

REPORTER'S FOLIO.

PHILOSOPHICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE first meeting of this society for the present term was held on Friday evening, October 11th, the president Mr. Jas. Nai lith, B.A., in the chair.

His opening speech was brief, but pointed and appropriate to the occasion. He said in substance that the interest taken in the society in the past was entirely out of proportion to its utility as a means for qualifying students for their life's work, and he urged the importance of a higher appreciation of its privileges, as well as a determination on the part of the students to make it a more decided success.

This conviction has apparently taken a firm hold of the members of the society this year. Judging from the enthusiasm prevailing at our first meeting, the unusually large attendance, and its success generally we have reason to anticipate a prosperous session.

During the transaction of business it was announced that Mr. W. Patterson, one of the councellors, would be absent from the college for the present session, and it became necessary to fill the vacancy. The honor fell upon Mr. Donald Guthrie who was unanimously chosen for the position.

Mr. W. L. Clay, B.A., was appointed critic, after which the programme was proceeded with. It was opened by Mr. W. D. Reid, who did ample justice to his past record as a musician by his rendering of "Scotland Forever."

This was followed by an instructive and well-written essay on "Philology," by Mr. R. McDougall, and a French reading "L'Humanité de Marc Aurèle," by Mr. Chas. Vessot, who was heartily applauded. The next was an English reading "Chatham on the American War," by Mr. W. A. Cook. Mr. Cook's clear enunciation and his full sympathy with the subject in hand, were quite worthy of the speech of the illustrious lord.

This part of the programme was drawn to a close by Mr. Kalem who sang "The Song that Reached my Heart" to the delight of the audience, whose hearts were effectually reached and stirred up in pleasurable emotion.

The next part of the programme consisted of impromptu speeches of five minutes each on subjects chosen by the members present.

The first speaker called on was Mr. W. M. Rochester, B.A., who drew the subject "Your Impressions of College Life." College life, he said, considered in the light of preparatory training, brings to bear upon the student powerful and varied influences, which contribute much to his success in