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Topics of the Hour.

THE acoustic properties of Convocation Hall are so defective that it is only by giving the utmost care to enunciation that speakers and readers on the platform can hope to be heard by the more distant portion of the audience. We take the liberty of calling attention to this fact since nothing is more annoying to listeners than the inability to hear distinctly even with a great effort the several parts of an entertaining literary programme.

WE are pleased to notice that the medical students of Trinity School have been fully exonerated from the charge of having perpetrated the ghastly joke on All Hallows Eve. From the first we were skeptical as to their connection with the affair, and are glad

to see that the ventilation of the matter in the Police Court has placed the blame upon the right shoulders. Medical students have had to take—rightly or wrongly—the blame for many questionable escapades in the past, but we were not prepared to credit them with the commission of such an outrage upon decency as this.

WE shall regard it as a favor if our contributors and correspondents will allow their full names to be affixed to their articles. This will much improve the character and tone of the paper and will add a flavor and an interest to its columns which can be gained by no other means. Impersonal and anonymous journalism in the higher lines is falling into disuse among the best English, French and American reviews and magazines. Rightly enough, too, we think, for if a person has anything to say worth saying, there seems to be no good reason why he should decline to be known as having said it.

THE recent visit of Archdeacon Farrar has borne good fruit. His lecture on Browning has awakened an interest in the works of the author of "The Ring and the Book," which their reputed obscurity has hitherto prevented. Dr. Wilson has consented to give a series of readings from Browning's works. These will be given in Convocation Hall on the afternoons of the 7th, 14th, and 21st of this month. The proceeds will be devoted to the Newsboys' Home. We would suggest with all deference that the admission price be lowered to 25c., as previous experience proves the futility of endeavoring to fill Convocation Hall with a high admission price. If Browning is to be popularized, popular prices should prevail.

THREE years since a memorial was addressed to the Senate of Toronto University praying for the abolition of scholarships and medals in that institution. It was signed by upwards of two-thirds of the students in attendance, including nearly all of the scholars and prizemen. The ground taken in the memorial was that it is exceedingly injurious to the true interests of higher education to attach material and mercenary motives to the pursuit of learning. The prayer of the students was in a large measure granted and the better order of things has now begun. But the Vice-Chancellor of the University, the President of University College, and Mr. King, a member of the Senate, are making efforts to retain and extend what is left of this pernicious system. We hope there will be a strong cry raised against this movement by all the true and thoughtful friends of our University. Let the students again take the matter in hand, and present a second strong memorial to the Senate and this will do much to avert the evil.

IT is gratifying to observe that Toronto University men are holding their own in the general intellectual activity and progress