

sociation of that town. They have recently moved into an elegant suite of rooms over the Post Office. With the aid of the ladies these rooms have been beautifully furnished. On New Year's Day over five hundred callers were received. In the evening an excellent entertainment was given. The work is growing and getting a deeper hold on the young men than ever before.

It seems strange that the Association should be so well supported in the town of Peterboro, while in the city of Kingston only a very few persons can be found to support a Y.M.C.A. either by their gifts or by their personal interest.

ALMA MATER.

WHEN the members present on the night of the 7th inst., were called to order, the President was found to be absent, and Mr. Kidd, first Vice-President, took the chair. The business was somewhat interesting. Mr. Farrel formally resigned the management of the JOURNAL. This is to be regretted. Mr. Farrel has been a most faithful worker on the staff, both when an ordinary member and since he has been managing editor. Mr. Farrel's duties in college and in connection with his law studies have become so numerous that it was impossible for him to remain longer in the position. A cordial vote of thanks was given Mr. Farrel for his services, and it is the sincere wish of every member of the society that his shadow may never grow less. Mr. Kidd now arose, and in a very stammering speech, startled all present with the announcement that he had a "pressing" engagement, and that he "must" go. Drat these pressing engagements for robbing the society of such a nice looking vice-president as Mr. Kidd. It is to be noticed that Mr. Kidd went. Mr. Chambers took the chair, and one of the first uses he made of his powers was to call on Mr. Henderson to read the bill on tax exemptions which the latter intended to bring in at the next meeting. It was "real mean," as the ladies would say, to ask for such a revelation of state secrets, but George did it good-naturedly. Many prominent members being absent it was thought better to postpone the discussion on tax exemption until the next meeting, and the meeting adjourned.

THE regular meeting of this Society held on the evening of the 14th inst. was a success. The business was rushed through in an unusually business-like manner. The executive committee was instructed to negotiate with the Rev. Dr. Sexton with the view of having him deliver one of his popular lectures under the auspices of the Society. If the Society is successful in securing his services, the Dr's fame as a lecturer will no doubt draw a full house. A mock parliament was now formed and the tax-exemption question thoroughly discussed. On a former evening, Mr. Henderson had been premier, but unfortunately for his government, his cabinet was not present in full strength, and he found himself in the cold shades of opposition. Mr. Kidd now became Premier. The bill which Mr. Henderson intended to have introduced, fell into the hands of the enemy, who brought it in with some amendments added.

Mr. McEwan was elected speaker. Quite an exciting debate followed. Mr. Mowat, backed by Mr. J. J. Wright, made an effort, desperate but of no avail, to give the bill a six months hoist.

The next meeting of the Society takes place on the 28th, it having been decided to allow the members a chance of hearing the lecture under the auspices of the foot-ball clubs on the evening of the 21st inst.

EXCHANGES.

AMONG the latest additions to our exchange list is the *Educational Weekly*, of Toronto, of which seven numbers of the first volume have been issued. The list of contributors embraces many of the leading educational writers of the Province, whose names are a guarantee for the excellence of the articles which we expect to see from time to time in its columns. We wish the *Weekly* every success.

The *Oberlin Review* last issued has a lengthy article on "Child Literature," written by a co-ed. The young lady is evidently well acquainted with children and their ways and, with much more common sense than originality, condemns dime novel blood and thunder. But is not such an article somewhat out of place in a college paper? Co-education should not be extended beyond the classroom, if its representatives cannot free themselves from motherly instincts for a sufficient length of time to write their essays.

There is one point upon which the whole world must yield to the *Varsity*. For sublime "cheek" in its comparisons of Toronto institutions with those of any other college it is far, far ahead of all competitors. Note this—"there are at present in Toronto several Association football clubs, three of which are quite the equals of the Kingston club, and a fourth without the shadow of a doubt its superior." Ye gods! and which is which, pray? We were under the impression that our Association team held a championship cup, won by a fair and square defeat of the Knox College Club, which had proved itself to be the champion club of the ambitious city. It may be that we were dreaming, however.

The last two numbers of the *Canada School Journal* contain articles on the Federation question, from the pen of R. W. Shannon, M.A., '79, of this city, who reviews the scheme in a clear and concise manner, pointing out its faults in all fairness. T. R. Beattie, M.A., of Brantford, advocates the scheme in the columns of the same journal, but is cautiously apologetic in his arguments. It is worthy of notice that the Toronto papers are exceedingly chary in the arguments which they advance in favor of the project. This is to be regretted, for surely the scheme is deserving of better treatment at the hands of those who father it.

The *Dalhousie Gazette* informs us at the head of its local column that we are supposed to have nothing to do with the contents of that column. Yet we cannot refrain from expressing the opinion that the youth who contributed the italicized puns which appear in this sacred space ought to be sat upon badly. An occasional pun is pardonable, but when we find over a dozen in a single column, the evidences of degeneration are getting altogether too marked. In this connection we might mention that the *Gazette* is a little too hasty in drawing its conclusions regarding the Varsity Federation scheme, which it lauds in a manner which proves its acquaintance with the details to be vague indeed. We will look for a change of tune in its next number.

WANTED—Numbers 1, 4, and 8 of Vol. VII, of the JOURNAL session 1879-80, to complete a file. Any one who can comply with this request will confer a favour by sending them to the Secretary at once.