

COLLEGE NEWS.

ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

AT the regular meeting of the Alma Mater Society on Saturday night, January 11th, communications were received from F. Nisbet, O. G. Johnson and the corporation of the city of Kingston, and notice of motion was given that the bills presented by these parties be paid.

After the adoption of the Treasurer's report, a brief discussion took place as to whether preparations should be continued for the conversazione. It was finally decided to hold a mass meeting of the students to consider the advisability of holding a conversazione at this late period of the session.

G. R. Lowe, B.A., was appointed Editor-in-Chief of the JOURNAL, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late James Stewart, M.A., and Mr. R. Burton was appointed Assistant Editor. At the next regular meeting the report of the JOURNAL staff for '94-5 will be presented.

An enthusiastic expression of the pride which the general body of students feel over the laurels won by the senior Hockey team in their tour in the United States was put on record with the hope that their success will continue throughout the season. When the team returns final arrangements will be made for practice hours in the rink for the various teams of the University.

It has been found difficult to secure programmes for the meetings of the Society during this session, but as the classes of '98 and '99 have been asked to hold their inter-year debate under the auspices of the Society, and as the students in medicine have also been requested to provide for one evening, two good programmes, to be presented in the near future, may be anticipated.

At the mass meeting on Monday evening all matters *re* the conversat. were referred to the general committee.

Last Saturday evening the meeting was larger than usual, and it must have warmed the hearts of veteran attendants to see so many new faces in the sometimes empty benches. The chairman of the general committee reported, and recommended that a conversazione be not held, but as a number of liabilities had been incurred, the Society refused to adopt the report and referred the matter back to the committee asking them to make a full report of expenses, etc., next Saturday. In the meantime a motion was passed postponing the conversazione indefinitely. The undertaking has been attended with misfortune from the start, and this action of the committee will, in all probability, finish it, though quite a large number of the students are still anxious to see a conversazione carried through.

The bill for the City Hall was referred to the Society's auditor, to be reported on next week.

The financial report of last year's JOURNAL was to have been presented, but the business manager found it impossible to have it completed in time, so the notice was extended for one week. In view of the unsettled state of the country, and the inability of Sir McKenzie Bowell to form a satisfactory ministry, the executive was instructed to call on Mr. J. S. Shortt, B.A., to form a cabinet. The executive will report next Saturday night, and as far as can be judged, the probabilities are that a new parliament will meet about the first week in February. Speculation is rife as to whom the opposition will select as their leader, but it is impossible as yet to venture even a guess. The chairman of the Reading Room Curators, on motion, secured the privilege of holding the annual sale of papers and magazines next Saturday, after the regular business of the evening had been disposed of.

A short and very enjoyable programme was then presented, consisting of recitations by Messrs. Gordon, Ferguson and McIntosh, and two instrumental trios and a duet by members of the Banjo Club, after which R. Burton, the critic *pro tem*, gave a very thorough review of the evening's proceedings.

COLLEGE NOTES.

It is in the so-called trivial incidents of life that the depths of our nature are revealed. Take for example the cultivation of a first moustache. Behold the freshman, tenderly solicitous of the slowly gathering down on his upper lip, scarcely more pronounced than the nap on the elbow of an old coat! And yet that faint penumbral shadow is a bow of promise, an infallible pledge of the innate optimism of the race. In the earliest stages of incubation, before it is visible to the eye, he discerns it with sensitive finger end and hope whispers *nil desperandum*. Later the innuendo and sarcasm of his fellows, which in any other connection would be resented in vigorous fashion, fill him with ill-concealed joy, for are they not the harbinger of assured success? What matter though it be red or white, saffron-lined or roan-colored, it is still the most thriving and artistic adornment that ever graced the lip of freshman.

We would like to call attention to the tendency to drop bits of waste paper on the floors of the reading and consulting rooms. Last week it was especially noticeable, and both places looked quite untidy some time before the weekly cleaning up took place. Use the waste paper baskets, gentlemen, and thus secure that appearance of neatness and cleanliness which ought to prevail in these rooms.