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The Literary and Scientific Society.

IN YOUTH, men's eyes are on the future, but as they grow old, they begin to look to the past, and so as our Literary Society is getting old we begin to look back, to speak of what was before Christmas. As a rule the members behaved with all due decorum, as becomes teachers-in-training, and the meetings were as orderly as the meetings of session in a Scotch Presbyterian Kirk. There were exceptions; but, although some ladies brought books and refreshments, and some even danced, and some gentlemen played practical jokes and one even brought his pipe, we may still congratulate ourselves that the ladies have not yet brought their fancy-work, and the boys have not yet begun to match coppers, as some say was the custom last year.

At the final meeting last term, after a bill-of-fare consisting of all sorts of programmes, the members were treated to the good wine, kept to the last, and served by the ladies, in the form of a program contributed entirely by themselves. During the preliminary business discussion, Mr. Hinch said that the Literary Society was not literary, but Mr. Allen thought it was both literary and scientific, and then Mr. Hinch thought so too and withdrew his motion. We again meet as a Literary and Scientific Society. Another result of this meeting was our inspiring college-yell; some say they heard it sung by strangers coming back on the train after holidays, but they must have got it from us, for it certainly had its origin in the O. N. C. Another motion of a rather advanced character was introduced, but it was frowned down by the ladies and withdrawn. Misses Rowell, Swanzey and Hutch-

inson, then told us all there was to be told, almost, about George Eliot, her life and works, while the Misses McClure, Miss Jamieson, and Miss Crane, the pianist of the society, contributed the musical part of the programme. Mr. Langford, more fearful of the wrath of the ladies than another critic, found no fault, and was too modest, on the other hand, to give them the unstinted praise they deserved.

The first meeting this term was for nomination purposes. Mr. Martin on being again nominated said that he had done his best, that there had, however, been complaints, but that if any man thought he could run the society any better he would like to see him try it. Messrs. Walker and Charters and Miss Northway and Miss Crane went in by acclamation, their merits being unanimously recognized. After the treasurer, Mr. Gilliesby, had made his report in a general way, Mr. Langford wanted to know who had not paid their quarters, but Mr. Martin objected. It is not true, however, that the President has not paid his fee.

The programme was necessarily short, and was mostly composed of that "feminine work," music, Mr. Burnham and Mr. Rowland twice favoring us with selections on the piano and violin respectively. The ladies wanted Mr. Burnham to come forward again, but he declined with thanks and a bow. Mr. Gundy could not find it in his heart to make any adverse remarks, so we sang "God Save the Queen" as well as we could and went home.

The Executive elected on first impressions is now through with its work. It remains to be seen whether it is true in the case of elections that first impressions are the best

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