

THE general library of the University of Edinburgh contains over 160,000 volumes, besides many rare manuscripts. In addition to this there is a valuable theological library.

DR. McCOSH is reported to have said that Princeton has now all the advantages of Oxford and Cambridge. The tutors are being replaced by professors.

A CANVASS recently made as to the sectarian preferences of the Harvard University students shows that the Episcopalians finally outnumber the Unitarians at that institution. Out of a total of 1,009 students, 28.8 per cent. belong to the former denomination, and 22.5 per cent. to the latter. The remainder are apportioned as follows: Congregationalists, 17.6 per cent.; Baptists, 4.3; Roman Catholics, 3.4; Presbyterians, 3; Swedenborgians, 2; Universalists, 1.8; Methodists, 1.6; Hebrews, 1. About 10 per cent. are non-sectarian, and 4 per cent. class themselves as agnostics or atheists.

THE first college paper was published in 1800 in Dartmouth, and called "The Gazette," and contained in 1802 articles by Daniel Webster signed "Icarus."

ENGLISH Universities have no college papers prepared by the students.

THE University of Iowa has a brass band.

COLLEGE NEWS. *The Eye* is the brief title of a publication issued at Knox College by the "Weskawee Society." There is but one copy published. It is in MSS. and is placed in the College Reading Room. The first number came out on Tuesday night last. That it is the intention of its promoters to issue subsequent numbers may be conjectured from the fact that the title and heading are printed from the printograph, and thirty blank headings have no doubt been placed safely away by the recording editor for future use. On this heading is an owl, which is a bird that looks so full of gravity, but really possesses so little of it, or even of anything that partakes of wit or wisdom, that its diametrical characteristics have caused his owlship to be a symbol of the ludicrous, and consequently *Grip* keeps a live owl in his office for inspiration. Judging from its title heading, *The Eye* will endeavor to be both comic and caustic, for, besides the owl, it also wears a stern motto, 'Εὐρίν οὐκ ὁφθαλμὸς ὁς τα παρ' ὅρα, which means, freely translated, that "Dick" has his eye on you. Dick is one of the editors, and it is a pity that the observations of his eagle eye should not have more publicity than that of a single reading room. This week *The Eye* has observations on Saints and Sinners (both of which are said to flourish at Knox like the tares and wheat), and on Scribblers, and there is a dirge bemoaning the departed glory of football at Knox.

THE programme of the public meeting of the Debating Society to be held to-night in Convocation Hall, is as follows:

1. Glee Club Chorus—*Ubi bene, ibi patria.*
2. President's Inaugural Address.
3. Reading, by Mr. A. F. Lobb—*Morituri te Salutamur.*
4. Glee Club Chorus—*Litoria.*
5. Debate. Question: Resolved, that the statement of Mr. Alpheus Todd, "That Canadian loyalty to the English Throne is no sentiment but an enduring principle," is erroneous. Affirmative: Messrs. J. D. Cameron, B.A., and E. P. Davis. Negative: Messrs. W. G. Hanna, B.A., and J. MacKay. Professor Young will occupy the chair.

An open meeting of the Literary and Scientific Society was held in "Moss Hall" last Friday evening, the 1st Vice-President, Mr. Creelman, in the chair. In the "Senior" room readings were given by Messrs. Clark, Wade, Baird, Simpson, and Wigle; and Messrs. Dunn, Wade, and Wiltzie argued the affirmative, and Messrs. Greig, MacDonald and Clark the negative of the question: "Should centralization of Government in Canada be encouraged?" In the "Junior" room (Mr. Mackay, 2nd Vice-President, in the chair), Mr. C. W. Gordon read an essay on "The Literary and Scientific Society;" Mr. Holmes gave a reading; and Messrs. Cody, Campbell and Bannerman on the affirmative, and Messrs. Osler, Phelps and Ranies on the negative, argued the same question as in the "Senior" room. In both rooms decision was given in favor of the negative. It was decided that a public meeting be held on December 2nd, the debate to be conducted by two ex-presidents, to be chosen by the President, and two undergraduates. The undergraduates chosen are Messrs. F. C. Wade and T. C. Campbell; the Essayist, Mr. W. F. W. Creelman; and the Reader, Mr. H. H. Dewart. Another open meeting will be held on Nov. 25th, when the subject for debate will be, "Resolved, that international copyright laws in connection with literary purposes should exist." Mr. Wade will lead the affirmative, and Mr. Haddon the negative; and Mr. J. M. Clark will read an essay.

THE regular meeting of the Natural Science Association was held on Wednesday evening in the School of Practical Science, the President, Dr. Ellis, in the chair. Several new members were elected, and the following were nominated for honorary membership: Daniel Wilson,

LL.D.; H. H. Croft, D.C.L., F.C.S.; E. J. Chapman, Ph.D., LL.D.; R. Ramsay Wright, M.A., B.Sc.; W. H. Pike, M.A., Ph. D., and John Galbraith, M.A. In accordance with a notice of motion previously given by Mr. George Acheson, B.A., a committee, consisting of Messrs. J. P. McMurrich, B.A., T. McKenzie, B.A., A. Y. Scott, R. C. Tibb, and the mover, with power to add to their number, was appointed to take into consideration the advisability of petitioning the Senate of the University of Toronto to grant degrees in science, and to report at some future meeting of the association. The report of the committee appointed to draw up an article for the constitution relative to the McMurrich Medal was then read by Mr. Acheson. This report was considered clause by clause, some of which were adopted, and others were referred back to the committee, with some suggestions for their amendment. The committee appointed to report on the collections of skulls regretted that only one collection had been sent in for their examination, but awarded the prize to Mr. N. Phelps. The secretary read a communication from Mr. J. P. McMurrich, B.A., containing his resignation of the office of first vice-president, owing to his appointment to a position which necessitates his removal from Toronto, and asking to have his name placed on the roll of corresponding members. On motion this resignation was accepted, and Messrs. Geo. Acheson, B.A., J. W. Patterson, B.A., and A. McGill, B.A., were nominated for election to the office thus rendered vacant. The President then read his Inaugural Address, which will appear in our next. After roll-call and announcements for the next meeting, the Association adjourned.

THE eighth dinner of the Toronto School of Medicine took place on Thursday night, the 10th inst., at the Queen's Hotel. It was a splendid success, as well from the representative character of the guests, the number of graduates who attended, many of them from long distances, the number of students, as the good management under which everything was conducted. Covers had been laid for one hundred and sixty, but over two hundred sat down. The speech of the evening was that of Principal Caven, in which he threw out the idea that all our churches should confine their energy to theological education, and send their students to one general university, where they would have their views broadened and learn to respect one another from association. As was customary of late years, the banquet was conducted on temperance principles, and certainly the absence of the flowing bowl interfered in no way with the prevalence of good feeling. The chairs were all filled with students who were equal to the occasion in the way of speech-making. The enjoyableness of the affair was greatly enhanced by the singing of the College Glee Club, under the leadership of Mr. St. John. The chair was occupied by E. G. Knill, Stouffville; first vice, R. M. Coulter, Richmond Hill; second vice, Jos. S. Draper, Listowel; secretary, F. P. Drake, Kingsmill. Mr. W. H. Montague replied to the toast of the graduating class. Hon. E. Blake, on rising to speak, was received with loud and continued applause. He thanked them on behalf of the University of Toronto, of which he was the official head. He humorously sketched his view of what a medical dinner was—formed as it had been from reading a book—and he was glad to notice that it had not been realized. He referred to the need there was for a chair in the Provincial University which would be devoted to the principles of jurisprudence and constitutional law. Their medical graduates were a source of strength to the University. He also referred to the many advantages Toronto offered the students, and facetiously eulogised the city water and city drainage. Prof. Reynar replied for Victoria University. It gave him great pleasure to see the *entente cordiale* that existed between the different schools and colleges—between professional and liberal training. A general training he thought was very useful to professional men. As the arch and buttress gave beauty as well as strength, so did a liberal training to a professional man. He expressed to all engaged in liberal and professional education on behalf of his university a cordial good wish and hearty god-speed.

At their last debate the students of McMaster Hall decided that the Collector of Customs was not justified in seizing the literary remains of Paine and Voltaire.

THE "Public" at Knox College on Friday last was a very successful one. The hall was full, and there was a first-class debate.

'VARSITY MEN. A change has taken place in the Faculty, caused by the resignation of Professor S. C. Smoke, B.A., who has taken up the study of law. By his scholarly attainments, his conscientious performance of duty and gentlemanly bearing towards all, Mr. Smoke has gained many warm admirers among the students and townspeople. We express the sentiments of every student when we wish for our old professor the fullest realization of his most cherished hopes.—*Acta Victoriana.*

Mr. J. P. McMurrich, B.A., has accepted the Chairs of Biology and Horticulture at the Agricultural College, Guelph. He delivered