

We think those who listened to this excellent lecture must have had their convictions of the greatness of their Church strengthened, and must have seen at least three things more clearly than before. They are:—That England owes her Christianity to a very large extent to the British Church; that the Church of England owes no allegiance to Rome, and that she goes a long way back before the time of Henry VIII., and was not created then.

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IN order to enjoy a little hop in the evenings, and with the view of getting the dancing apparatus in good working order for the *Conversazione*, the piano was removed from the reading room and placed in Convocation Hall, and consequently, every evening might be seen most of our society men indulging in such pleasing exercise preliminary to the evening's occupation, of whatever nature it might consist.

THE proceedings of the Literary Institute, on Friday, March 8th, were pleasantly varied by a recitation from Professor Boys, whose rendition of the "Execution of Montrose," was masterly and thrilling. The abilities of our Classical Professor as an elocutionist attracted a large audience. Mr. Chilcott read an essay on "Character and Characteristics." A good debate was held on the "Sacrifice of Education to Examination," which was participated in by Messrs. Waller and Bean on the affirmative, and Messrs. Dumoulin and McGill on the negative. The speeches on the affirmative side were especially good.

ON Thursday evening, February 28th, the College Glee Club visited Milton to assist in a concert, in aid of the funds of Grace church, in that town; and in every way scored a complete success, being obliged to sing an *encore* to every number on the programme. In addition to the glees from the Club collectively, the comic songs by Mr. Pegdon, of St. Matthias choir, were much enjoyed and applauded, as also the duet by Mr. Howden and Mr. Birch. The Rev. F. G. Plummer acted as musical conductor. The men were very hospitably entertained by the Rector, Rev. Rural Dean McKenzie, and enjoyed their visit exceedingly.

A SERIES of ambulance lectures is now being delivered at Trinity College by prominent doctors of Toronto. The gentlemen who are giving the course are: Dr. Grasett, Dr. Macdonald, Dr. Baines, Dr. Sheard, Dr. O'Reilly, Dr. Ryerson, and Dr. Temple. The subjects are connected with medical cases of every day occurrence, and are such as to be of practical utility to every one who has the good fortune to hear the lectures. The lectures will be of especial value to Divinity students whose lot will be cast in country places, while mothers of families, too, will derive a great deal of benefit from them. The proceeds will assist St. Hilda's College funds, which are not in any too plethoric a condition.

It was a happy thought of Mrs. Body's, to whom is due the praise of originating the series, to combine instruction and profit in this felicitous manner. The first lecture was delivered by Dr. Grasett on Monday,

March 11th, when he treated of Injuries, including Fractures, Burns, and Hemorrhage. A pleasant afternoon tea at the lodge will conclude each of the lectures, to which Mrs. Body has invited the fortunate holders of course tickets.

THE Literary Institute meetings during the past month have been of a most interesting character, the debates having been well selected and vigorously contested. On the evening of Feb. 15th, the Toronto University *Conversazione* and several other entertainments taking place, there was not a quorum present and the meeting was postponed. On Feb. 22nd a most successful meeting was held, when Mr. Orr read a selection entitled a "Rara Avis," and Mr. Bean convulsed the audience with his reading of "Father Phil's Collection." His rendering of this specimen of Irish humor was capital and received very hearty applause. Mr. Thompson then gave his essay on "Canadian Interests," and in it made a strong appeal to his hearers to oppose the Jesuit Estates Bill. The essay was carefully written and read with great earnestness, and was well received. The debate then proceeded. It was the annual one on the compulsory chapel system, Messrs. Houston and Abbott held that it ought to be abolished, and Messrs. Lowe and Loucks defended it. The former gentlemen, by their vigorous and able speeches, gained for the first time, we believe, the opinion of the audience against the system, though the voting was very close. The negative also were under the disadvantage of having a volunteer speaker, who, of course, had to collect his arguments on the spur of the moment. Some discussion followed on matters connected with the *Conversazione*, and the meeting adjourned. Next week saw a lively meeting, with the President in the chair. Mr. Dunlop read "The Biter Bit," and Mr. Troop "A Frenchman's Difficulties with the English Language." The latter rang the changes on the word "box" until we began to think the unfortunate word would die of over-exertion. An essay on "A Visit to the Education Department" was read by Mr. Leech, and disclosed many curiosities there to be seen which many of those present had not heard of before. The debate on the subject of "Party vs. Independent Press" was taken by Messrs. Bedford-Jones and White on the former, and Messrs. Lowe and Pringle on the latter side of the question. Two of the speakers were volunteers. An interesting debate resulted in a practically unanimous vote in favour of "Independent Press," only one member rising to uphold the other side of the argument. A discussion followed from the body of the hall. We are glad to say that a series of recitations has been promised by the Rev. Prof. Boys at future meetings. This will add largely to the interest of the meetings, and the Professor's kindness is warmly appreciated by the members.

It will not, perhaps, be speaking too reassuringly if we say that the *Conversazione* this year, in every point of arrangement and success, equalled, if not surpassed, any of those given in previous years. The different committees were drafted with such precision, and the work so satisfactorily distributed to each, that the amount of work consequent upon the arrangements for such an event, was effected with comparatively little effort. For some time previous to the 21st of February