

ters all success. McGill has done good service in the past, and the enlargement of its sphere of usefulness would be a benefit to the whole country.

IT has at length been decided by the Alma Mater Society to hold a *Conversazione* at the close of the present session in April, and it now remains for the students and all concerned to unite in making the affair a success. That the latter will be the case we have no fear, but it will be necessary for each student to feel personally interested in the entertainment to enable the committee to rely upon their support and co-operation. The committee is large and influential, and as they are already actively at work we have no doubt that the coming *Conversazione* will be a credit to its promoters, and an occasion of enjoyment long to be remembered. An additional feature of interest will be the fact that Dr. Williamson, the esteemed Vice-Principal of the University, who has announced his intention of retiring from active professorial duties this year, will be the principal guest of the occasion.

THE petition now in process of circulation, praying for the admission of ladies into Toronto University, revives the much-hackneyed subject of the co-education of the sexes. It is a somewhat remarkable instance of the force of prejudice and old-time associations, when the spectacle is presented of a leading University in a leading centre of intellectual activity refusing to grant to women the same privilege in a higher institution of learning that they already enjoy in the lower, i.e., in the Public and High Schools. It is not necessary here to defend the principle of co-education—we have only to point to the facts as they exist wherever it has received a fair trial, to render convincing to any ordinary mind the expediency at least, of allowing women to

enter the list of competitors for University honors. While we have but little faith in the efficacy of petitions in general, we trust that the good sense of the proper authorities at University College will not be appealed to in vain, and that hereafter no unfair distinction will be made in the admission of those who have a taste and capacity for higher education.

IN no previous academic year has there been prevalent in American Colleges such apparent insubordination and lawlessness as the present. Frequent reports of student escapades, hazing, wanton destruction of property, rebellions, and even riots calling for the interference of the civil authorities have been rife, and so far from decreasing as the year progresses, the spirit seems to be spreading. Some of the recent cases, notably in one or two Eastern Colleges in the United States, reveal a reprehensible lack of ordinary morality on the part of the students.

We are far from wishing to see curtailed the liberty of speech and action which students now enjoy in all respectable institutions of learning on this continent, but it seems to us that the only way in which the enjoyment of this natural right may be perpetuated is by a manly behavior on the part of Undergraduates, and a proper respect for the authority vested in their respective Faculties.

When a young man becomes a student in a University he is supposed to have left behind him the majority of school-boy pranks, and to have turned his attention to serious study. But even where a love of books is not constitutional, in the individual student, there are surely numerous channels in which those who are bent upon having "a good time" can secure amusement to an unlimited extent, without descending to the childishness which frequently characterizes what is termed "sport." Wanton destruction of