

# The News

FRIDAY NIGHT.—Nomination Night at the Lit.

## CONSTITUTION NIGHT AT THE LIT.

Constitution night has come and gone, but it was in marked contrast to the stormy scenes which characterized a similar occasion a year ago. Last Friday evening the business of the Literary Society passed as smoothly as one could wish.

Shortly after 8 o'clock, President Wickett called the meeting to order, with a fair number of students present. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved, Mr. Alex. McDougall brought in the report of the House Committee, recommending the usual number of papers and periodicals for the ensuing year. Mr. Russell seconded the report, which was carried. Mr. Fred. A. Cleland, last year's Business Manager of VARSITY, brought in his report for '97-'98, which showed the paper to be in a very satisfactory condition. The usual balance was carried forward to the following year. The President then asked for nominations for the Nominating Board of VARSITY. Mr. Alex. McDougall, Mr. John McKay, Mr. T. A. Russell, and Mr. W. H. Alexander were nominated and elected by acclamation.

The annual task of revising the Constitution was now begun. Mr. John McKay moved an amendment to the Constitution, that those graduates who had paid their fees during their four years at College, might become life members, and entitled to vote for President, unless objected to, in which case the matter would be laid before the Life Membership Committee for consideration. Mr. R. T. Stewart seconded the amendment. Carried. Mr. D. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Monds, moved that two members should audit the books of the Treasurer, and that their report should be published in VARSITY. Carried.

Up to this time the work of the Society had proceeded with little or no enthusiasm, although the nominations to the Nominating Board caused considerable interest and wonder as to what gentlemen would compose the Board. But when Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Ross, moved to add the following to the Constitution, much enthusiasm was aroused, "At the second regular meeting of the Society for the fall term, four members, one of whom shall be the First Vice-President, shall be appointed to act in conjunction with representatives from University College Council, as a Supervisory Board to control all student functions and organizations, save those under the control of the Athletic Board." Mr. Russell in explaining the amendment said that it would have the effect of preventing any but worthy student organizations from bearing the University name, which in itself ought to be ample guarantee of the standing of a Club. It would also tend to widen its sphere of influence, besides giving the Faculty that insight and confidence in student affairs which conduces to the welfare of the University in general. Mr. G. W. Ross, in seconding the motion, pointed out the benefits which would arise from having such a Board. Dr. Wickett said that he could not let such an important amendment be brought before the Society without expressing the want which was

felt for such a Board in his undergraduate days, but, however, nothing had been done until now. The time was exceptionally opportune for such a movement, and it would supply a long-felt need.

The amendment was discussed by Messrs. McKay, Alexander, and Coyne, '01, also by Mr. J. J. Monds and W. H. Ingram, '01, in so far as it would have any bearing upon the present state of the Glee Club. However, when the amendment was put it received the unanimous vote of the meeting.

Mr. F. E. Brophy, '01, then gave a recitation which was heartily encored.

Afterwards Mr. Ross submitted an amendment to the Constitution of VARSITY, which makes Art. iv., Sec. 1., read as follows: "The Editorial Board shall, before the first week in April, elect one of the Editors from the Third Year in Arts to be Editor-in-Chief for the next ensuing year, and three sub-Editors, as follows: One News-Editor, from Second or Third Year, one Sporting-Editor from the Second or Third Year, and one Local-Editor from the Second Year." Also Art. iv., Sec. 2, was amended so as to read "The Editor-in-Chief, as well as any sub-Editor, may be removed from his office as such, etc. Mr. Ross stated that this would clearly define the duties of the sub-Editors for the future, as well as making the work of producing the paper more systematic.

Mr. McKay then moved the adjournment of the meeting, and so another Constitution Night has passed into history.

After the Society had adjourned, a mass meeting of the students was called, with Mr. T. Russell in the chair, to discuss the melee which took place on the campus between the students from Arts, S.P.S., and the Medical School. A committee was appointed to confer with the Council in regard to the cost of the bicycle racks destroyed, so that undue blame would not be cast upon the Medicals or anyone else for their share in the matter.

## Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

At the meeting for election of officers held Thursday, March 2nd, the following were elected as officers of the Association for next year:

President, Mr. N. F. Coleman.

First Vice-President, Mr. R. B. Patterson.

Second Vice-President, Mr. J. A. Henry.

Treasurer, Mr. D. J. Davidson.

Recording Secretary, Mr. W. L. Nichol.

Assistant Treasurer, Mr. C. Cudmore.

The Committee to nominate the General Secretary met on Tuesday, 7th.

The regular weekly meeting on Thursday, 9th, will be conducted by the members. The Gen. Sec. will lead in the discussion.

The Mission Study Class will have only two more studies this term. The topic this week is The Lack of Public Spirit, and Some Attendant Evils in the Non-Christian Lands. Saturday evening—7.30 to 8.30—Y.M.C.A. Parlor. All students are cordially invited to attend.

Owing to a typographical error, we represented the Women's Residence as needing but \$200, whereas \$2,000 would approximate the amount more nearly.