

Society invites and welcomes all who wish to come. As regards the working of the Society, (by "working" is meant arranging for debates, essays and readings for the ordinary meetings,) the Committee have as a rule been very much encouraged by the way members responded. Never has a meeting fallen through for want of speakers. While the refusals for debates have been few as compared with the acceptances, yet they were too many, and though a debate never had to be given up for want of support, yet when refusals were sent in for different reasons it was necessary to come down on the working element or "willing horses" of the Society to take the vacant places, and they responded nobly though often at great inconvenience to themselves. To them the thanks of the Society at large are due. It is hoped that this year every member will do his utmost for the Society. One thing however to be noticed which greatly contributes to the success of the Society was this, that whenever a man did promise to turn up on only one occasion did he fail to do so. This in a debating society is about as good a sign of its healthy working as one could wish. It is hoped that in the coming year members who have essays or readings to give will volunteer their services unasked, as in a society of this kind the Committee are often ignorant of the latent talent that may be in it. During the past year it is again the pleasure of the Committee to state that not the slightest jar or ill feeling has arisen during any of the debates. The word "again" is used because on looking over the past reports of the Society the same thing is always found to have been true. And does this not speak well for the good conduct of the Society, that in the most excited and frenzied debates the partakers do not forget themselves at all but speak only on the merits of the question. It is almost unnecessary to add that all those whose names have appeared on the programmes have done their work conscientiously, and often at much trouble and loss of time to themselves. As regards the exercises