

QUICQUID AGUNT.

The fourth year Metaphysics had their picture taken last Friday week, but the proofs not being successful, they sat again yesterday.

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited—no cards.

Some of the Science lectures terminate next week.

The Queen's Own drilled in Convocation Hall, on Tuesday afternoon; Lieut. Acheson in command.

There have been since last October a series of interesting communications in the *Markham Economist*, from a Toronto correspondent, on University College and its Professors, Society, &c. The last was a well written letter on Professor Young, and was copied into Friday's *World*.

The General Committee of the Literary Society also had their pictures taken yesterday.

Elections continue quiet. This will be perhaps the quietest that has ever been held within the experience of the oldest inhabitant.

What has been done with the College year book?

And also the University Club?

Who can find the resemblance between the cut of Sir Arthur Peel in the *Graphic*, and the one in the *Toronto Advertiser*.

ROTTEN ROW.

The Fourth year had their graduating picture taken last Friday very satisfactorily, at Bruce's.

Mr. J. B. Hughes, Waterloo, paid a visit to the Residence, on Wednesday.

Rev. G. M. Wrong, B.A., conducted the weekly prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

Would the gentleman who plays the guitar mind giving 'Home Sweet Home' the three months' hoist.

PERSONALS.

We notice the name of C. W. Gordon, B.A., figuring prominently in musical circles at Chatham.

A. H. Gross, B. A., Whitby, was in town for a few days this week.

General College Notes.

Yale is to have an illustrated paper.

Yale's athletic grounds contain thirty-nine acres.

Tuition has been raised from \$75 to \$100 at Princeton.

A department of physical culture has been established at Cornell.

The University of Vermont has received a bequest of \$110,000.

The sum of \$1,200 has been subscribed towards building a *Beta Theta Pi* club house at Lake Chautauqua.—*Ex.*

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage delivered a lecture on 'Big Blunders' to the students of Ann Arbor on Wednesday evening, 19th inst.

Of the 865 colleges in the United States, Pennsylvania has 27, New York 27, Massachusetts 7, New Jersey 4, Illinois 28, and Ohio 86.—*Ex.*

The largest observatory dome in the world is being made for the University of Virginia. It weighs ten tons, and measures forty-five feet at the base.

In the opinion of the *Dartmouth*, work done upon a college journal ought to be taken as an equivalent for a certain amount of class work in English.

Miss Alice Gardner, a distinguished Newham student, has just been elected, out of twenty candidates, men and women, to the Professorship of History, in Bedford College, London.—*Ex.*

The New Hampshire legislature has passed a bill granting \$5,000 per year to Dartmouth college, to be applied in aid of indigent students. This is the first money granted by the state to the institution for one hundred years.

A grand assault-at-arms was given by the students of Dalhousie University on Friday evening, Feb. 29. It was a great success. The gold and silver medals, which were won respectively by W. B. Taylor and A. Lewis, were presented by Lord Russell.

There are in attendance at the University of Michigan at present 3 from England, 2 from the Hawaiian Islands, 2 each from Japan,

Manitoba, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and 1 from Costa Rica. There are 31 from Ontario, and students from 36 states and territories.

Harvard Annex has forty-eight girl undergraduates, whose average scholarship is higher than that of the young men now struggling with the University curriculum.—*Badger*.

The will of the late President H. E. Packer, of the Lehigh Valley Road, leaves the bulk of his property to his wife. At her death twenty twenty-thirds of it goes to the Lehigh University at Bethlehem which was built and liberally endowed by his father. The estate is estimated at over \$4,000,000. Lehigh University bids fair to be the wealthiest college in the country, outranking Columbia.

Out of a population of 25,000,000, England sends only 5,000 students to her two universities; Scotland, with a population of 4,000,000, has 6,500 university students; and Germany, with a population of 48,000,000, has 22,500 in her various universities. The New England States, with a population of 4,110,000, send 4,000 students to their eighteen colleges and universities.—*Argonaut*.

Some months ago, the scientific world was surprised at the appearance, in science journals, of discussions on the discovery of a practical solution to the cubic equation—a problem, the practical solution of which had baffled the leading mathematicians of all countries for hundreds of years. So startling was such a discovery, that even the deepest thinkers on the subject of the Theory of Equations, were skeptical as to the possibility of it, until a demonstration of the fact led to ultimate conviction. The discoverer of this solution is an alumnus of Wisconsin University.—*University Press*.

WHEAT FROM CHAFF.

II.

In Artemus Ward's writings we often come across many satirical and shrewd, though fair and genial, hits. For instance, speaking of the Shakers, he says: 'Here you air, all penned up by yourself, talkin' about the sins of a world you don't know nothin' of. Meanwhile said world continners to resolve round on her own axle-tree, onct in every 24 hours, subjack to the Constitution of the United States, and is a very pleasant place of residence.' It seems to me that the Shakers have as much sense in talking about the sins of a world they know nothing of, as have clergymen and straight-laced moralists in condemning the theatre *wholesale*, without ever having witnessed a play, or even set foot within a 'play-house,' as they contemptuously phrase it. The Mormons might have said to Artemus much the same as the 'Genial Showman' said to the Shakers, for Artemus' lecture on 'The Mormons,'—in which he referred to Salt Lake City as 'a second Sodom and Gomorrer, inhabited by as theivin' and unprincipled a set of retches as ever drew breth in eny spot on the globe' was written and delivered before he ever set foot inside the Territory of Utah. The following words, comic though they are, yet contain an undeniable truth, and show that their author was a keen observer of the signs of the times: "'Air you a preacher?" says the royal duke slitley sarcastical. "No sir. But I bleeve in morality. I likewise bleeve in Meetin' Houses. Show me a place where there isn't any Meetin' Houses and where preachers is never seen, and I'll show you a place where old hats air stuffed into broken windows: where the children air dirty and ragged; where gates have no hinges; where the wimmin air slipshod, and where maps of the devil's wildland air painted upon men's shirt-bosoms with tobacco-jooce! That's what I'll show you. Let us consider what the preachers do for us before we aboose 'em.'"

Mark Twain and Bret Harte are so well known that comment or quotation seem equally superfluous. Mark Twain is the more intensely comical of the two. He is more rollicking. Of Bret Harte an eminent critic has said: 'He is a man of few jokes but much humor,' about the best description ever given. Mark Twain's books of travel reveal him as something more than the mere humorist. He is a close observer. Nothing escapes him. His descriptions of Athens and its Acropolis; of Palestine and Egypt, are perfect specimens of word-painting. His books are not merely filled with comic pictures, but are veritable guide-books, embellished with side-notes and remarks by one upon whom nothing was lost, but who could appreciate the serious side of things, while keenly alive to the ridiculous. Mark Twain's Essay on 'The Awful German Language' is one of the best satires upon that jaw-breaking tongue ever penned. Any one who has attempted to master the intricacies of 'mein guten Leumd' will revel in Mark's description of the difficulties which surround its successful accomplishment.