

## COLLEGE NEWS.

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THE annual election of officers of the Alma Mater, which took place on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at the City Hall, was by far the keenest contest that has taken place for years. Every voter who could be in any way influenced by the indefatigable committees was brought out, and as a result the total number of votes polled surpassed all previous records by about a hundred and fifteen. Besides holding the record for the total number of votes cast, this contest is distinguished as the election of phenomenally large majorities, for, leaving the committeemen out of the question, the lowest majority given was fifty-one. At 9:30 P.M. the names of the officers for the ensuing year were bulletined as follows:

Hon. President—Prof. N. F. Dupuis (acclamation).

President—A. E. Ross, B.A.

First Vice-President—A. McIntosh.

Second Vice-President—M. Denyes.

Critic—D. A. Volume.

Secretary—Toshi Ikehara (acclamation).

Assistant Secretary—F. M. Graves.

Treasurer—C. E. Smith.

Committee—H. Walker, E. J. O'Donnell, J. A. Supple, W. Baker.

After the successful candidates had finished speaking, the boys lined up and paraded the principal streets of the city, filling the air with those peculiar sounds which can proceed only from such an assemblage.

The executive called a special meeting of the society for Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at 4 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee appointed to discuss the question of a conversazione. Notwithstanding the short notice on which the meeting was called, about two hundred and fifty students were present and listened to a spirited discussion. On behalf of the committee, the chairman, W. W. Peck, M.A., presented the majority report, which recommended that a conversazione be held in the City Hall, the programme to consist of a concert and dancing. A minority report was read by J. R. Fraser, B.A., recommending that the conversazione be held in the University Building, and that it be of the nature of a promenade concert.

After much discussion a happy combination of the two schemes was effected in an amendment brought forward by H. R. Grant, providing for a conversazione to be held on the evening of Friday, Dec. 14th, in the University Building, the programme to consist of concert, promenade and dancing. On division this amendment was carried, and the committee which had just reported was authorized to

draft sub-committees and make all necessary arrangements for the conversazione.

On Saturday last, the adjourned annual meeting was held, and quite a large number were present. The reports of the President, Secretary and Treasurer were presented, the two former dealing with the general advance which the society had made during the year, while the latter showed that the finances were in a very satisfactory condition, there being a balance of \$174 in the treasury. On motion of D. W. Best the constitution was amended so as to make unnecessary the special motions regarding the arrangements for the holding of the annual elections. President Farrell then left his position and escorted Mr. Ross, the new president, to the chair. The annual meeting then adjourned and the business of the regular meeting was taken up.

On motion of R. J. Hutcheon, M.A., the patronage of the society was extended to the new Glee Club and a grant of \$25 was made, which, together with the regular fees of the club, was deemed sufficient to enable them to purchase music and pay an instructor. Reports of progress were then received from the chairmen of the various conversazione committees, and also from the chairman of the Murray entertainment committee and the committee appointed to make arrangements for the preservation of order at Convocations.

Notices of motion were given by F. Hugo, M.A., regarding methods of governing voting, and by J. W. McIntosh, re the printing of new copies of the society's constitution. After the critic's report was read, the meeting adjourned, and all felt that if anything could be concluded from the first meeting under the new executive, an era of great prosperity was opening for the society.

### ALMA MATER ELECTIONS.

In addition to the large poll and the large majorities given this year, the elections differed in this very important respect from those of other years, that the voting did not run along the old lines of Arts vs. Medicine, for each side split and the result was a much more independent vote than formerly. The large number of votes shews the interest that was taken in the elections, and also points to the fact that the attendance at Queen's is growing while the independent voting shews that the students of Queen's are being more and more influenced by her spirit. The liveliness that always pervades an election contest was not lacking. All day the city was faithfully canvassed and steps taken to see that every voter was brought to the polls. The ladies were brought out in larger numbers than ever before, and the strife to secure their votes and the privilege of carrying them to the college gave rise to quite a lot of good-natured rivalry. Of course the