

POETRY.

THE LAYS OF LOVE.

BLITHE notes have been sung by a poet throug
Till every tree can lay claim to its song,
No mountain but knows some tribute rare,
No flower but by song has been made more fair.

No people has failed to swell notes from the Lyre
That quickly vibrates to the poet's fire;
The nations have found their young strength in their lays,
When their singers have ceased they have ceased their days.

There are songs that have thrilled the coward's heart
And roused him up to a hero's part;
There are lays whose music sweet, pure and free
Have made the impure from their vices flee.

But the lays of love are the truest lays
That ever were sung in this broad earth's ways,
They can stir alike the proud breast of the king,
And can make the heart of the rude peasant sing.

The poet that lives is the poet that fills
All hearts with the love that his own heart thrills,
That nation is strongest that keeps its best praise,
And gives its rare gifts for the heart-poet's lays.

—THOMAS G. MARQUIS.

UNIVERSITY DAY—PUBLIC MEETING IN CONVOCATION HALL.

INSTEAD of the usual opening lecture given by one of the professors, the evening of University Day was celebrated this year by a public meeting, the chief features of which were a written report by the Principal on the progress of the fund commenced at last Convocation, addresses by Professors Dupuis and Watson, and speeches by graduates and citizens. There was a good attendance in the hall, and a gallery full of musical students. In the absence of Principal Grant the chair was filled by Rev. Dr. Williamson, and about him were Profs. Mowat, Watson, Dupuis, Ferguson, Fletcher, Marshall and Ross; Messrs. Shortt, Nicholson, Fowler and Robertson; Rev. Drs. Bell, Bain and Hooper; Rev. J. Cumberland; Drs. Fowler, Knight, Saunders; Hon. M. Sullivan; Messrs. A. Gunn, C. F. Gildersleeve and others. Rev. Dr. Hooper offered the opening prayer and commended the afflicted sister university to God for consolation. Queen's mourned with those in sorrow and asked God to bless those most closely affected by the bereavement. He had reference to the death of Chancellor Nelles, of Victoria University.

Rev. Dr. Bell read the following address prepared by the Principal:

On April 26th and 27th last, the authorities of Queen's, in general conference with the graduates and benefactors, resolved to appeal to the friends of the University for a

jubilee fund to amount to a quarter of a million dollars at least. They were "greatly encouraged to learn that citizens of Kingston had resolved to raise at least \$50,000 as a contribution to the proposed endowment, and that one had also agreed to build a new science hall required, irrespective of the school of applied science that it is hoped will be established and endowed by the provincial government." They also appointed the general representative committee of the Queen's University Endowment Association to take immediate and energetic steps to raise the required fund. I have now to report what has been done in prosecution of this work during the last few months.

A quarter of a million was not named because it was a good round sum. The actual immediate necessities of the university were set forth in detail in a printed statement, and it was shown that to meet these, at least \$260,000 were needed. Other objects might have been specified. Indeed, contributions have been given for other objects since the fund was started, and as it is impossible to prevent donors from saying to what purpose they wish their money to be applied it is already manifest that from \$300,000 to \$350,000 in all will have to be raised before the necessities specified in the published statement can be met. But it was felt that some guarantee should be given to contributors that a sufficient sum would be raised in connection with this fund to put the University on a rock, financially, and to obviate the necessity for another appeal, at least in my time. Therefore the condition was put in the forefront, that no one would be liable for his subscription until quarter of a million had been promised. The duty that lies nearest us is, therefore, obvious. No friend of the University is entitled to slack his hand or to consider that anything is done until the minimum sum named has been reached. After that, we can take our time in getting one or two hundred thousand additional.

The committee to which the work was referred consists of branches in different towns and cities. I wish now to acknowledge the hearty support they gave in every place visited by me. Even when they did not get subscriptions they prepared the way by arranging for public meetings, talking matters over to others, and doing everything that lay in their power. Where all did well it is perhaps invidious to mention any one in particular, yet, speaking in Kingston, I cannot refrain from publicly acknowledging the invaluable service, not only in this connection, but during the last eighteen months, of Mr. Charles F. Gildersleeve. He has given time, thought and energy to impress upon the people the importance of Eastern Ontario having a well equipped University in its centre. The councils of the twelve surrounding counties have shown by their resolutions that they are beginning to understand the material advantage it would be to all their industries to have a school of practical science and technology in Kingston, and to appreciate how economically such an institution could be maintained in immediate proximity to a well equipped University. The go-