

pearance of the hall considering the short time at disposal. The first part of the programme consisted of a minstrel entertainment; notwithstanding the stormy night all the darkies got in well blacked and with costumes intact. The troupe was composed of Messrs. Esterbrook and Mattice, bones; Seymour and Brown, tambourines; Harrison, cymbals; Dolben, guitar; Hadwen, violin; Misgrave, flute; McCallum, Gelling, Ransom, Bayne, Worthington, Buscarlet and Harris. The last mentioned as center man or interlocutor was very good, his oft repeated "Would you mind asking your question again," and "Did I hear your question right," also his somewhat "Tornatolian answer to every question, "I must confess that I have never given that subject my careful consideration," fairly brought down the house. The jokes were for the most part topical (or as one paper printed it, *topical*) and gave a great amount of amusement. The "corner men" had their full share of the work and kept up the fun merrily. After Mr. Harris' opening speech the company played the "Boulangier March" with great spirit. Besides the numerous songs and choruses, which evoked hearty applause from the audience, there was a capital duet on the banjo and guitar by Messrs. Esterbrook and Dolben. To Mr. Hadwen were entrusted the two topical songs of the evening, "Later On," and "Where Did You Get That Jam?" the latter being enthusiastically encored. After a first-rate exhibition of club-swinging by Mr. McCallum in most becoming costume, the curtain rang up on the laughable farce of "Box and Cox." Mr. Harris undertook the part of the whitewasher, Mr. Ransom, the waiter, and Mr. Esterbrook impersonated "Auntie Bonceer." All the parts were capitally sustained while the general "business" had evidently been carefully rehearsed.

THE *Messenger* of the 6th. inst. reports: "The members of the staff of the O. A. C. met quietly this afternoon in the College Reception Room on a fitting, yet regretful, mission. It was to mark the severance of the brotherly relations which have always existed between Prof. Robertson and the other members of the staff. Year by year they have stood shoulder to shoulder in advancing the interests of the College and those of the farmers of Ontario and now the removal of Prof. Robertson to a wider field has broken the companionship, which has so long existed in this work. A tangible expression of their esteem accompanied the words of farewell. Prof. Shaw, on behalf of the staff, read the following address:

O. A. C., Guelph, 6th February, 1888.

To: Prof. J. W. ROBERTSON.

DEAR SIR, It was with feelings of unmeasured regret that we, the members of the faculty of this College, learned that you had severed your connection with the same.

During the whole period of your term of office here we have observed with much satisfaction and pride the success which you brought to your own special department and the prestige which came along with the success to the entire Institution.

In view of this fact, and of the very pleasant relations that have all along subsisted between us, we feel that we would be recreant both to duty and privilege were we to allow you to go to another sphere of labor without giving you some token of the true and deep regard that we bear towards you.

We, therefore, unite in the request that you accept at our hands the paper knife which we now present you, and this volume of "Our Own Country." You will please accept them, not because of their intrinsic worth, but that they may serve to you as remembrances of our regard for you, both now, hitherto, and in all times; and also of our sense of loss in knowing that so much of manly, honest, sterling, worth and wisdom is going from us.

We find unmingled pleasure in conveying to you the assurance that our best wishes accompany you to your new sphere of labor, and we trust that you will make it even a greater success than the one you are leaving. It is our earnest desire that you may long be spared as an offering of usefulness on the altar of your country and of your country's God, and that you may prove abundant in successful labors, and in the temporal and eternal rewards that come to the great and good.

SIGNED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE STAFF.

Prof. Robertson, in replying, thanked the members of the staff very feelingly, for the kindness of their expressions of esteem. He felt sorry at the prospect of a severance of the pleasant relations that had existed, but expected to find some solace in being associated with congenial workers in his new sphere of labor for the Dominion. He was assured that the College would continue to grow in the confidence and respect of farmers, while such willing and able men are on its staff of Professors."

Although the weather is not first rate for visiting, we get several people up almost daily, to inspect the museum, library, stock and buildings. We noticed recently a delighted student escorting three charming young ladies round the premises, loud and prolonged was the well-known cry of "Lalla-lie-hoo" as the party explored the sheep stable.

A few nights ago the professor on duty passing along "Upper Hunt St." surprised a boy out of his own room and in another's. The poor wretch eager to escape detection, hid under a coat hanging behind the door and was detained there while a lengthy conversation took place between the rightful occupant of the room and the preceptor. The unlucky wight was so thoroughly frightened that he dared not move although the light went out accidentally (?) once or twice.

If students perambulate the flats at night clad in but one loosely flowing, white garment, it is but natural they should be the targets of canfuls of cold water. One boy's recent experience has proved this remarkable fact.

The meetings of the Experimental Union held on the 6th. and 7th. insts. were an unqualified success. One great feature, the Annual Supper, must not be omitted and so we append the *Messenger's* report:

THE SUPPER.

The annual reunion of students, ex-students, visitors, the staff and their families, took place round the tea tables in the large dining hall in the evening, and there were no vacant seats, about one hundred and fifty being present. The room had been tastefully decorated by the students and the delicacies prepared by the Matron and her assistants were gratefully disposed of in the most practical manner.

After this necessary preliminary had been attended to, President Mills welcomed the ex-students and visitors, referred kindly to the absentees, said that they were about on their feet again after their set back of 1888, the burning of the barn, and spoke of the great loss the College would sustain in the departure of Prof. Robertson for his new field. He then proposed the toast of "The