

AS everyone expected, the Trustees of Queen's have declined with thanks the privilege of entering into the proposed federation of colleges, and our *Alma Mater* still preserves her individuality. This is the end, so far as we are concerned, of the glorious scheme of University Confederation. May it rest in peace!

A FEW of our students are members of the local volunteer force, and were called out for active service shortly before the examinations. As a natural consequence, they were not able to take a stand as high as though they had been free to study, but they have the satisfaction of knowing that their time has not been wasted.

TO speak plainly, the conduct of the students in the gallery at Convocation this session was simply disgraceful. It is the easiest thing in the world to make a big noise; a half-dozen blatant idiots armed with fog horns can produce a greater volume of sound than a well trained orchestra of highly cultivated musicians. There is a limit to everything, and if the Senate should refuse to reserve the gallery for the students upon another occasion, we would not be the least bit surprised. As all will admit, well pointed jokes and well rendered college songs from the gallery, are calculated to put an audience in the best of humour, but when a number of rational beings undertake to play the part of howling maniacs, and to out-vie one another in the hideousness of their yelling, the result is to engender a mingled feeling of disgust and pity in the minds of those who are forced to listen to the pandemonium. We are told that those who were making the disturbance, upon the occasion refused to, were comparatively few in number. If so, it is to be regretted that they were not expelled from the gallery before they were allowed to bring such disgrace upon their fellow-students.

IT is always gratifying to those interested in the cause of education to notice the progress of young institutions of learning. We have been pleased greatly by the wonderful success which has attended our friend Isaac Wood, B.A., '84, and his co-workers, in their endeavour to establish a business college in Kingston. Started about a year ago, the Dominion Business College is already one of the institutions of the city. It has a large and efficient staff of instructors, a long and rapidly lengthening list of students, well adapted and commodious premises, and the brightest of prospects. We heartily congratulate these gentlemen upon their success.

“ACCORDING to carefully prepared statistics, Yale College brings into New Haven about a million dollars a year.” This item, which appeared in our last number, affords considerable food for thought, showing as it does of what importance it is to the commercial interests of a community to have a large educational institution in its midst. No, we do not blame the citizens of Toronto for endeavouring to collect all the colleges in Queen's Park.

WE beg to assure our readers, and more especially the students of Queen's, that it was not want of “copy” which led us, a short time since, to once more call attention to the yearning desire, on the part of the students, to have the lectures in Mental and Moral Philosophy placed in the hands of the members of that class in printed form. “Berto,” in writing to the last number of the JOURNAL, is actually low-spirited and despairing enough to assert that this is a consummation which, though devoutly to be wished, we need never hope to see realized in our day, notwithstanding the array of facts which might be brought forward to show the necessity for the change. We