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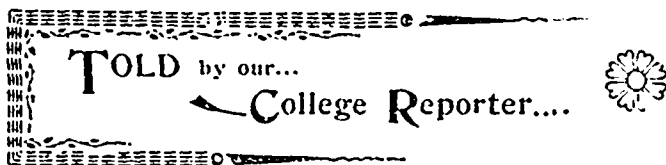
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## Literary Society.

With the beginning of a new College year, all the societies have again sprung into activity. At a meeting of the second and third years, on the 7th inst., the following Officers for the Literary Society were elected for the ensuing year:

Hon. President—Prof. H. H. Dean, B.S.A.

President—W. J. Elliott.

Vice-President—J. Mooney.

Secretary—H. H. Hume.

Treasurer—F. R. Marshall.

Critic—J. H. Gridale.

Programme Committee—Messrs. Clark, Price, Steele, Wilcott, and Westgate.

With such men as these at the head of affairs we may rest assured that the meetings will all be of a first-class character.

The first meeting of this Society was held in the gymnasium on Saturday evening, the 16th inst., at nine o'clock, and was fairly well attended. The first item of interest on the programme was an instrumental solo by Prof. Quantz, organist of Chalmers church, and that the boys appreciated good music was shown in the prolonged applause that followed. This was succeeded by an address from our

Honorary President, Prof. Dean. He began by regretting that he could not be orthodox, and say "ladies and gentlemen," in addressing the meeting, but hoped that in the near future a course in Domestic Science for ladies would be opened, and then we might expect to have the hall filled at our meetings.

The men who go out from this College should, he said, be leaders in their several communities, but this would be impossible unless they were able to express themselves clearly and forcibly on the platform. He then gave some valuable hints along this line, and laid particular stress on the necessity of guarding against bad platform manners, such as leaning against the table, standing on one foot and other such peculiarities. Here, he said, was the best place to learn the art of public speaking, where all were beginners, and while the critic's remarks might sting at the time, still we would profit by them and not make the same mistakes again in some place where we might be much more severely criticised. He finished by hoping that this year the committee would have no trouble in arranging the programme, but that all the members would be eager to embrace every opportunity of improvement along this line.

This was followed by a recitation by Farley and a reading by Hume. Four of the boys from all years were then called on for impromptu speeches on subjects chosen by the committee, and after another instrumental solo by Prof. Quantz the meeting closed with God Save the Queen.

## Y. M. C. A.

As the officers of the Y. M. C. A. were elected in the spring, this fall found them ready to commence work without loss of time. During the holidays our President, Mr. Mooney, got out a very neat handbook, which was sent to all incoming students before the College opened. All trains on which students were likely to arrive were met by members of the committee, and all necessary directions given to the freshmen.

The meetings have also been started, and so far have been unusually large, the average attendance being about 60. Mr. J. B. Reynolds, B.A., has agreed to continue the leadership of the Sunday afternoon Bible class, and is now taking up the International Sunday School lessons on the life of St. Paul.

Nearly all the boys have joined the Association, either as active or associate members. There is no set fee, but all are asked to promise so much a week, a plan which we think will be more satisfactory than that of last year.

## Progress.

In looking over the premises we can see improvements since last year in almost every department. Starting at the main building, the first thing that attracts our attention is the new hardwood floor on Lower Pantou. Mr. Hodson's offices, which his removal to Toronto last spring left vacant, have been fitted up as dormitories, and these, with the additional beds in Nos. 14, 15, 18 and 37, give accommodation to about a dozen more students.

Passing on to the Biological Laboratory, we find that the large second year class demanded more space for practical work. This