

### THE BANQUET.

The St. Patrick's Day banquet has come to be considered in the University, as one of the most important and most agreeable events of the year. To say that, viewed in various ways, its occurrence last week was attended by unparralleled success, is but to extend to the students congratulations of which they are fully deserving. The size of the assembly, the number and character of the guests, the quality of the speeches, the beauty of the decorations, the excellence of the musical programme—all displayed extensive designs carefully conceived and successfully carried out. The action of the students in making the banquet an annual event, shows that in some respects they are in advance of their predecessors, and their example forcibly commends itself to the consideration of their successors. There is no doubt that the advantages to be derived from such a demonstration, easily outweigh the efforts it requires. Considered from an educational standpoint it greatly supplements the work of the classroom, and indeed affords information regarding social customs, which the class-room is not always expected to impart. It induces many to look up topics of Irish history—which, by the way, deserves more attention than it really receives from the average student—and moreover gives them an opportunity of expressing in public, ideas which may be of important service on future oc-

casions of a similar nature. It further warms one's patriotism, and by bringing members of different nationalities into contact for one common end, creates a closer union, thus fostering among the students a laudable spirit of mutual tolerance, familiarity and friendship. Were it only on account of the hours of harmless hilarity and genuine enjoyment afforded by the yearly banquet, we would feel warranted in giving it our emphatic approval, but accompanied as it is by numerous other inestimable benefits, we can not too warmly encourage its future occurrence as an annual event.



### ARRIVAL OF OUR NEW SUPERIOR.

As was mentioned in last month's issue of *The Owl* an important change has been made in the administration of the University. For the last eight years Rev. Father McGuckin watched over and guided her destinies, and during that time won the confidence, respect, and love of all with whom he came in contact. He was ever looked upon by the students as a true "philosopher, friend, and guide," and when, a short time ago it was announced that continued ill health necessitated his retirement from the arduous position of Superior of our Institution, sadness seemed to settle upon the hearts of all those residing within its walls. But when Dame Rumor circulated among the boys the name of him who was to succeed their old favorite, and especially when the rumor assumed the garb of fact, their gloom was somewhat alleviated; for they saw in Rev. Father Constantineau one whose amiable manner added to his many