

we trust that it shows a growth of friendly feeling between the two Colleges. The Women of Varsity are very anxious for a residence and they probably were made even more so when they learned from Miss Nourse the many advantages we enjoy at S. Hilda's.

Miss Wood '99 was in town last week.

THE Tea Club has reorganized and meets daily in Miss Greenwood's room.

Literary Institute

As this is the beginning of term there are no meetings of the "Lit." to record. We feel that this column could not be used to a better advantage than by publishing an essay on the Literary Institute of the Rev. J. R. H. Warren, which was read before the society last year.

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I FEEL very diffident about writing anything on such a subject as the Literary Institute since, owing to my enforced absence from its meetings, I am not in a position to say anything worthy of your notice. But may I be pardoned for broaching the subject on the ground that I have come to realize what a loss mine is, in not being able to take a more active share in our society's proceedings. There is scarcely a man who leaves this college without acknowledging that, through his own inactivity, he has missed a good deal of what the Institute had to teach him; and who laments the fact from the bottom of his heart.

The object of this Institute is the first thing to be considered.

That object seems to me to be summed up in the word "Literary," which is defined as that which pertains to literature, or that which deals with learning or learned men. It is true, we cannot call ourselves a body of learned men, but it is equally true to say that we cannot deal much with literature without becoming learned men to a certain extent. Part of that dealing with literature is the being trained to speak and write correctly which presupposes preparation on the part of the speaker or writer. This is the object aimed at here; but just as an apple will remain on a tree so long as sufficient trouble is not taken to bring it down; so will the object of this Institute be unattained, so long as its members do not care to take sufficient pains to pluck the ripe fruit which it offers. And, only in accordance with the amount of trouble we exert over the matter, can we be benefited by our connection with it.

The Institute is to train men to speak correctly, intelligently and fluently. This is done in our debates. The subjects chosen generally deal with questions of the day, and other matters which are of wide-spread interest.

Yet, the subject can be the best in the world, and still the debates be dry and uninteresting. Why? Simply because those who take part in them have neither interested themselves in the subjects, or tried to interest anybody else. An intelligent debate pre-supposes *preparation*. This is often sadly overlooked and the result is that many pronounce the Institute a dead failure. Whereas, it is not the Institute which is at fault, but those who compose it. Everyone of us is open to blame in this respect. How many during the past year have taken even a fair amount of trouble to prepare their speeches? Very few—and yet we say the Institute is a failure. Certainly it is if we think it is going to do everything for us—and we nothing for it. It is here for the purpose of training us to speak intelligently and fluently; but it will fall very far short of its object if we neglect our duties. So far from it training us in speaking in this way, it will teach us in the best possible way how to *dribble* if we come into this room with hazy ideas of what we are going to talk about.

I believe the whole secret of our failures in the past lies in the fact that men have not taken the trouble to properly work up the subject matter of their speeches before they came into the hall. If this trouble were taken *three* results would follow.

First, those who speak would be, themselves, thoroughly benefited by the debate.

Secondly, owing to the *good* speeches, which *must* follow upon preparation, our meetings would be more largely attended than they are at present.

And thirdly, those meetings would be interesting and attractive.

I think this matter is a practical one for us all. Many of us will be called upon to assume positions in life in which speaking will form a large proportion of our work. When are we going to receive the training which is necessary to enable us to speak as we should? Are we going to wait until after we leave college before we begin. We can do so if we like, and thereby throw ourselves back two or three years. And, if we are to receive that training here, where can we do so except in the debates of the Literary Institute? There is no other means provided for this in College.

We ought to lay to heart an inference which can be drawn from what Dr. Parkin said in his address here lately. He spoke of the debates of the Oxford Union being listened to with great interest by eminent political men, and referred to more than one of the debaters being chosen to fill certain positions at the government's disposal. And then he said, "think of Sir Wilfrid Laurier prowling about the halls of our universities, looking among debating societies for men whose talents would fit them for political positions!" Yes, think of it! Think of any outsiders coming in and enjoying *our average speeches*!

Let us awaken to the fact that by our want of interest we are missing golden opportunities for intellectual improvement such as will never come to us again.

J. R. H. WARREN.

Theological and Missionary.

At a meeting of the Divinity class held last week the subject of "Mission Study" was considered, and it was decided that the class would follow up the work of last year with a further study of missions in Japan; a field in which we are particularly interested at the present time owing to the efforts of the Divinity Alumni Association to establish, on a firm basis, an associate mission in that field, to be supplied and supported by the graduates of Trinity. The Rev. E. Murrell Wright, B.A., was chosen as leader of the Class for the year, and he is sparing no pains to make the meetings both most interesting and most instructive. It is hoped that the members will fully appreciate his efforts, as this will ensure the unqualified success of the work of the Class.

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It will be gratifying to the relatives of our late fellow student, Mr. Arthur Boddy, to learn that the Compline and Mission Study Room that was furnished by them in memory of him is in daily use by the Class for Compline as well as for the weekly meeting of the Mission Study Class, and is much appreciated by the students.

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MR. E. W. B. RICHARDS, is to be thanked for the suggestion that the readers in Chapel during the week be responsible for the ordering of the room and reading Compline, an arrangement that has been found to work most satisfactory, as punctuality is guaranteed.

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"OUR New Provost" was introduced to his chair as President of "The Theological and Missionary Society of