

Report of the Literary Society.

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The "Melville Church Literary Society" sprang into existence on the evening of the 20th of October, 1896.

For some time it was felt that there was a growing need of the better intellectual development of the young people of this congregation. To further this aim, by creating a taste for reading, meetings have been held fortnightly, at which the attendance has been very encouraging.

Extracts from several noted authors, and essays written by the members, have been read, and a course of interesting and instructive home-reading has been mapped out by the Executive Committee.

The following books have been read and discussed since the organization of the Society:

Ruskin's	..	"Sesame and Lilies."
Tennyson's	..	"Enoch Arden."
"		"Palace of Art."
Dickens'	..	"David Copperfield."
"		"Tale of Two Cities."
Shakespeare's		"Cymbeline."

And other authors.

The members of the Society feel encouraged by the result of their first attempts, and hope that their past efforts will be as "stepping-stones to higher things.

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