

in Scotland; more Irishmen in America than in Ireland. North America was destined to be the great home of the English-speaking race, and in half a century would give laws to the world.

The last and strongest point made was, that it was in the interest of Britain that this whole continent should be united. England was exposed to wars and the dangers of European combinations, and what she wanted to-day was not merely the alliance of five millions of Canadians, but the friendship and support of the whole vast population of North America. The old jealousies and ill-feelings between the United States and Britain were passing away and giving place to feelings of mutual friendship and regard. The past twenty years had worked miracles in this regard. At the celebration of the surrender of Yorktown three years ago the British flag had been saluted amid the acclamations of the entire American people. Only the other day General Grant was buried in Westminster Abbey with the applause of the British nation. The true policy was to say to the American people, "Take charge of the whole continent and be my friend." With the moral support and friendly alliance of America, Britain could laugh at Europe and be invincible.

Mr Longley concluded, amid applause, by reading extracts from the speeches of John Bright favoring just this policy, and he declared that what John Bright could advocate in regard to the destinies of this country, surely we, who belonged to it, and whose interests were bound up in its welfare, might advocate with equal freedom.

### ENTERTAINMENTS.

**PIERIAN.**—The ladies of the Pierian Society, of Acadia Seminary gave an entertainment, consisting of music and select readings in Assembly Hall on Friday evening, February 25th. The teachers took no part in the exercises, but the excellent manner in which the parts, without exception, were rendered, reflected great credit not only on the performers themselves, but also on their instructors. Miss Minnie Chipman occupied the chair, and announced the following programme:

Processional, *Marche des Musketiers*, Misses Lovitt & Graham.  
Opening Chorus, *The Last Beam* ..... Pierian Society.  
Reading, *The Little Black-eyed Rebel* ..... Miss Cassie Potter.  
Piano Solo, *La Treute* ..... Miss May Davis.  
Vocal Duett, *Guide His Footsteps* . Misses Vaughan & Brown.  
Reading, *Order for a Picture* ..... Miss May MacDonald.

Piano Duett, *Symphony No. 9* ..... Misses Sawyer and Wood.  
Reading, *John Burns of Gellysburg* ..... Miss Edith Chipman.  
Vocal Solo, *Sweet Violets* ..... Miss Ernie Day.  
Piano Solo, *Rondo Brillante* ..... Miss Hattie Eaton.  
Reading, *Kentucky Belle* ..... Miss Grace Porter.  
Vocal Solo, *Impatience* ..... Miss May Vaughan.  
Reading, *The Dandy Fifth* ..... Miss Kate Dickie.  
Vocal Solo, *Through the Clover* ..... Miss May Brown.  
Vocal Trio, *Twilight* ..... Misses Brown, Frizzle, M. Brown,  
B. Vaughan, Calkin and Crosby.

**MOCK PARLIAMENT.**—The safety-valve for the escape of the excess of political spirit which appears among the boys as the reports of the proceedings of parliament begin to come in, is a mock parliament. This year the usual custom was continued, and with decided success. On the evening of March 5th, the Athenæum resolved itself into the Dominion House of Commons, when a motion of want of confidence was discussed. We refrain from saying more concerning this exceedingly interesting exercise, than that party lines were clearly drawn, that the speeches were generally good, and that the motion was carried by a vote of 35 to 31. From a copy of the resolutions and constitution of the house, given below, a pretty correct idea of the nature of the session may be inferred:—

*Whereas*, the present government has been extravagant and corrupt; has enormously increased the national debt; and has used public offices and public money to further the interests of the Conservative party, not those of the country; and

*Whereas*, the government has by its corruption, negligence and mismanagement caused a rebellion in the North-West, which has only been suppressed after an enormous destruction of property and life; and

*Whereas*, the present protective tariff greatly adds to the cost of living, and is seriously injuring our commerce, agriculture and all other industries; and

*Whereas*, in our relations with the United States the government has shown negligence and incompetence, throwing every obstacle in the way of better commercial relations, and giving away the rights of our fishermen to the Americans without compensation; and

*Whereas*, the government has squandered millions of dollars and millions of acres of land in building needless sections of the Canada Pacific railway through wilderness country, thus impoverishing the people to enrich monopolists; and

*Whereas*, the government's policy is to usurp, as far as possible, the rights of the provinces, serving their own interests by party legislation affecting the whole Dominion and by vetoing provincial bills; and

*Whereas*, it has been supported in its iniquitous legislation by an effete body known as the Senate, which the government has, by the appointment of unscrupulous partisans, transformed into a mere party machine;

*Therefore Resolved*, that the present government does not possess the confidence of this house.

The "constitution of the house" was as follows:—

Speaker—Hon. I. S. Balcom.

Clerk—W. S. Black.

Sergeant-at-arms—J. T. Prescott.

#### Leaders of the Government.

Premier—H. A. Lovett.

Minister of Public Works—F. H. Knapp.

Minister of Railways—C. W. Corey.

Minister of Finance—G. E. Whitman.

Minister of the Interior—J. B. Morgan.

Minister of Marine and Fisheries—A. E. Shaw.