

— **UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.**—A meeting of the Convocation of the University of Queen's College was held in the Convocation Hall on Thursday afternoon for the purpose of conferring degrees upon those who have passed the University examinations in the Faculty of Medicine. As usual, the room was well filled by an audience of ladies and gentlemen, and by the students and their friends. The chair was taken by the Rev. Dr. Williamson, Professor of Mathematics, the Rev. Principal Leitch being unable to attend by reason of serious indisposition. The Rev. chairman opened the proceedings with prayer, and after brief remarks proceeded to the main object of the day—the laureation of graduates, which was gone through with in the customary manner. The following gentlemen received the degrees of *Doctor of Medicine*:—Hugh Bigham, Orono; Myers Davidson, Yarker, Camden; Andrew Thomas Dunn, Brockville; Thomas Makins Fenwick, Kingston; Edward C. Fox, Wolfe Island; James H. Gleeson, Kingston; Sidney D. Grasse, Kingston; Walter Westlake Hoare, Adelaide; William Seward Millener, Rochester, N. Y.; Duncan McIntyre, Alvinston; Robert H. Preston, South Leeds; Abraham Willet Searls, Wellington; James Taylor, Bowmanville; William M. Thornton, Trenton; Philander Grant Wartman, Collingsby. The names of the following gentlemen were announced as having passed the *Primary Examination*:—Alexander Bell, Perth; John Bell, B.A., Kingston; George Deans, Trenton; Mr. Heggie, Brantford; Alfred J. Horsey, Kingston; Edwin H. Kertland, Kingston; John Massie, Seymour; Alexander McLaren, Williamstown; James B. Morden, Prince Edward County; Richard A. Reeve, B.A., Toronto; Francis Rourke, Kingston; William J. Weeks, Brockville. Dr. Williamson next expressed his regret that the medical school was on the point of losing one of the most skilful teachers, Dr. Dickson, the Professor of Surgery, and announced that Dr. H. Yates would subsequently deliver the valedictory address. Dr. Dickson having expressed himself as slighted by the arrangement that he, as a retiring professor, had not been permitted to deliver a valedictory address, he was permitted to take the class to another room for the purpose of addressing them. Having returned to the Convocation Hall.—*News.*

— **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CONVERSAZIONE.**—On the 31st ult., a large number both of ladies and gentlemen honored with their presence the *conversazione* of University College, held in Convocation Hall. The programme embraced both musical and literary exercises, and kept the attention of the large audience till a late hour. "The Huntsman's Chorus" from *Der Freischütz*, and "The Gipsy Chorus" from *The Bohemian Girl*, were sung by members of the society in good time and with effect, thanks to the exertions of Mr. Labitsky, who conducted. Mr. Fleming recited "The Moor's Revenge" exceedingly well, and Mr. H. C. Tyner gave a reading from "The May Queen" with that pathos which is absolutely necessary to render such a selection effective. Mr. Rossin on the piano performed both brilliantly and tastefully. Mr. Crawford sang several songs, and each time elicited the most marked tokens of approbation. Mr. J. King spoke on "Our later literature of freedom," and Mr. J. Campbell on "The influence of music on education." Both gentlemen acquitted themselves well. It is gratifying to know that the College Students do not confine their attention to the severer studies, but cultivate those accomplishments which tend so much to produce that grace and refinement which make the perfect gentleman.—*Leader.*

— **BOYS HOME CONVERSAZIONE.**—The *conversazione* held at the Normal School on the 8th inst., in aid of the Boys' Home, was, without doubt, one of the most successful gatherings held in Toronto for a long time. It is seldom that the youth, beauty and fashion of our good city, condescend to patronize, as a body, any undertaking. Last night was one of those occasions. The large and beautiful lecture-room, or theatre of the School, was crowded to the utmost, and very many were unable to gain admittance. The object towards which the proceeds were to be appropriated was a most laudable one, and we were therefore rejoiced at seeing our wealthiest citizens giving their assistance by patronizing the entertainment. But, setting this important point aside, there was another that, no doubt, tended greatly to make the affair pass off successfully, namely, the peculiarly attractive and interesting programme presented. Besides being pleasing, it was highly instructive, and contained several features of a unique though very interesting character. At eight o'clock the Rev. Dr. McCaul took the chair, and called upon the Rev. Dr. Ryerson to make a few remarks. Dr. McCaul followed and stated the object for which the entertainment was given. A chorus entitled "Dawn of Day" was then effectively sung by a number of well-known amateur vocalists—ladies and gentlemen. This was followed by "The bonnie wee wife," sung by Mr.

Bogert in a style which elicited the plaudits of the audience. Mr. Rossin then performed, in a masterly manner, Gottschalk's celebrated "Banjo" on the piano. Miss Ridout next favoured the audience by singing, very effectively, a sweet selection. A fine chorus from "La Sonnambula" was then given by the ladies and gentlemen mentioned above, and was loudly encored. This concluded the first part of the entertainment, after which the audience, or so many of them as could, went to "Room No. 2" where Dr. May, with a powerful magic lantern gave a series of very beautiful dissolving views of a geographical and historical character. The third part of the programme was then proceeded with, and consisted of experiments in electricity, galvanism, &c., by Dr. May and William Armstrong, Esq., C.E.; experiments in pneumatics, hydrostatics and chemistry, by J. H. Sangster, Esq., M.A.; and experiments with microscopes, ophthalmoscopes, &c., by Dr. Rosebrugh and Alex. Marling, Esq., LL.B., all of which proved highly interesting. As the number present was too large for the room in which the experiments were being given for all to attend, many strolled through the other apartments, and amused themselves in examining the varied works of art there to be found. The fourth part of the programme, consisting of dissolving views of a comic character, was not given on account of the length of time occupied in the experiments. The crowd again filled the theatre when the fifth part was performed. It consisted of several pieces of music, vocal and instrumental, all of which were well and effectively rendered. Dr. McCaul then made a few remarks, thanking the audience, on behalf of the managers of the Boys' Home, for their attendance; and also thanking those who had taken part in the performance for their services. The entertainment was brought to a conclusion by singing the National Anthem.—*Globe.*

— **KNOX'S COLLEGE.**—The late session of 1863-4 of this college was closed with an address by Principal Willis. A large audience was in attendance, including clergymen and former pupils from all parts of the county. Dr. Willis stated that fifty-five students had been in attendance during the session, and that of these line had completed their curriculum.

— **UPPER CANADA COLLEGE SHAKSPEAREAN CELEBRATION.**—The Tercentenary celebration was inaugurated at the college on the 22nd inst., under the presidency of M. Cockburn, the Principal. After an address from Dr. Connon, the business of the evening was entered upon and various well selected extracts from the plays of Shakspeare were given by the boys with an expression and correctness which testified to their ability and zeal, and must have proved highly gratifying to the friends of those who took part in them. During the evening, Shakspearean songs and instrumental pieces were given by several of the boys, under the care of Mr. Henry Martin.

— **PRESENTATION TO THE REV. JAMES PORTER, CITY SUPERINTENDENT.**—On Saturday last the 9th inst., teachers of the city public schools assembled at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Porter, Local Superintendent, and presented him with a very handsome tea service, accompanied by an address expressing their high respect for him in his official capacity. The articles presented were of the most modern style and pattern, chaste and elegant in design and excellent in material. One of the pieces bore the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. James Porter, Local Superintendent of the schools of Toronto, by the teachers, as a sincere expression of their respect and esteem. Toronto, April, 1864." It must be very gratifying to Mr. Porter to be thus assured that in the performance of his duties he has succeeded in securing the hearty good-will, and as a natural consequence, the earnest co-operation of the teachers. The reverend gentleman's attainments as well as his disposition and deportment fit him admirably for the position he occupies. Possessing a happy combination of the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re*, he is not only courteous and gentlemanly in his intercourse with parents, teachers and pupils, but also strict and impartial in the discharge of his duties as Superintendent.

— **GLOUCESTER COMMON SCHOOLS.**—At the instance of the Rev. W. Lohead, the excellent Local Superintendent, a *reunion* of the Schools of this Township, for a competition, was held at Billings' Bridge on the 12th ult. Each school was entitled to send five of its best scholars. With three or four exceptions, all the schools were represented. From 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., a spirited contest was maintained in Reading, Spelling, English Grammar, and Geography. Specimens of writing were also submitted for examination. Seeing that this was the first occasion of the kind in the Township, the appearance made by the competitors, as a whole, was exceedingly creditable. The proficiency and readiness displayed by some were really considerable, and worthy of encouragement. Through Mr.