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THE large attendance at the Literary and Scientific Society for the past two meetings, and the enthusiastic manner in which the men are entering upon the work of the Society, is very encouraging. The men of all years are turning out in large numbers, and if they only continue to do so there is every ground for expecting one of the successful years in the annals of the Society. Perhaps the large attendance is only the result of that feeling with which every man enters college, that this year at least he is going to be a public-spirited man, attend and speak at the Literary, and in different other ways generally benefit himself. Then after a few weeks he begins to be haunted by exams. and hies himself away to his books, and becomes a plug. This will not happen so long as it can be shown that the evening at the Literary is even more beneficial than one at his books, and to clearly demonstrate that there must be live and interesting programmes every week. The executive have commenced work, and present in this issue a list of subjects for debate during the Michaelmas Term, which should be carefully perused by every one. They are all good questions, and not at all out of the reach of any student. That is a good idea of making all the debates open, for if the result of the two meetings so far held can be taken as a gauge of what future ones will be, there will be no lack of speakers. The voluntary system is considerably better than the usual one of names being called out by anybody and everybody, as is the case generally at our open debates.

The vacancy in the Society, caused by the resignation of Mr. L. P. Duff, B.A., LL.B, President-elect, has been filled by the election of Mr. T. A. Gibson, B.A. The members present were unanimous in their choice, and there is no doubt but that the wisdom of their choice will be demonstrated before the year is out. Mr. Gibson is a graduate of '88, and is thus one of the youngest graduates to whom the honor of election to the Presidency has been given, but that is no drawback. His bearing in the chair last Friday evening was such as to convince everyone present that the right man had been found to fill the position. The members of the Society regret that Mr. Duff, after being elected, was unable to lay his services at their disposal, but all will agree that in Mr. Gibson one thoroughly competent to take Mr. Duff's place has been secured. THE VARSITY extends its congratulations to Mr. Gibson on his election by the unanimous voice of the undergraduates.

The management of the Young Men's Christian Association deserve to be congratulated on the success of the

reception given last week. These receptions are one of the most pleasing features in our College life. They enable the older students, both ladies and gentlemen, to become better acquainted with one another, and at the same time allow the new ones to meet their future companions. It also gives the Faculty an opportunity of learning to know personally the students to whom they lecture day after day. These objects were, to a great extent, attained on the last occasion. If anything was lacking in this respect perhaps it was due to one feature of the programme, against the repetition of which on future occasions we protest. It is simply impossible to pursue any connected conversation when there are some fifty or a hundred men around the piano singing, perhaps soul-stirring, but, at the same time, conversation-disturbing songs. We think those gentlemen who do not care for the social side of the reception might at least so arrange their rendition of vocal selections as to avoid rendering almost impossible the attainment of one of the most important ends of such an entertainment.

The annual games will be held on the lawn next Friday afternoon, and, with good weather, promise to be a success. The organization meeting was poorly attended, but, notwithstanding this, a very energetic committee was appointed, whose business-like manner of procedure has partially made up for the apparent apathy of the mass of students. We should be loath to believe that the undergraduates of the University really wish these games to go down; we rather know to the contrary. They are a benefit to our College. They give our athletes an opportunity of making themselves known and brings the College life of the students before the many friends of the University, who annually come up to attend them. Subscription lists are in the hands of the committee, and this most important matter should not be neglected by those who, as we, believe thoroughly in the holding of such games.

We are pleased to see that the Freshmen are entering heartily into the life of the College by at once organizing a class society. These societies have, during the past year, been found most helpful adjuncts to the pleasure and benefit to be derived from college life, and have apparently come to stay. With the experience of the other years to guide them, the members of '94 should have a successful organization. The ladies of '91 have also arisen to a feeling of the necessity of having a society of their own and their's will be the first female class society in the College.

That was a wise action of the Senate in passing a statute for the establishment of a Fellow in Political Science. No one man can compass all the work of the whole four years of his department, especially one such as that of Political Science. There are other courses where Fellows might also be appointed to good advantage.