

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS.

ALL reports from Societies must reach us by noon on Thursday to insure insertion.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

At the society's ordinary meeting on Friday evening the programme given was as follows:—The meeting opened with an impromptu chorus from members of the Glee Club. Mr. T. D. Dockray read a selection from James Russell Lowell. Mr. F. J. Davidson's essay on "Tobacco" followed, but the reader was unfortunate in not speaking loud enough to be heard in all parts of the room.

The subject of debate for the evening was: "Resolved,—that the making attendance at college lectures compulsory is justifiable." Messrs. Forin and Kirkpatrick upheld the affirmative and Messrs. Gibson and McGee the negative, Messrs. Rothwell, Coatsworth and Cooke also spoke on the question. The decision was left with the meeting, which decided for the negative.

On the recommendation of the general committee the society decided to hold its next public meeting on the evening of Dec. 7th.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The regular weekly meeting of the club was held on Monday last, 19th instant, the President in the chair. Several nominations for membership were made.

A proposal of Mr. Thomas O'Hagan, M.A., to give a lecture before the club on "Longfellow," together with readings from his works, elicited considerable discussion. On motion, it was unanimously decided to accept Mr. O'Hagan's offer. Mr. W. C. Ferguson moved, seconded by Mr. Rodd, that Mr. O'Hagan be requested to give his lecture on the evening of the next regular English meeting, Dec. 3. Carried.

The literary programme was then proceeded with. Mr. W. R. Rutherford read an essay dealing with "Le Lutrin," by Boileau, and was followed by Miss Lawlor and Mr. W. H. Graham in readings from the same work.

The Society then resolved itself into groups for French conversation, and after some time spent in this manner, the meeting adjourned.

CLASS SOCIETY OF '89.

The members of the Fourth Year held a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Wednesday last, for the purpose of discussing the formation of the Class of '89 into a permanent society.

In order to open discussion, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cross, brought in a motion to the effect that: "We, the members of the Class of '89 here present, hereby approve the movement towards forming the year into a permanent Class Society and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to bring about and maintain such an organization."

This resolution, after a few explanatory remarks by the mover, was carried unanimously, and was followed by a motion, proposed by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Elliott and carried, "That a provisional committee of the Class of '89 be appointed, to consist of Messrs. G. A. H. Fraser, Hull, Snider, Munro, Cross, Senkler, Spotton, Forin, McNamara, H. S. Robertson, J. S. Johnston, Spence, Moss, Buchanan, and the mover and seconder, which shall (1) Communicate with the representatives of class societies in American colleges with a view to gaining all possible information regarding their constitution and aims, (2) Draft a constitution for the proposed new Society and (3) Report to a meeting of the year to be held at the call of the convener of the provisional committee in January next when the Society may be permanently organized. The meeting then adjourned.

A meeting of the Committee on Organization was held yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. building, when the first steps were taken towards carrying out the plans proposed.

At a meeting of the undergraduates held in the Y. M. C. A. on Friday evening last, after the adjournment of the Literary Society, a committee consisting of Messrs. H. J. Cody, A.

Smith, F. C. Snider, J. J. Ferguson, T. D. Dockray, and C. S. Wood was appointed to draft a petition to the Senate asking that the Library be open from 9 a.m., until 5 p.m., and that the catalogue of books be printed. The petition is to be placed in the Janitor's room for signature.

KNOX COLLEGE NOTES.

A. E. Mitchell, President of Knox College Missionary Society, J. McP. Scott, J. Robertson, D. C. Hossack, and P. J. McLaren, were the delegates appointed to attend the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance at Cobourg. D. C. Hossack read a paper on the Jews, which was much appreciated. Besides the regularly appointed delegates, there were a few fellows who went down of their own accord, and were received there as delegates. They one and all say that they were well entertained, and greatly benefited by the papers, addresses, and discussions.

The Quintette Club, composed of Messrs. Gordon G., Gordon C., Tibb, Haddow, and Hamilton, are back again from their trip across the ocean and all look well. They have given the public of Toronto several chances to hear them which probably it will not have again for awhile, for they will soon be scattered, Hamilton at Knox College, Haddow at Milton, Tibb and Gordon C. at places unknown as yet, and Gordon G. at 513 Spadina Avenue, where he will try to relieve the ills incident to mortals.

The Knox College Library was improved considerably this summer by having new shelves put in, and the walls, &c., freshened up. The only trouble now is how to fill the shelves, which query is receiving the attention of those interested in the success of Knox, and they are beginning to show their interest in a practical manner.

W. P. McKenzie, B.A., who has been staying at Davisville, N.Y., for the benefit of his health, has returned to the College again seemingly in improved health, and is acting Librarian in the absence of J. A. Macdonald.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald, the managing editor of the *Knox College Monthly*, is in the Old Country, just now at Edinburgh. He was granted six months' leave of absence by the Literary and Metaphysical Society, and we hope that he may come back freshened and able to perform with still greater success than he has had in the past his duties in connection with the *Monthly*.

McMASTER HALL.

Dr. Castle, who was obliged during the summer to undergo a severe surgical operation, is making satisfactory progress toward complete recovery. Contrary to the fears entertained, he is able to do full work. Mr. K. Castle also, who has been ill for some time with fever, is progressing very favourably.

The students of McMaster Hall entertained to dinner on the evening of Thanksgiving Day the Faculty and students of Moulton Ladies' College, the Governors of McMaster University resident in Toronto, and the Faculty of McMaster Hall. The young ladies furnished music, Mr. McLeod a Scotch reading, and Mr. Stone with some half-dozen others gave a very interesting gymnastic exhibition in the gymnasium.

The Theological and Literary Society and the *Cos Ingeniorum* Literary Society will hold a joint public meeting on the evening of Friday, November 30th. Mr. Woodruff will read an essay, Mr. E. J. Harris will deliver an oration, and Canadian Independence will be discussed by Messrs. O'Neill, Mills, Brown and Gilmour. Dr. Caven is expected to occupy the chair.

Mr. R. P. Wilder addressed the students of McMaster Hall after chapel service on Wednesday morning of last week.

THE LATE REV. JOSEPH BUILDER, B.A.

The late Rev. Joseph Builder, a devoted missionary from India, died recently at Asheville, North Carolina, of consumption. He came from Brantford, his home, to Toronto, early in life, and studied at Knox College and at the Univer-