

not sectarian in their teachings, then the reason for their separate and distinct existence is gone. The denominations ought to join their fellow citizens in the advocacy of the claims of the University. There is, says PRINCIPAL CAVEN, nothing sectional, partisan or selfish in these claims, but they spring simply from the desire to place on a higher and more secure footing this great institution of the Province. He took pleasure in the fact that this question had not been embarrassed by political differences; and expressed his conviction that the Legislature could do nothing which would be a more lasting memorial of their usefulness than the thorough equipment of our great Provincial University.

Similar expressions of opinion were given by REV. PRINCIPAL SHERATON, REV. DR. CASTLE, REV. FATHER TEEFY, REV. H. D. POWIS, and REV. J. C. ANTLIFF, all of whom delivered able speeches, further reference to which limit of space alone prevents.

HON. G. W. ROSS, Minister of Education for the Province, and MR. R. HARCOURT, M.A., M.P.P., responded on behalf of the Local Legislature, and promised that in the equipment of our provincial University that body would not depart from its liberal traditions, but would see to the harmonious development of our educational system as a whole. The reception which MR. HARCOURT'S co-educational advocacy received, from both floor and gallery, show that there are other questions beside the financial one to be dealt with, and that quickly.

REV. DR. MOSS, President of Indiana State University, could stand up as the representative of an institution the property of the people, and open to everybody. His position is that of our University, with this exception, that to meet the increasing wants of his institution he has but to make their existence known. The people of his State build their schools on the same principle as that on which they build their Government-house and their penitentiaries. When an opponent of this system asks DR. MOSS, 'Why should I be taxed in order that your boy may go to College?' he asks in reply, 'Why should I be taxed to build a penitentiary in order that your boy can go to the State prison?' There should be taxation for the school and college as public institutions founded for the benefit of all.

This is our position here. We come before the Province as a public institution, given public work to do without the necessary capital to satisfactorily carry it on. We ask the public to support their servants in doing their work as they would have it done.

While this now-burning question of State aid was the main theme of eloquence at the Banquet this year, there were other subjects discussed of scarcely less importance; and there were other reasons which alone would account for the success of the gathering as a whole. No better plan could have been devised for the fostering of a high university spirit, and of a true *esprit de corps*, than the bringing together of so many of our graduates and undergraduates at so convenient a time and under such pleasing auspices. We trust that not only may this prove the first of a new long series of successful University re-unions, whose success also may grow from more to more with the increase in the numbers and importance of our graduates throughout the whole Province.

Editorial Notes.

The meeting of Convocation on Friday was large and unanimous, and its sentiment, as voiced by the speakers at the Banquet, has already gone abroad to the country. The well-digested reports of the sub-committees on Progress and Finance were presented and passed, and will be hereafter published. The lines of action they advocated was similar to that which Convocation has always pursued, and a steady advance in these directions must be chronicled. The country was well represented, and the graduates from outside the city were able to report that a new feeling of interest with regard to the University is arising and that the feeling of the graduates is strong and unanimous on the question of State aid. It will be our duty

in a future number to comment fully on the work done at this session of Convocation.

An *habitué* of the concerts in Convocation Hall was heard to remark, on last Thursday evening, 'Since the Glee Club was formed, five or six years ago, I have heard it sing many times, and never before did I listen to such a shabby performance.' We are inclined to agree with our critical friend, and do this with the more regret because the Club has as many names on its membership roll and as good material to work with as ever it had. The chorus was weak, and the parts were, moreover, completely unbalanced, so that the effect produced was as of an unsuccessful attempt at singing in unison. Under the skilful leadership of Mr. Torrington the time could not go far astray, but even he was not able to reduce some unruly voices to subordination. The selections were unfortunate, and sadly lacked practise, but this can scarcely stand as a valid excuse for the failure of the Club on this occasion. If a sufficient number of good voices can be mustered to give acceptable concerts out of the city—and we are pleased to note that these have been uniformly successful—surely enough members might appear on the platform on the evening of the *Conversazione* to present to the audience something creditable to the Club and not so lamentably inferior to the rest of the Concert.

Last week fulfilled to some extent the idea, so successfully carried out in many universities, of a University Week. Among undergraduates the whole seven days were given up to the Banquet, the *Conversazione*, and their necessary preliminary arrangements; and this, indeed, is our apology for the fact that the 'Varsity did not appear as usual on Saturday. The members of the Executive Committee of Convocation and the Banquet Committee cheerfully bestowed a large share of the week in preparation for these several events, and received the reward of success. The happy conjunction of Banquet and *Conversazione* gave graduates from the country an opportunity of attending both, and many old faces were seen again in the halls and corridors where they were once known so well. As this annual reunion becomes a settled fact we may expect to see every year larger and larger numbers of old graduates return to their Alma Mater to offer up their share of incense on the altar of memory, and we may expect a closer union between our graduates, a deeper interest in the University, and a growing sentiment of true *esprit de corps*.

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week Henry Irving and Ellen Terry appear on the stage of the Grand Opera House. The opportunity of witnessing their interpretation of the plays in which they appear ought not to be lost by the undergraduates. It is scarcely too much to say that a play of Shakespeare sustained by them gains a new meaning, and one which the study of the text, however careful and conscientious, must fail to afford. If undergraduates would settle on a night—Friday being perhaps the most suitable, as on that evening *The Merchant of Venice* is presented—arrangements could doubtless be made with the manager by which the advantages of a Student's Night would be given.

The University *Conversazione* was allowed to lapse for several years through the inaction of the undergraduates. The enterprise of one year, which will long be memorable in the history of student life from the movements it inaugurated, re-established it, and from that time it has been every year an assured success. It is easy to see why this mode of entertainment should be so popular. The building is so large that crowding, except in the neighborhood of the hall, is impossible, and the freedom from restraint, the absence of a hostess or