

Public Debate was decided upon this year, but owing to press of time and other events it could not be held. But we believe that the council should *insist upon it* that a public literary function be held every year without fail, if not in the Lent then in the Michaelmas term.

We do not mean to unfavourably criticise the council's actions. We think they did their work well. A suggestion, however, will perhaps be in order.

We close our Literary Institute column with regret, and look to recording even increased success in the season of '97-'98.

The fifteenth meeting opened to a packed house. The attractions of the evening were nominations and the second in the series of Inter-year Debates. With the usual speeches full of "nice things" the movers and seconders proposed the names of their candidates for the different offices. Two offices went by acclamation—those of President and Secretary, which were filled for the second term by Mr. C. A. Seager, B.A., and Rev. R. Seaborn. For the others a goodly number of names were submitted amidst great applause, and things looked promising for a hot election.

The chief event of the evening, however, was the inter-year debate between '96 and the Divinity Class. Messrs. Osborne and C. W. Bell made the opening speeches on the Government side (the debate took, as usual, the form of a mock parliament) and opposed convict labour as inimical to the public interest. Notwithstanding the powerful speeches of these gifted and experienced statesmen the resolution was lost, and the opposition, who were led by Mr. Seager, B.A., whose speech was ably seconded by Mr. MacGill, M.A., followed by several pointed speeches from members of their side of the house, were declared victors. Amidst great excitement and confusion the meeting broke up.

The sixteenth meeting was also marked by a large attendance. The final debate in the inter-year series was the event of the evening. The Government ('98) introduced a bill to hand over to the government the control of lines of transportation and communication. The bill was introduced by Mr. Boyle, who was seconded by Mr. Ryerson. Mr. Boyle's speech was certainly excellent.

The resolution was opposed by the Divinity Class who sat in the opposition benches, and who were led by Mr. MacCallum, B.A., seconded by Mr. Anderson, M.A. After a hot debate in which many members on both sides took part, the House divided, the division resulting in a tie, and the bill was declared lost. The Divinity Class thus became the winners of the inter-year debates though the freshmen pushed them hard.

The inter-year debates were throughout characterized by the greatest enthusiasm, in the production of which no doubt the fact of their taking the form of a mock parliament was a large factor. A better scheme could not have been devised for increasing interest in the Literary Institute meetings. It was, however, unfortunate that the debates did not come off earlier in the term. On account of approaching examinations nobody could devote very much time to the preparation of speeches. We hope to see this remedied next year, and in consequence to hear better speeches. The idea of inter-year debates in the form of a mock parliament was, however, a happy one, and the issue was a decided success.

The 17th meeting and last for the year '95-'96, was held in hall on the 13th inst., the President in the chair. After the usual preliminaries the reports of the various offices were called for and presented. Without entering into the details of each report we may say that all were entirely satisfactory. Mr. C. W. Bell gave such an excellent statement of finance that a special vote of thanks was tendered him. The position of treasurer, when the extensive nature of the conversazione is considered, is an ardu-

ous one, and was filled by Mr. Bell in a most thorough and capable manner. We are sorry that the Librarian's correspondence with the Hon. Jos. Chamberlain did not result as successfully as he hoped, for the blue books mentioned would have been a most valuable addition to the Institute library, so frequently are they sought for in connection with debates. After a special vote of thanks had been tendered the President and Council for their services of the past year, the scrutineers distributed the ballots and the elections for the ensuing year were proceeded with. The offices of president, secretary and librarian had gone by acclamation to Messrs. Seager, Seaborn and Boyle respectively, and after a heavy poll, during which the most unsocially inclined regaled the assembly with old-time melodies, the chairman announced the following results for the contested seats:—*Vice-presidents*, Messrs. McCallum, B.A., and McGill, M.A. *Treasurer*, Mr. C. J. H. Mockridge, B.A. *Councillor*, Mr. D. F. Campbell, '96. *Curator*, Mr. H. J. Johnson, '98. The usual valedictories followed, some in sad, some in a cheerful strain, but all breathing the same spirit of regret at leaving Alma Mater, Trin. ap. Tor, and the meeting adjourned to the different dens where the good cheer of the successful candidate is always on hand.

SPORTS.

General Meeting.—The annual meeting of the Athletic Association was held on Wednesday, 11th, in Lecture Room 2, the President, H. B. Gwyn, B.A., in the chair. The Secretary, D. F. Campbell, '96, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted. In the Secretary's report Mr. Campbell gave a short résumé of the doings of the Association and the different teams during the year. The Association Register, which is a chronicle of all the games played by the Association teams, he also showed to be up to date, although it was several years in arrears when handed over to him.

Next came the Treasurer's report by C. J. H. Mockridge, B.A. He showed the finances of the Association to be in a prosperous condition, apparently. After paying a deficit of something over eighty dollars left by the last committee, and setting aside sixty dollars, the proceeds of the concert given last fall, for the Cinder Track Fund, he seemed to have a balance very close to one hundred and sixty dollars to meet the expenses of the spring sports. On the motion of Mr. MacGill, B.A., these reports were unanimously adopted.

In response to the President's enquiry for other business, H. C. Osborne, '96, moved that J. H. Locke, '96, on account of his having in a tangible way both last year and this shewn his interest in the Association, should be made a life member of the Association. Mr. Osborne explained how last year by the sale of pictures of the College and again this year by his untiring efforts in the disposal of new college pins, Mr. Locke had donated some seventy dollars to the treasury. This motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell, '96, and passed with great applause.

The election of officers for the year '96-'97 then took place, the nominations having been made the previous week. The treasurership and committee were the only offices contested. Next year's officers will be:—

Honorary President.....The Provost.

" Vice-presidents { Professor Rigby, M.A.
" Huntingford, M.A.
" Mr. A. H. Young, M.A.

President.....H. C. Osborne, '96.

Vice-president.....C. J. H. Mockridge, B.A.

Secretary.....D. F. Campbell.

Treasurer.....C. P. Johnston, B.A.

Committee—A. L. Becher, '96 ; C. A. Heaven, '96 ; C. H. Bradburn, '97 ; T. W. Marling, '98 ; N. B. Jones, '98.