

he cordially and earnestly bore testimony to the noble service the College had rendered to the cause of education. No description can do justice to the address of Mr. Punshon. Brilliant, strong, conclusive, practical, wise, he contributed greatly to the success and influence of this most important Convocation—important at this critical time,—and effectually rallying the friends of "Old Vic." to the support of our educational standard. His remarks on the relation between Revelations and Science put the subject in its true light, and with remarkable vividness and force. Great as is his eloquence, the simple hearted earnestness of his soul is, to us, the chief charm of his magical speaking. The *Conversazione* on Wednesday evening, is a kind of farewell Soiree. There the friends of Victoria College renew delightful recognitions and intercourse, and graduates, as well as others, bid an affectionate good-bye. Choice music, promenading socialities, and occasional short addresses—with refreshments, keep aloof all feelings of tediousness or ennui. The inimitable tact of the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, who presided, and the mesmeric efficacy of his occasional short speeches, provided the needed intellectual and social stimulus. It was midnight before the great crowd could consent to the reluctant farewell shaking of hands. The music and singlug was, we are told, of unusual excellence. Miss Hatlie Stephens and Miss Jennie Bull, as usual were often ecored. We were not present, but we are told that it was a "complete success." We confidently call upon all the friends of our College, whose very name calls up a thousand associations, to be faithful in bringing their powerful influence to bear, when the opportunity comes, in its behalf.

The Senate consists of the members of the College Board, and of the Professors in the faculties of Arts, Medicine and Law. There was a full attendance of the members of the Board, which consisted of twelve ministers and twelve laymen; and there were professors of the Medical Department from Toronto, and of the Law and Medical Departments from Montreal. Last week's interchange of views, especially in relation to the present position of the College question, made it evident that the several faculties, and the numerous graduates and former students, were of one mind. There is one common feeling of indignant protest, against the preposterous design of giving a monopoly of legislative patronage to the one exclusively secular college at Toronto. It is an attempted violent interference with the Christian conscience of the country, a denial of equal rights, and a tyrannical injustice. The friends of the University insist upon simple justice, in this free country; and they are prepared if it must come to that, and if they are compelled to wait till then, to make it a test question at the next elections. Assuredly no more important question, of provincial politics, is now before the country.—*Christian Guardian*.

—LITERARY PENSIONS IN ENGLAND.—Lady Ellis is set down for sixty pounds sterling, 'in consideration of the services of her husband the late Sir Samuel Ellis, a lieutenant-general in the Royal Marines. A grant of sixty pounds sterling a year is made to the widow of the late Captain Maconochie, in acknowledgment of his services in connection with the improvement of prison discipline. Captain Maconochie, the deviser of the 'mark' system at Norfolk Island, and afterwards Governor of Birmingham jail, was an officer in the navy. Dr. Francis Muir is to have £70 in recognition of his useful contributions to general knowledge. The four daughters of the late Dr. Kitto have a collective pension of £100. The three daughters of the late Dr. Hincks, the Oriental scholar, are also to enjoy £100 a year; and the like annuity is awarded to the widow of the late Dr. Robertson, 'in consideration of his services to literature generally, and especially in the illustration of the ancient history of Scotland.' The daughter of the late Dr. Southwood Smith is to receive a modest allowance of £60. £150 a year to the widow and the niece of the illustrious Farady.

—IRISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.—The students of the Irish Catholic University have had a meeting to discuss the proposal of the government to give that body a charter. They were unanimous in expressing a desire that this proposal may be carried out, and a committee was named to draw up a memorial on the subject. Similar memorials are being prepared in various parts of Ireland. On the other hand, at a "preliminary meeting" in Belfast, it has been determined to hold an early assembly, "to protest against the proposal as made by Lord Mayo, and to claim the opening up of Trinity College. It is stated that the question of the Catholic University charter has been settled between the negotiators "in principle." The details will not cause, the writer thinks, any long discussion. "There are several precedents which must be satisfactory to both the high

contracting parties notably the character to the Canadian Catholic University of Laval." It is added that Cardinal Cullen will be the first Chancellor, and that parliament will be asked for £10,000, to meet the expenses of the Catholic University College."

IX. Departmental Notices.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE T. J. ROBERTSON, ESQ.

We desire again to call attention to the Robertson Memorial Circular, recently issued by the Teachers of this Province by the Committee of the Teachers' Association of Upper Canada.

In addition to its publication in this Journal for March, a copy of it was sent to each County and Township Branch of the Association; but, thus far, the response has not been what was expected. In the reasonable expectation that the appeal would ere this have been most heartily responded to by the hundreds of teachers who had so long enjoyed the advantages of Mr. Robertson's experienced counsels and instruction, the Committee have incurred responsibilities to much more than double the amount of subscriptions received. When the Committee issued the circular, they decided that, to meet the wishes of the teachers generally, the memorial to the late Mr. Robertson should be of a two-fold character; that it should embrace in the first place, a portrait of the Head Master to be placed over the master's chair, which he had so worthily filled for twenty years in the Normal School; and, secondly, that it should include a suitable railing around the enclosure at his grave, and an appropriate monument over his remains. The former has been procured and is well executed; and plans and estimates of the latter are in course of preparation. We most earnestly commend the matter to the teachers of the Province, and would say that in honouring the memory of Mr. Robertson, they are but worthily honouring their own profession in the person of so distinguished a member of it, as the first Head Master of the Normal School for Upper Canada.

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