

According to an old established custom the first meeting of the Literary Society after the Christmas vacation was left in the hands of the 3rd year, and certainly this time a very good entertainment had been provided. Clever parodies of 'Varsity songs had been prepared with numerous playful allusions to college life and celebrities. The solos in each case were taken by Mr. Monteith, while the rest of the graduating class joined with much vigor in the choruses. Mr. Gelling gave a speech on Nova Scotia, giving us a very clear insight into the resources of the country with special reference to gold mining. Mr. Shantz contributed a recitation, and the halls have since resounded with exact imitations of his musical cry of "Charco." A very fine display of club swinging was given by Messrs. McCallum, Brodie, and Shantz. Mr. McEavoy delighted us all with a comical reading, and Mr. Monteith gave a speech on "Science." Much credit is due to Mr. Rennie for his composition on "How Our Preacher Bought the Cow." It was brimful of fun, and his amusing manner of reading, coupled with the fact that for once he had got his tie in, kept us all interested from beginning to end.

On Wednesday, the 5th inst., our Association was privileged in receiving a visit from Mr. C. K. Ober, of the International Y. M. C. A. Committee. Notwithstanding the number of boys engaged preparing for the Friday night's entertainment, we had a well-attended meeting at 9 p.m. Mr. Ober is a very taking speaker and we felt quite at ease with him when he began his remarks with "Fellow students." Frank, hearty, addresses have always characterized all such visitors to our Y. M. C. A. and quite do away with the idea that members of that association are necessarily nanby-pamby sort of fellows. Mr. Ober gave us a brief insight into his work as travelling secretary and to show how far-reaching it is, he mentioned that on the previous Sunday he had been "away down South" in Georgia. He gave us several useful hints for improvements in the work here, but the most enjoyable time spent in a friendly conference in the reception room after the meeting proper. There our special difficulties were gone into and we all felt much cheered and helped by his memorable visit. Mr. Ober left early on Thursday to attend the convention at Brantford.

Our Association decided to send five delegates to the annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. for Ontario and Quebec, held at Brantford. Accordingly early on the 7th. inst. Messrs. G. Harcourt, B. S. A., Hewgill, Whitley, Buchanan and McKergow went off to attend the sessions. Their reports were given at the Thursday night meeting on the 13th., and the following Sunday afternoon. They must have had a real good time there, for keen interest was taken in the reports presented and an impetus has been given to the work here. There can be no doubt that it is exceedingly beneficial in many ways for delegates to attend such convention. There is the mixing with men whose names are well-known through the Province as active Y. M. C. A. workers. This in itself is inspiring, but how much more so must it be to attend meetings full of life from beginning to end and hear the profitable discussions? It is a pity that the helpful influences under which the delegates are brought cannot be transmitted in their entirety to the home association. Still, as our foundation is of comparatively recent date it is a matter of some congratulation that five men should be sent, and especially that Mr. Harcourt's paper, read at the Convention, should be so thoroughly acceptable to those present.

INSTEAD of an ordinary meeting of the Literary Society on the 14th. inst., we had the pleasure of hearing Miss Henderson, from the City, deliver a lecture on Phrenology. The subject was handled in a very interesting manner, and was illustrated by several lantern pictures descriptive of various types of heads. The amusing part of the programme was when Messrs. Brown and Brodie ascended the platform and had their characters and aspirations read by the lecturer as she lightly fingered their silky hair and many "bumps." Mr. Brown's comical solo at the commencement of the meeting must have given Miss Henderson a little insight into his appreciation of fun, and certainly as far as we know these two beauties their natures were pretty accurately revealed. As we filed out of the lecture room the news of the terrible conflagration at Toronto spread through our midst and for a long while we grouped together discussing the scanty details. Fellow students at the 'Varsity accept our sincere sympathy. The following day the universal question was, "Have you had your head read?" for all the afternoon Miss Henderson was busy with various craniums expounding unto us our faults and talents, and distributing charts. Several boys were heard loudly lamenting that the "Adaptation in Marriage" column had not been filled in.

THE Annual Supper of the O. A. C. Football Team, kindly given by Professor Robertson, was held in the dining hall on Jan. 28th. Covers were laid for 40, as besides the team there were present Professors Shaw, Panton and Hunt, as well as a few specially invited students. After partaking of the numerous good things provided, an interesting toast list was entered upon. The absence of the President and Professors James and Grenside was regretted by all, as the speeches for which they were down would have contributed in no small degree to the success of the evening. The Honorary President, Professor Robertson, was naturally the speech maker, and his remarks, full as they were of humor and deep thought, were highly appreciated by all. Prof. Panton responded in very graceful terms to the toast "Science the Handmaid of Agriculture," and Prof. Hunt gave an amusing reply to "Mathematics in a Scrimmage." Prof. Shaw roused all present by his earnest remarks in response to the "Agricultural Interests of Ontario." The musical part of the programme was well provided for. Mr. Esterbrook contributed a banjo solo and also played a duet with Mr. Dolsen. Mr. Bayne (Captain) gave the O. A. C. version of "Killaloe," and Messrs. Musgrave and Buscarlet charmed the audience with good songs. The inevitable "Farmers' Song" was also on the list, the solo being taken by Mr. G. Harcourt, B. S. A. After the "Ladies" had been duly honored, Mr. Dean responded in a very able speech to the "Press." Time passed so pleasantly that 12 o'clock sounded long ere the guests were ready to depart, but "Auld Lang Syne" had to be sung as the finale, and away the happy athletes trooped after three rousing cheers for our esteemed Professor Robertson, and those who had so nicely arranged for the inner man.

AN open meeting of the Literary Society was held on the 7th. inst. in honor of the ex-students attending the Union meetings. The old familiar dining hall had been decorated with evergreens, flags, and red, white, and blue hangings, making it very attractive. The stage had one of the most magnificent drop curtains ever placed before a Canadian public. The rooms on our flat had been ransacked for "wings" and "back pieces" so that that end of the hall was transformed into a perfect bower of beauty. Joking apart, the decoration committee deserves praise for the tasty ap-