

was constituted on the 14th of June of that year. By the Act of incorporation, the Council were empowered to grant degrees in Arts, Laws and Music, to which degrees in Surgery were added by an Act assented to on 7th April, 1876. Royal letters patent, under the sign manual of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, were issued on the 14th March, 1859, declaring that all degrees granted, or thereafter to be granted, by the Melbourne University, should be recognized as academic distinctions and rewards of merit, and should be entitled to rank, precedence, and consideration in the United Kingdom, and in British colonies and possessions throughout the world, just as fully as if they had been granted by any University in the United Kingdom.

The foundation stone of the University was laid on the 3rd July, 1854, and the building was opened on the 3rd October of the following year.

On the 22nd March, 1880, the University was thrown open to females, and they can now be admitted to all its corporate privileges, except as regards the study of Medicine, from which they are restricted until special provision has been made for their instruction in that subject.

The memorial stone of the University Hall, to be called the "Wilson Hall," was laid on the 2nd October, 1879, by the Hon Sir Samuel Wilson, M.L.C., who by his munificent gift of £30,000 (which by interest had increased to £37,000 before the University authorities were in a position to spend it), was the means of the Hall being erected. The building is to be of the perpendicular Gothic style of architecture, in length 140 feet; breadth, 47 feet; height of walls, 45 feet; and of apex of roof, 84 feet. Its cost will exceed £40,000.

Provision had been made in the Act of Incorporation for the establishment of affiliated Colleges in connection with religious denominations, and ground for the erection of such Colleges was reserved near the University. Up to the present period this privilege has only been taken advantage of by the Church of England and the Presbyterian Church. Their Colleges are named respectively Trinity and Ormond.

In the year 1880, 738 males and 216 females presented themselves for the Matriculation and Civil Service examinations at the University. Of these 255, or 30 per cent. of the males, and 79, or 37 per cent. of the females, passed the former; and 368, or 50 per cent. of the males, and 123, or 57 per cent. of the females, passed the latter. Three males and three females passed the Matriculation examination with credit. A large majority of those who pass the Matriculation examination have no intention of pursuing a University career; although 334 passed the Matriculation examination in 1880, only 151 matriculated, and of these 11 were females. The number of students taking lectures in the several Faculties of the University in 1880 was as follows:—Arts, 73; Laws, 52; Engineering, 35; Medicine, 141; total, 301. The number of graduates in 1880 was 54, of whom 49 took direct and 2 *ad eundem* degrees. The whole number of the graduates from the founding of the University to the year 1880 was 645.

The receipts of the University in 1880 were £18,193, and the expenditure was £17,682.

Between the Lectures.

Song of the Med : "Good Bye, Sweet-Hart, Good Bye."
Ben fetch the baby.

Nearly all the post-offices in Texas are in charge of females. It works so well that males arrive nearly every hour of the day.—*Ex.*

Lesson in Political Economy.—"Is time money?" "Yes, sir, it is."
"Prove it by illustration." "Well, if you give twenty-five cents to a couple of tramps, it's a quarter to two."—*The Dartmouth.*

One of the speakers at the late medical dinner said that he did not consider that that was the proper place to speak on grave subjects.

MR. EDITOR, tell me why the colonel
Is spelt in a style so infolone!
Cast one ray of light on a sorrowing wight,
Who for years has subscribed for your journal."

"Vanity of vanities; all is vanity, except the preacher," is the way a Theologue quotes it.—*Ex.*

An Irish nobleman, riding along a country road, saw a very fat boy dozing by the roadside. "Which way is it to Macroom, my lad?" asked the nobleman. "That way," replied the boy, lazily moving the toe of his boot in the direction of the place. Astonished at his extreme laziness, "my Lord" dismounted. "Boy," said he, "if you can show me a lazier act than that, I will give you a half-crown." The boy eyed him sleepily for a moment, and, turning half over on his side, muttered—"Put it in my pocket, sor." He got his half-crown.

Why is a clock the most humble thing in existence? Because it always holds its hands before its face and, however good its works may be, it is always running itself down.

A friend of ours says he likes to pay occasional visits to the Legislative Assembly. He declares that it reminds him of a prize fight. First the "Ayes" have it and then the "Noes."

"An anxious enquirer" wishes to know why a stupid, awkward fellow is called a "muff." We are not very sure but we think it's because nothing but a muff will hold a lady's hand without squeezing it.

Professor (meeting Student leaving Molson's Bank). Is it a slope?
Student. Yes, Sir.

Prof. Thank God!!!

It is due to the reputation of the class to say, that there is a steep ascent of three storeys to the lecture room.

Visible Language.—The spoke of a wheel.

"Songs without Words."—The mosquitoes.

A man, who is so lost to all sense of decency as to pun in the wildest and most forlorn manner, declares that the recent demand for building materials makes him long to be a brick. Those who hear him long to be brick kilners.

There doesn't seem, at first glance, to be any connection between collecting accounts and blacksmith's work, but collectors of accounts after they get the money in very often make a bolt for it. This is not intended for iron, but is usually a case for steal.—*Ex.*

The theologian Snukes in the recent trip to the country delighted one of his Sunday audiences with a scientific dissertation on the probable origin of the world. In speaking of what he called the different wicked, atheistical, cosmical hypotheses he remarked that "some held that the earth was a gigantic plant, others that it was an animal of abnormal proportions upon whose back men and women flit about as fleas, while in his own humble opinion it was a concoction composed of myriads of atoms of floating matter conglomerated into a conflagration."

An improbable interview with Mrs. Langtry.—It is rumoured that Mrs. Langtry, the English beauty, has been interviewed by a medical reporter. She said she was not a homeopathist, as had been stated; she believed in the New York Code, however. Her impressions of American medical men has so far been very favourable, and confirmed previous anticipations formed by a constant reading of the Medical Record. The branch of medicine in which she had been chiefly interested was dermatology; in this America easily led the world, and she was sorry she could not have got over in time for the Newport meeting of the Association. She attributed the beauty of her complexion to a constant study of American dermatological literature. Mrs. Langtry was hardly prepared to give her opinion of Post-Graduate Schools, but thought they were very nice. She would send tickets, she said to any doctors not connected with some medical school—it seemed such a pity. The reporter told her, however, that there were none such. Mrs. Langtry preferred to take her medicines in pill form. She liked the oval-shaped, sugar-coated ones best. Mrs. Langtry asked about our insane asylums, and strongly urged the use of the tight-fitting jacket called the "Jersey," as a substitute for camisoles and straight-jackets.—*N. Y. Med. Record.*

OSCULATION (Continued).

The agitation of this subject in our last issue, has invoked innumerable rimes and epigrams, some of them being of a legal turn, but most of them being inspired by the poetic muse.

The following are among the best:—

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| "A language all can understand,
In any age and any land." | "The best definition of a kiss,
Why—barely two mouthfuls of bliss." |
| "My definition's a commercial one,
A bill presented and a stamp thereon." | "It may mean little, it oft means much,
And often nothing at all;
And it's always off as soon as it's on,
And it's never the same to all." |
| "A kiss is a declaration of love by
deed of mouth." | "If fit material for a kiss you seek,
You need but two lips and a little
[check.]" |
| "A speechless token
Of things so sweet,
They can't be spoken." | "A kiss to be sweet must be under the
[nose,
But sweeter by far when 'tis under the
[nose.]" |
| "Child and mother's fond delight,
Lover's draught of sweetest bliss;
Woman's veil of keenest spite,
A Kiss." | |
| "The key which opens the fatal door
To thoughts unknown, unguessed be-
[fore;
But whether 'tis for weal or woe,
Those e'en who use it do not know." | "The right of a mother,
The toy of a flirt,
The hope of a lover,
The true one's desert." |

AN EXTRACT FROM THE DIARY OF SAMUEL PEPPYS, ESQ., WHILE AN UNDER-GRADUATE AT CAMBRIDGE.

We hold in our hands a Mathematical Honour list, etc., certainly published earlier than the year 1747; for although the date has unfortunately become obliterated with age, we know it to be more ancient than any other existing list, from the fact that our Author's name appears therein, third from the bottom of the Junior Optimes; a place which the endorsement in Mr. Pepys's handwriting would lead us to suppose he scarcely considered worthy of his merits and attainments.

In addition to this list, we possess a few of the Problems actually set, as the endorsement informs us, in the very examination for which Pepys entered.

Mathematical men will, we have no doubt, look upon these problems with interest, and will not fail to mark the enormous stride which science has made since our Author's time. It will be noticed that Pepys considers