

industrious and frugal and religious, while at the same time they are not so conservative. They readily adopt themselves to other conditions, and in mercantile and mechanical pursuits will prove themselves a match for any other race. Besides that, they would be ready to serve in the army and make good soldiers and statesmen. Some of the most brilliant exploits of the late Russo-Turkish war were performed under the direction of Armenian generals.

Glorious Canada! Now bound together by her belt of iron, the peculiar genius of her institutions—assimilating so much of the best, both from the old world and the new, and yet putting her own stamp upon it all, so that the term Canadian is coming to have more and more a definite and distinctive meaning in the nomenclature of the nations—will compel attention more and more, and England will be glad to receive her to an honorable place in Imperial Federation of, as I fondly hope, the not distant future.

With very best wishes and lively gratitude for all the interest you have been kind enough to show in my proposals."

R. CHAMBERS.

#### SENIOR RE-UNION.

JUST before Xmas. vacation the Senior Arts' class in Queen's University spent a most enjoyable time at the Burnett House. They have, almost from time immemorial, been in the habit of having a meeting once a year, at which every member of the class is expected to be present, and at which words of cheer and advice are spoken. This night was no exception, and if we are to judge by the vociferous cheering that was at times heard, all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves and appreciated the programme. After a most sumptuous repast had been partaken of the chairman, Mr. H. N. Dunning, called the meeting to order. In a few words he explained the object the Seniors had in assembling together, and expressed his regret that they had not present more representatives from sister Universities. He was glad to announce, however, that they had the honor of having a most worthy representative from Toronto University in the person of Mr. McKendrick. He concluded by proposing the Queen. The Governor-General and Dominion was then proposed and responded to by the first vice-chairman, J. J. MacLennan. Then J. M. McLean, the second vice-chairman, responded to "Our Alma Mater." Loud and continued applause greeted Principal Grant as he rose to respond to the "Faculty." He dwelt at length with the causes that had brought him into such close relationship with Queen's. His remarks throughout were of the most patriotic character, and no one present can ever forget the stirring appeal he made to young men to lead straight and upright lives. Mr. McKendrick, after "Sister Universities" had been proposed, responded, making an excellent address, characterized throughout by its brilliancy. He said that although of late the very

vexed question of university federation had sprung up, the students of University College had none other than the kindest feeling of sisterly love toward her fellow students at Queen's University. (Cheers.) This was exemplified by the fact that he was there as the first representative that had ever come from Toronto University. Mr. Fleming and Mr. Mackenzie responded on behalf of Dalhousie and McGill respectively. "Affiliated colleges" came next, and this was most ably responded to by Mr. James, representative from the Royal Medical College. At this point the Principal retired as the boys, in the heartiest manner possible, sang "For he's a jolly good fellow." Next came the "Class of '87," which was drunk amid deafening cheers. The chairman responded to this in a few pointed remarks. "University Associations" followed, to which Messrs. McEwen, McLeod, Goodwin, Wilson and Sturgeon replied, each in turn eulogizing the Alma Mater Society, Ossianic Society, Acadian Club, Glee Club, and Y.M.C.A. W. Cameron replied for the Athletic Association, while Messrs. Logie and MacLennan championed the Football Clubs. F. R. Parker laid down the rules and regulations of the most ancient and honorable *concurus iniquitatis* in highly classical and poetical language. The "Limestone City" was well represented by F. Fraser and J. Findlay, both of whom had the welfare of the place at heart. Mr. Dupuis thought all women were ladies, while on the other hand "Salt" Richards contended with a good deal of force that all ladies were women. After toasting the host, singing Auld Lang Syne, and God Save the Queen, the most pleasant and enjoyable evening the Seniors have ever had came to a conclusion. Between toasts singing was indulged in, and it was a noticeable fact that this year is very proficient in first-class singers. We wish the boys each and every one success in the spring.

#### MEDICAL.

##### A NEW DEPARTURE.

WHETHER owing to individual motives on the part of some enthusiastic professor, or a more general feeling on the part of all, whether wilfully or not, there can be no doubt that universities and schools acquire excellence and fame in some particular branch of science or learning, and having attained it, they are very tenacious, and jealous of the honor, and are proud to have their students distinguished by it. So extensive is the range of subjects taught that no school can obtain equal merit in all and hence the necessity for some special distinction. And if this desire be so strong in long established schools, hoary with age, and surrounded by large centres of population how much more so ought it to be, where these conditions do not exist. A moment's reflection will convince anyone that the Royal College cannot lay claim to any special advantages. It has only the labor of its teachers and the affection of its students to depend on. By dint of constant effort, unremitting energy and much self-sacrifice, its staff has