

asked the question, Whowas Esau? His reply was highly characteristic. 'Esau', said he, 'was a man who wrote fables and sold the copyright for a bottle of potash.' The confusion of Esau and Aesop, birthright and copyright, pottage and potash, is an example of humour by no means rare. Another student was asked to give some account of Wolsey. His reply was unique. Wolsey was a famous general who fought in the Crimean war, and who, after being decapitated several times said to Cromwell, "Ah! if I had only served you as you served me I would not be deserted in my old age."

The replies given to questions of a scientific nature, are often very curious, not to say extraordinary. For instance, a student being asked to describe the bones of the arm stated in the course of his reply, that 'the bone of the upper arm' (called the humerus) 'was called the *humorous*' and that it received its name because it was known as the 'funny bone'. Another student being asked to describe the heart replied. "The heart is a *comical* bag in the centre of the body containing the blood."

The foregoing anecdotes have been selected from the pages of other periodicals and I, of course, acknowledge them as such. But our own Institution has not been at all behind the times in this respect, as some of the following incidents will show. Perhaps there may be some in the Academy who remember the time of their occurrence.

At a written examination the professor having relaxed his vigilance for a few minutes a student of the genus 'crib' asked of his seat-mate

the name of the battle by which the Scots gained their independence. The mischievous youth replied 'The battle of *Bunkers Hill*'; which his unsuspecting companion immediately transferred to paper, no doubt to the infinite amusement of the examiner. An aspiring junior in replying to the question "Give a definition of a circle" said, a circle is a plain figure bounded by *one straight line* called the circumference, and is such that any straight line drawn from a point within it are called radii. Another student being asked to give an example of energy in repose, but who had not prepared the lesson, was about to say that he could not do so, when he noticed the benign countenance of a student rather celebrated for taking things easy, replied Mr. F—— here.

One more illustration and then I have done. A student in the chemistry class who was noticed by the Professor as unattentive, was asked what happened when muriatic acid was poured on chalk replied, 'ruddy fumes are given off.' "Mr. R——" said the irate professor "I am under the impression that there is no dearth of ruddy fumes in your brain"

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### VACCINATION.

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HAVING received the intelligence of the Small-pox raging in the neighbouring Island, immediate steps were taken by the "Town Council" to preserve our town from a similar fate. Orders were proclaimed by them to prevent passengers who were not vaccinat-