

MASS MEETING.

A large and enthusiastic mass meeting of the students of the University of Toronto was held in the School of Science hall on Thursday evening last. The meeting was called by the President of the Literary Society in accordance with the request of a number of the students for the purpose of discussing the formation of a General Society of the students.

When the meeting had been called to order, Mr. Parker introduced the following resolution:—"That this mass meeting of the students of the University of Toronto and of the School of Practical Science hereby expresses itself in favor of organizing the whole student-body into a regularly constituted Society, in order that all business affecting the general interests of the student may receive proper and orderly consideration, and accordingly be more satisfactorily concluded."

Mr. Reeve, in seconding the resolution, pointed out the necessity for some such a society whereby the students could properly express their voice on matters of common interest. The principal item of common interest was, of course, athletics, but other matters were sure to arise. The society would act as a protection to student rights, and serve to foster university spirit. The society would be like a stream, etc. (We understand Prof. Galbraith has taken the hint and intends to open up a new course of study on "Hydraulics as Applied to Poetic Metaphor.")

Mr. Webster moved in amendment "That that part of student interests included under the head of athletics be excepted from the control of the new society which is to be formed."

In support of his amendment he explained that the athletic interests of the students were so great that they required a separate society. In no other way could they receive adequate attention; in no other way could party spirit be excluded; and the student-body could not be represented by a sub-committee of a general society.

"Watty" Thompson came forward, amid storms of applause, to second the amendment.

A great deal of discussion then ensued, mainly concerning the best method of handling athletics, and the importance or unimportance of the "details" of the first proposal. Mr. Strath asked for an explanation of these "details." Mr. Woods protested that they should be detailed to the new committee. The meeting talked and argued until at length it could not remember why it had been called. Kerr cut the Gordian knot by asking for the resolution to be read again, and exclaimed, "That's what we're here for."

The amendment finally carried by a strong majority.

Mr. Strath then brought in a motion, "That a committee of five be appointed to draft a constitution for the new Athletic Society, and to report to a mass meeting in January, the members of the committee to be Messrs. Thompson, Webster, Parker, Goldie and Strath." The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting, we were pleased to note, did not divide on political lines, but expressed the earnest, unbiassed opinion of the majority of the students, which augurs well for the success of the new society.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE DINNER.

As predicted the Fourth Annual Dinner of the S. P. S. students held on Friday evening last was a roaring success. About one hundred, including guests and students, sat down to partake of the good things so temptingly arranged in Mr. Webb's inimitable style. Notwithstanding the fact that nearly everything was conducted on scientific principles the nearly two hours were consumed in satisfying the cravings of the inner man—or men—two hours spent in silence except for the rattle of knives and forks and the occasional pop - - fizz - - of flying soda water bottle corks being

kindly relieved from the pressure to which they had been subjected by humane and benevolent hands.

After the different courses had been disposed of and when the happy and satisfied faces of all assembled showed that they were now in a condition to enjoy the "feast of reason and the flow of soul," the chairman, Mr. W. A. Lea, arose and after thanking the students for the honor they had conferred upon him and welcoming the guests who honored us with their presence, opened the toast list by proposing in a loyal and patriotic address a health to "The Queen." This was heartily responded to by every one present rising and singing the National Anthem.

The toast to "Canada" proposed by our goal-keeper, Mr. Bergey, was an ideal of eloquence and patriotism. Mr. Bergey contended that no matter what our political future might be, whether it be Annexation, Independence or Imperial Federation, our prosperity was assured in the stability and strength of character of our people.

Mr. N. Lash here introduced "Micky Brannigan."

Mr. Shiel in proposing the toast to "The Faculty" took advantage of the opportunity thus offered to say a word for our athletic interests, by suggesting that an extra hour or two per week be set apart on the curriculum for this purpose. Professors Galbraith and Ellis not yet having arrived, Mr. Stewart, Prof. Coleman, Mr. Wright and Mr. Rosebrugh replied. Mr. Stewart confined his remarks to the progress of the School, Prof. Coleman gave some good advice, Mr. Wright was in favor of a little more time being given to athletics, while Mr. Rosebrugh thought (?) that as a supplement to five months in summer, three weeks at Christmas and one at Easter, we ought to have the greater part of the Christmas term for the further development of muscle.

Mr. E. H. Keating, City Engineer, and Major V. Sankey, of the P. L. S. Association, responded to "Our Guests," proposed by Mr. Squire.

"Our Sister Institutions" was most ably replied to in a witty and interesting speech by Mr. McPhail, of the Applied Science Faculty, McGill University. This is the first time we have had a representative from McGill, but we sincerely hope it will not be the last.

Mr. Walker, in replying to the "Engineering Profession," proposed by Mr. Laing, made a number of local hits by drawing similes between certain styles of architecture and certain well-known individuals around the School. The most palpable one was when he compared "the gem of the first year" to the Grecian style because it combined "beauty and refinement." Some present thought that Mr. Walker was rather hard hit himself.

The entrance of Principal Galbraith and Prof. Ellis at this point in the programme—both of whom had been detained by an important senate meeting—was the signal for prolonged and vociferous applause. When the last echoes of this well deserved expression of loyalty and devotion had died away, the professors in turn addressed the students. It was gathered from Prof. Galbraith's remarks that a petition to the Council asking it to set apart a couple of hours a week on the time table for the practice of football might not be without results.

"The Graduates" was responded to by Mr. Duff and Mr. Menill.

"The Engineering Society," proposed by H. T. Wood, was responded to by the chairman and Mr. J. Chambers.

"The Freshmen," proposed by Mr. Laschinger, who admitted that they were a necessary evil, was ably replied to by Mr. Blackwood.

"The last toast of the evening, "The Ladies," was proposed in charming style by J. Laidlaw. Mr. H. Ralph represented the ladies, and his effusion ran something like this: neatest, sweetest, prettiest, wittiest, kissiest, gushiest, rushiest, fussiest, . . . and then we lost him, so we were unable to find out whether he was speaking from experience or hearsay.

Then all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne." Impromptu musical selections were interspersed with