

THE LIT.

The regular meeting of the Literary Society, held in the Students' Union on Friday evening, was a most interesting and enthusiastic one. About seventy-five men turned out, '04 especially being well represented. Dr. Thomson occupied the chair. Under "Notices of Motion" Mr. W. M. McKay gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the society he would move that the voting for the Advisory Board of VARSITY and for the Literary Society Executive be by the dual system.

The final inter-year debate between '02 and '04 was then proceeded with. The subject of the debate was: "Resolved, that the present Immigration Policy of the Canadian Government is not sufficiently Restrictive," and the affirmative was ably upheld by Messrs. Clappison and Soule of '02, while Messrs. Dix and Paulin of '04 looked after the negative in a way that seemed to give intense gratification to the men of their year.

Mr. Clappison thinks that the energies of our Canadian Immigration Agents are spread over too wide a field. He held that the large foreign element in the United States debased the national politics of that country. He pointed out that foreigners without any experience in self-government were being brought into our North-West, and that the franchise was not safe in the hands of these ignorant people. These foreigners underbid Canadian labor, they are not conducive to law and order in our country, they lower our social plane and imperil the homogeneity of our population. In conclusion he maintained that mere numbers do not make a nation great, but that it is common national ideals and aspirations. "We must restrict if we are to maintain our highest moral, intellectual, economic and political well-being."

Mr. Dix was introduced amid great enthusiasm from '04. In answer to the previous speaker *re* conditions in the United States, he held that the present Canadian immigration policy is very different from that followed by our southern neighbor. He showed how immense were Canada's natural resources, most of them still untouched, quoting the late Rev. Dr. Robertson that west of Lake Superior Canada could support a population of 100 million people. He pointed out that our immigration agents have strict orders to see that only suitable people are brought in. He gave two reasons why immigrants come to our country, first, because of the religious or political conditions of their native land, the Doukhobors coming under this head, and corresponding to the Pilgrim Fathers; secondly, because of unfair social conditions in their own country, our Scotch, Irish and English settlers coming largely for this reason.

Mr. Soule of '02 then spoke for the affirmative. He held that our present policy discriminated against British immigrants in favor of foreigners from the continent. Then, "having demolished the puerile arguments of the leader of the negative," he passed on to note that Canada has no restriction on the ignorance of her settlers as has

United States. We should have restrictions against anarchists, and greater restrictions against Chinese immigration. Cheap labor is not efficient labor. Our policy should be confined to the British Isles, Germany, Scandinavia and United States. We want quality, not numbers.

Mr. Pauline, '04, for the negative held that for the sake of the trade between Canada and China we should not make our immigration restrictions *re* Chinese too hard, and that assaults made against the latter are due to pure race prejudice. He claimed that the Doukhobors are a desirable class of settlers. Mr. Clappison in reply questioned this and claimed that these people were five centuries behind the times.

Dr. Thomson decided the debate in favor of the negative. The decision was greeted with unbounded enthusiasm by '04, which year now holds the championship in debating.

The order of business now being resumed, Mr. A. E. Hamilton brought in the report of the committee *re* the amalgamation of the College journals. The report proposes that VARSITY be handed over to the Union. Mr. R. B. Cochrane spoke against this and moved, seconded by Mr. Clappison, that the committee be thanked and that their report be laid on the table. J. W. Cunningham suggested that the findings of the committee be embodied in the minutes for future reference. R. B. Cochrane gave notice of a motion *re* giving the Meds. a share of VARSITY. After Mr. Broadfoot had satisfied himself that the different items of business were all right, Mr. Foulds, '05, favored the society with a violin solo and Mr. Wilkinsn, '02, gave a vocal number, both of which were encored.

Next Friday evening is Constitution night at the "Lit."

FRESHMEN BEWARE.

Trenton, N.J., Feb. 19.—Twelve Princeton students were arrested here to-day charged with malicious mischief for painting the battle monument and a number of houses in the city with the figures '05 in yellow paint.

AN EXAMINATION IN HISTORY.

(Respectfully submitted to the consideration of the proper authorities.)

I. Give a brief outline of Frankish history. Did Charles Martel personally conduct Tours? Was Pippin an apple of discord among the Franks?

II. Who was Constantine? Constantius? Cornstarch? Tell something about Geiseric's brother Goldbric. Was Rome captured by Paregoric? Who was Candlestick?

III. Compare the careers of Stilicho and Bilighote.

IV. Was Mohammed a Buffalo? Who was Ali? Was he the person known after death as Paradise Ali?

V. Were any coon-songs written in Medinah? Who wrote the Mohammedan hymn "Islam, lam, lam?"

VI. During the persecutions of Diocletian, how long did it take an early Christian to become a late one?

VII. In history, which of a Roman's ears is known as the Roman frontier?—*Harvard Lampoon.*