

# ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

THE annual meeting of the A.M.S. was held on Dec. 8th, Vice-President Lavell in the chair. In the absence of the Secretary the retiring Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. B. Cunningham, read an excellent report of the society's progress during the past year. Mr. Heap, the retiring Treasurer, stated that there was a balance of over \$100 in the treasury. On motion of N. R. Carmichael, seconded by J. F. Smellie, the constitution was amended to make it possible for the society to adopt a new one at the second meeting in February, by which time it is hoped that the committee appointed for that purpose will have a satisfactory constitution prepared. Mr. E. Ryan, B.A., the newly-elected President, was then conducted to the chair by Messrs. Duff and Wright. He expressed the hope that all his past words and actions would be forgotten, and that every member of the society would support the staff of officers to the full extent of his power. He then declared the annual meeting adjourned and the first business meeting open.

The prizes won at the annual sports were distributed by Mr. Rankin. On motion of Mr. Smellie, the Secretary was instructed to investigate the possibility of securing the drill-shed as a skating rink. Mr. Telgmann rendered an excellent violin solo, and the meeting adjourned on motion of Mr. Cochrane.

At the second meeting, Dec. 15th, the business was hurried through, nothing of very great importance being done. The debate for the evening was, "Resolved, that Canada should have a standing army." Mr. R. S. Minnes was appointed chairman. The leaders were H. M. Mowat, LL.B., and W. J. Patterson, B.A., and they were ably supported by a number of the students. Col. Cotton, Commandant, Major J. F. Wilson, Captain of "A" Battery, and Major C. R. Mayne, of the R.M.C., were present, and took part in the debate. The chairman decided in favor of the negative.

## PERSONALS.

PROF. FLETCHER has been appointed an examiner in Classics by Trinity College, Toronto.

T. R. Parker, '87, paid us a short visit before the close of College. He was looking well.

We regret to announce that T. Thompson, '91, is laid up with an attack of typhoid fever.

The first number of J. Poole's weekly paper, the *Star*, was published Dec. 18th, in Perth. We wish our old classmate every success.

J. J. Kelly, B.A., '88, has succeeded E. Ryan, B.A., as Principal of the Kingston Academy. He is the third medical student who has occupied this position.

Hear, oh Israel! Give ear, oh ye men of Queen's! We have learned by a late messenger from Japan that Dunlop has a beard. Wh-o-o-o-p! What a climate that country must have!

Colin Scott, who, by the way, is the designer of the cut on the cover of the JOURNAL, has been engaged by Lord Stanley to give his daughter, the Hon. Isabella, lessons in water-color painting.

We are glad to see the genial countenance of Ralph M. Lett amongst us again. He has been teaching school in the West during the past year, but has come back to take up the honors in moderns where he dropped them in '87.

A number of graduates spent Christmas in Kingston. Amongst them we noticed Dr. W. A. Lavell, J. R. Lavell, J. H. Kirk, Herb. Horsey, J. H. McNee, G. F. Henderson, W. Nicol, Harry Folger, Howard Folger, and A. G. Farrell.

Rev. Alex. McAuley has entirely recovered from his recent illness, and now weighs—shall we say it? At any rate when a certain senior heard the amount from the reverend gentleman's lips, he quite forgot himself, and quickly drawing back exclaimed, "Gosh! Don't step on me!"

H. V. Lyon, B.A., '85, has entered into partnership with Smythe & Smith, barristers, Kingston. We don't know whether it was owing to his peculiar surname or not, but somehow we have always thought H. V. would get on in the legal profession. He has our warmest congratulations.

Mr. C. J. Cameron, M.A., on retiring from the position of classical master of the Kingston Collegiate Institute a few weeks ago, was presented with an address and a well-filled purse by his pupils. He responded gracefully and eloquently as becoming one holding, as he does, such an exalted office as Editor of this paper. He will now devote his full attention to the study of theology.

It is not often that we have to chronicle the death of one so loved and esteemed as Dr. T. Cumberland. Few students have left the walls of Queen's leaving behind them a brighter and more enviable record than he, and when we heard of his death at Port Huron on Dec. 16th it was with genuine sorrow. The fact that he had been married but one month at the time of his death renders the circumstance still more painful, and we offer our sincere sympathy to the young widow in her bereavement.

We rise with as much grace as we can muster to thank Dr. T. M. Bertram, whose marriage was announced in our last issue, for the kind token of remembrance he sent to us. This was no less than a large portion of wedding cake, and, as we understand the custom is, we duly slept on a portion of it—we couldn't spare much, but there was at least two crumbs. Just now, however, we dare not recount what befel us thereafter. We hope at any rate it wasn't prophetic, or, if it was, that some other fellow will reap the consequences. Nevertheless we cordially wish Dr. and Mrs. Bertram every happiness, and they may rest assured when it comes our turn we will retaliate in the same way.