

## SONG OF THE HOOPOE.

FROM "THE BIRDS" OF ARISTOPHANES.

"Ἄγε, σύννομέ μοι, παῖσαι μὲν ὕπνου·  
 χῦσον δὲ νομούς ἱερῶν ὕμνων,  
 ὃς διὰ θεῶν στόματος θρηγνῆς,  
 τὸν ἐμὸν καὶ σὸν πολυδάκρυον Ἴτυν  
 γένυος ξουθῆς διεροῖς μέλεσεν  
 ἐλελζομένη. Καθαρὰ χόρει  
 διὰ φυλλόκομον σμίλακος ἡχώ  
 πρὸς Διὸς ἐδρας, ἣν ὁ χουσοκόμας  
 Φοῖβος ἀκούων, τοῖς σὺς ἐλέγοις  
 ἀντιφαλλὼν ἐλεφαντόδετον  
 φόρμιγγα, θεῶν ἔστισι χοροῦς·  
 διὰ δ' ἀθανάτων στομάτων χωρεῖ  
 ἑύφωνος ὁμοῦ  
 θεῖα μακάρων ὀλολγῆ.

Consort mine, give o'er thy slumbers,  
 Tuneless lays in sacred numbers,  
 In swelling dirge like sighing surge,  
 Sing thou, my mate, for Itys' fate,  
 The while thy beauteous, tawny throat  
 Quivers with each gushing note.  
 Through countless leaves of yew, the sound goes  
 clear,  
 To Jove's high throne; Apollo bends to hear,  
 He of the golden hair; his ivory lyre  
 Unto thy plaints responds; the heavenly choir  
 'Tis Phœbus orders, high above the rest;  
 Their voices sweet,  
 In concord meet,  
 A grand celestial rhythm of the blest. P. '90

## COLLEGE SOCIETIES.

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A new staff of officers was elected on April 4th, as follows:—Prefect, R. J. McEachen; 1st Assistant, D. R. McDonald; 2nd Assistant, J. Masson; Secretary, C. C. Delaney; Treasurer, J. P. Donovan; Councillors, D. A. Campbell, P. C. O'Brien, T. P. Murphy, J. E. Leonard; Sacristans, R. A. Paradis, F. M. Devine.

ST. THOMAS' ACADEMY. At the regular meeting on March 20th, J. P. Donovan read an essay on "Criteriology in its relation to History," in which he drew the portrait of the ideal historian, and showed how slightly Macaulay, Froude, and Bancroft resembled this model. So thoroughly were the essayist's views shared by the members that no discussion ensued, and the meeting adjourned at an earlier hour than usual.

On March 26th, the President read a paper on "Interest," claiming that it was in accordance with the principles of natural law that money should be charged for the use of money even though the lender did not desire to invest the sum loaned in any other manner. R. A. McDonald as critic took exception to some of the statements made by the essayist.

DEBATING SOCIETY. On March 25th, "Universal Suffrage" was discussed, C. C. Delaney and J. J. Kirkpatrick speaking in favor of, while D. A. Campbell and T. F. Black opposed the extension of the franchise to all. For all of these gentlemen, with the exception of Mr. Campbell, it was their initial debate, and it is to be regretted that their electric lights were so long hidden beneath the proverbial bushel.

As it is the custom of the Society to break up at Easter, this was the last meeting for the present year. It has been found that a short and lively session is always most successful; and when the long spring evenings come it is considered

better not to run the risk of addressing empty halls. Besides examinations are then approaching and few can spare the time required for getting up a debate. But it is admitted by common consent that while it is in session the Debating Society is the most popular society in the College. The complaints made in other college papers of the excessive senility of the questions discussed in their literary clubs can find no ground in Ottawa College. Our subjects have always been of a novel and interesting nature, the committee have striven to adapt them to the debaters, and so well and harmoniously have the members worked together that the success achieved by the Society has been great beyond measure, and each individual member can feel that he has been immensely benefited.

MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY. On March 21st, the following programme was presented: "Lecture on the geology of Ottawa and vicinity," W. F. Kehoe; "Note on graphite in the Archæan age," Rev. Director.

Mr. Fallon read his third paper on "Evolution" before the Society on March 28th. He cited the facts of geology and paleontology which seem to favor this hypothesis, but excluded man, both body and soul, from the category of beings which have not been produced by direct creation. C. C. Delaney made a few remarks on the peculiarities of the flora and fauna of Australia which he thought might add a link to the chain unfolded by the President.

At the meeting on April 4th, F. M. Devine gave the Society an account of his analysis of a mineral which he believed to be Steatite. Criticism of this analysis was deferred to the following meeting. Mr. Troy read a paper on "Sulphur and its chlorides," illustrated by numerous experiments.

On April 4th Mr. Devine again read his paper on the analysis of the mineralogical specimen sup-