

We were very much pleased to see so many of the old students return to enjoy the pleasures of Convocation week. If our Graduates could make it a point to gather once a year to do honor to their *Alma Mater*, her influence would be felt more and more through each year.

The year just closed has been marked by hard work and honest competition for first place. Very little of what is called "bumming" has been indulged in, and as a rule the result of examinations will tell the tale.

The subscription of the ASTRUM has been reduced to fifty cents a year, which we think will meet with the approval of our readers. The former rate was merely nominal, and we find that by receiving subscriptions in advance we can very well pay our way, and that is all we ask.

You have been receiving this paper for six months. If you appreciate our work, send us fifty cents; if not, we will bear no hard feelings toward you, and merely accept the reward of conscience in having done a charitable deed. If we continue to send you the paper without your consent, do not be alarmed, we will ask no one to pay for it against his will. Our Secretary, Mr. Lillie, will be in the city through the vacation, and will make prompt reply to all correspondence. Those who have paid subscriptions at the rate of \$1 per year will be credited with payment till June, 1884

Our visitors during Convocation week :—Rev. Wm. Blair, B.A., Farmersville; Prof. R. I. Warner, B.A., St. Thomas; Rev. C. G. Adams, B.A., Hamilton; J. Burdett, B.A., Toronto; M. I. Magill, B.A., Toledo; G. S. Wattam, B.A., Wanpoor; J. Z. Wild, M.D., Toronto; W. J. Maybee, M.A., Colborne; E. N. Baker, M.A., Madoc; Rev. T. W. Pickett, Picton; A. L. Morden, Napanee; P. M. White, B.A., Dallas, Texas; G. W. Ross, M.P., West Middlesex; C. M. Gould, M.D., Colborne; E. D. O'Flynn, Madoc; Rev. F. B. Stratton, Ssirling; Rev. J. Curts, Colborne; Rev. A. Martin, Norham; Rev. J. A. Campbell, Frankford; Rev. S. Card, Napanee; Rev. E. E. Howard, Trenton.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

The University of Wisconsin has five debating societies. Sixty-five per cent. of the ladies, are members, while only fifty per cent. of the men are members.

To be admitted into a German university, it is necessary o have completed a College course.

The higher education of women is not being overlooked in Manitoba. News comes from Brandon that a Ladies' College is to be established there. The location is to be on the Johnston estate, and is a very healthy and pleasant one.

Our friends will be glad to learn that Prof. Gregg is writing a History of Presbyterianism in Canada. The work will consist of two octavo volumes of about 450 pages each. The Prof. intends to have the first volume ready for the press by next October.

There are 7,060 American students in German institutions.

Brazil has fifty-five colleges and scientific schools.—*Ev.*

Oxford has never been very great in the mathematical line, but it seems to be in a worse plight than ever just now—Five Colleges (University, Morton, Exeter, New and Corpus) held a combined examination at the beginning of the term for Mathematical Scholarships; but the candidates were so deficient both in quantity and quality, that only Corpus was able to make an election at all.—*Truth.*

A statue of Robert Burns is to be erected on the Victoria embankment, in London, by Mr. Crawford, a retired Glasgow merchant. The work will be entrusted to Sir John Steel, the sculptor of the Burns statues recently erected in Dundee and New York. The London effigy of the Scottish poet will be of bronze, the pedestal being of polished granite. The entire monument will stand sixteen feet high.—*Notre Dame Scholastic.*

ITEMS.

Adversity is sometimes hard on a man; but for one man who can stand prosperity, there are a hundred that will stand adversity.—*Carlyle.*

As we advance in life, we learn the limits of our abilities.—*Froude.*

Professor to sleepy student—"If you wish I will send out for a bed." Sleepy student, with great *sang froid*—"Don't go to that trouble, sir, I have a *crib* with me."

Drunken student, to gentleman just coming up—"Beg pardon, sir, but could—hic—you tell me which is the opposite side of the street?" Gentleman—"Why, that side, sir," (pointing across). Student—"Mosh oblish. I was sower there jus' now, and asked 'nother gen'T'n which was oppo's' side, an' he said this was, blame fool."

Song of the Salvation Army:

"If you can't get in at the golden gate,
Get over the garden wall."

When a dog enters the class-room, and complacently takes his seat beside a Soph., it is naughty of the boys to whisper, "co-education."