

'dagger of lath" so vigorously that the enemy was obliged to seek safety in his coal cart. These are only the main outlines of the war, so that the readers of ROUGE ET NOIR will doubtless await with much anxiety General John Falstaff Farrar's official report of his encounter.

SCRIBBLER.

## AS FATE DECREES.

Silver wrapper of the birch tree,  
Formed into the booming sail,  
By deft, boyish fingers free,  
How before some scented gale  
May you yet drift odour laden  
In some lily-sprinkled pond,  
Or may bear the name of maiden  
Traced by some Orlando fond,  
In the forests depths at noon-tide,  
You may feel the gentle flutter  
Of her heart against you bide,  
But most likely you'll wrap butter,  
And a hair or two beside.

J A. R.

## ABOUT COLLEGE.

We still retain, as is seen, our old name, and notwithstanding the pressure brought to bear, ROUGE ET NOIR is ever likely to continue, even if objectors are to be found; but the Managing Editor has hit upon the expedient of having printed small slips explaining the *raison* for our unique title. Henceforth, those who are opposed to the paper solely upon the ground of the name, can now, with impunity, send the paper to their friends, merely enclosing a printed slip, so that consternation may not be aroused among the recipients.

The Rev. J. C. Davidson, B. A., has already entered upon his duties as curate at Teddington. We wish him all possible success in his new field of labour, and take pleasure in clipping the following from the *Teddington Parish Magazine*:

"The Rev. John C. Davidson arrived in the parish on Saturday, January 17th, and began his duties as assistant curate on the following day. Mr. Davidson is a Canadian, like the Vicar, and has been known for many years to the Vicar's family, with which he is connected. That he has met with a kind reception goes without saying, and we are sure that his work will be warmly appreciated amongst us."

The Vicar is the Rev. Francis Leith Boyd, M.A., who is well known in Toronto. In the same magazine we also notice among the offertories for January the item, "For Trinity College, Toronto, £16, 12s. 11d."

The college museum — that object of undergraduate wit and withering sarcasm — thanks to the enthusiasm of the new Fellow in Natural Science, has undergone cleaning and renovation, and the ichthyosaurus or ornithorhynchus, or some other bird, beast or fish no longer deigns to remain without his proper sphere. Mr. Haslam, who has shown

great activity in his department, kindly acknowledges the contribution of a set of hand specimens, numbered and classified, illustrative of the rocks of Canada, presented by Professor Selwyn, Director of the Geological Survey of this country; and also through the kindness of Professor Spencer F. Baird, Director of the Smithsonian Institute, a collection, embracing over one hundred species of marine invertebrates. In addition to these last gifts, there has been added several other curiosities.

Conversazione, that event which carries so much pleasure to the undergraduate soul, took place on the evening of the 12th, and passed off more successfully than for many a year. The entrance hall and corridors were gaily decked with flags and bunting, from under the folds of which gleamed Chinese lanterns, while the floor was strewn with rugs of various designs. The mathematical lecture lost its terrors for the student disgusted with its memories of problems to be solved there, as the decoration committee succeeded in converting it into a pretty drawing-room. The old chapel, for the first time, appeared to the guests in its proper character, and the brightness of its surroundings drove away the wonted appearance of extreme "dryness" from the ponderous tomes stored upon the shelves. Convocation Hall, that ogre of midsummer days, was the most attractive place of all, for there, in the gallery, where undergraduate wit is wont to reign supreme, was the band of the Royal Grenadiers, which gave an excellent number of selections during the earlier part of the evening, whilst the floor, just in its best for dancing, was crowded after ten, with numberless votaries of the muse, who presides upon such occasions. Guests might wander where their fancy led them—many men opening their pretty little abodes of grinding to their friends, and particularly were enjoyed by stray couples the cosy "crooks and crannies" of the rooms of the Professors of Divinity and Philosophy. In the dining-hall, supper was served throughout the entire evening. The festivities were maintained for a longer season than has been our previous custom, showing, we hope, an attestation of the appreciation of our labours. It was with pleasure that we noticed a decrease in the number present—a great boon being conferred upon the guests by the "cutting-down" of the invitations. For the success of the *Conversazione*, thanks are due to the energetic committee, Messrs. G. H. Broughall, B. A., H. K. Merritt, C. Scadding, W. J. Rogers and E. C. Cayley, not to mention among the sub-committees the labour and trouble of Messrs. Anderson and Cooper. But among some older members of the University, a little fault-finding has been indulged in by reason of the ball-like nature of the evening, and it is due to the committee to mention the fact that it was not their error that dancing began at the early time it did, and we can only trust that another year will atone for the small grievance unintentionally committed.

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