

position among the world's writers. This was followed by a reading of some appropriate selections from his works by Miss Wilson, B.A., which called forth appreciative applause, especially the imitative rendering of "The Liner, She's a Lady." Miss Kate Westman sang Kipling's "Recessional," which was heartily received and encored. This concluded the first part of the programme.

A violin solo by Miss K. Patterson was also much appreciated and was followed by an amusing little play, which ended a very enjoyable evening. The play was a farce of W. D. Howells' entitled "A Letter of Introduction." The dénouement hinges on the fact that the wrong letter is given to the hero, and hence arise many amusing incidents which elicited hearty bursts of laughter from all parts of the room. The girls who took part were Miss E. Preston, Miss M. Marshall, '02, Miss McAlpine, '03, Miss King, '02, Miss Ward, '01 and Miss Archer, '02. Much praise is due to them for the admirable way in which they contributed to the evening's enjoyment. The meeting broke up amid expressions of pleasure and satisfaction on all sides.

## THE NEWS

### CALENDAR.

Thursday, November 30th, 4 p.m., Room 2.  
Political Science Club.  
Friday, December 1st, 4 p.m., Room 4.  
Students' Union, Mathematics and Physics Society.  
Friday, December 1st, 8 p.m.  
Literary Society.  
Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 4 to 7 p.m., University College.  
Sophomore Reception.  
Monday, Dec. 4th, 4.10 p.m., Chemical Amphitheatre.  
"Russia" by Prof. Mavor.  
Tuesday, December 5th, 4 p.m., Room 2.  
Classical Association.  
Friday, December 8th, 8 p.m., in Students' Union.  
Public Mock Parliament.  
Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 8 p.m., Normal School Theatre.  
Ladies' Glee Club Concert.

### THE LIT.

At 7.30 a short meeting of the Lit. was held in the Students' Union. The general committee recommended that the date of the dinner be changed and that this function be held on Thursday, December 14th. This was approved. Mr. A.N.W. Clare was appointed to represent Varsity at the S. P. S. dinner and J. F. M. Stewart at the Athletic Dance.

### OSGOODE—VARSITY DEBATE.

The second debate of the Intercollegiate series was held Friday night at Osgoode Hall. Mr. Theo. A. Hunt, B.A., president of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society, occupied the chair. The judges were Mr. D. R. Wilkie, Rev. Mr. Warren and Prof. McKay. The attendance was small, although Varsity men turned out in considerable numbers and filled the gallery. The debaters were in reality all Varsity men, as Osgoode was represented by two prominent political science graduates, Mr. McNeece of the class of '97 and Mr. Harold Fisher of the class of '99. The subject debated upon was one which comes directly within the bounds of political science, therefore Varsity's debaters, one a philosopher, the other a naturalist, deserve considerable praise for holding as they did a most creditable second place. The subject was "Resolved that Governmental ownership of railways in Canada is more beneficial than our present system." Mr. McNeece, B.A.,

introduced the debate. He dwelt upon the advantages which had been reaped in Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Cape Colony by the Governmental ownership. He also condemned the discrimination which companies were wont to make use of against localities or persons. He showed that a railway was a monopoly and should be in the hands of the Government that the people at large might reap the benefit. Mr. G. A. Cornish made a strong speech on the negative. He showed that Governmental ownership possessed disadvantages which become null when the Government acted as supervisor. He also pointed out that many of the advantages which might result under a new system were already possessed by the supervisory system, and to a like extent. Mr. Harold Fisher held that Government ownership was not the same as Government management. This was replied to by Mr. A. H. McLeod, who held that the consideration of the one involved that of the other. He cited Belgium and Italy as countries which had favored the system of private companies. Mr. McNeece had five minutes to reply.

While the judges were deciding, Dr. Wickett and Dr. Smale made some very interesting remarks on the debating union and its work before the public.

Mr. D. R. Wilkie, after complimenting all the speakers, announced the decision of the judges in favor of the affirmative. Varsity, the only purely undergraduate college in the Union, won the championship last year and, we trust, may win it again in the near future.

### MOCK PARLIAMENT.

The first public Mock Parliament, which is to be held in the Students' Union on December 8th, should prove one of the most interesting of the season's Literary Society's meetings. The speakers on the Government will be: A. N. Mitchell, (Premier); E. H. Cooper, (Finance); A. H. McLeod, (Agriculture); W. G. Wilson, (Marine and Fisheries); E. H. A. Watson, (Justice); R. A. Armstrong, (Railways and Canals); J. Little, (Militia); E. F. Burton, (Interior); R. J. Hamilton, (Public Works); F. E. Brophey, (Postmaster General). The opposition speakers will be: F. E. Brown, (Leader); J. F. M. Stewart, Chas. Garvey, Geo. Kay, E. J. Kylie, A. F. Aylesworth, A. W. Keith, A. I. Fisher, J. W. Cunningham and R. M. Millman. It is understood that the students will occupy members' seats behind the two bodies of speakers, while the students' friends will occupy the end of the hall and the running track.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

A very interesting lecture was delivered by Mr. J. S. Willison of the *Globe* before the Political Science Club on Thursday. Mr. Willison, possessing as he does, not only brilliant editorial qualities but also exceptional business talent, is eminently fitted to speak upon 'Journalism.' He spoke of peculiarities of Canadian 'journalism,' and of the growing necessity there was of men in editorial chairs who could interpret scientifically and correctly the trend of public thought. He showed the necessity there was of treating public affairs from a sound economic standpoint. The business of the journalist was to develop public opinion and to liberalize and energize the social and industrial forces. A vote of thanks, which was unanimously passed, was moved in a very happy and appropriate manner by Prof. Mavor who prefaced his motion by some interesting remarks on French and English journalism.

### RECEPTIONS.

The Junior Reception Friday afternoon was a great success and reflects credit upon the committee. The Sophomore Reception is next Saturday, December 2nd, at 4 o'clock.