

This over, the hall was cleared of chairs and the dancing began. Electric bells connected the corridors and western lecture rooms with the leader of the orchestra, and in addition, a bugler from the fort, at odd moments gave a casual alarm from behind curtains and flags, to warn those who delighted in sitting out of his presence. Indeed, there was only one place of absolute elysium, where one could beguile his partner into the evading of a dance, and that was the reading-room. The quaint brass grate which a provident gyp endeavours to hide, had been restored to the open fireplace, and with Turkish rugs and heavy curtains and deep embracing arm chairs, the room had been transformed into the cosiest of sanctums. The dining-hall was put in the hands of Webb, the caterer, who had the tables beautifully laid out with flowers. Owing to the delay in beginning the concert, a considerable portion of the dances had to be omitted. Next year there will have to be a laborious curtailing of the general invitation list. It is a grave and ticklish question as to who shall be asked and what names shall be omitted. The *Conversazione* is becoming a regular event in Toronto society, and it is with difficulty that the invitations are limited to personal friends of Trinity. Many think that all members of Convocation should receive invitations, and other equally wild suggestions are made. People who have absolutely no connection with Trinity write to the secretary for invitations. Hundreds of such applications were received daily. It is of course out of the question to reply to them, nor did it avail to enclose money, for the tickets are not to be bought, which is a very wise provision on the part of the Literary Institute.

#### COLLEGE CUTS.

**BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.**—Several of our men—Rev. J. S. Broughall, and Messrs. DuMoulin, Hedley, Carlton and Davidson—had the good fortune to attend the Brotherhood convention at Kingston during the first week in February. It is not easy to report; only one who was present can appreciate the power of such a gathering, or the strong, practical usefulness and earnest single-hearted devotion characteristic of this organization as a body. The four days of the convention were very active ones, and we cannot go into details. None of the time was lost, a great deal of help and inspiration was gained, and the effect of the convention must be felt in renewed vigour and activity.

**THE REV. CANON BULLOCK**, who has been conducting a mission at St. George's, addressed the members of the Divinity class at the meditation service in chapel on Tuesday morning, the 14th. The Rev. Canon spoke very eloquently, addressing himself especially to those contemplating early ordination.

One special feature in the *Conversazione* was the adroit way the refreshment committee distributed the cakes. Whereas on former occasions there had always been a disastrous crush in the dining hall, the committee gladly availed themselves of the proffered services of Messrs. Cayley, Broughall and Bedford-Jones, who kindly offered to distribute the Institute's refreshments in their respective rooms.

**T.U.A.A.A., January 31st.** A meeting of the Athletic Association was called in the common room, with Mr. Hedley in the chair. Mr. Dumoulin laid before the meeting an offer of Mr. Alexis Martin, B.A., of a cup to be played for by the inter-year XV's. Its unanimous acceptance was coupled with a vote of thanks. The captain then read President Martin's letter of resignation of office. This, too, was accepted with great lamentations, and best wishes for the ex-president's critical health. Then followed nomina-

tions for president: Hedley proposed by Dumoulin, who himself withdrew from candidature. Thereupon Hedley vacated the chair and Capt. McCarthy takes his place. On his election Hedley gave a neat and appropriate speech. His election left as vacant the position of vice-president, and here the wiles of Dumoulin appeared, who was at once elected into this office, and gave his inaugural address. For the position of member of Executive Committee, open consequent on the promotion of Dumoulin, Hedley eulogistically proposed Mr. Bedford-Jones. The constitution necessitated a resident of Trinity attending lectures, and it was ably shown that Mr. Bedford-Jones attended lectures regularly, perhaps too regularly for Mr. Dumoulin and others of his kidney. Thus three suppers were in order.

**PROF. HUNTINGFORD** is agitating for a private assault-arms at the end of term. The Executive Committee of the T.U.A.A.A. have associated him with them and the assault will probably come off about March 16th. If, in the absence of a gymnasium, we will be unable to show much science, at least some good hard hitting may be looked for.

**STUDENTS' NIGHT AT THE ACADEMY.**—As in the University towns of the old country, where the undergraduates being more numerous and quite a dangerous crowd, the theatres are wont to reserve a special night for the students, so, too, the Duff Opera Company announced in the papers a week before hand that Thursday, the 19th February, "La Basoche" would be performed as a special honour to the members of the Universities here. There were not wanting cynical remarks as to the why and wherefore of such a course, before the actual performance. For instance, the prices were suspiciously raised; and altogether it looked like an excellent piece of business management. The play itself was poor, or at best uninteresting, nor had the music any of those catchy strains that might have won the students' heart. Indeed, though they were our rivals, the 'Varsity Glee Club afforded infinitely more entertainment. Trinity had taken the four boxes on one side, and the manager offered 'Varsity the other side; so accordingly the boxes were draped artistically in the respective College colours. Trinity, however, scored one point in having a gigantic "Trinity for Ever" fluttering in the breezes, across the stage, high in air. There was a friendly rivalry throughout between the Universities, and whereas Trinity got decidedly the better of it in the way of the baskets of flowers ever and anon presented to the actresses, 'Varsity Glee Club outshone the Red and Black in the matter of song. It is a great pity that some arrangement could not have been made beforehand to have the Banjo Club, etc., to represent either college. The actors wore both colours and avoided giving offense with great judgment. A song especially prepared by Trinity to be sung by the tenor was forbidden by the manager. Altogether, that said manager seems to have been guilty of considerable double dealing, but no doubt is beginning to reform after the financial difficulties, it appears, the company has got into at Hamilton. We hope some really good play will come to warrant a splendid reception by the combined forces of 'Varsity and Trinity. There was no conflict between the rival colleges except after the play when snowballing was resorted to by the Meds., though one gigantic Varsity man had a villainous-looking policeman's baton concealed in his coat. And thereby hangs a most amusing tale of which Berlin knows something.

On the evening before the *Conversat.* the Convocation Hall presented a scene not often witnessed within the city limits. It reminded one strangely of some German Fair, or Tyrolese village festival. A stalwart farmer sat at the piano and crushed forth chords of notes in triple time, while earnest divinity men clutched frantically at chairs