

would lose by the removal of Prof. Macoun from amongst us. In times gone by when this Institution was not in a flourishing financial condition, Prof. Macoun came forward and gave valuable assistance—merely because he had a love of the work. Now the time has come to say good-bye to this self taught man—a duty we all regret to perform. While we do this, we all join in congratulating the Professor on his prosperity, and we hope he will live long to honor this “Canada of ours.”

A number of others spoke, including Dr. Jaques, Mayor Lingham, and J. W. Johnson of the Ontario Business College, all bearing testimony to the good qualities of the Professor, congratulating him on the success which he has achieved, and wishing him long life to honor the work of which he is so capable a master.

The tea-service presented was one of the most chaste and beautiful ever gotten up here. It consisted of six pieces of solid silver, with gold lining, and on the large salver was the following inscription: “Presented to John Macoun, M.A., F.L.S., F.R.S.C., by the University of Albert College, the Board of Education, and citizens of Belleville, in token of esteem for his personal character and appreciation of his public service.”

GIPSY CONCERT AT ALMA COLLEGE.

WE received, through the St. Thomas Journal, an account of the Gipsy Concert given by the ladies of Alma College, on the evening of February 15th. It thus describes the scene revealed by the raising of the curtain:

Seated around on the stage in picturesque attitudes were about fifty fanciful attired girls, resplendent in all the colors of the rainbow, with silver and gold tinsel, tinkling bangles, turbaned heads, flowing hair, and heavy old fashioned jewelry. A woodland scene lent its aid, and the illusion, that the gaze rested upon a veritable gipsy camp would have been complete, only that there were too many pretty faces, and an absence of the necessary dirt to make it quite real.

The programme consisted of solos, choruses and glees, in which some fifty ladies took part. The concert was well attended and highly appreciated by the people of St. Thomas. The successful manner in which the arrangements were made and car-

ried out, reflects much credit on our sisters at Alma, and we think that if their big brothers from Albert had been there to make tinware and trade horses, the Gipsy part would have been complete. We add our congratulations.

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

To the Honorable, the Commons of the Dominion of Canada, in Parliament assembled, the Petition of the undersigned citizens and students of Albert University and Albert College, Belleville, Ont.

SHEWETH:

That your petitioners believe that every laudable effort should be made to foster the intellectual development of the citizens of our fair Dominion.

That the influence at home and abroad of any State or Civil Society, is largely the result of its intellectual status.

That vice is logically and historically associated with ignorance, and a direct out-growth of the same.

That duties upon imported books are not needed to increase the revenue, and are an indirect tax upon knowledge, and a barrier to an intellectual status that would otherwise be reached.

May it, therefore, please your Honorable House to remove such duties, and thus secure to the Dominion of Canada the largest blessings that may follow from an enlarged and liberal education, and a more general circulation of the freshest and best thought of other countries, and especially of our Mother Land,

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Signed by,

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AND OTHERS.

President Angell has just issued his report of Michigan University. The number of students is 1,534, second only to that of Harvard, which leads with over 1,600. Of Ann Arbor's 1,534 students, 184 are women.—*Ex.*