

The News

THE CONVERSAT, FEB. 10TH.

The Executive of the Literary and Scientific Society met on Monday last, and selected the following excellent committees to take charge of our annual Conversazione, which will be held four weeks from to-night, Feb. 10th. The intention at present is to hold a reception from 8.30 till 9.30 p.m., after that promenading and a splendid concert will provide enjoyment till 11 o'clock; and finally from then till "the wee sma' hours," everyone that can dance, or wants to learn, will do so.

The concert this year promises to excel anything yet attempted in that direction, for in addition to having local and undergraduate talent, the famous singer, Madame Trebelli, will probably be engaged.

The following is the list of the committees appointed to manage the Conversazione. The list will be submitted to the Literary Society next Friday evening for confirmation:

Chairman—President S. M. Wickett, P.H.D.; Secretary, F.E. Brown, '00; Treasurer, J. MacKay, '99.

Finance Committee—Chairman, J. MacKay, Chairmen of other committees.

Refreshment Committee—Chairman, ———; '99, H. W. MacLean, J. H. F. Fisher, W. A. Groves; '00, J. F. Stewart, E. H. O. Watson; '01, N. Shenstone, A. Whelihan; '02, E. MacKenzie; S.P.S., W. Boyd.

Reception—Chairman, T. A. Russell; '99, F. W. Anderson, E. N. Armour, S. A. Dickson, V. E. Henderson; '00, D. E. Kilgour, A. N. W. Clare, P. Greig; '01, E. J. Kylie, T. H. Wood, R. B. Smilie; '02, P. Biggs, A. J. Hills; S.P.S., E. Yeates, J. T. R. Burnside.

Printing—Chairman, W. H. Alexander; '99, W. A. R. Kerr, R. G. Hunter, F. D. McEntee, R. H. Patterson; '00, W. Emslie, R. Mitchell, E. P. Flintoft, Ritchie; '01, M. A. Buchanan, P. A. Carson; '02, Cunningham, J. C. Mackintosh; S.P.S., E. Neelands, T. Shanks.

Decoration—Chairman, W. F. MacKay; '99, G. Gibson, W. Douglas; '00, C. R. Fitzgerald, C. V. Dymont, E. H. Cooper, G. F. Kay; '01, E. P. Brown, H. M. Deroche, G. A. Hackney, E. F. Burton, J. E. Wetherell, C. E. Rowland; '02, Walker, Morris, McCrae, R. M. Stewart, I. Woods, A. Martin.

Invitation—Chairman, R. V. LeSeur; '99, A. MacDougall, A. L. Burch, D. McDougall, E. A. Cleary; '00, W. G. Harrison, A. N. Mitchell, H. Lang; '01, R. A. Cassidy, A. F. Aylesworth; '02, A. W. Mackenzie; S.P.S., D. A. Ross.

Programme—Chairman, J. Monds; '99, W. A. Sadler, H. E. Abraham, J. L. Hogg; '00, H. D. Graham, R. Telford; '01, G. F. MacFarland; '02, E. Hardy, W. C. Klotz; S.P.S., W. W. Beardmore.

SESAME, '99.

The Editor-in-Chief, Miss Benson, Miss Patterson, the Business Manager, and their able assistants, are to be heartily congratulated on the literary and financial

success of *Sesame* for '99. In the latter respect, we have been assured that what is usually the short-end overlapped well, and that Miss Patterson's energetic and faithful work has been well rewarded.

From a literary standpoint, *Sesame* merits the highest commendation. Miss Benson has evidently demanded a high standard and maintained it. But what is especially gratifying is, that fully twice as many of the essays, stories and poems contributed, are the work of the undergraduates. The poetry is especially good, but it would be invidious to make distinction in so cursory a review as lack of space forces this to be. We can only say that every undergraduate should have a copy of *Sesame*, for it is certain to prove very interesting reading.

The Editors may rest content, and feel satisfied with their work, which is a credit both to the women undergraduates and the University.

THE RINKS.

Last year there was general regret expressed because the Hockey Club or Athletic Association did not feel able to undertake the building of a rink, but this year the Executive of the former body, with commendable enterprise, has had built two rinks—one for skating only, and the other for hockey.

The skating-rink lies directly to the north of the "Quad," and is 324 feet long, by 70 feet wide. It is flanked on the south side by a comfortable little house, in which the skaters can put on and take off their skates.

The hockey rink is 172 feet long, by 90 feet wide, and lies to the north-east of the skating rink. Here the Senior team will practice every night in the week but one, when they will go to Mutual street rink. The Hockey Club, however, are offering special inducements to year teams to practice there. Fifteen tickets can be obtained for twenty-five dollars, for any such club, and special hours for practice may be reserved.

The intention at present is to bring the Inter-Year Hockey Matches on very soon, and everything points to the game being very popular this year, since there is now available such a splendid rink. It would not be at all surprising if the Inter-Year Hockey Series would become as interesting as the Mulock Cup Series, especially if the Freshmen again seem to be winning.

This year competent men are in charge of the rinks, and good ice is assured. The tickets will be sold at the very reasonable price of one dollar, and may be obtained from the Janitor or any member of the Committee at the Gymnasium. Two years ago the rink was very popular with the women undergraduates, in spite of the fact that hockey interfered with the pleasure of skating. Now, however, there is a rink for skating only, and in all probability the latter will become quite an enjoyable social rendezvous, as it did two years ago, when the advantages of co-education were strikingly illustrated.

SATURDAY LECTURES, 1899.

The popular course of Saturday lectures is now announced, and the first of a most interesting series will be delivered next Saturday, January 14th, by Frederick Coate Wade, Esq., B.A., Q.C., of Winnipeg. The subject will be "The Klondike," and it is said will be illustrated by some very fine lantern views.