

were transformed into actions and steps were taken to form a society whose aim was to be the cultivation of art, oratory and science.

On February 13th the students met for this purpose. Principal Merchant was appointed to take charge of the meeting, while Mr. McKinnon was elected secretary *pro tem*. The Principal gave a short address, in which he briefly outlined the benefits to be derived from a properly-managed Literary Society, and expressed his desire to see the organization proceed as quickly as possible. The term, he said, was short and no time should be wasted.

A committee was immediately appointed to draft a constitution. Then followed, at an early date, the election of officers for the society. Those elected for the first half of the term were as follows :

Honorary President, Mr. F. W. Merchant, M.A.	
President, Mr. J. Curtis.	
Vice-President, Miss J. R. Mowbray.	
Secretary, Mr. Chas. McKinnon.	
Treasurer, Miss L. Rife.	
Poet, Mr. S. D. Pepper.	
Historian, Mr. L. T. Miller.	
Executive Committee,	
Misses O'Meara, O'Brien, Field.	
Messrs. Ayers, Heath.	
Critic, Mr. J. Dearness.	

After conferring with the Honorary President, the Society decided to hold its meetings every second Tuesday evening, at 3.30, in the room chosen for that purpose. Here I might again refer to the inconvenience the Society encountered, as they were unable to use the large Assembly Hall. Before the term closed the Society held meetings every Tuesday, instead of every second Tuesday as at first arranged.

On April 24th we again assembled for the purpose of electing new officers for the remainder of the term. This time the election resulted as follows :

President, Miss J. R. Mowbray.	
Vice-President, Mr. W. Taylor.	
Secretary, Miss N. McLaren.	
Treasurer, Miss L. Rife.	
Poet, Miss Allin.	
Executive Committee,	
Misses Gray, Murdock, Lowe.	
Messrs. Staples and Sharpe.	

Our Honorary President, Critic and Historian were re-elected, it being thought that they were well able to discharge their important duties for another term.

Shortly after this the Society decided

to publish a paper, and Mr. M. H. Ayers was unanimously chosen as Editor, and the able way in which he has filled the office would do credit to any editor of long experience. Mnemosyne tells the tale in words more forcible than mine.

Throughout the whole term the Society had the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the Principal and his staff. They were always ready to offer valuable suggestions, which we so often needed, and to lend a helping hand when called upon to do so.

The meetings were all spent pleasantly as well as profitably, and all students looked forward to them as a treat. At first they were of the usual literary nature, but ere long the untiring efforts of the officers and committee led to the introduction of much variety into our programmes. All the officers took great interest in the welfare of the Society, and to them is due the credit for the success of our meetings.

Throughout the term the enthusiasm of the students was very marked, even the "shadow of the examinations" did not in any way mar the proceedings of the Society. Many students took an active part in the programmes. Impromptu speeches, songs, readings and recitations were given by different members. The meetings brought forth the musical ability, which proved to be of no mean order, as our worthy musical instructor can testify. The vocal talent possessed by some of the ladies displayed voices of exceedingly pure tone and great compass. The gentlemen excelled on wind and string instruments, and among the gentler sex there proved to be skillful musicians and violinists who frequently favored the Society. By the way, we must not forget the orchestra, which did much efficient work under the able instruction of our First President. The orchestra proved itself equal to all occasions, and we hope to hear of them again. Our musical instructor greatly assisted in the musical part of the Society's programme. Through his instrumentality we were favored with cornet, violin and 'cello solos by members of his own Musical Society, which contains the best musicians of the city and the most renowned 'cello soloist of Canada, Mr. Saunders.