

entertainment of their predecessors, and accordingly the expenses and the price of tickets have increased year by year. Four years ago the price was \$1 for four; this year it was \$2.50 for four. It is somewhat refreshing to feel the certainty that, if the ratio of increase holds, the undergraduate will be obliged before long to hand the *whole* affair over to outsiders "of means."

I will not do more than merely mention other arguments which, were it not, Mr. Editor, that I am afraid I have already encroached too much on your space, I should like to look more closely at. (1) How by precedent and social rules we are obliged to squander a great part of our resources in complimentary invitations. Taking the present year, over 400 complimentary tickets were issued and less than 800 sold. (2) That it has always been a notorious fact that only a small percentage of the students attend the *Conversazione*.

If we want to mark the year with an event of a social nature, let us have dinner, which would be far less troublesome, less expensive, and infinitely more satisfactory. In conclusion, I would express the hope that a year hence when the subject comes up again, the Society will think seriously before deciding to continue an affair which, in the opinion of many, is an embodiment of follies.

Yours etc.,

REX.

Toronto, Feb. 20, 1885.

Our Wallet.

A Philadelphia youth who has been to the Hub, says that the intellectuality of the Boston girl begins at the breakfast table and lasts until the old folks go to bed. After that, if the right fellow is in the parlor and the light is turned low, she "acts like any other girl."

A St. Louis publisher accidentally received in his mail proof-sheets intended for the employes of a religious publication house, and, after glancing over them, rushed to the editor, yelling: "Why in the world didn't you get a report of that big flood? Even that slow old religious-paper across the way is ahead of you. Send out your force for full particulars—only one family saved. Interview the old man. His name is Noah."—*Ex.*

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POET.

I've a verselet on a leaflet,
A dainty little creed,
What will you give me for it
To fill a long felt need?

EDITOR.

I've a damnlet on my tonguelet,
A good one tried and true,
Which I always give to poets,
And I'll be as kind to you.

—*Merchant Traveler.*

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Stump Speech.—"Say, mister, gimme the butt of yer cigar, will yer?"—*Ex.*

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First Undergraduate, *reading*: "Will this do, Gus? 'Mr. Smith presents his compliments to Mr. Jones, and finds he has a cap which isn't mine. So, if you have a cap which isn't his, no doubt they are the ones.'" Second Undergraduate: "Oh, yes! first-rate."—*Punch.*

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