

→DIVINITY HALL.←

THE "FEAST AND FLOW."

IMAGINE yourself, in your wanderings, on the evening of Feb. 5th, to have stepped into a neat commodious dining room on William street, where you see two well furnished tables filled with young men. Who are they anyway and what are they doing? Hear how they make the festal hall resound with their merry ringing laugh. Behold how the bivalves and other edibles disappear per saltum. Are they the City Fathers at it again? Nay! grovelling enquirer. They are the Divinity students of Queen's,—real long-faced Presbyterians—Oh what a miser. Anchorites? The mysterious shellfish, so rapidly losing their individuality, don't think so. The first and second year students have prepared the "spread" and invited the seniors to become their guests. Thus they are happily assembled and for an hour or two the "ologies" and "isms," the "sheva's" and "aorists" are permitted in the meantime to give their old bones a little peaceful rest. "Wise saws and modern instances" are interspersed with witty sayings and side-splitting college happenings, that had been witnessed by the veterans of a seven year's academic life. Here surely is happiness without folly, and merriment that carries in its train no after-regrets. Thank God for sanctified sociality. The supper ended, then comes the "feast of reason." After singing "They are Jolly Good Fellows" the chairman called upon the members of the Senior class in succession to speak. It is now you begin for the first time to see who they really are. What a unity and yet what a diversity. One extols the genuine friendship and fellow feeling existing among all present, notwithstanding that there are wide diversities of opinion on many questions. They are men, not machines, and so each one thinks for himself. Some of them have spent only a part of their time at Queen's, but congratulate themselves upon their good fortune in coming here. One of them declared he would not have missed the clear, thorough, enthusiastic teaching of the Principal alone, for a thousand dollars. Another said that as far as teaching students to think for themselves and giving them enthusiasm for their work, Queen's is excelled by no similar institution on the continent. There was nothing visionary in the speeches, on the contrary, they were intensely matter-of-fact. All expressed themselves ready to go anywhere and do any work to which the Lord called them.

"In the Cross of Christ I glory," was the watchword of all. The formation of a systematic method of correspondence between members after they leave their Alma Mater was suggested, and will no doubt be carried out. All spoke of the sadness that mingled with their joy for in bidding farewell to their Alma Mater, they were leaving behind some of their best earthly friends. After many expressions of gratitude to the students of the first and second year for their kindness, and one or two replies from some of the latter, the gathering closed by singing "Blessed be the tie that binds." This is a new departure on the part of the Divinity students which will no doubt be perpetuated by their successors.

→PERSONALS.←

SUPPLEMENTING a personal in our last issue we clip the following from the *Patriot* of Charlottetown P. E. I.:

"The friends of the Rev. A. A. Mackenzie, for some time assistant in the West Church, Dalkeith, will be happy to learn that he has received a unanimous call from the Scottish Presbyterian Congregation that has been formed at Dulwich, a fashionable suburb of London. Mr. Mackenzie has been greatly appreciated at Law during the short time he has been there. For years the Church had only been a mission station with a congregation seldom reaching 100. Under his fostering care the attendance has been more than trebled. Last July he was ordained minister of the church, and now he leaves it with its endowment as a parish church *quoad sacra* practically secured. At Dulwich, the congregation expect shortly to make the living worth £600 a year. From this Mr. Mackenzie's admirers in Dalkeith will see that they are not alone in their high estimate of his talents and character as a minister of the Gospel of Christ.

The above we clip from the Dalkeith *Advertiser*, of the 20th December. The Rev. gentleman alluded to, who is a son of the late Mr. Archibald Mackenzie, preached in St. James' Church, of this city, on Sunday last, with great acceptance. He is on a visit to his relatives at West River, prior to settling down in London for which place he will leave in a few days. We wish him a successful journey and abundant success in the new and extensive field of labor to which he has been called."

"YE GO(U)LDEN TIME."—The following interesting piece of news reached us only a few days ago, otherwise it would have had a much timelier insertion. The congregation of Gould, showed their kindness to J. McLeod B.A. during the Xmas holidays by presenting him with a fine gold watch. May this sort of time never cease.

LAST week a cablegram announced to Professor Marshall the death of his brother at Algiers. On Monday morning the Professor's class extended their sympathies to him in a resolution.

GEORGE S. MCGHIE, M.D., '83, Elgin, was in the city last week.

JOHN STRANGE, B.A., L.L.B., '77 has successfully passed his examination for Solicitor.

JOHN S. SKINNER, B.A., '85, an-Secretary of the JOURNAL, represented us at the carnival at Montreal.

JOHN GEALE, '84 Law, has passed his second intermediate examination at Osgoode Hall.

REV. MALCOLM MACGILLIVRAY, M.A., '72 of St. Andrew's Perth, has had his salary increased to \$1,400. A new organ costing \$1,200 is shortly to be put into the church. Finances seem to be prosperous there, a good sign.

NEWS reached the city last week that J. S. MacGurn, M.D., '81, of Alpena, Mich., was dangerously ill from Erysipelas and pyæmia, and that he was not expected to recover. The news was received with great sorrow by those of the students and citizens who knew him. We are glad to be able to say that the last tidings are very favorable and that he is on the way to recovery.