

membership of the present Athletic Association, section 2 reading as follows: "The ordinary members of this association shall be: (a) Undergraduates of the University of Toronto, School of Practical Science, and affiliated colleges, who are in actual attendance on lectures in their respective departments; (b) Graduates of the University of Toronto, School of Practical Science, and the affiliated colleges; (c) The members of the Faculties of the University of Toronto, School of Practical Science and affiliated colleges." Thus practically every undergraduate is a member and has a vote in the election of those men who will direct athletics in the succeeding year. Moreover every club, every year in Arts, every Faculty and the majority of the affiliated institutions have a voice in the election of officers. The great difficulty at first, I well remember, was the invention of the election machinery to ensure this fair representation; and finally the simple method inaugurated in the election of last spring was adopted with gratifying success. It is briefly outlined in the constitution as follows: "The election of the representatives of the student body shall take place at a meeting called by the secretary of the Athletic Association not later than February 15th. This electing body shall be composed as follows: The athletic director of each year in Arts. Two representatives elected by each of the following colleges: Medicine, School of Science, Dental College, Victoria College, Knox and Wycliffe. Five representatives elected by each of the Executive Committees of the following athletic clubs: Rugby Club, Lacrosse Club, Baseball Club, Hockey Club, Tennis Club, Cricket Club, Gymnasium Committee and Games Committee, and one from each Association Football Club of each affiliated college." This constitutes an electing body of some sixty members, who choose from their number five student representatives to the Executive of the Athletic Association, namely, the Athletic Directorate. The other four members of the latter body are made up of: Three Faculty members, and one elected by the Advisory Board of the Association. It will thus be seen that the Athletic Directorate, though a small body, is made thoroughly representative of the whole student body by the method of election.

But how, you will ask, can this executive control the athletic organizations any more effectually than its predecessors? This is completely answered by article 7 of the constitution, which says: "The Association shall have full control over the finances of all athletic clubs of the University of Toronto, and through its secretary-treasurer shall have entire control over the disposal of the athletic funds." Though exceedingly comprehensive, this clause even would be ineffectual, were it not that the election of the secretary-treasurer of each club must be sanctioned by the directorate before he can hold office. He can make no disbursements whatever without the sanction of the secretary-treasurer of the directorate, and must hand over all funds received to the latter. Here we at last see accomplished a union of all athletic organizations for the common good. The stronger support the weaker and each has justice and gets a fair share from the common exchequer.

The Directorate, moreover, through its secretary-treasurer chiefly, has control over the following: The gymnasium, the athletic grounds, all public events, all students wishing to play on any University team, the rink and the annual At Home. It will readily be seen how much depends on the efficiency and energy of the secretary-treasurer. In fact, the success or failure of the whole organization rests on the capability of this one man. Happily, for the first year, the Directorate has been very fortunate in securing the able services of Mr. V. E.

Henderson, B.A., for this important and arduous position, and everything points to a most successful season.

I hope that I have neither transgressed too much on my readers' patience nor the Editor's space, and will conclude this too lengthy "outline" by asking if the present organization for the management of athletics does not appeal to you as being extremely representative and probably most efficient in bringing together all athletic clubs, both in the interest of true sport and successful financial management? In fact, if athletic management has not at last evolved from a somewhat chaotic state into one almost perfectly organized and satisfactory alike to Faculty, Executive and Student?

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THE LIT.

Next Friday night, the first meeting of the Literary and Scientific Society will be held in the Students' Union. We all trust that the Lit. will be a success this year from first to last.

By the Constitution, the Society's objects are to foster public speaking, literary and scientific pursuits among the students, and to look after student affairs generally. The Literary Society is the one periodic mass meeting of the students of University College and S.P.S., where men of all the years meet one another on common ground, and unite to perpetuate the best traditions of student life. The attention a student gives to the Literary Society is the barometer that indicates the interest he takes in the welfare of his fellow-students; and the Society is truly successful only in so far as it enlists the interest of every student in College, and receives his hearty support. By support is meant not merely the prompt payment of fees, but the probable sacrifice of some time and mental effort to mingle with and help along one's fellows.

The programme for the fall term always has certain public features, which are in themselves important. There is the Inter-Collegiate Debate, the public meeting at which our President will give his inaugural address; and the Undergraduate Dinner. Then there are regular meetings. Here, too, a few of the programmes are practically annual events—the Third and Fourth, and First and Second Year Debates; and probably a Mock Parliament. For the Debates, the several Years are asked to appoint debaters at their Class meeting this week or next. Deducting these meetings from the total number, we have a few left for which special provision will have to be made—prepared orations, open debates, etc. Our first meeting will certainly prove beneficial and entertaining, and every student of every Year should be there.

This outline merely provides for what is usually called the literary programme of the meeting, but by no means does it present the most important side of the Literary Society. In the minds of many, the best meeting of the Lit. last year was that at which the question of having wines at the Dinner was discussed; certainly it was the largest. The secret of its success was that we were considering a matter in which every student was interested. Though this question is probably settled, there are other questions which will arouse just as much interest. Probably one of the first to be dealt with is the wearing of caps and gowns. This is a matter upon which the whole student body should