

United States and Canada. Vice-President J. Ross Stevenson presided, and the speakers were: F. W. Anderson, secretary for Ontario and Quebec; R. H. Edwards, secretary of the Yale Association, J. E. McCullough, of the Vanderbilt Association, G. S. Phelps, of the Wisconsin Association; E. C. Carter, of the Harvard Association; J. E. Rugh, of the Ohio Association; S. Earl Taylor, and Rev. Jno. Foreman, travelling secretary of the movement. The women delegates met in the Bond Street Congregational church, the meeting being presided over by Dr. Pauline Root. The speakers were: Miss Radford, Missouri; Miss Henderson, Minnesota; Miss Allen, Wesley; Miss Paxton, Iowa; Miss Heywood, Vassar; Miss Jackson, Smith College; Miss Hill, national secretary of the Y.W.C.A., of India; Miss Nelson, Chicago; Mrs. Jno. R. Mott, Miss Agnew, Mrs. Howard Taylor, and Miss Taylor.

The closing meeting on Sunday night in Massey Hall was most impressive. Mr. Mott opened with an address on the essential character of prayer in missionary work, and the other speakers were Rev. Prof. J. Ross Stevenson, Mr. S. J. Moore, Rev. Prebendary Fox, Dr. Bridgeman, Dr. Daniels, and Bishop Thoburn. Finally about one hundred and fifty young men and women who have volunteered for the work were dedicated with hymn and prayer. Rev. Robert Speer followed with a stirring address, and Chairman Mott announced the close of the convention.

THE LIT.

Constitution night at the Literary Society last Friday was a rouser. Some very important matters were brought up and thoroughly discussed, the number of motions and amendments being only equalled by the number of points of order raised. As Dr. Thompson was not present Vice-President Younge sat in the big soft chair, while H. W. Wallace manipulated the pen in the absence of Secretary Gould. The first business of importance was W. M. Mackay's motion, of which he gave notice at the previous meeting, to the effect that the dual system of voting be used in the Lit. elections, and that the constitution of the society be changed to provide for this. The mover urged all to soar above party feeling and consider the question with unbiased judgment; he said that the result of the dual system would be that the best men of both parties would be found on the Lit. executive, nor would the interest in the election be a whit abated. A. E. Hamilton seconded the motion and mentioned as one advantage of the system that an election every year would be sure. A good debate followed, F. H. McDermid, G. S. Hodgson, A. R. Cochrane and W. H. Day opposing the motion on the ground that small cliques would have too much influence, that all election order would disappear, and that after all the best men would not be elected. On a vote the motion was lost by a large majority.

J. W. Cunningham then brought in the motion, of which R. B. Cochrane had given notice, that the Medicos be invited to share in THE VARSITY on the same footing as the School of Practical Science. He dwelt on the University feeling that a journal representing the three faculties would cultivate. F. H. McDermid seconded the

motion and a full discussion followed, J. A. Martin asserting that as the Meds. would not accept the invitation any more than the Mohammedans would if they were asked, the motion would do no good and no harm. F. P. Megan moved in amendment, and E. R. Patterson seconded, that the matter be laid on the table for a week. The amendment was lost and the motion carried. A. E. Hamilton gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the society approve of the suggestion of the Alumni Association Executive whereby the two undergraduate members of that Executive should act as members also of the editorial board of the *University of Toronto Monthly* with a view to securing undergraduate contributions and subscriptions. F. A. McDermid presented a recommendation from the Lit. Executive that revision of the constitution be also in order at the next meeting, March 7th, which was adopted.

Then came the main business of the evening—the report of the committee appointed to revise the constitution of THE VARSITY. A. E. Hamilton presented the revision and moved its adoption clause by clause. It contained three radical changes, and these evoked a great deal of discussion. The first of them concerned the appointment of the boards. The revision provided that the Editorial Board should be nominated by a committee composed of the two editors-in-chief of the preceding year and a third man appointed by them; and that the Business Board be nominated by a committee composed of the two fourth year representatives on the Board of the preceding year and a third man agreed upon by them, subject in both cases to the approval of the society. The feeling of the meeting was that the scheme gave too much power to three men and did not eliminate, as it was intended to do, party politics in the appointment of the boards, and a substantial majority defeated this section of the revision, deciding to adhere to the old plan of having a nominating committee composed of the editors-in-chief, the business manager and four members elected by the society. The second important change provided for competition in both the boards. There were to be two men from each class on the Business Board, and each year one of these men were to be dropped, the other re-appointed, and there was to be a similar system in the Editorial Board. After some discussion this scheme was adopted. The third radical change was in regard to the remuneration of the members of the Boards. The revision proposed that a salary of \$100 be paid to the business manager, \$50 to each of the editors-in-chief; in case of a surplus a certain percentage was to go to the Literary Society, the business manager, the editors and others on the Boards. But again the meeting decided in favor of the old system whereby fifty per cent. of all profits goes to the business manager and twenty-five per cent. to each of the editors. Many minor changes were also included in the revised constitution and were adopted. There was some objection to the fact that the revision did not provide for the appointment of an assistant business manager, but owing to the lateness of the hour it was decided not to adopt the new constitution as a whole, so that the point could be discussed at the next meeting.

As a pleasant interruption in the middle of the rather dry discussion, Prof. Young gave an interesting little address from the platform, and indulged in some amusing reminiscences.

The appointment of representatives to the executive of the Inter-University Debating League resulted in the election of Dr. Wickett as Honorary President.

The meeting adjourned after the witching hour of midnight.