

CARD OF THANKS.

The committee on prizes for the University Rifles' annual rifle match, beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of subscriptions and prizes from the following contributors:

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By order,
JAS. McDUGALL, Sec. Treas.

NO CONVERSAZIONE.

The students last night decided not to hold a conversation this year, making the second year hand-running in which this popular entertainment has had, in the opinion of students, to be abandoned owing to the action of the College Council in regard to it. The council limited the society to an issue of not more than 1,400 tickets. They said that at the last conversazione the building had been overcrowded, and that they would not allow of so large a number assembling in it again.

While the students appeared to admit that perhaps there had been too many at the last reunion they thought the Council was rather severe in cutting the number of tickets down to nearly one-half; and when they further saw that it would be impossible to raise sufficient money on so small a number of tickets (for the tickets though given to friends are really paid for by students) to make the proposed conversazione at least equal to past ones, they voted it down.

The great majority of the undergraduates, and many graduates as well, think that the treatment of the Society by the Council is anything but generous, and that had the Council merely intimated that there had been too many at the last conversazione, and that the numbers would have to be kept down thereafter, their wishes would have been respected, and there would not have been that feeling of disappointment in regard to the conversazione which is now felt not only by graduates, undergraduates, and the citizens of Toronto generally, but even by the Council itself.

COLLEGE ITEMS.

The glee club will meet for practice next week. A piano is to be put in the hall of the society for their use. The hour of practice will be from five to six on Fridays.

D. R. KEYS, B.A., who, on graduation in 1878, went to Germany to continue his studies, has returned—at least as far as New York, where he is reading at Columbia law school.

EDGAR FRISBY, B.A., '64, silver medalist in mathematics, was appointed by the United States government to proceed to California and observe the total eclipse of the sun on the 11th inst.

DR. FYKE delivered his first lecture as professor of chemistry last Monday. He was introduced by Professor Croft. The University of Oxford has given him the degree (honorary) of Master of Arts.

The dinner to Professor Croft last night was very successful. Over one hundred of his friends, students and ex-students were present to honor him on retiring from the position he has so ably filled for many years.

The following is on the minutes of a recent meeting of the Benchers of the Law Society:—Ordered that the secretary do acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Falconbridge's letter, in reference to the theft of his hat from the Hall, and say that convocation can do nothing in the matter.

STUDENTS and ex-students will regret the removal of the large ash tree that stood before President McCaul's window, and which was known as the 'Doctor's tree.' The roots interfered with the drains, and so it had to be cut down. No one regrets the loss of the tree more than the Doctor himself.

A FOURTH year pass man reminds those honor men in some of the departments who are complaining of 'unjust discrimination' in the matter of prizes and scholarships, that the pass men outnumber any of the departments and get neither medals nor prizes. He says further, that this should be exposed, and accordingly he is writing a *Defensio Passorum*.

Of the students of Knox College 14 are graduates and 48 undergraduates of the University of Toronto. Besides these quite a number of Knox college students (who do not intend taking a degree in arts) are occasional students of University college. The graduates are taking a course in theology and are distributed thus: third year theology 4; second year 5; first year 5. The 48 undergraduates have the following standing in the university: fourth year 11; third year 10; second year 16; first year 11.

BROWN, a second year man, for exercise, began shovelling the snow off the sidewalk in front of his boardinghouse the other morning. While he was busy at work, and just as two girls, whom he had met at a party only a few evenings before, were coming on him unobserved, a fellow boarder came out on his way down town and said to the undergrad I've left your ten cents with the missus, and an old coat that I guess I'll fit you. Brown looked up, but a sight of the girls confused him, and he was unable to ward off the blow before they were out of hearing. But he did not take any more exercise.

IN the Ontario Assembly last Monday, Mr Metcalfe moved for a return of: 1. The number of regular students, also of occasional students, admitted at University College during the years 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, distinguishing the males from the females. 2. Of the number of such students who actually attended the college during those years, and the number who matriculated at the University of Toronto. 3. The respective salaries of professors, tutors, and others in receipt of moneys from the college funds. 4. The total amount of the annual income of said college, and of the annual charges upon the same.

THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The meeting of the society was held last night, Mr. W. T. Herridge in the chair. Mr. Pernet was declared an honorary member of the society, no ballot being demanded. A communication was read from Mr. Ponton, in which he asked the society to accept his resignation as a graduate member of the conversazione committee, for the reason that he thought a successful conversazione could not be held if the issue of tickets was to be limited by the College Council to 1,400, and he did not wish to take

part in one that he knew could not prove a success. Mr. O'Meara brought in a report of the conversazione committee to the effect that it would be desirable to hold a conversazione, and then moved its adoption. A lengthy discussion ensued on this motion. It was represented by the speakers against the motion for the adoption of the report that the College council had imposed restrictions upon the society that would prevent them from holding a reunion that would prove creditable to the students. After 400 tickets had been allowed as complimentary, there did not remain more than would produce at the utmost \$300; and this sum was quite inadequate, because at the last conversazione, more than \$450 was expended, the item for music alone being \$150. Several spoke on the other side to the effect that at least \$350 or \$400 could be raised from the sale of tickets to graduates and under-graduates, and even if so large an amount could not be collected this year as formerly, a less expensive entertainment might be given than the one two years ago, when, owing to certain circumstances, matters were pushed forward with great zeal in regard to the conversazione. The College council had given permission to issue 1,400 tickets, allowing besides the admission of graduates and under-graduates by gown. This, brought the number up to 2,000 more in fact than the Hall would contain. If enough tickets were issued to fill the house, surely sufficient funds would be forthcoming to meet all expenditures. Mr. Milner moved an amendment that the discussion be postponed till a special meeting of the society to be called by the general committee. This amendment was lost, and the original motion for the adoption of the report was then put and lost on a division of 22 to 36. The report of the committee appointed to revise the invitation list to the public meetings was read by Mr. Ballantyne and adopted. The society then adjourned, the essay and debate being postponed till the Friday following the meeting at which the open debate takes place.

THE COLLEGE WORLD.

The university of Leipsic has 3,196 students Yale has 906.

HARVARD and Princeton give the degree of M.A. only to those who take a post-graduate course.

The anniversary of the founder of McGill University will be celebrated on the 23rd of this month.

The average annual expenses of a student at Michigan university is \$370; Hamilton, \$450; Princeton \$600; Harvard, or Yale, \$800.

VICE-CHANCELLOR BLAKE and Sanford Fleming, C.B., have been nominated for the position of chancellor of Queen's University. The election takes place before the 15th March.

THERE is an article on spelling reform in the last number of the *Princeton Review* by Professor March, of Lafayette College that is well worth reading. It is in favor of a change in our present way of spelling.

A handsome mural monument, intended to perpetuate the names of nineteen graduates of the university (department of arts) who died in the war of the rebellion, has recently been put in the college chapel.—*University of Pennsylvania*.

The Western University (London) has not yet commenced operations. Hellmuth college has ceased to exist and its buildings are now the property of the senate of the Western university and at present occupied by Dufferin College.

COMPARATIVELY few college graduates in Canada leave their Alma Mater with the ability to write off-hand an ordinary newspaper communication, on a familiar subject, that is fit to be printed without grammatical correction.—*Acta Victoriana*. The editors of the public press also hold the same opinion.