

We can investigate more thoroughly; superficiality will decrease. Time is too short to make a thorough search in many directions, so we must bend our energies to the course that will produce the best results. Miss Young, '93, was the leader of the negative. By specialization one talent is aborted at the cost of the others. A psychologist is better for being a biologist. Keeping to one subject causes narrowness. Milton was not a specialist, for he was in turn a school teacher, a private secretary, a philosopher, a musician and a poet. Prof. Young besides being a philosopher was almost as well versed in Greek as Prof. Hutton.

Miss Climie, '92, supported the affirmative. The object of specialization is to elevate humanity. Invention is the result of patient toil. Newton's genius devoted to mathematics and physical laws revolutionized astronomy. Edison by his special study of electricity is pointing the way to a new world of discovery. Darwin's untiring devotion to the study of biology was the beginning of the enthusiastic scientific researches of these latter times.

Miss Parkinson, '93, was the next speaker. Generalization pursued far enough is the specialization of many subjects. Those pursuing mental culture have not learned the art of making money, hence these latter specialists are the money owners. The hired army who are specially skilled in all the tactics of war may never be called into action, and if they are they cannot be trusted, for their motives are mercenary.

Miss Hillock, '92, in her reply showed that the generalists as Milton and the others quoted were the exception rather than the rule.

The president, Miss Mackenzie '92, after summing up the arguments gave the decisions in favor of the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned without singing the National Anthem.

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THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—Complying with your request I make a few brief observations on the work of the Society, the present condition and outlook.

Up to this date the Society has held thirteen ordinary and two public meetings. There have been seven debates and six mock parliaments. In all twenty-seven speeches have been delivered upon the debates and (allowing an average of five) about thirty in mock parliament. Three essays and nine readings complete the set literary work of the Society for the year soon to close, the remaining meetings being fully occupied by the business of the Society. I may add that three meetings out of the best portions of the academic year were omitted—one for presentation of prizes won at the sports, one for Miss Knox's Recital, one for Glee Club Concert.

While the work done will compare favorably with that of other years, it may be increased, and *increase* is the prime necessity and object of the hour. The adoption of the principle of Mr. Hellem's recent amendment and, so soon as the accommodation will allow, of the system of double programmes as provided for by the rules of order, will do much towards this. A committee appointed now to prepare a programme for next year and, working upon this principle, could provide a series of meetings each possessing such individuality and special interest as to ensure an enthusiastic audience. Such a programme could, at a comparatively small expense, be printed at the beginning of the academic year and placed in the hands of all undergraduates.

The policy of abandoning the regular weekly meetings of the Society for other events is dangerous and ought to be discontinued. The reasons are obvious. But for this the regular meetings of the current year available for literary work would have been increased by twenty-five per cent. It therefore causes a loss of valuable time, it

breaks the continuity of the Society's work, subordinates the Society and loosens its hold upon the undergraduate public.

The Society has done well to turn its attention to the matter of a college gymnasium. It is to be trusted that the enthusiasm manifested will be sustained until this present greatest need of undergraduate life, and of the Society as well, is supplied. When this is accomplished many new lines of action will open to add to the usefulness and interest of the Society, and not the least of these will be the collection and preservation of its records and annals.

I understand that members are anticipating and arranging for an old time election, and I desire not to interfere in any way with that intention. At the same time I may be permitted to express the hope that some portion of the time and energy which has heretofore been expended in the elections may be given to the preparation of a programme for the coming year. It has always been a question with me whether the amount of energy concentrated upon the election was not largely drawn from general account and charged back upon the work of the year. Would I be correct in saying that the voluntary payment of one hundred membership fees before election night would be a far greater promise of future prosperity for our Society than the payment of five hundred fees under the constraint of a fierce contest?

H. E. IRWIN.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

NOTE.—Contributions to this column must be received before Saturday night. The secretaries of the different societies are requested to furnish us with definite but very concise information as to the time and place of meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST.

Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Class of '93 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 10 a.m.
Natural Science Association.—Special meeting.—Account of the new Chemical Laboratory. Dr. Pike. Chemical Lecture Room, S.P.S. 4 p.m.
Philosophical Society of '94.—English Empiricism. (1) "Locke's Positive Argument," Fielding; (2) "Locke's Negative Argument," McMillan. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND.

Ash Wednesday.—No lectures.
Y.W.C.A. Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Bible Class.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
Cricket Club.—Annual meeting. Residence Dining Hall, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD.

Class of '95 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8.30 a.m.
Business and Literary Meeting of the Class of '92.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
Mathematical and Physical Society.—Programme: "Games of Chance," J. F. Howard, B.A.; "The Gyroscope," W. O. McTaggart, '92; "Measurement of Time," G. R. Anderson, '93. Room 16, 3.30 p.m. sharp.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH.

Meeting of College Council and of Arts Faculty.
VARSITY Editorial Staff.—VARSITY Office, 7.15 p.m.
Ladies' Glee Club.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 1 p.m.
Literary Society.—Constitution Night. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH.

Regular University Lecture.—"Ampere; his Life and Work." Prof. Loudon, M.A. University Hall, 3 p.m.
Social Evening.—Class of '95. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH.

Bible Class.—"St. Paul at Jerusalem," Acts, xxi. 1-26. Rev. J. P. Sheraton, D.D. Wycliffe College, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH.

Class of '92 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 9.40 a.m.
S.P.S. Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
Modern Language Club.—"Contemporary in German Novel," Essays: Storm; Scheffel; Lunnesee. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH.

Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Class of '93 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 10 a.m.
Classical Association.—(a) "Comparison of Virgil and Homer," Mr. W. H. Gillespie, '94; (b) "The Causes of the Eneid's Popularity," Mr. A. Eddy, '94. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.