

## VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mr. Spencer, B.A., '98                      Mr. Macdonald, '99

## SECRETARY.

Mr. Sowers, '01                              Mr. Lancefield, '01  
Mr. Mockridge, '00

## TREASURER.

Mr. Burbidge, '01                          Mr. Hincks, '01

## COMMITTEE (five to be elected).

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| Mr. Taylor, '02       | Mr. Sowers, '01     |
| Mr. Woodcock, '02     | Mr. Sait, '02       |
| Mr. Richards '98      | Mr. Armour, '02     |
| Mr. Kidd, '02         | Mr. Harris, '02     |
| Mr. Wade, '02         | Mr. Mockridge, '00  |
| Mr. Tomlinson, '01    | Mr. Macdonald, '99  |
| Mr. Johnson, '98      | Mr. Owen, '99       |
| Mr. Rolph, '01        | Mr. Trotter, '00    |
| Mr. Mosgrove, '01     | Mr. Musson, '00     |
| Mr. Hincks, '01       | Mr. Lancefield, '01 |
| Mr. Burbidge, '01     | Mr. Rogers, '02     |
| Mr. Turley, B.A., '99 |                     |

## Literary Institute.

THE first Vice-President, Mr. Turley, B.A., presided at the regular meeting on February 23rd. A humble apology was read by the Secretary from Mr. H. J. Johnson, one of the offenders of the last lively meeting. This was accepted. The treasurer, Mr. Lucas, then gave a detailed financial report of the *Conversazione*. This showed a very satisfactory balance of forty-six dollars. As the *Conversat.* usually shows a deficit of some dollars, Mr. Lucas deserves very great credit for the excellent way in which he has managed the cash this year. A vote of thanks was tendered the treasurer from the meeting. The programme was a very conspicuous one on this occasion from the fact that the only man present on it was Mr. Gordon. The readers were to have been Messrs. Whittaker and Summerhayes, and Mr. Macdonald was to have favoured us with an essay. As the debaters had not all had an opportunity to speak last evening, the Council had decided to have that part of the programme over again. But the debaters did not seem to take kindly to this considerateness on the part of the Council, as Messrs. Hovey, Hincks and Westman did not deem it advisable to be there. The proceedings of the last meeting were then discussed, and on motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Dunning, the meeting approved most heartily of the action of the President in leaving the chair. The Secretary then referred to the fact that, though the back numbers of *THE REVIEW* and *Rouge et Noir* had been gathered together, they had not yet been bound. Messrs. Lucas and Spencer were appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Messrs. Baldwin and Ireland from College, and have them bound. An impromptu debate was then suggested, and taken up by Messrs. Rolph, Handsfield, Gordon and Sowers, the latter two upholding the negative. According to the vote on the speeches the negative proved that the French Canadian influence has not been a great factor in the upholding of Canada. The vote on the question, however, went the other way. The meeting then adjourned.

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THE Institute seemed to be able to survive the turmoil and small programme of the last two meetings; for on March 2nd, Mr. D. T. Owen, occupied the chair at a most orderly and interesting meeting. A good step was taken to begin with in appointing Mr. Macdonald critic for the evening. The readings of Mr. Lucas and Mr. Mockridge were well chosen and listened to with rapt attention. Mr. Taylor was unable to be present in time to give his essay, and the debate followed. The affirmative en-

deavoured to prove that the action of the Hon. J. I. Tarte in regard to the sending of the Canadian Contingents to South Africa was justifiable. The question was supported by Messrs. Carman and Code, B.A., while Messrs. Wright, B.A., and Mosgrove, upheld the negative. Mr. Carman based his arguments on Mr. Tarte's action being perfectly constitutional. He showed that he had put a great deal of time and work on the subject, and was thoroughly posted thereon. Mr. Wright, B.A., treated the subject in his usual easy and fluent manner, becoming at times quite eloquent. Mr. Code, B.A., reasoned the subject out in a very practical way, while Mr. Mosgrove, who confined himself to answering the arguments of the affirmative, proved very amusing. The affirmative won on the merits of the speeches, while the vote on the question was decidedly in favour of the negative. A long discussion took place with regard to men not taking their place on the programme, and it was urged that a vote of censure be made so severe a punishment that a man, having one passed on him, should feel it a very great disgrace. After having spent a very profitable evening the meeting adjourned.

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On the evening of the fourteenth regular meeting, March 9th, Mr. Turley, B.A., again occupied the chair. After the preliminary proceedings Mr. Strathy was called upon for a reading. Mr. Sait, as his substitute, read "The Artfulness of Steggles," by Eden Phillpotts. Mr. Macdonald followed with a very up-to-date article from the *Toronto World* on "Supers." The Essay by Mr. Taylor, though somewhat out of the usual line, was listened to with great attention. He took as his subject "The Wandering Jew." The debate then followed in which the affirmative endeavoured to show "that Rome has had a greater influence than Greece on modern civilization." Rome was upheld by Messrs. Kerney, B.A., and Denison, while Messrs. Summerhayes and Trotter were the Greek supporters. Rome, Mr. Kerney, B.A., contended, has been world wide in her influence, while that of Greece was very exclusive. Mr. Summerhayes made a very good stand and showed a good deal of talent as a debater. He referred to the influence of ancient Greek writers in the Arts, Sciences, Philosophy and Mathematics on Universal men alone. Mr. Denison pointed to Roman colonization, laws, organization and their splendid roads. Mr. Trotter, who had come forward as a volunteer to fill Mr. Hincks' place, who was indisposed, made a strong stand for so short a notice. He, too, is coming forward as a foremost debater. Both votes were taken in favour of the negative. The Reader, W. H. White, was present and spoke at some length on this subject. He compared England to Rome and France to Greece. In his remarks, the critic, Mr. Dunning, referred to the splendid order and interesting programme of the evening, and after giving the Council some suggestions, the meeting adjourned.

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THE sixteenth regular meeting was held on Friday evening, March 16th. The President, Mr. Code, B.A., was chairman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a larger number than usual answered to their names when roll was called.

Mr. Scarlett opened the programme by reading "Owen heard on a Street Car." Mr. Kidd appeared as substitute for Mr. Tomlinson as the second reader. Mr. Sowers then presented an excellently written, though rather out of place, essay on "The Pelican Club." The debate followed. The subject was: Resolved, "That the McGill students were justified in their action towards the Laval students in connection with the recent demonstration." The speakers were: for the affirmative, Messrs. Donaghy, Wade, and for the negative, Messrs. Birmingham and McKittrick. As Mr. McKittrick was not present when the debate began, Mr. Turley, B.A., volunteered to fill