

Literary Society presents full and varied programmes to large audiences, often including ex-pupils and townspeople. The Debating Society is in a vigorous condition, and a stirring debate agitates the walls and chromos of the Assembly Hall each Friday. The Glee Club, conducted by Mr. Watson; the Octette Club, composed solely of boys; and the Quartette, of girls, render soul-stirring choruses and glees at the literary entertainments. The Football Club has been reorganized, and before long we may look for broken ribs, fractured limbs, and blackened eyes.

THE age in which we live is no longer ruled by old and exhausted theories which are of no practical value in themselves, and of no benefit to any class, but are rather impediments to advancement. New inventions are heard of every day, and such as a few years ago would have been thought impossible—inventions that, in the not very remote past, would have doomed their inventors to imprisonment and perhaps to death. Who would have thought that to-day friends thousands of miles apart could converse together as easily as if they were sitting side by side? Yet this is the case, and the inventor of the telephone has gained a world-wide fame from his wonderful and useful invention. So gradual, however, has been the progress of invention that the world can now behold these wonderful changes without astonishment; in fact we have become so accustomed to see miracles wrought by the skill and ingenuity of man that we would be justified in looking forward to the future accomplishment of any scheme however chimerical.

THERE are several very serious questions agitating certain portions of the civilized world at the present time, each of which needs to be thoroughly understood before it is befitting for anyone to say anything about it. The one of most importance to civilized people is Socialism, under which are included all organizations whose object is the better distribution of the wealth of the land. This may be just; it probably is just to demand that the wealth of the land shall not all be held by a few; but then no candid person will admit that the means resorted to by fierce Socialists are anything but curses to the country and ruinous to the cause itself.

THE STUDY OF CLASSICS.

We live in a practical age, one that seeks to discover the best means of educating the young, and rejects any means of education that seems to produce no practical results.

Thus it is that the study of classics is neglected by many students of the present day who entertain a false idea as to what constitutes a liberal education. These students seem to forget that the cultivation of the mind is the main purpose of education and that this should precede any technical training in those departments that are intended to fit them for the business of life. They think that classics and such other studies as require a great amount of time and severe mental labor, will be of no service to them when they go out into the world to take their places among men. To comply with the wishes of students in this respect, the courses in many universities are so arranged that one