

After much heated argument the amendment was carried, and this year the conversat will be held outside the College walls.

The sympathy of the Society was tendered to Mr. Petrie in his bereavement by the death of his mother.

A communication was ordered to be sent to the University Senate, asking for an extension of Christmas vacation until Jan. 11th, 1897.

A committee consisting of G. E. Dyde, B.A., chairman, W. Moffatt, M.A., J. S. Shortt, B.A., J. W. McIntosh, M.A., N. M. Leckie, W. C. Dowsley and W. R. Tandy was drafted to organize the mock parliament.

A conversat committee was appointed from the A.M.S. to meet forthwith and report on financial matters at the first meeting after Christmas.

ALMA MATER ELECTIONS.

"The king is dead, long live the king." Exit President Farrell with a record for punctuality and fidelity to duty unequalled in the memory of the present generation, and enter President Nickle, who has already been proclaimed (yes, and 'twas the MacNeill herself who said so), a worthy successor to him who has in the past year piloted the ship of state through so many tempests and dangers.

The election of Dec. 5th was in many respects a contrast to those of former years. In consequence of the election by acclamation of Mr. Nickle the excitement incident to a contest for the presidency was lacking. This fact accounts too for a marked decrease in the number of votes polled. The total vote falls about two hundred short of last year's count. The vote in the College building was thirty-five as against seventy-two last year. The election was held in the new gymnasium building, instead of the City Hall, the usual polling place. Had the contest been as keenly waged as that of last year the building would probably have been found too small. As it was, the scrutineers were, on more than one occasion, rudely jostled by the waves of yelling humanity that surged from end to end of the smoke-filled room.

The medical students were, as usual, well organized, and found little difficulty in securing the election of their representatives. Their strength may be seen from the fact that the medical candidate for Vice-President, Mr. Grange, distanced his opponents in Arts by a large majority, and that Mr. Richardson missed heading the list of Committeemen by only a few votes.

A marked feature of the campaign was the number and variety of the cards got out by the various candidates. Two of the more ambitious productions bore the College crest above the candidate's name. It is a remarkable fact that both the gentlemen re-

presented by those artistic gems are among the mourners. We feel it our duty to state that we have been informed that the "dead game sport" pasteboards, circulated by the medicals, as belonging to Mr. Richardson, have been repudiated by that gentleman.

The greatest excitement centred about the contest for the Committee. Never has there been seen such wire-pulling, never has "plumping" been so prevalent. It was no lack of popularity, but simply inexperience on the part of his supporters, that caused the defeat of 1900's candidate.

While the scrutineers were counting the vote of the last two hours, the usual proceedings were carried on. Flying wedges and many other kinds of mass play were tried with marked success. Many a luckless wight, who ventured heedlessly into the open, was charged, hustled, mauled and buried by the famous Tudhopean phalanx. If he escaped this, it was only to be taken in flank by the division of McConville or that of Woods, who fully sustained, on this occasion, his reputation as the greatest strategist of his time. On several occasions, however, the engineer was "hoist with his own petard," when the leader of the attacking column was borne down and ignominiously buried beneath a howling mass of his too impetuous followers.

About 10.30, when the conflict was at its height, the scrutineers finished their labours, and the retiring Vice-President proclaimed the following as the result of the election:

Hon. President—Dr. Bell.

President—W. F. Nickle, B.A. (accl.)

Vice-President—T. A. Grange (Med.), 225; C. E. Smith, 180; N. M. Leckie, 154.

Critic—A. J. McNeill, 202; W. J. Bain, 170.

Secretary—M. A. Griffith, 183; J. W. Marshall, 180.

Treasurer—A. W. Poole, 181; A. Wright, 160.

Asst. Secretary—A. S. Williams, 187; J. P. Anghn, 154.

Committee—A. Scott ('98), 215; Rev. A. J. Richardson (Med.), 204; W. A. Grange ('97), 200; Harvey Black ('99), 186; G. A. McGaughey (1900), 172.

ELECTION ECHOES.

R. H. n-t-r—"Divinity Hall's motto is: Discretion is the better part of valour and election for every office is necessary. Last year we accepted both propositions, but this year the first forced us to reject the second."

A. E. R-ss, (soliloquizing on night of election)—"It's I that have a great pull among the ladies. I enticed one from an 'at home' to vote for my candidate."