

## UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS.

ALL reports from Societies must reach us by noon on Thursday to insure insertion.

## LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Literary held a meeting on the 18th last, for it was Friday. Mr. Scane, sang and unravelled music both vocal and banjocal with the aid of one of those frying-pan-shaped tools that you pinch a tinkle out of. Mr. Black read some weirdistic verses in mimicry of Amelie Rives. Then there was a call for Mr. J. B. Pyke to read an essay, and we called and called but he didn't bite, bethinking himself, it may be, he was not our fit diet of a Friday. Under "Notices of Motion" Mr. A. F. Hunter made some amends for not speaking a great deal that night by reading a few pages. After this could be got to cease we worried Woman Suffrage.

And then it was that Messrs. Kerr and Segsworth arose, and being leaders of the phalanxes it was their duty to hurl one at the other the time honoured weapons that have been wielded by our fathers, missiles of debate as same as the "four balls for five cents" we used to throw at the "Jinny" in fairtime. For some minutes the air was drab with Mr. Kerr's words—"Boasted heights of superiority of intellect," "Physical force has paled and died," "Palliation not panacea." While on the other hand Mr. Segsworth showed deep care and fatherly for the "future generation."

Mr. Standing gave us something for our time, treading down all opposers with the elephant march of Huxley, Pollock, Mill and Aristotle, reducing what we before thought an intrusion of bonnetted prettiness to the operation of natural law. He spoke in a deliberated pedetentim manner, and in ingenious fashion turned this basswood subject into scientific maxims. Mr. McKinnon, who while Mr. Segsworth was up kept muttering at every sentence, "There goes another of my points," showed not a little rhetorical gallantry, and read us paragraphs of a speech and then laughed at himself for being so eloquent.

And so the tussle went on until the skeleton of Josh Billings got up and laid about him and, irresistible as death, cleared the field and piled up a trophy to electoral womanhood.

Next a savoury argument, enriched with constitutional subtleties by Mr. Smith and the Ferguson, sprang up around Mr. Coatsworth, and great was the anxiety concerning his boarding-house luck, for be it known that Mr. Coatsworth has long been using the Society to keep search for a perfect lodging-place.

Again, certain newspapers were taken in hand, and the mighty press was kicked about the hall where we meet. Finally, about 11 p.m., after repeated movings of amendments, previous questions, reconsiderations, points of order, and when it seemed as if an overtaxed constitution must give way, the chairman arose from his second-vice-presidential chair, pulled the constitution from under the feet of the excited multitude, and, amid a shower of parting-shot notices of motion, made the usual riot-act proclamation, "I declare this meeting adjourned."

## THE PROPOSED COURT.

Following is the full text of the motion made last Friday evening and discussed last night:

WHEREAS, divers students have from time to time been heard to complain of the prevalence of a certain insolence of bearing, otherwise called cheek, among certain others of their fellow-students, and that attempts in the past to remedy the evil complained of as above have resulted in no small degree of irregularity, confusion, dissension and even riotous violence. And,

WHEREAS, it is yet desirable, even in the sense of those to whom violent and irregular remedies are distasteful, that some bridle should be put on the insolence of any student or students towards other students or the general body of college customs;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That this Society doth most earnestly request its committee that it shall make the Literary Programme on the night of the 8th of February next (or on such other regular meeting-night of the society during the present term as they shall find more convenient than the said 8th of February) to consist of the following proceedings: that is to say:

(1) That this Society, as represented by its undergraduate members present, shall resolve itself into a Court for the trial of all offences, by whomsoever of undergraduates made, done, or committed against college customs; holding jurisdiction of all such offences as cheek, freshness, violence, foppishness, vulgarity, tediousness, button-holing, undue loquacity and other acts or manners that may be offensive to one's fellow-students.

(2) That the President of this Society, or the chairman for the time being, shall sit as and be the justice of the said court, and adjudicate and decide all matters of law, adapting, if he so think fit, the tenets of the common civil or other law to the peculiar posture of college customs, and that the said justice shall be the appointer of such court officers as he may feel the need of.

(3) That all the undergraduate members of this Society then and there present, save those who for the time being may be employed as counsel or court officials, shall constitute and be the jury, and that they shall decide all questions of fact and condemn or acquit both on the evidence (if any) taken before the court and on their own personal knowledge of the matters of issue. And it shall be lawful for prosecutor or accused to call up any person present as a witness. But no witness in any case shall vote as jurymen in the case wherein he is witness.

(4) That in case of an accused being found guilty, or in case of contempt of court, a fine payable to the treasurer of this Society, in no case exceeding \$10.00 of lawful money of Canada, may be imposed, or forfeiture of or suspension from the privileges of this society and its Reading Room, or all of these penalties together.

(5) That such penalty or penalties shall be imposed by and in the discretion of the judge or at his option by the jury, and appeal may be had to the jury against the judge's sentences and if the same be reversed the jury shall fix the penalty.

(6) That information may be given at least 4 days before trial to the President or Recording Secretary or Corresponding Secretary of this Society by any member thereof, against any offending undergraduate, the offence being specified and the details given, and the President or Recording Secretary receiving the same shall not disclose the name of his informant but shall give the information to the corresponding secretary, who, without disclosing the name of the informant (if he know it), shall forthwith summon the accused by letter, either to him in person delivered, or registered, and shall in such letter specify to the accused the offence, and, so far as he knows them, the details thereof and the failure of the accused to attend the court shall be contempt of court.

(7) That the General Committee shall choose and instruct prosecuting counsel, and each accused may at his option defend himself or choose no more than two members as counsel to defend him.

(8) That it shall not be necessary and is merely optional for either prosecution or defence to call witnesses, but the issue may be left to turn on the general repute of the accused.

(9) That the Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the cases tried and the matter at issue in each; and the finding of the jury thereon, and the matters of law discussed and the holdings of the judge thereon, that the same may be in our books for the behoof of all that would shun transgression.

(10) That whenever any part of this scheme or plan shall be found to clash with any part of our constitution, such part of the constitution shall be for the time being suspended and of no effect.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Society doth most earnestly request its committee to show and use all possible energy to put into effect and vigor this plan of proceedings, from their own ingenuity and foresight to make good any defects herein, and to have the court officers apprised of those formalities which are the essence of a court's dignity.