

Union Literary Society.

OLD Victoria, in spite of the example of the three great Anglo-Saxon countries, has overthrown the Government. On November 17th the McCulloch Administration was out-voted. It will not seem a partisan estimate that Mr. McCulloch is deserving of much praise for the interest he takes in the work of the house and the success with which he prosecuted the business of the society.

An onlooker at our work this time must pronounce it, on the whole, successful. Our ideal as students is not so much to graduate as learned men, but as men who can make practical use of the education they have. The literary society's contribution to our facilities for accomplishing this is invaluable, and the student who denies himself the opportunities it affords, or who sours and stays away because some meetings are too long, too short, too hot or too dry, is missing a part of his college training for which there is no compensation. A. J. J.

THE open meeting of the term took place on November 24th. The Hon. President, Dr. F. N. G. Starr, occupied the chair. The event of the evening was the debate between the Fourth Year and B.D.'s. The B.D.'s, Messrs. Baker and Ruddell, were awarded the decision over Messrs. Porter and Johnson, thus establishing the Federation of the Empire as a feasible scheme. Solos were given by Messrs. Bell-Smith and Van Wyck. Master Hermann Van Wyck cleverly played the accompaniments for his big brother. A humorous recitation was given by Mr. Walker and singing by the Glee Club. As usual an attempt was made to wreck the Government, but they proved too strong to be overthrown at their first session in office.

AN innovation in the usual programme of open meetings of the society was the bringing in of a speech from the throne, necessitated by the overthrow of the government at the preceding meeting. May we be pardoned for introducing some excerpts from the measures therein proposed?

"To provide cots in the coal cellar for Freshmen who go in for refreshments more than once during the Conversat., and to have wheelbarrows on the premises at 2.30 a.m. to remove said Freshmen to the Sick Children's Hospital."

"To erect a stable annex to the College for the accommodation of B.D. carthorses, so that they may waste no time going to and from work."