

the time at the disposal of the Society prevented the plan of Mock Parliament being a feasible one. Miss Briggs said the ladies wanted the Mock Parliament. Mr. A. W. Smith evidently does not believe in the public platform for women, for no sooner had Miss Briggs taken her seat than he arose to request the President "to have that noise stopped." It is true that from some of the adjacent class-rooms there were issuing contending strains of several musical instruments, but yet it is rumored that Mr. Smith has never satisfactorily explained his position. Mr. Marshall then urged his views in favor of the Mock Parliament and Mr. Hinch arrived upon the scene. Mr. Hansford here startled the President by wishing to withdraw his name from the motion. After a long wrangle Mr. Hinch's name was substituted. The motion to make Mr. Hinch leader of the Opposition was carried. At this juncture a genius of mathematical accuracy tried to delay proceedings by calling upon Mr. Hinch to make plain whether the object was to *form* a cabinet, or form a *cabinet*. The latter treated the question with withering contempt. After further wrangling the executive of the Society was finally empowered to form the government and make all necessary preparations for the ensuing Friday. At this point Mr. Martin arose to punish the slur that had been cast upon the College Monthly in one of the daily papers. The Society straightway proceeded to pass a vote of confidence in the editors. A second time a catastrophe had been averted.

Though it was almost 4 o'clock, the Society clamored for the programme. Miss Allworth's paper evinced a careful study and appreciation of Jean Blewett. Mr. Chase wished to decline but the ladies were inexorable. At this point the incoming masses from the Collegiate almost bodily ejected the sages of the O. N. C. and prevented a continuation of the pro-

gramme. It might have been mentioned that the machinery of the Post Office department at the rear failed to work with its accustomed efficiency.

All the morning of March 17th the air in the college was permeated by a weight of impressiveness. Groups glided in and out of the class-room in a desire to more thoroughly acquaint themselves with the speech from the throne. At two o'clock the hall outside of the Assembly was crowded with a hesitating mass of humanity. Some braver than others had already entered. At last the impetus came and all filed in and took their places. "A solemn stillness held the air." The transformation was so complete that the College Literary Society almost doubting her own personality sought for points of resemblance between the Mock Parliament and herself. She found them only in the prominent men who occupied the front row on either side of the house. A source of reality was given the proceedings by the portly form of the Sergeant in his military uniform, who came forward to lay the mace on the table and from time to time in a voice of resonant depth called the house to order.

The first work of the house was the election of a speaker. This honor fell to the lot of Mr. Meiklejohn, who was escorted to the chair by his mover and seconder, Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Public Fisheries, and Hon. Sir Nicholas Hinch, leader of the Opposition. The Speaker in a few well chosen words made due recognition of the honor conferred upon him and proceeded to read the speech from the throne. An unwonted stir at the outer door of the House announced the arrival of the Governor General, Earl Thompson who preceded by Black Wand (in the form of Mr. Jewitt) and his innumerable bows, was escorted with all due ceremony by the Sergeant to his place beside the speaker.

Mr. Forrester in a speech of some