

forward Mr. Coyne to receive the Prince's prize. The Vice-Chancellor said that the Senate, having had under consideration the best mode of taking advantage of the bounty of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who placed in their hands a sufficient sum to found a prize in commemoration of his visit, had followed the principle they carried out last year. The Senate, last year, had thought fit to bestow the prize on the student who secured the greatest number of first classes in the several departments. This Mr. Coyne had done, having taken the first class in six departments and sub-departments. The Chancellor presented to Mr. Coyne the prize awarded him, which was an elegant silver standish. The Chancellor said—Before closing the Convocation, it is always common for the Chancellor to say a few words; but at this hour of the afternoon of a very hot day, and having sat here very patiently, in all probability most of you are anxious to go to your homes. As far as I am concerned, I have no doubt you feel that I have occupied your time sufficiently already, and that any lengthened statement would be trespassing on your patience. It is customary, however, on these occasions, to make a short *resume* of the progress of the University for the past year; and I only regret that my learned friend, the Vice-Chancellor, who gives so much time to the University, and pays so much attention to its working, is not occupying my place on this occasion. It is only this morning that I debated with myself whether I should or should not be present; for it comes rather monotonous, year after year, making the same statements. However, my duty is now to state very shortly the condition of the affairs of the University. I am very glad and exceedingly gratified—and every person who takes an interest in this institution must be the same—to find, not only excellence in the examinations of this year beyond those of former years, but also a sensible increase in the number of matriculants connected with the University. With regard to the degree of Doctor of Law, no person came up last year, but we have five now. With regard to Medicine, it is somewhat the same as last year; but in the matter of Arts, there is, I think, an increase of four—but there is an increase, at all events, in that department. As to Bachelors, we have about the same as last year; and with regard to the Engineering department, about the same. Honours, taking all things together, we have a large increase; and what I notice more particularly is, that with regard to the number of medical matriculants, though not so large now as last year, that arises from the fact that the medical matriculant is accepted just on the same footing as our own. The working of the institution the past year has not been excelled in any previous one. The increase in the number of students, and the excellence of the gentlemen who came forward for matriculation, are very remarkable, and I am much pleased, as no doubt you all will be, to learn that the University is finding favour in the Provinces. In former years a large number of students came from the Upper Canada College, and there was an impression that the most of the students came from Toronto. The past year not only shows the interest taken in the University, but these young men are coming from all parts of Canada. Upper Canada College has sent us 6, the Hellmuth College, in London, 5, the Galt Grammar School, 7 matriculants for the past year. Peterboro' has sent us 3, Port Hope 2, Whitby 5, and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, 1, the Western Grammar School, 2, Cobourg, 1, Napanee, 1, Victoria College, Sarnia, 1, and we have one from Picton and one from Bowmanville. These facts show the interest taken by the people of the country in our University and College; and under all the circumstances, we have reason for congratulation. In former years we had something to say of the University, both as to its difficulties and as to the charges brought against us; but on the present occasion there is nothing to detain you. The institution is most prosperous; there are no difficulties to be met, and everything is going on as it ought to do. The future will show the benefits to be derived from this institution. All the young men who leave us will bring with them, wherever they go, the habits formed here; and the mode of life and habits formed in this institution are of such a character as to fit them to be most useful subjects and the best of citizens. Under these circumstances, I need hardly speak to such an intelligent assembly as

you of the advantages of a University education; or answer the objection that there is no necessity for it at the present day. The people of Upper Canada, particularly, are convinced for very many years of the necessity of a University education. Under these circumstances, much praise is due to those who have interested themselves in former years in the University, and they must feel deeply gratified at its present prosperity, and at the fact that not only the citizens of Toronto, but of other places, take such an interest in its welfare. With regard to the scholarships which have been referred to, I have no doubt that a great number of persons in the country are totally ignorant of their advantages. It is a great advantage to the country, and to the young gentlemen concerned in the matter, that the institution will enable them, at all events, to supplement their expenses, and give them an education of the very highest class. I may say—though the officers of the institution are personal friends of my own—that they are equal to their work, and second to none; and this I have heard from many quarters. This University stands superior for education to any other of the same size on the face of the globe. The rivalries of the Victoria College and University, and the Universities of Kingston and Montreal, have passed away, I am happy to say, and we find persons of all classes and creeds coming from all institutions, and taking advantage of the opportunities presented by the University of Toronto. I do not intend to disparage other institutions, for they are doing a great work, and are entitled to the greatest honours; and, as I stated on the last occasion, I state now—I have no feeling or prejudice in the matter, I will say no more on the subject, but will merely thank you for your attendance and countenance on this occasion. Three cheers were given for the Queen, and three more for the ladies, and the proceedings terminated.

The annual dinner of the University Association took place in the spacious dining-hall of the College last evening, when about one hundred gentlemen sat down to an excellent repast. The Rev. Dr. McCaul pronounced a Latin grace, and after ample justice had been done to the various good things provided, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were drunk with the utmost enthusiasm. The toast of the "University of Toronto, and kindred Institutions," was most cordially received, and ably responded to by Mr. Justice Morrison, Rev. Mr. Arnot, Rev. Dr. Blaikie, and Mr. Boners. The "President and Professors of University College," proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Dr. McCaul, Prof. Wilson, Mr. Justice Morrison, and others. The "Dominion and Local Legislatures," proposed in a very eloquent speech by the Chairman, was responded to at some length by Mr. A. Mackenzie, M.P., and Hon. Geo. Brown. The proposal of the toast of the "Honour Men of the year" was the signal for a tremendous outburst of applause, and the speeches of Messrs. Coyne, Gibson and O'Meara were frequently interrupted by cheers from their fellow-collegians. The remaining toasts of the "Literary and Scientific Society," "The Bench and Bar," "The Medical Profession," "The University Rifle Corps," "The Press," and "The Ladies," were each proposed and drunk most enthusiastically, and the entertainment came to a conclusion a little after midnight. The band of the 10th Royals were stationed in the gallery, and performed some favorite selections during the evening.—*Globe*.

—ALBERT UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION.—The fourth annual convocation of Albert University for conferring degrees, and awarding honors and prizes to the successful students at the recent examinations, was held in Ontario Hall, 30th ult. The Hall was crowded, the audience being one of the largest and most brilliant which ever assembled in the building. The convocation was opened by the Rev. Principal Carman, who, in doing so, explained the absence of Governor Howland, who had desired to be present, but was prevented by sickness, after which *Domine salvum fac*, an anthem composed by Prof. Crozier and conducted by him, was admirably sung by the ladies and gentlemen of the University, assisted by the Messrs. Crozier, Greaves, Davy and others. The Rev. Bishop Richardson then engaged in prayer, which was eloquently rendered and devoutly received. Mr. E. S. Wiggins commenced the