

society. They have introduced a completely new and novel feature. Every Friday a first-class cartoon, representing the chief characters in the programme of the evening, will be found on each table in the dining-hall, others also being posted on the "Students' Bulletin Board." Much hard self-sacrificing work is seen in these, and great credit is due to the originators of the scheme. The *Oracle* now has a loftier tone, and is more attractive and entertaining in its contents than before. Originality and good sense seem to be the aim, rather than second-hand nonsense. We trust these good times will continue.

THE Philomathic Society of this term is said to be unrivalled by any of former years. The programmes prepared are replete with interesting features. No longer is the idea held, to get through with the meeting as soon as possible: but everyone is sorry when the whole programme has been rendered. Subjects of interest and instruction are taken up and discussed, as, for instance, the relative merits of Wordsworth and Scott. This included essays, sketches from each, and a debate:--"The justification of the American Colonies in revolting against England," formed the subject of a very hotly-contested disputation. Music is not forgotten, and we are pleased to find that there is some fine talent among us, as regards both instrumental and vocal music. That there is a "boom" may be seen by the fact that numbers from the town attend. The society has good officers, and it has a faithful executive.

DR. THOMAS delivered his promised lecture in our chapel this month to a crowded house. There were on the platform, besides the speaker, Prin. Bates (chairman), Rev. E. Dadson and D. W. Karn, Esq. After singing "Old Coronation" Mr. Dadson led in a brief prayer. The lecturer wasted no time with those useless preliminaries with which so many men employ their time, but plunged right into his task. A pleasant one it seemed, as he proceeded to speak of the present age in comparison with others, showing that this was the most intense of all ages. He told us what has been done and then the possibilities before us and the qualifications of "Men for the Age." We need men of broad intelligence, cultured men, who, by means of their education can make themselves felt in the world. Such men can make some use of themselves and do something. "THE survival of the fittest" is the law now. No matter what partiality is shown, what advantages are given or how one is hindered, the best man is the man who will come out ahead in the race in this world. Good men will find their place, despite what man may say or do. Then the man for the age must be warm-hearted, far reaching in sympathy, rich in affection and tender in charity. He must have intense genuine enthusiasm. There must be no half-heartedness about him, but an out-and-out determined man. Better to stick to the wrong than to be continually vacillating. Be true, be steadfast, be earnest, if you would be "a man for the age." Then the Doctor gave us a few specimens of the men for the age, such as Gladstone, Disraeli, Spurgeon, Phillips Brooks and others, commenting on the nobleness of each. We thought, as he closed, that Dr. Thomas was a "Man for the Age." May we have many more like him.