

University News.

ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

BY far the largest meeting of the term was held Saturday evening, 11th inst., it being the adjourned annual meeting. President W. F. Nickle called the meeting to order, after which the Secretary, J. W. Marshall, read the minutes of the last annual meeting. The Secretary then presented his yearly report, making special mention of the changes made in the constitution at the last annual meeting, the mock parliament, the vacancies in the Alma Mater Executive, football matters in general, and last, but not least, the Conversat. In closing he thanked the members for the assistance they had given him during his short term of office.

The Treasurer, A. W. Poole, gave an account of his stewardship, in which he showed the receipts slightly in advance of the expenditures. He then moved that W. McLaren and T. C. Brown, the newly-elected Treasurer, be the auditors, which motion was passed.

Mr. R. Burton then brought in his amendment to the constitution, relating to closing the poll at 8 o'clock and dispensing with the hourly returns at the general poll. After much discussion and many interruptions as to points of order, the amendment was put to the meeting and carried. Some thought that the doing away with the hourly returns will lessen the interest in the elections, thereby causing a falling-off in the receipts. Others thought that the interest would be increased on account of the greater uncertainty, besides doing away with the sympathy vote and the inclination to "plump." Some practical suggestions for the poll clerk and scrutineers were given by the mover of the amendment.

An amendment to return to the old plan of electing our committeemen was introduced by Mr. W. H. Gould. A number of amendments to this amendment were brought forward and therewith a lively discussion, participated in by the movers, P. F. Munroe, R. Herbison, G. W. Clark, A. Scott, J. S. Davis, R. Burton and others. Finally a vote was taken, which sustained Mr. Gould's amendment.

And now in the absence of Mr. C. E. Smith, Mr. A. S. Morrison brought in an amendment which general opinion had settled as good as carried. This was to lower the fee again to twenty-five cents. Mr. Poole took quite an opposite view, viz., that the fee be raised to one dollar, seventy-five cents of this to go towards the annual conversat. These amendments called forth considerable discussion, during which the advocates of the fifty cent fee brought forward some strong points, the result of which was that the two amendments were lost and this part of

the constitution remained unchanged. A few minor changes in the constitution were then made in order that there might be no contradictions in the wording of the constitution, caused by the afore-mentioned amendments.

After a brief address by the retiring President, his successor took the chair. In accepting the office he did so with the intention of doing greater service for his Alma Mater than he was privileged to do before. In a few words he stated scheme of work and thanked the members of the society for the honour they had conferred on him.

The secretary-elect, Mr. T. Kennedy, then took his place at the scribe's table.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers, making special mention of Mr. W. F. Nickle, president, Mr. J. W. Marshall, secretary, and Mr. A. W. Poole, treasurer.

The annual meeting now adjourned and the regular meeting was held, President Shortt in the chair. After the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting, communications were read from the Æsculapian Society, inviting a delegate to their dinner in Hotel Frontenac, and from McMaster University, requesting a delegate to an "At Home." These communications were referred to the senior year in Arts. Mr. N. R. Carmichael then reported progress in matters affecting the conversazione. The secretary was instructed to convey to Mrs. Cunningham the sympathy of the students in her sore bereavement in the death of her son, Dr. Cunningham. In the absence of Mr. J. Parker, Mr. W. F. Nickle gave a verbal report of the meeting to organize an Inter-Collegiate Rugby Football Union. However, we hope to have a written report from Mr. Parker at the first meeting in January. The critic, Mr. J. S. Ferguson, gave a very short report, after which the meeting adjourned.

On Friday afternoon, 17th inst., a special meeting was called to consider the matter of our being represented by delegates at the annual meeting of the O.R.F.U., held in Toronto on Saturday, Dec. 11th. President Shortt explained the nature of the meeting and asked the members to deal quickly with the matter. In regard to the appointment of the delegates, Mr. W. C. Baker, President of the Q.R.F.C., stated that he had received no notice, either written or verbal, of any meeting for the appointment of delegates to the annual meeting of the O.R.F.U. in Toronto. There was some discussion as to who appointed these delegates, but Mr. Burton thought the purpose of the meeting was more to set ourselves right in the eyes of the public. He therefore moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. W. C. Baker:—"That in the opinion of this meeting