

The society holds a meeting every Friday afternoon, at four o'clock; proof of the interest in these meetings may be had from the fact that the society rarely adjourns until after six, resulting cold suppers notwithstanding.

In 1897 a room was provided for the society, at the dedication of which speeches on the aims and methods of literary societies were delivered by Dean McClintock, of the University of Chicago, and by Director Carman, Dean Greeson, and Professor Mann, of the Institute faculty. It is understood that when the new building is erected this summer, a new room will be fitted up to serve as the permanent quarters of the society.

There have been, up to May 1, 1903, two hundred and twenty-five meetings of the Parnassian Society. Besides the literary programmes and the special meetings devoted to business, this grand total includes twenty-one joint sessions with the Collegiate Girls' Club. These joint meetings originated in a meeting held in the Institute auditorium at the end of the Spring Quarter of 1897, when the club and the society joined their forces in giving a varied programme, consisting of an oration, a play, and music. The joint meetings are now held every four weeks, and are among the most enjoyable features of the Parnassian life. The two organizations alternate in giving a programme, while frequently supper and dancing follow in the evening, to broaden the social life.

The quarterly dramatic entertainments are furnished by members of the Parnassian Society and the Collegiate Girls' Club, but as these are to be discussed in another portion of the *Annual*, we will not treat of them here.

In regard to this year's work it may be said that discussions and debates have been held on the following topics: "The Coal Strike," "The Tariff," "Suffrage Qualifications," "A Shortened College Course," "Incorporation of Trades Unions," "The Venezuelan Affair," and "The Trusts." During the Winter Quarter a debate was engaged in as a compulsory contest. The gentlemen of the society discussed the question of "Compulsory Arbitration." Professor Mann acted as judge, and announced that the four men who were thus selected to represent the society were, in the order named, as follows: Beezley, Hazlewood, Stickel and Juhnke. During the Spring Quarter considerable attention has been given to practice in parliamentary law, with good results. The literary work of