

## UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS.

ALL reports from Societies must reach us by noon on Thursday to insure insertion.

The following notice has been sent to the Professors and Lecturers by the President :

"The President begs leave to call the special attention of the Professors and Lecturers to the very large amount of breakage of furniture this year in the lecture rooms. He will feel obliged by their urging on the students more care ; and otherwise endeavouring to lessen this source of waste of funds.

"Univ. Coll., March 3rd, 1889."

## LITERARY SOCIETY.

Friday, March 8th. Some ten or twenty curiosity-hunting students lounged into our Oratory to-night to collect impressions of a real 7.30 meeting. Not finding any, the whole thirty of them gossiped about till they might catch the next car—an 8 o'clock meeting. At about 8.30 nearly all fifty went in and sat down to listen to the melody of the minutes. When things warmed up a bit a hundred and fifty of us were sitting, standing, speaking, interrupting, raising partitions to get more room and otherwise demeaning ourselves as members of a declining and effete society.

Periodical and Constitutional Night in one night and a bit of Saturday morning ! The newspapers were put on, not without lively skirmishing. Every member present had a paper ready. Having run out of English papers, we were filling in with German and French, when at last a Hebrew journal was set up. This raised opposition. Whether from religious antipathy or else wherefrom, the students are unwilling to read a Hebrew paper. Having reached but not entered Jerusalem our crusade for papers was ended.

The annual motion on graduate suffrage was moved by Mr. McKay in a conciliatory manner. The main argument for their disfranchisement is that they cannot know the merits of the candidates. The answer is that many undergraduates, especially the Fourth Year, are in the same boat. There was a racy smack of interest but little of the bitter flavour of the last two brewings of this perennial thing.

Messrs. Spence, Cody, Desbarres and Fortune were adverse. Mr. Rodd loved the graduates because they voted straight. Mr. Bristol, a graduate, asked in what way graduates abused their franchise. Mr. Waldron, another graduate, entreated it as a favour. But his entreaties booted nothing. The minority was inflexible, the majority not great enough. When it was settled that the graduates should not vote for undergraduates this March, about a century of members retired to their virtuous couches. The remnant occupied itself for the most part in resisting innovations to the constitution, and took the wings of the morning in time to get an appetite for breakfast.

## LITERARY SOCIETY ELECTIONS.

Frantic efforts are being made to stir up such strife as will ensure an exciting election contest. The common complaint is that we are all much too friendly. However, we have no doubt that the laudable efforts of the party-manufacturers will be crowned with success. The "College Reform Party" has been already marshalled; the "Party of Progress" follows hard on its heels; the "Party of Advance" is looming up; the "Go-Ahead Party" is talked of; and we have no reason to fear that the "Get-There Party" will in the end demolish them all. There is a marked dearth of abusive epithets; the "Coal-Scuttle Party" is the hardest nick-name yet invented. Following are the manifestos issued so far :

"PROVISIONAL" MANIFESTO OF THE COLLEGE REFORM PARTY.

To the Members of the Literary and Scientific Society :

GENTLEMEN,—Believing that in the present circumstances an election is essential to the well-being of the Society, and recognizing the fact that the old party lines were obliterated two years ago, and in order that an election may not take place on the lines of last year, and the year before ; and realiz-

ing that certain reforms are necessary, we submit the following provisional platform :

1. That a special effort be made to promote the interests of the Literary Society, and to make it the Society of all the College Societies.

2. To this end that a proper University *esprit de corps* be fostered.

3. That a bond of union be established between the members of the different College Residences, and those not residing in them, with the object of inducing them to take a more active part in the Society, and in undergraduate and university life.

4. That the club scheme be carried into effect as soon as possible.

## THE PARTY OF PROGRESS.

To the Members of the Literary and Scientific Society :

GENTLEMEN.—As you are aware, a movement has been set on foot to combine the various College Residences into a Party, to secure, if possible, the control of the Literary Society. To such a proposal we are directly opposed. We believe that the interests, not of any section or sections, but of the undergraduate body as a whole, should be considered. We recognize, also, the necessity of a change in the method of carrying on the Society, and therefore submit the following platform for your consideration.

1. We do not believe that the various residences are the proper basis for a union of all the students of University College, but in such a union the residences *as residences* should be entirely ignored; the various class organizations should be recognized as the basis of union and as societies auxiliary to the general Literary Society.

2. (a) We advocate Inter-class Literary Competition. The classes will meet in conflict on the football field ; why not in the intellectual arena of the Literary Society ? Let each year name the men who shall uphold its honour in debates and other literary work and we guarantee a new and absorbing interest in the Society.

(b) Further, we advocate OCCASIONAL DEBATES IN REGULAR PARLIAMENTARY FORM. Though we are debarred from discussions involving disputed points in Canadian politics, there are many subjects of present popular interest which might well be treated by the Society in the form of a mock Representative Assembly. Those who remember the old Forum know how great was the interest aroused in this very way. Let the President of next year act as Speaker of the House, the officers as Cabinet Ministers, the defeated candidate for Vice-Presidency as Leader of the Opposition. Half a dozen meetings of this kind would excite an immense interest throughout the College.

3. We advocate the union of all faculties of the University in the Literary Society.

## MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

At the regular meeting of the Club on Monday, "Auerbach and his Works" was the subject discussed. The programme opened with a piano duet by Misses Robson and Clayton. Mr. Chamberlain followed with an address in English on the author of the evening, discussing his life, his literary style and several of his works. He read a number of extracts illustrating his remarks. After the close of the address German conversation continued for a considerable time.

On Monday next, Mr. Squair will deliver an address on "The Importance of the Study of Modern Languages." A good programme has been arranged and all friends of the society are invited to be present.

Nominations on Monday ; elections the following week. At the election meeting, matters of importance to the Club and to the Modern Languages Course will be discussed. It is hoped that there will be a large turn-out of all interested in the work of the Department.

## THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The Engineering Society held a meeting last Tuesday at quarter past three in the large draughting-room, School of Science, the President in the chair. Mr. Burns, Fellow in Engineering, read a paper entitled "The History of the Steam Engine." He gave a description of the methods em-