

Our Alumni.

FROM a private letter received from a Queen's graduate, who is at present studying at the University of Leipzig, we are permitted to quote the following extracts. No doubt this interesting information regarding the famous city and university will be appreciated by both students and graduates :

"Leipzig has many points of interest to the visitor. There is the old Rathaus (town-hall) on the Markt, built in 1556, which the Leipzigers are at present converting into small shops. The new Rathaus, which was finished recently and dedicated last October by the king, is also an impressive piece of architecture. Not far from the latter is the Reichsgericht, or law courts for the empire, perhaps the most serious piece of building in Leipzig, of which there are not many.

"Of course on many of the public squares are monuments. A very striking and impressive one is the Seigesdenkmal in the Markt, erected in memory of the struggle of 1870-71, and the Mendeburgen, a gloriously-executed fountain on Augustus Platz. Just outside of Leipzig is the monument being erected to commemorate the Battle of Leipzig in 1813, Die Völkerschlacht bei Leipzig, or Battle of the Nations, as the Germans proudly call it. This monument has already cost several million marks, and the end is not yet.

"Then the hero-worshipper can visit the houses in which famous men were born, lived, or died. Bruhl 3 is Richard Wagner's birthplace. Schiller's dwelling is on Hain Strasse. The house in which Goethe lived when a student in Leipzig is distinguished by

a brass tablet. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's house is a Mecca for music devotees. In fact there are a dozen or so places of this kind.

"To one who likes music Leipzig gives ample opportunities of hearing the very best, and hearing it cheaply too. Concerts are given here that are famous throughout Europe. As regards theatres, Leipzig has four or five first-rate ones, and any number of music halls. The price of admission is, in the estimation of an Englishman, an American, or a Canadian always very low. For instance, in the Neues Stadt Theatre the most expensive seat costs 6 marks (\$1.43), and the cheapest about 12 cents. These four or five theatres are owned by the city, and the performances are given by a permanent company of actors. The opera one hears here is, of course, excellent, but their drama, although good as to material, is not presented by first-rate actors.

"And now as regards the University. The year 1409 witnessed its opening, so that it can now boast a long existence. The number of students this last semester was 5,000, quite a respectable attendance. The university buildings can be divided into two sections, those on Augustus Platz, the original home of the university proper, and those on Liebig and Linne Strassen. In the former we have the Belles Lettres, in the latter medicine, mathematics, and the sciences. Each department has an institute or two. Thus in chemistry there is the old chemical laboratory with Hautz at its head, the laboratory for applied chemistry with Beckmann as chief, and the Physical-Chemistry Institute which Ostwald looks after.