business Board came up for consideration Messrs. R. B. Cochrane and Hodgson brought in another "if advisable" amendment. Mr. Martin hinted that certain honorable gentlemen did not know what they were talking about, and Mr. Cochrane raised a question of privilege. The threatened storm passed over, and when the motion was put the vote was declared a tie. Another vote was taken, and the amendment carried. Mr. Cohen then moved the insertion of a clause providing for the recommendation by the Nominating Board of a Business Manager, which Mr. Martin seconded. A little mix-up occurred here in regard to the numbers of the sections, for which Mr. Wallace informed the meeting Mr. Paterson was to blame. After the tangle was straightened out Mr. Cohen's motion was voted on and carried. Mr. Cochrane moved an amendment providing for the election of an Assistant Business Manager, but it was ruled out of order. Mr. Martin moved an amendment giving to the Business Manager absolute control of all business matters. It was seconded by Mr. Wallace and carried. Mr. Hamilton then announced amid vociferous applause that it was finished, and on his motion the constitution was adopted as a whole.

Messrs. Cochrane and Hodgson then moved the

insertion of the "Assistant Business Manager clause," and it was carried. Mr. Martin claimed that the motion had been too hasty, and moved its reconsideration. This was carried, and the motion of Mr. Cochrane being again put to the meeting was lost. A vote of thanks was then tendered to the committee who had tried to revise the constitution.

President Thompson then called for nominations for the Nominating Board. Messrs. Rolph, Cunningham, R. B. Cochrane, and E. A. Hamilton, were nominated, and declared elected by acclamation. Vice-President Younge announced that subscription lists would be circulated to make up the deficit of the Literary Society. On a motion of Mr. Wallace, Messrs. Coffin and Chipman were appointed auditors.

Mr. Martin then reopened the question of the amalgamation of the journals, and moved that the Executive of the Society be empowered to deal with the question. Mr. McFarland seconded the motion. A heated discussion followed, and was participated in by Messrs. Wallace, Cochrane, Day, McDiarmid, Cunningham, Younge, Broadfoot, and Bell. Then Mr. Workman moved an amendment that the Society express itself in favor of amalgamation. Mr. Megan seconded the amendment. Mr. Cochrane then suggested that Mr. Woodruffe be asked to state the position of the Union on the question, but that gentleman could only speak for himself, and declared himself in favor of amalgamation. The amendment was lost, and the motion carried.

Friday, March 14th.

The last meeting for the year attracted a larger number of members than usual, and although there was not the slightest breath of dissention, still it was what might be called an enthusiastic meeting.

Dr. Thompson took the big chair for the last time, and a motion to take the minutes as read was carried. R. J. Younge then presented the report of the Executive of the Society on the result of their conference with the Undergraduate Union Executive regarding the proposed amalgamation of *College Topics* and THE VARSITY, in which the committee recommended that the project should be carried out, and submitted a draft constitution, which appears in another column. Mr. Younge put the matter before the society clearly and logically, and strongly advocated the adoption of the report. Mr. McDiarmid seconded the motion. Mr. Gillies and Mr. O'Dell also spoke in favor of amalgamation, and Mr. McFarland read President Loudon's opinion of the scheme, which was favorable. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. McDiarmid asked for information regarding the report of the Nominating Board of THE VARSITY, and Mr. McFarland answered that in view of the motion which had just been carried the report of that committee would not be presented.

Dr. Thompson then called forward Mr. Baird, the President of '04, and presented to him the debating shield which the class has won for the second time. Mr. Baird replied with a eulogy on all things sophomore.

Nominations were then called for for the offices of the society for the coming year. When nominations for President were called for Mr. Younge proposed the name of Dr. Thompson which was received with cheers. Mr. McFarland seconded the nomination. Dr. Thompson thanked the society for the honor which had been offered him, but declined to let his name stand. Mr. McDiarmid then nominated Mr. Jas. Brebner. Mr. Cochrane seconded the nomination, and Mr. Brebner was declared elected by acclamation. The other officers nominated, all of whom were elected by acclamation, were: