

Toronto Branch.—It was represented to the executive committee that it was desirable to establish a branch of Convocation in Toronto, similar to those in Kingston and Hamilton. The following committee was appointed to consider the matter: The Dean, the Clerk, Rev. John Mockridge, Messrs. Davidson, Harman, MacInnes, Pottenger and Symons (Convener). As a result of this consideration it has been decided to hold a meeting in the dining hall on Monday, Jan. 20th, at which addresses will be delivered upon the objects of Convocation and the government of the University, officers will be elected, and a representative of the branch chosen to represent it on the executive committee. Every member of Convocation resident in Toronto is especially urged to make an effort to be present whether he or she is in good standing or not.

Extending Convocation.—In November, when he was in Toronto to preach the annual Convocation sermon before the University, the Venerable Archdeacon Evans kindly offered to canvass old Trinity men in Montreal and eastward, to see if it were possible to induce them to join Convocation. The executive formally thanked him for his offer, and asked him to make it good. It was also decided to ask the following gentlemen to canvass for the same object in their own towns or cities:—Mr. Kirwan Martin in Hamilton, Rev. C. H. Shutt in St. Catharines, Rev. J. C. Farthing in Woodstock, Mr. Houston in Smith's Falls, Professor Mackenzie in Brantford, Colonel A. J. Matheson in Perth, Mr. T. G. A. Wright in London, Rev. A. J. Belt and Rev. J. A. Ballard in Guelph, Rev. G. H. Broughall in Port Hope, and Rev. A. W. Spragge in Cobourg.

Mineralogical Department.—The Clerk was instructed to ask the Chancellor to be kind enough to interest himself, as he had offered to do, in the matter of obtaining specimens for the University Museum from the Director of the Geological Survey at Ottawa. The Lecturer in Natural Science was to be communicated with, and asked to tell the Chancellor exactly what he wanted.

Sermons.—It was decided that, if possible, the Provost should preach in Hamilton some Sunday next term on the subject of religious education, and that on the Monday following he should, with the Dean, hold a meeting in the interests of Convocation. On Sunday, January 5th, the Provost is, by private arrangement, to preach for the Rev. J. C. Farthing at Woodstock, and is to speak in behalf of Trinity on the Monday night. On the same Sunday the Dean preaches at Orangeville, and lectures on Sheridan under the auspices of the High School on Monday. It is probable that a member of the Hamilton Branch will join him on Monday.

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During the quiet season of Lent Rev. Canon Sutherland of Hamilton will give a series of his admirable Shakespeare readings in Convocation Hall. They will be held on Saturday afternoons and begin at the early hour of 3.30 in order that there may be abundance of time for such of the men as desire to entertain their friends at tea. There is a further rumour that the series will conclude in the second week after Easter with a Shakespeare concert and dance. The concert programme, it is said, will be composed entirely of Shakespeare songs and the dance will be in costume. In connection with the concert we may say that there are a number of beautiful choruses for male and female voices in which it is expected the more prominent of our singing men will take an active interest.

Convocation Hall has been filled with visitors at pretty regular intervals during the last term. On Oct. 28th His Lordship the Bishop of Kentucky delivered an eloquent address on mission work, under the auspices of the Trinity Theological and Missionary Society. Mr. Silas MacBee also spoke at this meeting. On Oct. 27th Mr. Eugene Stock, probably the best informed man in England on foreign mission work, spoke at the invitation of the same society. On Dec. 12th Convocation Hall was the scene of a very different gathering, viz: the annual Convocation Dinner. On Dec. 13th was celebrated the ceremony of the installation of Dr. Welch as Provost. This was in many respects the most important function of the term and was chronicled in a befitting manner pretty generally in the Canadian press. Mr. Welch was first admitted to the degree of Doctor of Civil Law and afterwards formally installed as Provost of Trinity College and Vice-Chancellor of the University. The interesting ceremony was witnessed by a large gathering of friends and students of Trinity, and at its close the new Provost was presented with an address of welcome from the undergraduate body. Mr. A. W. H. Francis read the address in a fitting manner. Convocation Hall is put to a variety of uses. We see another view of it shortly after this—a concert and a dance. A special Convocation was held on Dec. 20th for the purpose of conferring the degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Right Reverend P. T. Rowe, Bishop-elect of Alaska. This was an especially interesting occasion. Dr. Rowe is an M.A. of this University and on his election to the Bishopric the degree of D.D. was conferred upon him *jure dignitatis*. In the absence of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor performed his office for the first time since his installation. In a few well-chosen words he expressed appreciation of the Bishop and his work, and of the honour he had brought to his Alma Mater. He just touched on the present alarm of war and facetiously asserted that in any case Trinity, through Dr. Rowe, took possession of Alaska and through Trinity the British Empire. The Bishop is a citizen of the United States and holds his office from the American Church. His affection for Trinity, however, has not abated since he played on the XV in days gone by, and he showed this in his address. The Public Orator, Professor Huntingford, delivered the Latin address with much grace and spirit, doubtless with great calmness of soul, in the full confidence that the canine interruption of his last oratorical effort was safely ensconced behind bolts and bars. We give the address in full:

Populo Americano Alaskam mercato, placuit tandem Ecclesiae Episcopum huic regioni praeficere, secundum imperium Domini Nostri novissimum "euntes in mundum universum predicate Evangelium omni creaturae." Qui quum idoneum quaererent virum qui ad tantum tamque difficile munus suscipiendum mitteretur, deficientibus scilicet popularibus suis, hunc praecipue elegere—natu Canadensem, hujus Universitatis alumnum. Huic ille honos conceditur uti primus novae Diocesei praesit, et barbaris et nostris auxilium solamenque allaturus. Honorem dixi? immo laborem maximum et pene intolerandum nisi cui cordi sit vox illa Sancti Pauli "nec facio animam meam pretiosorem quam me, dum modo consummem cursum meum et ministerium verbi." Ille autem primum inter Algomae deserta per quadriennium laborabat, inde in Michiganum agrum conversus, ad Saltum, ut aiunt, Sanctae Mariae XIII annos oves Domini pascebat, jussus denique a Senatu Episcopali, Episcopatum non detrectat, sed eo ire parat ubi nivibus montibus saltibus inviis penitus toto orbe divisus tantum duodecimo quoque mense nuntium ab amicis accipiat.

Ut apud Aeschylum.

"Namque in regiones Orbis ibit ultimas,
Scythicas in oras, solitudinem inviam."