

A Committee was appointed to choose leaders for the Mock Parliament, and notice was given that at the next regular meeting a committee would be appointed to enquire into the possibility of holding a *conversazione*.

Mr. M. A. Griffith, Secretary of the Society, tendered his resignation of that office, which was accepted, and Mr. J. W. Marshall was elected Secretary for the balance of the year.

On Saturday, Nov. 6th, the report of the Business Manager of the JOURNAL was presented by Mr. Burton. It pointed out that for various reasons the staff had not received either the literary or financial support from intra-mural students which had been given in previous years; that although more intra-mural students were registered in 1896-97 than in 1895-96, yet there were about seventy fewer subscriptions than in that session. However they were able to report a balance on hand of \$34.91, a sum but little short of last year's balance. It is to be hoped that the mere mention of last year's failings may receive the old time interest in our college paper.

On the recommendation of the committee appointed to choose leaders for the Mock Parliament, Mr. J. S. Shortt, M.A., was appointed leader of the Government, and Rev. A. W. Richardson, B.A., of the Opposition. A committee was appointed to consider the possibility of holding a *conversazione*, with instructions to report at the next meeting of this society.

A resolution was passed expressing the deepest sympathy with Miss E. C. Murray in the loss she has sustained in the death of her mother.

The following resolution was also passed:—"That the Alma Mater Society has heard with regret of the death of Mr. John Cormack, who was for thirty-five years the Janitor of Queen's; and that it now place on record its high appreciation of the faithful manner in which he served the University. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. J. H. Cormack, Ottawa."

#### THE FRESHMEN'S RECEPTION.

The return of the autumn term brings with it the annual freshmen's reception, which has become an almost essential feature of our life at Queen's. Although it is tendered by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., it is gratifying to note that nearly all the students, whether immediately identified with these associations or not, use their best endeavors to contribute to the success of the reception and give a warm welcome to the newly-arrived class. That given on the evening of Oct. 29th to the class of 1901 was no exception to the rule, for the earnest

co-operation of all resulted in a most enjoyable evening's entertainment and social intercourse.

The new students were received by Mrs. Shortt, Mrs. Goodwin, and Mrs. Glover, and adorned with the boquet, the badge of their freshmanhood, a badge which effectually prevented their indulging in any quiet meditation during the evening, for no sooner were they observed to be alone and lost in thought than some well-meaning student of greater experience made it his business to provide them with company. As a rule the members of 1901 did not seem to mind having their meditations thus disturbed, but yielded to the inevitable with resignation, some of them even with alacrity.

President Fraser, of the Y. M. C. A., gave a brief address of welcome, after which the following programme was rendered:—Piano solo, Miss Tandy; song, Mr. J. S. Macdonnell; piano solo, Miss Gober; recitation, Mr. J. S. Ferguson; piano solo, Miss Singleton; song, Mr. W. A. Lavell; selection, Orchestra; song, Miss Bailey. The college associations owe a debt of gratitude to those who, although not connected with the University, freely gave their services to assist with the entertainment. The orchestra of the 14th Batt. furnished music for the remainder of the evening. Conversation and attention to the refreshments, which were provided on the upper flat, occupied the time till shortly after eleven o'clock, when the reception came to an end. Some observant ones say, however, that at a much later hour they saw some weary freshmen still anxiously seeking their boarding-houses.

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON ADDRESSES.

On Sunday, 31st Oct., Professor Shortt gave an address on the subject "Nationality."

In the first part of the address the lecturer spoke in high praise of the Anglo-Saxon capacity of self-criticism that had been one of the most powerful causes of the progress of the British nation. The American nation for a long time lacked most markedly this characteristic, but in these days we see it developing rapidly amongst her best citizens. We as Canadians have not yet advanced so far. We are too apt to pride ourselves merely in our material resources and to be content with this. We need as a nation more than anything else, self criticism. In order to this one thing is necessary, viz., accuracy, not mechanical accuracy, but spiritual, large-minded accuracy. Prof. Shortt then outlined the growth of national life in its different forms, showing how gradually the narrow bounds of the tribe had been transcended in a higher form of society. In later times we see how the feudal units were coalesced at last into one nationality. It has been reserved to