

EXCELSIORS.

The Excelsior Literary Society met in the Academic building on Thursday at 7 P. M. sharp, December 14, 1911. First the roll was called and only one member was absent. Two old members and a new one were enrolled, the old members being Lee Evans and Jimmie Evans, and the new member being John Johnson. We now have thirty-one members in our Society.

New and old business was now called for discussion. As there was none we went on with our program which was arranged for the evening. Everybody came well prepared and it was carried out nicely. The debate was the feature of the evening, the subject being, "Resolved, That steam is more useful to man than electricity." The negative side won.

The program was followed by a speech by Lee Evans, which we all enjoyed. This was also followed by a few remarks from our president and critic. After this was through we elected debating teams which are to debate soon. We then appointed a committee to meet the other societies and choose a subject. A motion was then made and seconded and we adjourned.—WILLIAM READY, Reporter.

NONPARIEL.

The Nonpariel literary society met as usual in room 4. The house was called to order by the President and the secretary called the roll; all members were present. We were all very glad to have Amanda Duncan enter our society as a member.

All the old and new business was attended. The program was as follows: Opening address by the President, read-

ing by Ruth Liphart, riddles by Nita Jones, current events by Elizabeth Talbot, story by Julia Durkee, jokes by Mary Boles, foreign song by Tillie Reinkin and Lubova Siftsoff, closing address by the critic, Mrs. Brace.

A motion was then made and we adjourned.—R. LIPHART, Reporter.

BREVITIES.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were Portland visitors during the week.

Dewey Talbot is out of the hospital after being there for some time.

Many of the boys and girls went to Salem on Wednesday to do their Christmas shopping.

The large scales near the commissary are being repaired by Mr. Ahlander and his force of boys.

Mrs. E. H. Perkins is here from Spokane, Wash., to remain and visit with her children during the holidays.

Thomas Williams is visiting friends at the school during Christmas. Thomas expects to return to Washington in a few days.

Arthur and Roy Van Pelt returned to school on last Tuesday night from California where they were spending their vacation. We were all pleased to welcome them.

Chemawa and Willamette University played a game of basketball on Wednesday on the floor of the latter team in Salem. The score was 46 to 15, with us on the little end.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. Fickle went to Portland to buy Christmas presents on Tuesday for the entire school. They were very successful in purchasing the very best stock from the Meyer and Frank store at very reasonable prices. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson assisted them while there.