

Mr. Walker admitted the importance of the specialist, but urged that education should develop all a man's intellectual powers: an honour man works for two years along a single course, while a pass man through his wider course has a better foundation on which to work in later years.

Mr. Broughall closed the debate: in answer to the last speaker he said that education was not to begin upon graduation.

The vote on the debate was for the affirmative.

Discussion then followed from the floor of the house, speakers being found for and against the resolution.

The second vote also was in favour of the affirmative.

During the debate and the subsequent discussion the chair was taken by the Secretary, as Mr. Wright was one of the appointed speakers.

Mr. Spencer, B.A., the critic, presented a careful and valuable report—one from which few could fail to derive some benefit.

Messrs. Owen and Lucas moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the critic, which was carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

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The fourteenth regular meeting of the Literary Institute was held on Friday evening, March 10th.

The President, Mr. Madill, B.A., was chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed: a larger number of members answered to their names than at any other meeting of the year—there being forty-six present.

Mr. Nevitt appeared as substitute for Mr. Musson, who was to give the first reading. Mr. Donaghy, for Mr. Dunning, read a rather long allegory entitled "Modern Painters": its length was not in its favor, but the reading deserved a more patient hearing than was given.

The essay was most *a propos*; it dealt with the affairs of the Literary Institute in an excellent style. Mr. Warren, B.A., the author, was not present, but the essay was read by Mr. Owen.

The debate followed. The appointed subject was: *Resolved*, "That the importation of children from the 'Barnardo' Homes and similar institutions is against the interests of this country." The speakers were for the affirmative, Messrs. Turley and Lancefield, and for the negative, Messrs. Baldwin and Canfield; (Mr. Turley spoke, volunteering to act as substitute for a defaulting member).

The speakers on the affirmative based their claims chiefly upon the training and influences to which the children had of necessity been exposed from their birth, considering the period spent in the Homes quite insufficient to counteract the effects. They also pointed out the insufficiency of capital, and the disinclination to remain in country parts.

The speakers on the negative questioned their opponents' statements regarding the effects of the training received in the Homes, and gave instances to prove the contrary. They urged the pressing need of increasing the area of land under cultivation, and the wisdom of relieving the stress of excess of population in England.

Both votes were in favour of the affirmative.

One of the members present announced that there was a gentleman waiting to be introduced to the meeting. It was found, however, that the gentleman, Mr. Kerney, had not yet been nominated. He was promptly nominated for membership, and as he could not be introduced on the night of his nomination, was invited by the chairman to be present as a visitor. Mr. Halnan was introduced, and addressed the meeting very briefly.

The most important business of the evening was then taken up, the nomination of officers for the coming year. The following were nominated:

PRESIDENT: Mr. E. A. Johnston, B.A., by Mr. Macdon-

ald; Mr. R. Turley, by Mr. Code, B.A.; Mr. H. S. Muckleston, by Mr. Griffith.

VICE-PRESIDENTS: Mr. D. T. Owen, by Mr. Ryerson, B.A.; Mr. Geo. Code, B.A., by Mr. Mackenzie; Mr. E. M. Wright, by Mr. Lucas.

SECRETARY: Mr. E. P. S. Spencer, B.A., by Mr. Owen.

TREASURER: Mr. A. S. B. Lucas, by Mr. Nevitt.

LIBRARIAN: Mr. J. J. Donaghy, by Mr. Madill, B.A.

CURATOR: Mr. F. W. Rolph, by Mr. Wright; Mr. A. C. Lancefield, by Mr. Mackenzie; Mr. F. J. Sawers, by Mr. Ireland; Mr. F. H. Hincks, by Mr. Strathy.

COUNCILLOR (ex-off.): Mr. W. H. M. Mockridge, by Mr. Ireland; Mr. F. H. Handsfield, by Mr. Carman.

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The calm which occasionally marks the proceedings of the Literary Institute was not characteristic of this evening's meeting, as the first nominations were attended with the discussion of many matters more or less personal in their nature.

Messrs. Mackenzie and Higginson, B.A. were appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

It was announced from the chair that an election meeting would be held in the Common Room on Tuesday evening following.

The meeting then adjourned.

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The Annual Meeting of the Literary Institute was held in Hall on Friday evening, March 17th. The President again took the chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Roll was called.

The Secretary announced that the following had withdrawn their names: Mr. E. A. Johnston, nominated for President; Mr. F. J. Sawers and Mr. F. H. Hincks, both nominated for Curator.

The reports of the retiring officers were made and adopted. The Treasurer's report was very full; it showed a large balance of more than \$100 on hand. In view of Institute's satisfactory financial condition, it was decided to pay a small debt incurred by a few members of the Reception Committee acting on their own responsibility, for hospitality shown on the night of the *Conversazione*.

Mr. Sommerville drew attention to the fact mentioned in the Secretary's report that on two occasions no meeting had been held, and questioned the Council's power to cancel regular meetings; he moved, therefore, that, in view of this, every member of the Institute be given credit for attendance on February 17th. This was seconded by Mr. Ireland, and, after some discussion, carried by a small majority. Mr. Sommerville moved further that as the meeting appointed for November 25th had been cancelled by the Executive Council, every member of the Institute be given credit for attendance on that evening. This meeting, it may be mentioned, was cancelled at the request of the Athletic Association Committee to allow the Football supper to be held on that evening. The motion presented by Mr. Sommerville was seconded by Mr. Richards; it met with more vigorous opposition than the former motion, and was lost by one vote.

The chairman appointed Mr. Spencer, B.A., and Mr. Steacy to act as scrutineers for the voting. The elections were then proceeded with, and occupied a long time.

Finally the chairman announced the following to have been elected to seats on the Council for next year, in addition to those who had been elected by acclamation at the preceding meeting:

PRESIDENT: Mr. H. S. Muckleston.

VICE-PRESIDENTS: First, Mr. Geo. Code, B.A.; Second, Mr. D. T. Owen.

CURATOR: Mr. A. C. Lancefield.