

LITERARY INSTITUTE.

THE first meeting of the Literary Society since our last issue was held on Friday, February 23rd. One should have been held on the preceding Friday, but this being the night of the burning of the University of Toronto there was no quorum present. Mr. Stevenson read a selection from "Marmion" and Mr. MacKenzie an interesting essay on canoeing, giving a good description of that essentially Canadian pastime. The debate was on the stirring subject of Annexation, with Messrs. Pickford and Reed on the affirmative and Messrs. Howden and Du Moulin on the negative. Mr. Pickford tried to prove that annexation would be injurious from an abstract point of view, while Mr. Howden looked at the question from the American standpoint. Mr. Reed's maiden speech was listened to with considerable interest, after which Mr. Du Moulin won the debate for the negative in a carefully prepared effort very well delivered. The subject was then discussed from the body of the hall, Mr. MacInnes and several others speaking on the subject, and attacking Mr. Du Moulin's arguments. A vote of sympathy with the Literary and Scientific Society of University College in their loss was passed and the meeting adjourned.

At the meeting on the following Friday, Mr. White opened the programme with a most amusing piece by Bret Harte. Mr. Pickford read the scene at the close of Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities," rendering the difficult passage in a truly pathetic style. Mr. Hibbard read an excellent essay on Archbishop Laud, shewing particularly this great man's difficulties in his having to contend both with Puritan and Roman Catholic elements. The debate on the abolition of the Dual Language in the North-West was poor and does not deserve much notice. Messrs. Sills and Drumbrille argued in favour of the abolition and Messrs. Grout and Lewis against it, the negative winning on the merits of the debate. Mr. Pickford's motion to impose a dollar's fine on anyone on the programme who did not turn up or provide a substitute, was thrown out unanimously after a long and rather amusing discussion which was thus discovered to have been entirely unnecessary. The meeting then adjourned.

THE last meeting but one this term was very largely attended, being that at which candidates for office are proposed. Mr. Garrett opened the proceedings with reading the account of a theological discussion between Father Tom and the Pope. Mr. Troop read a capital essay on the encouragement of a Canadian National Literature, which was listened to with close attention and loudly applauded. Then followed the debate on Compulsory Chapels with Messrs. Price and Creswick in favour of the system, and Messrs. Loucks and Martin against it, Messrs. Loucks and Martin winning by a good majority, though Mr. Creswick's speech was a very clever one. After some short speeches from the body of the hall the nominations were proceeded with. The following were the names brought forward for the different offices: President, Mr. H. H. Bedford Jones, proposed by Mr. Stevenson; Mr. H. V. Thompson, proposed by Mr. Hibbard; Secretary, Mr. T. J. Carter Troop, proposed by Mr. Hibbard; Mr. J. G. Abbott, proposed by Mr. Grout; Treasurer, Mr. T. H. Coleman, proposed by Mr. Thompson; Mr. F. B. Howden, proposed by Mr. Norgate; Librarian, Mr. Gemmill, proposed by Mr. White; Mr. Orr, proposed by Mr. Beamish; Mr. Hedlery, proposed by Mr. Stevenson; Curator, Mr. Sills, proposed by Mr. Pickford; Mr. Garrett, proposed by Mr. Creswick. Ex Officio: Mr. Price, proposed by Mr. Leighton; Mr. Creswick, proposed by Mr. Coleman; Mr. Martin, proposed by Mr. Vicars. There was rather an exciting controversy for a time during

the nomination on points of order which gave Mr. Leech, who was in the chair, some trouble in preserving a seemingly harmony, but he partially succeeded in doing so by dint of perseverance. The meeting adjourned soon after the nominations were over.

THE results of the elections, which came off at last night's annual meeting, March 14th, resulted in the election of Mr. Thompson for President, Mr. Carter Troop for Secretary, Mr. Coleman for Treasurer, Mr. Orr for Librarian, Mr. Garrett for Curator and Mr. Creswick for Councillor. These results were a surprise to many, and the majorities in one or two instances much larger than expected. The valedictories of the out-going students were then in order, Mr. Loucks, Mr. Beamish and Mr. Kennedy being particularly happy in their speeches. Mr. Houston, B.A., and Mr. D. R. Martin, B.A., were present at the meeting, and made a few pointed remarks which were greatly enjoyed by all.

S. HILDA'S NOTES.

THE students are anxiously looking forward to the Easter vacation, although it is but the prelude to the two months' hard work.

MISS NATION spent two or three days in Brampton last week. She returned looking much refreshed from her short sojourn in a country town.

THE walls of many of the rooms may now be seen tastefully decorated with all the regalia pertaining to a snow-shoe tramp which, it is hoped, may still come off this winter. We should like to quote a few lines from a poem on snow-shoeing composed by one of our members, but have been forbidden by the author of it.

THE snow which fell during the early days of February, seeming to give promise of some real Canadian winter weather, brisk preparations were made for a good tramp across country. Snow-shoes, moccasins and other necessary articles were hastily collected, but alas! the elements were unfavourable, and when the evening decided upon for the first expedition arrived it was found that canoes rather than snow shoes would be appropriate as a means of locomotion.

AN invitation has been received by the members of S. Hilda's to a course of lectures on Chemistry to be given by Professor Gordon Richardson at the Bishop Strachan School. From past experience we know how interesting and instructive his lectures are. We feel deeply indebted to Miss Grier for the kind invitation, and only hope that S. Hilda's, in the near future, may be able to give a more tangible proof of its gratitude to one who has ever taken a warm interest in the College.

At the regular meeting of the Literary Society held on Tuesday evening, February 25th, a new feature was introduced in the form of an Impromptu Debate. Among the many subjects proposed the one chosen by ballot was, "Resolved that a University education is as beneficial in its results for woman as for man." Miss Nation and Miss Hamilton were elected to speak on the affirmative, Miss Middleton and Miss Elliot on the negative. The debate was intensely interesting, some of the speakers working themselves up to a pitch of eloquence. The decision given by the audience was in favour of the negative. It is hoped that these debates will be continued from time to time, as beneficial results are sure to accrue in spite of woman's debating having a flavour of the Woman's Rights question, so much discussed at this time, and which is certainly to be avoided by all right-minded women. ST. HILDIAN.