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LITERARY SOCIETY.



FRIDAY evening, the gaslight shone brightly on the first Literary Society meeting of the Michaelmas term, and as usual the back seats were the first occupied. The attendance was prompt, thanks to the fact that there is now no reading room adjacent in which to loaf for an hour or so.

Ex-President Irwin addressed the meeting, prior to introducing the President elect. Mr. Irwin in his address made many hits. An apt contrast between the last meeting of the Society, at which he presided, and the present one was made. The difference between the Literary Society method of counting ballots and that pursued in the Senate elections was next referred to; and here the playful irony in which the remarks were couched elicited smiles and applause from all. Ninety two, the latest link in the chain binding the undergraduates of the present with the graduates of the past, came in for its share of well-merited commendation; and then, *facilis descensus avernii*, the 400 was descanted upon; not the 400 of Ward McAllister, but of '96.

In feeling terms the sad bereavement which the Uni-

versity has so recently sustained was spoken of. A sad stillness fell upon all as we thought of the venerable form which had left us; but then, as the speaker went on, and we heard of the relations of entire accord and harmony which had existed between the Literary Society and the late President, there was in the breasts of all a sad joyfulness.

Our new President was next spoken of in burning terms of patriotic ardor as a true exponent of a truly national spirit. And now President De Lury was called upon to take the chair.

The old war-horse of debate, the lion of conflict, now stood upon that platform whose occupant he had so often, in undergraduate days, addressed. At first he gave thanks for the honor conferred upon him, and then, in tones saturated with emotion and feeling, he spoke of his love for the Society, and the reasons therefor, and many a heart beat responsive as he spoke of the unifying, uplifting and beneficial influence exerted upon the students by the Lit., and of the widening tendency, the friendships there formed that shall survive many a change.

And then the Recording Secretary gave us a slice of ancient history. First, nomination night claimed his attention, and then election night. As the magic word "election" was pronounced, every ear was bent forward and every sound was hushed, except the half-suppressed crunching of an upper year man who was munching stolen apples against time. Sad recollections stole over us, of victory and defeat, of boodle funds and cab hire, of the toil of the night, of the cold, sleepy counting of ballots, and of strolling home in the morning with coats tightly buttoned up to the neck, in order to conceal discrepancies of toilet.

Next followed the nomination of first year councillors, and for this position were brought forward Messrs. Scott, Falconbridge and Dewar. One curly-headed scion of '96 ventured to make a nomination in this connection, and was welcomed with rapturous applause and clasped to the bosom of the Society.

Then our Glee Club—four in number—strode with determined air to the piano. Prominent among them was our "leonine," "cyclonic" forward, *robed as to his shoulders* in a gown which had braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze. When they lined up it could be noticed that Curly towered above his fellow-songsters as a royal flush among the full houses. Of course they were encored, and we received "Stars of the summer night." With a feeling of sadness many of us hummed at the same time "Stars of the September supp."

Mr. Henry told us somewhat about Goldsmith's Chinaman who was far *Fum Hoam*, at least a verbicidal senior made a remark to that effect.

The Glee Club consented to entertain us once more with some classic selections. Mr. Brown read then Oliver Wendell Holmes' poem, "The Boys," and despite the gray hairs and age of many of us, we thought of our boyish hopes and aspirations once more.

Then followed Mr. Moore with the ever verdant Litoria; and then we went out into the dark night, some to study and some to keep others from studying. H. B.

THE MASS MEETING.

On Wednesday last a mass meeting of the students was held in the School of Science for the twofold purpose of receiving the report of the Gymnasium Committee and of appointing a committee for the conduct of the annual games. The student body was well represented, especially the junior years, and the number of professors gracing the platform, as an indication of the interest taken by the faculty in the new scheme, augurs well for the success of our gymnasium. President Loudon occupied the chair and opened the meeting by a short address, in the course of which he signified the active interest which he had