

ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

THE usual weekly meeting of this Society was held Saturday evening, February the 4th. The President being absent, Vice-President Hay occupied the chair. There was a very large attendance of members, the largest since the holidays, if not the largest during the session. The subject of holding a conversazione at the end of the session was discussed, but it was decided to lay the matter over for a week in order to give all the students an opportunity to consider the matter. The Society resolved into a Parliament, with Mr. J. McLeod as Speaker, and a Cabinet was formed under the Premiership of Mr. Shanks, who also held the portfolio of Minister of Public Works, with Vice-President Hay as Minister of Justice, Mr. Marquis Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Givan Minister of Customs, Mr. Henderson Minister of Militia, Mr. McLachlan Minister of Finance and Postmaster-General. Mr. Milne was leader of the Opposition. The Government brought in a Bill to prohibit the Chinese from coming into America. The debate on the Bill was kept up till a late hour, amid a running fire of puns and sallies of wit. The Government, meeting the fate of all Governments, was defeated and overthrown, and the poor "Heathen Chinese" may still pursue in peace his usual calling, viz., "washeewashee." The evening was a very enjoyable one on the whole, and every one declared himself highly pleased with the success of the evening's entertainment.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE.

ON Saturday night, 25th Feb., there was a parliamentary debate in the Alma Mater Society, on the "General Politics of the Dominion." Mr. R. W. Shannon, M.A., was leader of the Government, supported by Messrs. D. McIntyre, B.A., Givens, B.A., Herald, M.A., and others; Mr. E. H. Britton was leader of the Opposition, supported by Messrs. Wright, McLeod, Montgomery and others. Mr. J. Hay was Speaker. After an animated discussion at half-past ten o'clock the Opposition moved for a vote of want of confidence, and it is probable it would have been carried had it been allowed to go to a vote, but the leader of the Government announced that he had received a message from the Governor General dissolving the House, consequently an appeal would have to be made to the people. The Speaker then left the chair.

EXCHANGES.

THE *King's College Record* calls attention to the manner in which certain College papers express their criticisms on exchanges. With our Maritime contemporary, we must enter our protest against the insulting and gratuitous language which some editors think it is their privilege to use. With reference to the *Record* such conduct must be attributed to jealousy, for though it emanates from a small College, and can hardly lay itself open to the charge of being too vigorous, the *Record* shows a refinement and tone which can be equalled by few papers on our list, and which its critics, if they cannot hope to attain, would do well to imitate.

AMONG the number of heterogeneous journals we have lately received, one of the best is the *Miscellany*, published in Spencerville, Ont.

The number before us contains an article on "College Journalism," the writer of which evidently knows what he talking about. The *Miscellany* as an "amateur" paper deserves a large circulation.

THE *Princetonian* is at hand. Gentlemanly in tone, not

very interesting but ranking in the first rank of American College papers.

There are over two hundred College papers on this continent, but we have gradually cut down our list to about fifty, composed of those papers which we really value for both their intrinsic merit and as gazettes, and a few which we keep on merely as curiosities of literature. College papers in America appear to be divided into several classes. Those published merely for the amusement of the students; those published under the guise of newspapers, but which are merely advertising sheets for obscure Colleges, and in whose composition professors seem to have a large hand; then, those published as a sort of medium through which the students may improve their composition.

Then there are those which combine many objects of which the following are some, viz., to allow undergraduates and graduates to express their views on University life and affairs; to note the doings of alumni after leaving College; to give students practice in writing for the public press, and to keep men interested in University matters, posted on what is going on in other Colleges, and under this latter class we endeavour as far as possible to bring the JOURNAL.

THE *Dalhousie Gazette* we regret to say has become fierce and snappish; its references to us have become so much the reverse of kindly, that we are impelled to ask why is this thusly?

THE *Trinity Tablet* accuses us of stealing its "good ones" without giving credit. The *Tablet* is evidently confounding us with our contemporaries, the *Varsity* and *Dalhousie Gazette*. The *Gazette* "clippings" are sometimes taken entirely from the JOURNAL without the slightest mark to show their origin. While the "observations" of the body corporate called the Patriarch student are largely composed of paragraphs borrowed from other papers.

COLLEGE WORLD.

DR JOHN HALL has declined the Chancellorship of the University of the City of New York.

COLUMBIA is the richest College in the United States, with an annual income of \$315,000; next comes Harvard, with \$231,000; then Johns Hopkins, with \$180,000; Yale \$136,000; the University of California, \$105,000; and Cornell, \$100,000.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR is a graduate of Union College.

HARVARD has 857 students.

CINCINNATI has a Hebrew College.

GREEK is optional at Cambridge, England.

DIPLOMAS at Princeton College cost \$14.50

OF the 3,609 students at Berlin, 1,302 are Jews

THE Freshman class at Cornell contains twenty-one ladies.

ON an average, nine per cent. of Yale graduates become clergymen.

SIXTY-two per cent. of Harvard graduates of last year study law.