

LITERARY SOCIETIES

The four literary societies met as usual on Wednesday evening last, much interest being manifested by each.

Reliance

Ten new members were admitted last Wednesday evening. The Current Events proved of interest to the society who greeted the announcement of President Wilson's re-election with enthusiasm. The remaining portion of the program was not rendered with sufficient enthusiasm, owing to the late date on which it was posted. It takes a week of hard work to prepare and deliver creditably even a short program. The following is the program as rendered:

Opening Address	-	-	-	Henry Davis
Current Events	-	-	-	Athen Simmons
Reading	-	-	-	Clarence Landergreen
Jokes	-	-	-	Alex Beyers
Question Box	-	-	-	-

Nonpareil

This society is at present making a study of Longfellow, the regular meeting Wednesday evening being the first of a series of Longfellow evenings. A novel departure from the usual monotonous roll call was furnished by the response of each girl with a quotation from the poet. As a preliminary to further study, different members of the society gave sketches of his life, and one young lady reviewed "Evangeline," his most noted long poem. Two shorter poems were read. The work of the evening was carried on in much the same way as that of a ladies' literary club. The experience the girls are having will prove valuable to them in later life.

Excelsior

The writer was an interested visitor at the regular weekly meeting of the Excelsior Literary Society on Wednesday evening. The spirit and enthusiasm with which the boys carried out their program proves that this organization has been effected and that no individual member has any intention of shirking. The remarks of Robert Alphus, in his opening address, further emphasized this fact. Reginald Downie conducts the routine business of the society with efficiency and dispatch, which proves the boys' wisdom in selecting him for their president. A recitation, reading, and current events, well selected, followed a vocal number which demanded an encore. The debate was the heavy number of the evening's program and the subject matter and delivery showed preparation and thought on the part of the boys who represented the society. The program follows in detail:

Call to Order	-	-	-	President
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Reading of Minutes	-	-	-	Secretary
Business	-	-	-	-
Opening Address	-	-	-	Robert Alphus
Select Reading—"Winning Success,"	-	-	-	Francis Boyce
Vocal Duet	-	-	-	Russell Adams, Nick Orloff
Debate—Resolved: "That Woodrow Wilson should be re-elected."	-	-	-	-

Affirmative: Earl Nuckolls, John Murray. Negative: Ivan Anderson, John Byers.

Both sides were well sustained, but as only one side can win the judges, through their tactful spokesman, gave the laurels to the affirmative. Short, pertinent remarks and those of commendation by the advisory and visiting ladies, respectively, preceded the motion to adjourn.

Winona

For the last three seasons, considered one of the leading societies of this institution, Winona Society is starting out again to struggle for the literary honors of the school. The prospects of having a first-rate society for the year is good in spite of the graduation and failure to return to school of last year's leading members. In the Winona Society, the programs are being rendered by grades. At the last meeting the sixth grades girls had charge of the evening's entertainment. Their work was highly creditable, considering the fact that several of the girls that took part are new members. The following program was rendered:

Recitation	-	-	-	Florence McNickle
Current Events	-	-	-	Louise Silverthorn
Song	-	-	-	Ruby LaPointe, Rose Deschamp
Readings	-	-	-	Minnie Jones, Retha Carson, Beulah White, Thelma Orsen
Memory Gems	-	-	-	Lillie Dixon

SCHOOL NOTES

The seventh grade sewing room girls are studying the weaving, printing and dyeing of fabrics.

The little fellows are not the ones that make the most noise in passing up and down stairs.

The sixth grade are rejoiced at Mrs. Risser's recovery from a most trying attack of ill health.

Mabel Zeigler's father paid her a visit a few days ago. He did not stay long in spite of his welcome.

Edwin Zeigler has just returned from Alaska to enter the ninth grade. Edwin has selected engineering.

The girls and boys are improving in their drills and folk dancing lessons taught by Mr. E. A. Smith in the gymnasium every morning.

The first grade is responsible this week for the condition of the corridor on the lower floor of the school building. In spite of the mud, the little ones have kept the floors in tip-top condition.