

especially encouraging; and for the first time in the recent history of the Society a balance in hand was declared to exist after meeting all liabilities.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with.

The following went in by acclamation:

President—J. S. Broughall, B.A.

Secretary—S. F. Houston.

Treasurer—D. R. C. Martin.

The following offices called for a ballot, which resulted as follows:

Librarian—J. Grayson-Smith.

Curator—E. Vicars-Stevenson.

Non-official—W. M. Loucks,

In the last office, upon the ballot being taken Messrs. Loucks and Creighton polled the same number of votes, other candidates being also balloted for. Another vote was taken, with the result of another tie, whereupon the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Loucks. After speeches by newly elected Officers, and valedictories, the meeting adjourned.

The last few meetings of the Literary Institute were full of interest and well attended, owing to the excitement that usually increases as the annual elections approach. At the meeting on Friday Feb. 17th, Mr. H. H. Bedford-Jones occupied the chair. After a reading by Mr. Lowe, entitled "The day of St. Nicholas," the debate took place on the question, Whether the 16th century marked a greater era of progress than the 19th century. Messrs. Creighton and Loucks spoke on the negative, and were opposed by Messrs. Waller and Bedford-Jones, who volunteered for the affirmative. The Treasurer, Mr. Houston, presented his report of the finances of the conversazione, which showed a great improvement in the equipment of this event, as the funds were fifty dollars in advance of any other year. On Friday February 24th the meeting at which the nomination of officers was made, took place with Mr. Waller in the chair. Mr. Norgate gave a reading called "The Inventor's Wife," which evoked much merriment. The debate was on the question of the substitution of Government currency instead of the bank bills at present in circulation. The arguments of Messrs. Houston and Smith, who spoke on the affirmative, found more favor with the audience than the views of the negative, represented by Messrs. Tremayne and Carswell. An exciting discussion then took place on a motion by Mr. Martin, aiming at a change in the constitution. This document was unable to withstand the onslaught of its assailants, and once more its feelings were lacerated. The nomination of officers was then proceeded with, during the course of which matters of a private character were brought up which should not have been discussed in the Institute.

PERSONAL.

Rev. C. H. Shortt paid a flying visit to the College last week.

H. W. Church, '85, was the only honorary member present at the annual meeting of the Literary Institute.

The first sermon preached by Rev. John Carter, '82, at St. Anne's, Limehouse (London, E.), appears in last week's 'Dominion Churchman.'

EXCHANGES.

We are often surprised as well as pleased at the general excellence of College Journals, we think they occupy a more important place than formerly. It is beginning to be remarked that a position on the College paper affords an excellent practical training for later work in the world. Unintentionally, if it might be so expressed, the College has a class in journalism, in which students may be fitted for journalistic work in the world. And not only do students take this 'optional' course with apparent enthusiasm, but they show afterwards, in very many cases, the benefits they have received from such training. It is quite a usual thing now, for men who have successfully conducted College papers, to enter afterwards upon journalistic careers, and occupy very important positions on the public press, we can look upon several whose names, now rising into fame, once appeared in these pages as editors. Journalism has become a profession of first power and importance in the world, and it seems as if, involuntarily, the Colleges and Universities have undertaken a preparation for it as for the other learned professions.

The *Racine College Mercury* has been publishing some very entertaining letters of travel. At the 'table d'hôte,' in Rome, and on the crowded pavement, in front of the Mansion House, London, the writer had the pleasure of meeting 'old boys' of the College. We think such letters of travel from alumni are peculiarly appropriate for College journals.

Acta Victoriana has a somewhat undecided article on hazing, in which we are informed that at Victoria they do not haze. This perhaps explains *Acta's* inclination to oppose it. However, the view is a sensible one.

The *Sunbeam* and *Portfolio* are, as usual, breezy and readable. We remark that the young ladies are especially clever in the particulars of 'personal touches' and 'local coloring,' and these are very desirable qualities indeed.

The 'Stylus' from Sioux Falls University, Dakota, heads a column with the expressive words, 'Locals are frozen up.'

There is some very clever writing in the *Owl*. 'De Vita Ottaviensi' is good. We think such spirited writing deserves a somewhat more ambitious apparel.

Thanks to the *Critic* for its congratulations on our new title. We value the *Critic's* opinion very much.

Our old and valued friend, the *Hamilton Literary Monthly* has also some kind words for our new appearance, but expresses a regret for the more unconventional French title. Our new title, however, is not the 'Trinity College Tablet,' but the 'TRINITY UNIVERSITY REVIEW.'

The *Queen's College Journal* for February is an excellent number. But then we always take up the *Journal* with the expectation of meeting something good.

And we might make the same remark about the *Presbyterian College Journal*. The articles are timely and well written; especially we marked the sound advice in the paper on 'Points in Homiletics.'

We have received also, but have not space to notice at great length, 'The Dartmouth,' 'Polytechnic,' 'Adelphian,' 'Undergraduate,' 'Lantern,' 'Anchor,' 'Yankton Student,' 'Varsity,' 'Hamilton Review.'