

parties or cliques, and everything passed off without making more than a ripple on the surface of college life. Old timers may not look upon this as a favourable sign. To them election excitement was necessary to the well-being of a society. Certainly, if this absence of excitement betokens a lack of interest, it is ominous. But interest may not always take the same form of expression.

The Literary and Metaphysical Society has had a somewhat broken year. Its President, T. M. Logie, having spent the winter in Colorado, sent in his resignation at the opening of the season. His successor, Andrew Carrick, had scarcely entered office when typhoid fever assumed control of both Society and College. The first term was gone before a fair start was made. During the second term the meetings were up to the average in interest and attendance. The old question of abolishing or reconstructing the Society was discussed with considerable seriousness. Three years ago we struck out for reconstruction, and we still feel sure that it must come before the Society will do the work and exert the educative influence that may reasonably be expected from such an association. This, indeed, seems to be a pretty general feeling, and it is probable that something decisive will be done by next year's committee.

The committee elected to guide the Literary Society through the uncertain seas of 1891-92 is as follows:—President, J. S. Davidson, B.A.; First Vice-President, W. H. Grant, B.A.; Second Vice-President, W. Black, B.A.; Critic, W. G. W. Fortune, B.A.; Recording Secretary, J. S. Scott; Corresponding Secretary, A. MacLean; Treasurer, W. Cooper; Secretary of Committees, D. M. Martin; Curator, J. Cranston; Councillors, L. MacLean, C. T. Tough, and J. H. Barnett.

There is no more vigorous society in the College than the Students' Missionary Society. This association has been growing in efficiency and importance, and attracts more public attention than in past years. The great work accomplished by the Society in opening up new fields and preparing the way for the Home Mission Committee and an ordained minister, gives it a strong claim on the support of the Church. Apart from all this, the Society is doing valuable work in training its members in ecclesiastical work and methods. To carry on the business of the Society, financial, legislative, missionary, and to do it so satisfactorily, requires prudence, enterprise and good executive ability.

During the past year, under the presidency of T. H. Rogers, very successful work has been done. Seventeen fields were occupied; seven for six months, and ten for four months. In these fields there were fifty preaching stations; twenty-five had service every Sabbath, twenty-three once a fortnight, and two occasionally; the aggregate average attendance being 2,324. Twenty-nine week-night services were held each week, with an aggregate average of 590. Thirty Sabbath schools, having 88 teachers and an average of 606 scholars, were conducted. Connected with the Society's fields were 650 families; of these 368 were Presbyterian