

### *Class History.*

Already the class of '00-'01 begins to feel the pangs of coming dissolution, and like dying persons generally, it looks back on its life to review it and think with pride of its successes and with regret of its short comings. On the whole its life, if a short one, has been a merry one too, and we cannot help feeling very proud of it.

On the morning of October 1st, 1900, the class of '00-'01 first saw the light of day. It felt itself a strange vague totality, and its various members looked at each other curiously,—they had not yet been fitted into their places. The first step in this process was taken when the Literary Society (including all the students) was formed, and its Executive Committee elected. Everyone will remember—it seems odd when we look back upon it, from our present standpoint,—how then we had to ask the various nominees to stand so that we could have some idea of the candidate for whom we were voting. But somehow we did succeed in appointing a very able Executive. During the fall term Mr. Keith and his co-workers managed the business of the Society and supplied the pleasure, in the form of a good program for each Friday afternoon.

As soon as possible too, the Staff of the MONTHLY was elected, to hold office for the whole year. Their work speaks for itself in the pages of the journal, and needs no commendation. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

One of the earliest efforts of the Literary Society in the getting-acquainted process was the "First Reception," as it was called. There many a man felt his brain whirl in the attempt to identify the next person on his program by some such formula as,— "Miss Jones, little girl in pink"; "Miss Brown, tall girl with blue bow in hair",—and there were so many little girls in pink, and so many tall girls with blue bows in their hair! However the class already began to

feel itself growing together, and after this there was never the same constraint in its movements.

Nor was this the only opportunity for social intercourse. Several of the churches gave enjoyable "At Homes." Perhaps the most generally appreciated was that given by McNab Street Presbyterian Church. Everyone who was fortunate enough to be present will remember the pretty home-like rooms, the good music, and the pleasant time generally.

So far we have not mentioned the one thing for which we had all come to Hamilton—namely, the knowledge which we daily culled from our attendance in the amphitheatre, above all for the words of wisdom that have fallen daily from the lips of our beloved Principal. Beside the regular lectures on methods from the staff, we had a course in sanitary science from Dr. McCabe, another in music from Mr. Johnson, and best of all a delightful series on reading and elocution from Mrs. Agnes Knox-Black.

Mrs. Black, Mrs. Libbie Beach Knox, and Mr. Carnahan gave a very enjoyable concert before the close of the term. Another treat in the entertainment line was a lecture by Frank Yeigh, who was sent to us by the Education Department.

Early in the term the two athletic associations were formed, and began to do good work. The Men's Athletic Association formed committees for Association and Rugby football, for tennis, cycling and basketball, and later for hockey, baseball and fencing. Then a district football league was organized, into which four teams entered, and by the end of the season the O. N. C. team had covered themselves with glory by winning the Spectator cup, amid the wild "Zippety-whoops" of the other students.

The basketball tournament among the two College and two Collegiate teams was not quite so successful, the Senior Leaving team of the Collegiate bearing off the palm.