

## THE COLLEGE GIRL

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ON Saturday evening, October 18, the Women's Literary Society of University College held its first regular meeting of this session—the President in the chair.

As is inevitable at first meetings, much business was transacted. The elections resulted as follows:—Third Year representative on the General Committee of the Literary Society, Miss Filshie, in place of Miss Rowan, resigned; First Year representative, Miss Adie; Curator, Miss Edward, '06; Secretary-Treasurer on the Executive Board of the Grace Hall Memorial Library, Miss Waddell, '03 (acclamation), in place of Miss Lemon, resigned.

The next matter of business to be brought before the Society was the confirmation of the election of two out of the three members elected last spring to the Editorial and Business Boards of THE VARSITY. This was made necessary by the change in the management of THE VARSITY, which took place after the general elections of the Women's Literary Society. It was decided by the meeting that the representatives should come one from the Fourth and one from the Third Years, and the choice fell upon Miss McGarry, '03, and Miss Rankin, '04, respectively.

Among the notices of motion was one that the formation of an association for self-government among the women of University College be considered. This was carried by a large majority. Another very interesting motion was that the women of University College should enter into a debating union which is being discussed among the women of the four Arts colleges of Toronto, viz.: St. Hilda's, McMaster, Victoria and University College; and into which the first three of the colleges named had already decided to enter. This motion was carried unanimously, and the women of University College are looking forward with pleasure to a closer acquaintance with the women of the sister colleges. Many of our women feel that this union will prove a source, not only of profit to ourselves, but of strength to the whole body of college women throughout this city, and consequently throughout the Province and Dominion. As the two representatives from University College, who with the same number of representatives from each of the other colleges are to help organize this union, the society elected Miss Johnson, '03, and Miss Davis, '05.

The literary part of the programme was peculiarly welcome, in consequence of the lengthy business proceedings. The first number was a piano solo by Miss Newman, '05. This was followed by a talk by Miss Johnson, '03, on the late Sir John Bourinot. It was Bourinot, not as a man, but as an authority on "Parliamentary Procedure," that was presented. As the constitution of our society is modelled upon that of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, this talk was listened to with wrapt attention, and it was felt throughout the audience that as a society we might adhere much more closely to the rules of order cited by this master of parliamentary form. The tenseness of the meeting was pleasantly relieved by a mandolin duet by Miss Armstrong, '05, and Miss Alexander, and this again was succeeded by another talk on Bourinot, referring particularly to his rules of order, etc., in debate. This was given by

Miss Tate, '04, and once more the recent Clerk of the House of Commons commanded attention. After a few remarks, and the usual announcements, the meeting closed with the singing of the national anthem, followed by "All hail to thee, Toronto."

A pleasant feature of the past week was the "At Home" given on Friday evening, October 24th, by the Women's Literary Society of Victoria University, at which the Women's Literary Societies of St. Hilda's, McMaster and University College were represented. The representative from University College returned aglow with enthusiasm over the entertainment and the hospitality of Victoria's women.

## THE LIT.

THE regular meeting of the "Lit." on Friday night was certainly a rouser. Nearly 150 men turned out. One of the Graduates compared the meeting to that great one in '99, which discussed the prohibition of wine at the annual dinner. The chief interest, of course, centred in the inter-year debate between '05 and '06, which, after a very keen contest, was decided in favor of the Sophomores.

Before the debate, the usual order of business was gone through with. Secretary Day read his voluminous notes, and they were approved. Mr. Robert Baird's resignation from the McGill-Varsity debate was accepted, and President Brebner announced that there would be no meeting of the Society next Friday night. To fill the vacancy for the McGill debate, the following gentlemen were nominated: Messrs. Cohen, Russell, Nichol, Vance and Gillies. All except Messrs. Cohen, Russell and Vance withdrew, and, on a ballot, Mr. Vance was elected. Mr. Lucas, '05, favored the audience with one of his delightful violin solos, and had to respond to an encore. Then came the event of the evening, the debate on the subject, "Resolved, that party government is injurious to the best interests of Canada." The affirmative was supported by Mr. Portch and Mr. Stewart, while Messrs. Cruikshank and Blue spoke for the negative and upheld the honor of the First Year.

Mr. Portch claimed that party government stirs up sectarianism, that most people vote for party rather than principle, that party government encourages corruption in elections, upholds a subservient and servile press, and introduces what is known as the "professional politician."

Mr. Cruikshank, going back to the time of William III., showed that he had tried to govern with a Ministry composed of members of both parties but had been unsuccessful; that important measures were sure of having all their good and bad points exposed under the party system.

Mr. Stewart replied to the arguments of the previous speaker. He cited Switzerland as a country successfully governed, where party government does not obtain. He claimed that our system places great limitations upon the people. He thought that a great deal of time was wasted in attacking and defending party friends rather than in the interests of the country.

Mr. Blue had not been speaking long before many began to think of A. I. Fisher of '01. He attacked the position of the affirmative in truly political style, and aroused great enthusiasm.

Mr. Portch, the leader of the affirmative, very ably replied, and the judges, Messrs. McGuire, Robertson and Elliott, withdrew, and shortly returned a verdict for the affirmative. During the interval Mr. Megan rendered an instrumental, and the Graduates present, Messrs. McLaren, Justice, Oliver, and Cochrane, addressed the meeting. The meeting then sang a new version of Litoria before proceeding to the election of the Freshmen representatives. The election of Messrs. Shearer and Harper for this office brought to a close one of the most successful meetings of the Lit. in years.