

## THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DINNER.

The first Annual Dinner of the President, Faculty, and Undergraduates of University College was held last night in the Gymnasium Building, and was a gratifying and brilliant success from beginning to end. The students turned out well, as tickets were bought up rapidly all day yesterday. The committee are to be congratulated upon the happy outcome to their inauguration of the first College dinner. At eight o'clock the vast assemblage sat down to do justice to the daintiest viands which Harry Webb could furnish. Covers were laid for 200 on three long tables running the length of the great hall, with a cross table at the eastern end for the distinguished guests of the evening. A number of ladies attended in the gallery.

The following were the committee, to whom the success of the affair is due. President: Pres. Loudon; First Vice-President, J. L. Counsell, '97; Second Vice-President, H. Boulthbee, '97; Third Vice-President, J. T. Inkster, '98; Secretary, W. H. Greenwood, '97; Treasurer, F. H. Barron, '97; Councillors, F. A. Cleland, '98; W. G. Fitzgerald, '98; W. A. Sadlier, '99; F. H. Smith, '99; and J. Kay, 1900.

Those who were invited: His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, Sir Casimir Gzowski, Hon. Wilfred Laurier, Premier of Canada; Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Hon. A. S. Hardy, Premier of Ontario; J. P. Whitney, M.P.P., leader of the Opposition; Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education; Hon. Mr. Mulock, Postmaster-General; Dr. John Hoskin, Q.C., Dr. Harper, President of the Chicago University; Dr. Patton, President of Princeton University; Dr. Schurmann, Principal of Cornell University; Dr. Angel, President of Ann Arbor University; Prof. W. J. Ashley, M.A., of Harvard University; Dr. Peterson, President of McGill University; Dr. G. M. Grant, Principal of Queen's University; The Father Superior of Ottawa College, Ottawa; Dr. Welch, Provost of Trinity University; Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria University; Chancellor Wallace, of McMaster University; Rev. J. R. Teefy, M.A., Superior of St. Michael's College; Rev. W. Caven, D.D., Principal of Knox College; Rev. J. P. Sheraton, M.A., D.D., Principal of Wycliffe College; Dr. Galbraith, Principal of S. P. S.; Dr. Reeve, Toronto Medical Faculty; Provost Watkins, of the Western University, London, Ont.; Dr. Parkin, of Upper Canada.

Representatives from sister colleges—Osgoode, Mr. R. E. Gagen; Dents., Mr. G. G. Hume; Wycliffe, Mr. McNamara; Tor. Meds.—J. H. Elliott; S. P. S., G. E. Stacey; McGill, Mr. H. Kerr; Queen's, Andy Morrison.

The following is an incomplete list of the members of the Faculty of the University who attended: Pres. Loudon, Professors Hutton, Baker, Wright, McCallum, Van der Smissen, McCurdy, Hume, Squair, Mavor, Wrong, Fletcher, Fraser, Milne, Robertson, Dr. Smale, Dr. Miller, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Needler, Messrs. Keys, Cameron, Caruthers, Jeffrey, W. J. Loudon, McLay (McMaster), Rusk, McLennan, Moore, Gould, Barr, Mr. Maclean, M.P., of the *World*, Mr. Willison, of the *Globe*, and Mr. Bunting, of the *Mail*, also attended. We are unable to give a list of the students.

The students took fully two hours to do ample justice to the good things of the menu card; and about 10 o'clock, through wreaths of smoke, the President called upon Prof. Fletcher, who read letters of regret at their inability to attend, from the Governor-General, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prof. Goldwin Smith, LL.D., Rev. Dr. Sheraton, of Wycliffe, Sir Casimir Gzowski, Provost Welch, Pres. Harper, of Chicago, Pres. Patton, of Princeton, and others.

Then Pres. Loudon, the chairman of the dinner, proposed the toast of the Queen in flattering and enthusiastic

terms. He quoted the famous words of Thomas Carlyle, referring to the great task undertaken by so young a sovereign, on her ascending the throne. He spoke of the loyalty to the Queen and to the Empire manifested at all times by the undergraduates and alumni of the University. The toast was enthusiastically received by singing of the National Anthem. Professor Hutton proposed the toast to "Canada, our Country." He humorously remarked that patriotism was the best refuge of the after-dinner speaker, and that there was a time when it went hand in hand on the curriculum with temperance and agriculture. He referred, in glowing terms, to the University as a type of Canada, where every man was judged by what he is and not by what he has. The University mediated between knowledge and democracy, and prevented both from becoming supercilious.

Mr. W. F. Maclean, of the *World*, responded to this toast, and apologized for not having the eloquence to reply to so important a toast. But one thing was certain—that we were on this continent to stay. Our position here was assured, and our unification was becoming strengthened. He also spoke of the similarity between the University and the national life. The local government, he said, should endow the State University. If it had a strong mining policy we might have our Canadian Rockefellers and Stanfords ultimately. He was glad to see so many of the graduates of this year, seven, occupying prominent positions on the Faculty staff.

Dr. Parkin, of Upper Canada College, followed, and was greeted with a rousing reception from the "old boys." He was gratified with their maintenance of college spirit, and with the opportunities so seldom offered for such pleasant reunions. Canadians had much to reflect upon, and the young men must become in time the controlling forces of this country. After all his travels he always returned to Canada with great feelings of pride, when he compared his native country with others. He found no such material in Australia, for the development of strong and influential men as he recognized here. Canada was the place to make men, though Australia was the place to make money. But men would draw money to them. This was a critical period in Canada in reference to her political system. We had not the class distinctions of the old country, nor the wild democracy of others. The hope of Canada was in keeping her mental poise and intellectual position. We had much to learn from Italy, Greece, England and France, and should not be self-satisfied as in refinement in art, and even in learning, we lagged behind. He encouraged the young men to go abroad and call the best which was afforded by foreign lands. He directed the young men to pay more attention to the manners, refinements and forms of older countries in all respects, and we would become a great power in the world. We are the premier colony in the British Empire, and were the cynosure of every eye in the world. We had enormous responsibilities morally, and he appealed to the young men to be individually strong in moral qualities, as rigid as the Scotch, and to lift the heart of the world higher. With eloquence and strength he closed a powerful speech.

At this juncture Mr. W. S. MacKay, president of the Glee Club, accompanied by Glionna's orchestra, favored the assemblage with a solo.

Prof. McCurdy proposed the toast of the Local Legislature and referred to the opportunity.

We were ahead of other countries in the way we had achieved state control of our University. We had reason to be proud of the record and career of our undergraduates in the Local Legislature. The Minister of Education had reason to be proud of the growth of our University—in the increase of our numbers and the magnificence of her buildings. He emphasized the need of a post-graduate course and a better equipped library, without which no great