

The Classical Club



THE Classical Club was organized May 17, 1897, by the instructors and collegiate students of Latin and Greek, with a membership of thirty-four. The club elected for its president the first year Mr. Lewis Gustafson. Since then the following have held that office: Miss Annie Mead (1898-1899), Mr. Walter Van Osdell (1899-1900), Miss May Chamberlain (1900-1901), Mr. Henry Erwin (1901-1902), and Mr. Gilbert Cady (1902-1903).

The club has two purposes in view. It aims to supplement the class work and to promote sociability among the upper-class students of Latin and Greek. That the first purpose is in a great measure accomplished a glance at the programmes of this year will suffice to show. Three books have been reviewed—Mau's "Pompeii," "The Sculptured Tombs of Hellas," and "The Last Days of Pompeii," the first two with the aid of the stereopticon. A life of Martial and an epitome of Greek history from the Roman conquest have been written by members and read before the club. Several letters of Pliny and a number of selected epigrams from Martial have been translated. Much of the success of the programmes is due to Professor Derham for his aid in the selection and preparation of the articles. In addition to the literary programme, members and friends have kindly helped to entertain the club with quartet numbers, piano, vocal and violin solos, the Boys' Glee Club appearing on one programme. The last hour and a half of each meeting is spent profitably in social enjoyments.

The meetings are held as much as possible on the second Friday of each month. The average attendance during the year has been about sixty, while our membership has increased to forty-four. We believe that the Classical Club has enjoyed a year of exceptional prosperity, due to the interest taken in it by its members and friends, and we believe that if it does not now, it soon will fulfill all the expectations of its organizers.

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