

The organization of the Cabinet resulted as follows: Prem. and Postmaster General, Hon. L. A. Fenwick; Minister of Justice, Hon. W. L. Hall; Marine and Fisheries, Hon. P. W. Gordon; Finance, Hon. A. L. Dodge; Public Works, Hon. E. Simpson; Militia and Defence, Hon. F. M. Pidgeon; Agr. and Interior, Hon. H. G. Colpitts; Railways and Canals, Hon. J. N. Barss. Hon. J. A. McLeod was leader of the opposition. The house was impartially presided over by Speaker C. W. Rose, R. G. D. Richardson was Clerk and A. V. Dimock was Sergeant-at-Arms. On Saturday evenings the sessions of the parliament continued until April 23rd when an open session, noticed in the *month* column, was held, thus bringing the parliamentary business of this year to a close. The debates have been uniformly thoughtful and animated and the interest thrown into the sessions, as well as the decorum manifested, and the literary excellence which characterized the deliverances evinced a healthy and aggressive life in the Society. The country is surely safe with such a parliament to conduct its public affairs and further the national interests!

#### "Ideas from Nature."

A new volume, *Ideas from Nature*, from the pen of Prof. Wm. Elder, A. M., Sc. D., of Colby University, has already been ably reviewed in our columns by Rev. G. E. Tufts, '66. The press work of the edition has been very tastefully executed by the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia. The work is thoroughly attractive in every particular, and the contents are calculated to be of inestimable service to the student reader to whom the relation of God to the revelations of Science has always been a profound mystery. Acadia congratulates her sister University as well as her worthy and devoted Alumnus, upon the issuance of this scientific and literary production. The author has favoured our Sanctum with a copy of his work. Dr. Elder has our hearty thanks.

#### Chronic Splenetic Criticisms.

IN a recent issue of Wolfville's weekly, a contributor—who has not lost all sense of shame for he hides behind a nom de plume—quotes from an article in the *Messenger and Visitor* a brief passage, which, it is taken, furnishes justification for an attack upon Acadia students. The substance of the quotation is contained in the following sentence: "He presents a type of what I would term student civilization which, doubtless, on occasion, our professors at Wolfville would gladly welcome." In less than this, the maker of the quotation could easily find opportunity for vilifying college students. The ATHENÆUM has heretofore refrained from any comments upon such petty insinuations,—made either in a town or city publication over an assumed name—supposing that when an exhibition of spleen had once been enjoyed, no further articles of a like nature