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### CONVERSAZIONE.

**C**ON Tuesday evening last, our Sixth Annual conversazione was held in Shaftesbury Hall. The attendance was very large, the two galleries as well as the main floor being filled during the carrying out of the programme. The hall and parlors were decorated with streamers bearing the arms of different nations, and appropriate Scripture mottoes. The programme opened shortly after eight o'clock with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Dr. Potts. Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake in his capacity as president, followed with an address referring to Y. M. C. A. work throughout the world. He showed the good effected by these institutions, maintaining a mutual Christian connection, in the aid which young men were able to receive when they would otherwise be strangers in a strange land. He also referred to the kindly feeling now existing between the association and the ministers of the various denominations, and hoped that the time

would soon come when in every hamlet in the land young men's associations would be working hand in hand with local temperance and religious bodies in the effort to stem the prevalent intemperance of the time. After the conclusion of the address, the formal programme was proceeded with. This was very ably sustained by the ladies and gentlemen named in another part of this article. Rev. Mr. Macdonnell also gave a practical address on the relations of "contentment" and "aspiration," and an exhibition dialogue given by the members of the deaf mute class was pathetically interesting.

At the close of the programme the parlors were thrown open, and the guests enjoyed the preparations made for their entertainment. Among the articles on exhibition were idols, costumes, models and other curiosities from India, China, Palestine, etc., and other matters of interest or scientific exhibits. The "book reception" resulted in an addition of about 250 volumes to the Library.

During the promenade before and after the programme, music was furnished by the Orchestra under the direction of Mr. J. Bayley.

We were much pleased with the tone of the whole entertainment, and feel confident that it resulted in something more than mere amusement. Our aim and desire at all times is to make these gatherings profitable, in the fullest sense of the word, and we desire to record our hearty thanks to the following friends, through whose kindness the evening's entertainment was made such a complete success:

To Miss Jones, organist of Bloor st. Methodist Church, Accompanist; Miss Bcyd, pianist; Miss Clara Dack, Messrs. H.M. Blight and G. C. Warburton, solos; Mr. J. K. Cameron, reading; Revs. Dr. Potts and D. J. MacDonell; Members of