

discussion with a statement of the most important arguments advanced both for and against the project. The general trend of the discussion was against the scheme, particular emphasis being laid on the impracticability of arranging a satisfactory common tariff.

Last Tuesday evening the meeting was not as large as usual, though the question for consideration was essentially one of the day, even of the hour. J. R. Hall proceeded to examine in theory what so many students had lately been testing in practice, viz., "manhood suffrage," and after all had expressed their views, it was decided that so low a franchise was by no means an unmixed blessing. Following naturally from this discussion the subject for next Tuesday evening is "woman suffrage."

#### THE NEW LITERARY SOCIETY.

At a general meeting held on January 21st, a report was received from the committee previously appointed to sketch a constitution for a new society, having for its object the investigation and discussion of literary and scientific subjects. After some deliberation it was deemed advisable to form such a society, and Friday, January 25th, was fixed for the meeting for permanent organization. Accordingly, at 7.15 P.M. of the appointed date about twenty-five students assembled in the Philosophy classroom and formed themselves into a society, adopting the committee's draft as a provisional constitution. Officers of the society were appointed as follows:

President—J. C. Brown, B.A.  
1st Vice-President—J. R. Fraser, B.A.  
2nd Vice-President—R. Burton.  
Secretary-Treasurer—F. Playfair.  
Critic—R. Laird, M.A.

The subject of discussion selected for the meeting on February 22nd was George Eliot's famous novel, "Romola," and to J. Johnson was allotted the task of preparing a paper on the subject, while G. R. Lowe and George Dyde, M.A., were chosen to lead the discussion. The selection of a subject for the meeting in March, as well as the drafting of a fuller constitution, was referred to the executive.

The society meets on the fourth Friday of each month, to read and discuss papers on the various interesting literary and scientific subjects which are continually suggesting themselves to advanced students. Each spring a list of subjects is to be drawn up and members selected to prepare papers on each, while two other members will be appointed to study the subject thoroughly and be prepared to lead in the discussion which follows the reading of the paper.

#### Y. M. C. A.

On Friday evening, January 18th, we listened to a thoughtful paper by D. A. McKenzie on "a con-

dition of growth," from Hosea x. 12. "Break up your fallow ground" Attention was called to various kinds of fallow ground that need to be broken up in college life if we are to grow into true men. The attendance was large but we could not help feeling that the meetings would be benefited if those taking part in the discussion would come better prepared.

On the following Friday evening, E. C. Gallup's paper on "College Friendships" was a real treat. He shewed clearly what the essence of true friendship was and in his application to college life emphasized the elevating and moulding influence of a sincere and sympathetic friend. The subject proved a very suggestive one and the meeting one of the best we have ever had.

At a business meeting on January 18th, the following delegates were appointed to attend the Y.M.C.A. convention which met at Belleville last week: Pres. J. H. Turnbull, J. R. Conn, W. H. Cram, R. T. Moodie, and T. Fraser. Mr. Metcalfe was the delegate from the medical Y.M.C.A. The boys have since returned and report a good time and instructive convention at Belleville.

#### Y. W. C. A.

On account of the 'At Home,' the Y. W. C. A. meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th, at 5 P.M. Miss Hawkins, matron of an orphanage in the south, had charge of the hour, and spoke on the character of the relations between Lazarus, Martha and Mary. Afterwards she described her work among the coloured people, and gave several interesting incidents of her life with them.

The following Friday Miss L. White conducted a missionary meeting, with "China" as subject. Extracts from letters respecting Dr. Kilborn's first impressions and labours there, were read and commented upon. Selections from the experience of Miss Guinness among the women, brought the subject, in all its pressing need, before us and made the meeting an unusually profitable one.

#### Q. U. M. A.

The regular meeting of the Missionary Association was held on Saturday, January 26th, 1895, President Rollins in the chair. The Treasurer reported the liabilities of the association to be \$357.26, with cash on hand \$47.09, and pointed out the great need of steps being taken to increase the income. The Executive committee was instructed to make an effort to obtain an eminent graduate to preach in Convocation Hall during the Alumni conference. We are, therefore, in hopes of hearing one "Sunday afternoon address" before the baccalaureate sermon is heard.