

University News.

ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

AT the meeting on Nov. 27th the Voters' List Committee presented their report. A permanent list had been formed in which they had entered 2,900 names, not including those who had become members since Nov. 28th, 1896. These names had been arranged alphabetically to two letters. A committee was appointed to continue the work of revision, and was asked to report before the first of March, 1898.

The secretary of the Hockey Club reported having received the resignation of Guy Curtis as captain of the hockey team. The resignation was accepted and G. F. Weatherhead was elected captain. A motion was passed requesting the Athletic Committee to fit up the gymnasium as soon as possible for playing basketball. The committee appointed to consider the introduction of some more scientific method of voting than that now in use reported that they were unable to recommend any change at present, and recommended that the matter be discussed in the mock parliament.

Nominations for the various offices of the A.M.S. were then proceeded with, with the following results:

Hon. Pres.—Rev. Prof. Nicholson (accl.)

Pres.—J. S. Shortt, M.A., and R. F. Hunter, M.A.

Vice-Pres.—W. C. Dowsley, J. S. Macdonnell, J. H. Turnbull, M.A., and Guy Curtis.

Critic—J. S. Ferguson and W. F. Marshall.

Secretary—W. R. Hunter and T. Kennedy.

Asst. Sec'y—F. L. Aylesworth and G. R. Shibley.

Treasurer—T. C. Brown and W. H. Gould.

Committeemen—Arts, J. W. Merrill '98; F. C. Mohr '99, J. F. Sparks '00, and M. E. Branscombe '01; Divinity, Harry Feir, B.A., and D. L. Gordon, B.A.; Science, G. H. Dickson and E. L. Fraleck; Medicine, C. P. Johns, B.A., H. H. Elliott, H. Paul and E. S. Elliott.

The following gentlemen withdrew their names before the ballots were printed: R. F. Hunter, M.A., Guy Curtis, H. H. Elliott, E. S. Elliott and H. Paul.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 30th, the usual meeting was held in Convocation Hall to give the candidates an opportunity to address the electorate. The chair was occupied by Mr. Harvey, president of the senior year. Mr. Shortt made a brief and very good-humored speech, setting forth his claims to the office, and his proposed plans for conducting the A.M.S., if elected. Among these we may note his determination to bring the younger members of the society more to the front, and to develop their talents for public business through the mock parliament and debates. About the time Mr. Shortt

finished speaking Mr. Hunter's withdrawal was handed in, and then in his usual humorous style Mr. Hunter gave his reasons for withdrawing from the contest.

The humorous speech of the evening was given by Mr. Ferguson, one of the candidates for the office of critic. He excels in puns. Some of the candidates tried to bribe the ladies by promising to provide them with a nice, new bulletin board. One of the Arts candidates for the office of vice-president caused a mild sensation by a most vigorous attack on Divinity Hall for bringing out a candidate for that office.

The elections were held on Saturday, Dec. 4th, the men voting in the City Hall, the ladies in the college. Owing to the lack of a presidential contest and to some change in the constitution apparently unacceptable to many, very little interest was taken, as will be seen from the fact that the number of votes cast was less than one-third of the number cast three years ago. The officers-elect are:

Hon. President—Rev. Prof. Nicholson.

President—Jas. S. Shortt, M.A.

1st Vice-President—W. C. Dowsley.

2nd Vice-President—J. S. Macdonnell.

Critic—J. S. Ferguson.

Secretary—T. Kennedy.

Assistant Secretary—F. L. Aylesworth.

Treasurer—T. C. Brown.

Committee—J. W. Merrill, '98; F. C. Mohr, '99; D. L. Gordon, B.A., Div.; C. P. Johns, B.A., Med.; G. H. Dickson, Science.

Notices of motion to repeal the amendments of a year ago were given, as well as a notice *re a* further amendment to shorten the hours for polling, and also to abolish the practice of posting hourly returns at elections. As a consequence the annual meeting promises to be interesting.

Rev. W. J. Herbison, B.A., has accepted a call to Minnedosa Presbyterian Church, Manitoba.

T. S. Scott, M.A., has returned from the Klondyke. His football training made the journey to the Yukon a mere holiday ramble.

We regret that a most important item was overlooked in our first issue. Rev. J. R. Hutcheon has been too faithful as a college student and as a contributor to these pages to have such an important event as his matrimonial alliance omitted from our columns. The JOURNAL extends best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheon in their new home.

Miss M. D. Miller, '99, will not return to college this term, on account of illness.

Mr. Langford reports an excellent time at the Victoria conversazione.