

ROUGE ET NOIR generally enters its annual protest against the condition of the gymnasium at this season of the year, but the utter hopelessness of getting it repaired has deterred us from doing so this year. It is some time since it has been approached by a student, and the feats of strength and agility once performed within it are fast becoming legendary and time-worn.

There were rumours towards the close of last term of an impending duel between the melodious warbler of the "Warrior Bold" and a renowned highlander of the second year. We are glad to learn that matters were smoothed over by the latter gentleman tendering an apology to the vocalist.

To those who have withdrawn their subscriptions to ROUGE ET NOIR because they have been piqued at some article in it, we wish to say that this Journal will always tell WHOLESOME TRUTH on all matters, even at the expense of losing one or two subscribers every time it does so. It is an absurd instance of narrow-mindedness to withdraw one's support for such a trivial cause.

Conversazione matters are booming. The College meetings to discuss it were exciting, but out of the confusion nothing definite has yet issued. We hope the difficulties in the way of giving one will be overcome.

Since writing the former paragraph about the Conversazione, some further advances have been made. Committees have been appointed and the dates have been fixed for Thursday, February 18th. The Musical Committee acting in conjunction with Prof. Clark, have prepared a good programme.

The second lecture of the Course at present being given in College, was delivered on Saturday afternoon in the Convocation Hall, by the Rev. The Provost. The subject was one on which the extensive knowledge of the lecturer showed to advantage, viz:—"The close of the first Christian Century." The lecturer referred, in the first place, to the overthrow of Judaism by Christianity, and dwelt at some length on the early struggles of the church, shewing the crisis through which it passed when it lost the glowing enthusiasm of its early youth. The researches of theological scholars shew that although we are divided on some minor points, still that Apostolic succession was never doubted from the earliest times of the church. He then proceeded to prove by three lines of thought the authenticity of the Gospels, especially that of St. John, the date of which has been disputed by some. He paid a graceful tribute to the scholarships of Bishop Lightfoot and Canon Westcott, two eminent divines to whose untiring energy we owe much, and in a detailed manner he proved by documentary evidence the substantial ground upon which we place our faith. The learned gentleman, in conclusion, explained that he had chosen his subject from a deep sense of its importance, not for the purpose

of arousing controversy, and trusted that it might be the means of stimulating the interest of his hearers in the rapidly advancing science of Theology. At the close the Provost was heartily applauded. The next lecture of the series will be delivered next Saturday, at the usual hour, by the Rev. G. Haslam; subject, "Animal Intelligence."

The smokers of the College are indebted to Messrs. Kimball & Co. for the neat packages of cigarettes which they received from that firm. They all agree that they never smoked better ones.

A friend has made a suggestion which we think deserves some consideration. It is that the authorities break the present fence, along the Queen street front, into small pieces and sell them to relic-hunters. In the present revival of antiquarian research we are sure that thousands of 'devotees' would only be too glad to avail themselves of this grand opportunity. If they do not care about carrying on a retail trade in 'old fence,' they might sell it "in bulk" to the Canadian Institute, which would, we are sure, be delighted to obtain at a reasonable price such an addition to their museum. By adopting either of these methods, the corporation might obtain sufficient to defray the expense of erecting a new fence.

The following complete the number of Lectures to be delivered during this term:—February 6, "Animal Intelligence," Rev. G. Haslam; February 13, "Cowper," Rev. W. Clark; February 20, "Burns," Rev. Principal Grant; February 27, "Heathen Virtues and Theories of Life," Professor Hutton.

We are glad to hear that our vacant Chair of Divinity is at length about to be filled, its prospective occupant being Rev. J. E. Roper, of Keble College, Oxford.

The advent of another Oxford man amongst us is a matter for congratulation, and as Mr. Roper has filled the position of Chaplain to Brasenose, we anticipate great things of him, and are prepared to extend to him a hearty Canadian welcome.

A toboggan "At Home," was given by the Club on the 2nd of February. It proved to be a very enjoyable affair. It is said that none of the ladies present asked to be drawn up the hill on the toboggans as was wrongly reported. Refreshments were indulged in after the return of the party from the slide.

TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL NOTES.

A movement has been set on foot this term amongst the students in order to obtain their diplomas on parchment instead of on paper as heretofore, also to have written examinations take the place of *viva voce*. We are sure that the authorities who have the interest of the school so much at heart will speedily smooth over these difficulties.