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## LITERARY SOCIETY.



NOTWITHSTANDING the rain, there was a very fair attendance last Friday at the Literary Society. The meeting having been called to order, a curious spectacle presented itself—the front seats were almost as well filled as the back.

After the minutes had been duly read and approved, Mr. Horne proposed that the other orders of business be proceeded with before the literary programme. But there was no seconder, and Mr. Strath was called upon for a reading. Instead of the reading he seconded Mr. Horne's motion; but it was too late, and he was compelled to apologize for not being prepared.

Mr. E. F. Langley, '94, then read an able essay on Dean Swift and his great satire, "Gulliver's Travels." The unhappy life of the author and its gloomy close were briefly pictured, and the deeper political significance of the satire skilfully brought to light. The local hits were deep and well appreciated.

The debate, "Resolved, that the success of the Republican candidate for the Presidency would be more beneficial to the people of the United States than the success of the Democratic candidate," was opened by Mr. Pease. At once it became evident that an American was speaking. The past history of the Republican party, its present

leader, and its noble policy, were all glowingly described; while both the Democratic party and its platform were sternly denounced.

During his speech, Mr. Pease chanced to speak disparagingly of the Irish, and at once, on Mr. Davidson rising to take the negative, his nationality also became evident. For a few minutes there was the same rushing flow of eloquence as had characterized the speaker on the affirmative; and then, his countrymen having been defended, the speaker settled down, as was most becoming for a fourth-year man, to a profound argument on the financial policy of the two parties and the evils of protection. He pointed out the fallacy of storing up huge sums of silver—a thing that we ourselves have never been guilty of—and showed that, though the apparent wages of the American laborer might seem large, yet his real wages were quite small.

The debate was then thrown open. Messrs. Carroll and Biggar each brought forth additional arguments in favor of the affirmative, while Messrs. Woods, Moss, Craig and Levi all stood up manfully for the Democrats, Mr. Woods making an exceptionally vigorous speech.

The President was bashful about giving his decision; but so was the audience. Each was sure that the other's would be the more judicial opinion. Finally the President yielded, and decided in favor of the negative.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned, so we hoisted the old sanctum umbrella and plodded home. After reaching home and putting the umbrella to bed we were struck with a thought. The constitution had been violated by two of the most talented and respected speakers. The chairman had allowed the two eloquent leaders more than the time of the water clock. We wish to protest against the violation of the constitution. For the one time, when the speakers were good, it was tolerable; but think what we might have to suffer under some speakers. Even as Cæsar pointed out to the Roman senate, unconstitutionality is always dangerous, and liable to react.

## UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

NOTE.—Notices under this head must be in the hands of the Editor by Monday night.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD.

Y.M.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m. Open meeting. Address by F. A. Keller, Trav. Sec. S.V.M.  
Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH.

Literary Society.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.  
Ladies' Glee Club.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 1 p.m.  
Mathematical and Physical Society.—"Life of Newton." Experiments. Room 16, College building, 3.30 p.m.  
The Varsity Glee Club.—Practice 4 to 6 p.m. See Board.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.

Victoria Literary Society.—Literary Society Hall, Victoria College, 8 p.m.  
Jackson Literary Society.—Jackson Hall, Victoria College, 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH.

Bible Class.—Rev. J. P. Sheraton, D.D. Subject: "Christian Abstinence," 1 Cor. viii. 1-13. Wycliffe College, 3 p.m.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH.

Modern Language Club.—English meeting Subject: Goldsmith—life, essays, readings. Room 12, College Building, 4 p.m.  
S.P.S. Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.  
Cross Country Run. 4 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.

Y.W.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.  
Natural Science Association.—Biological Room, 4 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH.

Bible Class.—Rev. Dr. McTavish's class for Bible training. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.  
Class of '95 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8.30 a.m.

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