

THE 'VARSITY last week, was that \$350 was granted to the Glee Club, on condition of the Cantata being produced in a creditable and satisfactory manner. There has been considerable grumbling over this large grant, but it is almost superfluous to say that anything Mr. Torrington undertakes always proves a success. I am sure that when the performance at next year's Conversazione is completed, there will be no grumbling, but the heartiest congratulation.

The Cantata selected by Mr. Torrington, is Max Bruch's "Frithsjo," a work produced at the Buffalo Saengerfest last year, where Mr. Torrington heard it. He speaks in the highest terms of the excellence of the Cantata, and predicts a great popularity for it in Toronto. The Club has good officers, enthusiastic members, an able conductor, and good music in preparation. With such prospects the Glee Club should be an unqualified success this year.

Mr. Bayley, of the Queen's Own Band, has made a proposition to the authorities of University College, to furnish five Saturday afternoon concerts of chamber music in Convocation Hall. His request has been acceded to, and the Literary Society has given the use of its name as patron. Mr. Bayley will furnish programmes of string quartettes, trios, and vocal music. He will be assisted by Herr Jacobsen, Prof. Haslam, of Norwood College, and another. Tickets for the series of five concerts will be, to undergraduates, \$1.00; for others, \$2.00. It is to be hoped that these concerts will be well patronized, as all the players are good musicians.

Mr. J. F. Thomson, well known in Toronto musical circles, has a project on foot for the giving of several concerts in Convocation Hall during the winter, if he can secure the consent of the College Council. It is to be hoped he will be successful. It will thus be seen from the above review, that musical matters are booming at University College.

HAUT BOY.

A MEMORY.

She leans at the window watching
Where the sky and the sea embrace,
The wind with soft fingers tangling
Her hair over neck and face.

She heeds not the wind nor listens
To the sound of songs from the bay;
For a white-winged ship in the distance
Flutters and flees away.

"Where are thy secret sepulchres,
With their funeral winds, O sea?
The ships sail in, the ships sail out,
But he never can come to me."

"THESE ARE A FRESHMAN'S QUESTIONS."

—Marlowe, *Faustus*, Act 2

I.

Oh why
Is it that ever thus I grieve and sigh,
Since first I donned
The Freshman's cap and gown? (and, by-the-by,
Straight unto the photographer
Right soon did hie),
What time, in Autumn's sedgy pools,
The hoarse frog crooned a ditty to his mate,
Mayhaps full wisely did frog-poet prate
Of how the weary moon, for aye
Down gazing on this world of weary fools,
Slow climbs the sky.

II.

As I
Remarked before, I seek in sadness, why,
Why Fresh—er—I

Mean—eh—First! Year Men—should be thought small fry?
And why the unfresh undergrads
The fresh should guy?
And what is that outlandish rhyme,
(To me may not this careless taunt be flung,
"Go to! You question with an idle tongue.")
Litoria? Was it the cry
Of Choctaw braves, who, in the olden time,
For scalps did vie?

III.

Let's try
If peradventure Gilead may supply
A soothing balm
To ease a "Freshman's" woes—O Socii,
Comitesque, let's not scowl dark,
Mutter "O Fie,
Fie on't!" like Hamlet i' the play;
But facing all the dangers coming nigh,
Await we bravely, with undaunted hearts,
The Artful Maiden Mistress of the Arts!
Me doth that dread name terrify
To silence; being, but—alas the day!—

A FRESHMAN SHY.

University News.

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the above Society was held last night, President Teefy presiding. The attendance at the opening was slim, but increased numbers, attracted by the prospect of an election, soon filled the hall to such an extent that the want of proper seating capacity became painfully evident. Mr. H. E. Irwin read the minutes, and then apparently not appreciating the prominence of his position retired. Mr. A. B. Thompson took his place. The essay was read by Mr. W. McBrady. His theme was "Patriotism." This old but never-antiquated subject he treated in an attractive manner. His style was easy, his illustrations well chosen, quotations apt. Patriotism, said the essayist, gains in energy as it narrows in extent. Civilization has not lessened its hold; it has transformed it into a virtue. Love of country has been the main-spring of the finest poems. Christianity has not abolished, it has purified patriotic love. Absence from the Home Land heightens our affection for it. Patriotism is of God; it is divine.

Mr. J. J. Elliott followed the essayist with a reading, based on an incident in the Southern war. It was entitled, "Going up head."

After division followed a lively debate on the subject, "Resolved, that the Supreme Court of Canada should be a final court of appeal."

In the Second and Fourth Year Division, T. B. P. Stewart consented to open the discussion in the absence of the appointed leader. If Mr. Stewart continues to improve as he did while making his maiden speech before the Society, he may reap success in other than poetic fields. He argued that the necessity of appealing to the Privy Council caused only a large and useless expenditure of money in the Licensed Victuallers' case, while in that of the Boundary Award equal satisfaction could have been obtained at home. Already in Canada we have courts affording all necessary facilities for appeals, and certainly we have material to constitute a reliable tribunal. "In fact, gentlemen, there is enough courting in Canada without conducting a privy court across the Atlantic."

J. A. V. Preston resolved the subject into one of independence, and argued against change when the present is good enough. To surrender the court of final appeal to a dependent colony would be directly contrary to the English Constitution. The effect indirectly is to widen the field of the Canadian lawyer by affording the opportunity of appearing at the English Bar, and to render the Canadian Judges careful by the submission of their decisions to the Privy Council. Finally we have a guarantee of unbiassed judgments in the absence of all personal interest among the members of this Council.

The excitement of this speaker tends to give a slightly unnatural