

heard Professor Seeley tell how he devoured Maud just after it came out, as he travelled to Cambridge by train.

It has not been the object of the writer to make any estimate of the rank or the work of Tennyson, but rather to recall a few obvious facts as to his university life and the effect it had upon his writings and also to make some casual and brief allusion to a few of his contemporaries.

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Convocation Echoes.

Our last issue closed with a very attractive list of coming events which undoubtedly caught the eye of the delighted reader when he got to that part of our magazine.

The question may be raised whether it is advisable at this late date to give a brief account of the closing days of last year. But it is not our intention to describe fully that bright and happy time. We trust, however, that some pleasant memories may be rendered more vivid by a short review of the "breaking up." Perhaps the first thought that is suggested to the majority of our readers is connected most closely with impressions given or received on the eve of convocation and at the conversazione. Since the average student feels that "absence makes the heart grow fonder," but not of another fellow, he is content to plod on for another year, when he can ever look forward to such brilliant days as our closing ones always are.

However let us note a few of the events of these days of last year. The cricket match between Past and Present school boys called out a large crowd of spectators. The day was all that could be desired and the Present boys not only received the old ones with much enthusiasm, but they also proved themselves to be better at the leather and willow than their opponents.

The organ recital by Mr. Dorey was very well attended and all went away charmed with the several delightful selections rendered by the organist.

But we must pass on to the great day when the corporate body listens to the University sermon, and then meets to reward the faithful student's toil. Matins were said at 7 a. m., followed by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The Alma Mater Society met at 9 a. m., Hon. G. B. Baker presiding. The new graduates were elected members. It was decided that the annual dinner be held in Montreal during the Christmas holidays.

This was followed by the University service at eleven when the University sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Quebec. The preacher did not lead his hearers into any intricate theological or

philosophical considerations but contented himself with and charmed his listeners by putting plain truths before them in such a way that the smallest boy and the most learned divine present could draw valuable lessons from them. The several points were beautifully illustrated, and the truth that the path of duty lay often right across the sea of difficulty must have been much impressed upon all. The rendering of Mr. Dorey's communion service by the choir was very good indeed, and showed how well adapted it is to our needs. The whole service was intensely impressive and the large number of graduates present among the clergy reminds us of the great work our Alumni are doing for the church.

But we must hasten on. In the afternoon we found ourselves in the Bishops Williams Hall waiting for the members of convocation. As we waited we naturally cast about to see who was present. A reporter for one of our leading dailies puts it fairly when he says that "all the world and his daughter loves a student and they were both present at Bishop's convocation especially the latter." The appearance of the convocation members soon claimed our attention and the chancellor delivered his opening address. He made a touching reference to the illness of Bishop Bond and also referred to the absence of the vice chancellor. He admitted that "the demands of science are ever increasing" and that Bishops College has her work to do in all classes of scientific investigation. We hope his sound words of advice will be acted upon by all his hearers who can do something to assist us in carrying on this kind of work. The reports of the faculties of Divinity and Arts were presented by the Dean of each faculty and shewed good progress. The Divinity report did not forget to contain a cheering word in favor of Hebrew.

The next item on the programme was the presentation to the chancellor of the candidates for the various degrees, and the prize winners of both college and school.

Rev. G. J. Sutherland, Rev. B. G. Wilkinson, and Messrs T. H. Lloyd and J. W. Y. Smith, M. P. P. proceeded to the degree of M. A. in course.

The degree of B. A. was conferred upon M. H. Carroll and G. H. A. Montgomery with first-class classical honors; R. E. Howe with first-class mathematical honors; and A. H. Moore and C. E. Bishop with option in classics and science and classics divinity respectively. Carroll won the Prince of Wales medal but Montgomery was so close that a second prize was awarded him. Howe came in for the General Nicolls scholarship and Moore and Carroll won the Mackie, English and Latin essays respectively. The Harrison essay went to E. Claire Avery, and the Jubilee scholarship to A. H. Moore, while several came in for first class and Hebrew prizes, Lyster winning the best aggregate.

When all the precious parchment prizes had