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Topics of the Hour.

The sixth Monday popular concert took place in the Pavilion on the evening of the 11th of January. Mrs. Estelle Ford, of Cleveland, was the solo vocalist. Mrs. Ford's singing was most enjoyable and earned for her most deserved encores. She sang "Che Gioia!" "Comin' thro' the Rye," and a waltz song. The Quartette Club was assisted by Herr Kegel, of New York, in the rendering of Mozart's matchless quintette for clarinet and strings, which number was exceedingly well rendered. The quartette also played Tschaiakowsky's "Andante" and Cherubini's "Scherzo." Their

playing of these numbers was most finished and artistic. Herr Kegel and Herr Ludwig Correll played solos on the clarinet and 'cello respectively, the latter playing Popper's "Gavotte." Altogether the concert was a most successful one. The seventh concert takes place next Monday night, at which Mme. Caroline Zeiss, a contralto, will appear.

A requisition has been sent in to the Executive Committee of Convocation by a number of graduates, asking the committee to call a meeting of Convocation at as early a date as possible. The ground of the requisition is that it is desirable that some immediate action be taken to increase the representation of graduates on the Senate of the university. The present number of representatives was fixed fifteen years ago, and it is no exaggeration to say that the number of graduates has doubled since that time. But, through the affiliation of the theological colleges, several ecclesiastics have recently been added by appointment to the Senate and history bears us out in saying that the influence of clerical professors is not always favourable to the highest interests of liberal education. Moreover, all the main arguments which can be adduced in favour of municipal self-government will also hold in the case of such a large public corporation as the University of Toronto. A great majority of the recent reforms instituted by the Senate were inaugurated and carried through by the graduate representatives. Several of the appointed members scarcely ever put in an appearance at the meetings, and then only for the obstruction of reform. There are thus the best reasons why the elected membership of the Senate should be largely increased.

The College Council have declared their intention of refusing the use of Convocation Hall in the future to the Literary Society on the alleged ground that the annual hazing ceremonial usually takes place after one of the public meetings of that Association. This is the most absurd exemplification that we have heard of for a long time of the *post-hoc-ergo-propter-hoc* style of argument. The Literary Society were no more responsible for the initiation last fall than they were for the insulting presence about the College buildings of the half-dozen policemen who, with all the able co-operation of certain members of the Faculty, succeeded admirably in not preventing the proceedings. From a similar profound method of reasoning the Council should prohibit citizens from holding social receptions, since it is affirmed that one of the subjects of the hazing was captured while returning late from an evening party. In short, there is no limit to the absurdities into which the Council may now rush without the least fear of inconsistency. There might have been some justification for the refusal of the hall on the ground of the misconduct and disturbance which sometimes characterizes the meetings, and which we have had occasion too often to condemn. But even then an old time privilege and right of the Literary