

Zenanas. A brother wants his sister taught, or a girl, after she has gone to her husband's house, gets leave from her teacher to come and visit her there. The amount of ignorance, prejudice, apathy and inertia which exists in the land must be almost unequalled."

It will interest Trinity men to hear that "we have recently got a cricket ground just outside the historic Kashmir Gate. * * * The cricket season is from November to February."

THE LITERARY INSTITUTE.

Year after year the saying is heard in College corridors that the "Lit," is growing worse and worse. We do not think that this is the case at all, but it must be admitted that it has made no great advance as it should. So far from exciting complaint, such a state of things should awaken among the men a most hearty desire to make it, as far as possible, what it should be. This can only be done by individual effort on the part of every man. The claims of the Institute are too well known to be discussed. Let every man who has been accustomed to criticize or find fault, do his part towards remedying things, and the result will be, undoubtedly, a new era for the Institute.

The first meeting for the present year was a merely formal one. Rev. T. F. Rounthwaite took the chair, and received some two dozen nominations for membership, after which the meeting adjourned.

The second meeting on October 15th was, of course, a packed house, the attraction being the introduction of the Freshmen. The members of class '00, to the number of twenty-five or more, were formally and ceremoniously introduced, each of them making, or at least, trying to make, what was for most of them, doubtless, a maiden speech. Brevity seemed to have special charms for most of them, a quality which found much favour in the eyes of their grave and reverend seniors. On the whole, they were quite as good as the average, and this year's class bids fair to become an acquisition to the Institute.

The programme opened with a pleasing recitation by Rev. D. Gadd, a new member, though, by the way, not a Freshman. We hope this gentleman will favour us with many more of the same kind. Messrs. Lucas and Trotter, of the first year, entertained their audience with readings, which, alas! were hardly an improvement on the uncongenial and grave topics so much indulged in last year. Mr. Neavitt, who occupies the exalted position of Head of the First Year, gave a deeply-learned and well-prepared, but most uninteresting essay on a rather vague subject. The event of the evening was, of course, the debate, which was also taken by the Freshmen, on the subject of retaliation on the part of Canada, with regard to the Alien Labor Law. We refrain from giving the speeches in full, though they were brief enough so to do. Mr. L. W. Jones opened the debate with an explanation of the Alien Law, and was followed by Mr. Lucas, with some scriptural quotations—which, by the way, are not in order—to prove the wickedness of retaliatory measures. Mr. Carmon followed on the affirmative, with arguments evidently intended to force home the iniquity of Alien Labor Laws in general. Mr. Gibson's speech was the most lengthy, if such it could be called, and showed not a little originality and knowledge of his subject. The affirmative won on the merits of the speeches. After some discussion from the floor of the house, the second vote was taken, resulting for the affirmative by a still larger majority.

The usual discussion regarding the papers for the common room, absorbed the interest of the members for some time. This was settled in due order, and a vote passed to procure a piano. The nomination of First Year

Councillor resulted in a large list of candidates being put in the field. After the business was thus disposed of Mr. K. McEwen "took the table," and very ably disposed of the magazines and periodicals.

A more than average attendance greeted the chairman, Rev. T. F. Rounthwaite, B.A., at the third regular meeting. Letters of resignation were read from the President, Mr. John Bushell, B.A., and the Councillor ex-officio, Mr. F. W. Brennen, who are unable to come back to college this year. Their resignations were accepted with regret. The programme was then proceeded with. Mr. Broughall, the Essayist, sent an apology, expressing regret that he could not get a substitute. Mr. Spencer's reading hardly got the appreciation it deserved; Mr. Musson's was brief and bright. The debate on the subject of University residence was of more than passing interest. Mr. Wethey led off with a good introductory speech, followed by Mr. Warren, who dwelt upon the moral aspect of the question in a forceful and well-prepared address. Mr. Brain then spoke on the affirm in favour of the system, and gave a clever description of average student life. Mr. Madill, almost a new speaker, did credit to himself in an able plea against residence life, after which Mr. Wethey closed the debate. The first vote, on the speeches, resulted in defeat for the affirmative, which however won unanimously on the second division.

The committee appointed to collect *Rouge et Noir* and *THE REVIEW*, reported through Mr. MacGill. A new committee was appointed to complete the work. After deciding to place the piano in hall, and a vote of thanks to Rev. Mr. Gadd for gifts to the reading room, the by-elections for the vacant offices excited no small interest. Mr. Rounthwaite and Mr. Heaven, the Vice-Presidents, were advanced to the President's and first Vice-President's chairs respectively. Mr. H. T. S. Boyle, who could not be prevailed upon to take office at the last election, was chosen 2nd Vice-President. Mr. H. C. N. Wilson was the successful candidate for ex-officio, and Mr. A. S. B. Lucas for First Year Councillor. Speeches were next in order from the successful competitors. Mr. Broughall asked that a committee be formed to model a new constitution. The committee was appointed, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Rev. R. Seaborn, and Mr. Boyle.

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In the removal of Messrs. Bushell and Brennen the Council suffers no small loss, though their places will be ably filled by the newly-elected officers. Mr. Boyle is an experienced man both here and elsewhere, with an earnest regard for the Institute and its affairs, while Mr. Wilson possesses literary ability of no small order. Both will be a decided strength to the council.

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The thanks of the council are due to Mr. McEwen for his able way of disposing of the papers and magazines. Indeed, such ability in that direction did he exhibit that it makes one begin to doubt the advisability of his taking up any other calling. The selection of papers resulted in a few changes. The *Referee* last year's addition was dropped, also the *London Illustrated News*. Their place was taken by *Massey's* and *Self Culture*.

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The committee appointed last year to collect and bind past numbers of *Rouge et Noir* and *THE REVIEW*, have been very successful in their labours, and nearly all the numbers required have been secured. The committee has sent in its resignation through Rev. J. H. MacGill, and a new committee consisting of Mr. Young, Messrs. Baldwin and Ireland, has been appointed to complete the work. The numbers still required are: *Rouge et Noir*—Vol. 2, No. 2, Vol. 4, No. 6, Vol. 5, No. 6; *REVIEW*—Vol. 2, No. 2. It is hoped that these also will soon be procured.