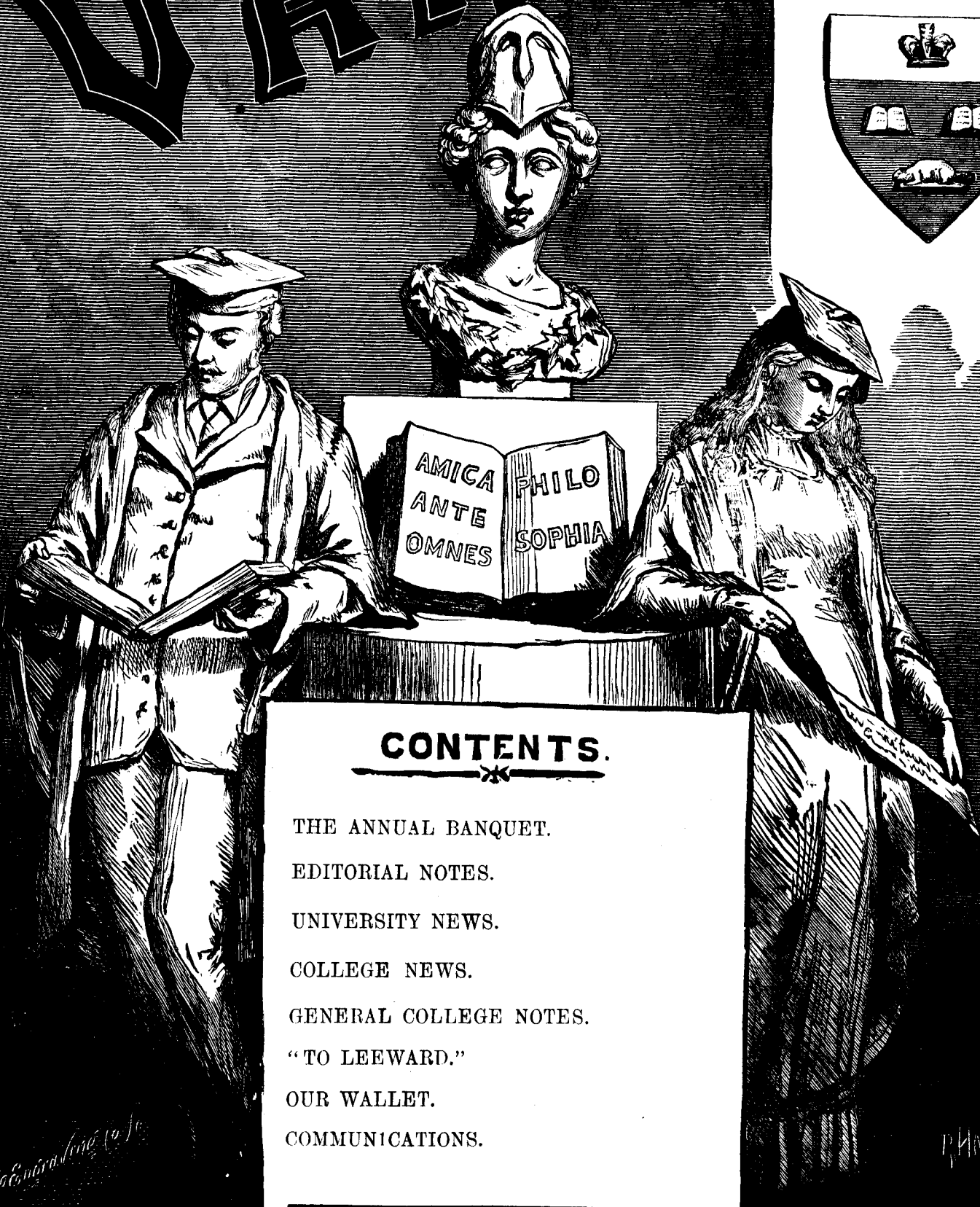


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are the latest writings. The latter of these is the subject of this short review.

We apprehend that the author has made a more successful effort in this book than in his previous writings, though it is certainly less interesting and less complete as a whole. In the earlier books Mr. Crawford has apparently striven to write an absorbing story, with very little regard to architectural detail. In *Dr. Claudius*, especially, he has permitted occurrences and consequences to evolve in the happiest but most improbable manner. This adaptation of events to existing circumstances, though agreeable to the sustainment of an excited state of interest, is, we must admit, made use of at the expense of the writer's reputation. In *To Leeward* the author has paid more attention to incident as naturally arising from the characters of those represented; but we observe many traces of haste, which go far to mar the construction of the plot.

The scene is laid in Rome in the present century. There are only four characters who have any prominence. The first chapters introduce the young Marcantonio Marchese Carantoni and his sister Diana. The former is paying court to a beautiful young English Hypatia—Leonora Carnethy. We find her overcome in a fit of hopelessness at her inability to understand the statement by Hegel that 'Nothing is the same as Being.' This does not surprise us greatly. Her despair is rather a good sign, but we are disappointed as we read and discover that there are a number of other things she does not understand. She marries Marcantonio. Not from love, seemingly, but because she thinks it impossible to have ever thought of him as a husband without loving him. This seems to satisfy her, although her conscience contradicts her. Marcantonio is immediately made happy, and departs with his wife to a beautiful part of the sea coast, fondly believing himself secure in his happiness. He is represented as being "an honest and whole-souled man." Whatever that may mean, we cannot see that he is anything more than a man of a good nature with a capability far below the average of noticing what is happening around him. Leonora Carantoni, after a few weeks of this questionable happiness, is roused into a new interest by the advent of Julius Batiscombe, a wandering author. He is destined to break up the present domestic felicity. It is at this point that the novel becomes interesting. Leonora shows a little action. Hitherto, in spite of her wide reading, she is nothing but a physically beautiful woman. Batiscombe is a well and somewhat sharply defined specimen of an interesting type. Intellectual, selfish, determined, and yet prone to the influence of universal woman, with a consciousness of his own insincerity. With every circumstance to favour him, Batiscombe is thrown continually with Leonora. At the commencement he makes an attempt to escape temptation, but chance deters him. From that time, by successive steps, Batiscombe wins Leonora. Diana, Marcantonio's sister, discovers their attachment, and prevails upon him to forbid Batiscombe's presence. Batiscombe remains concealed, and eventually persuades Leonora to leave her husband. Marcantonio becomes a lunatic, follows the pair, and disturbs them playing a rather foolish love scene. He endeavors to shoot Batiscombe, but Leonora, who discovers him just in time, throws herself upon her lover, and she herself receives the shot.

This is of course the end. The author concludes with a half-page of moral, which we think had better not have been written; as it savours too much of an apology.

This is briefly an outline of the plot of *To Leeward*. That the author has, in his haste, overlooked a great many points, so as often to render it ridiculous, is obvious.

The introduction of Leonora as a learned beauty, and the subsequent discovery that she has gained nothing from her learning to place her above the ordinary school girl, is unsatisfactory, not to say inconsistent. But it is not in the form of his novels that we, as yet, notice a power in Mr. Crawford's writings. It is the originality and the beauty of many of his stray passages, that has already made him a favourite to so many of us. We shall look forward with genuine pleasure to his next work, and hope for another proof of his undoubted talent.

Full noble was Sir Belvidere,
And Knightlye deedes were his;
He loved deepe ye ladye fayre,
And she loved him, ywis.

Alas! ye love that cannot be,
Ye love that weepes awaye!
Alas! ye hate that will not see,
Ye grief that soon doth slaye!

Bring pansies from the green fields fayre,
Blown violets beside,
And lilyes for my ladyes hair,—
She sickened and dyed.

Sore grieved Belvidere, the Knight,
And went to a far countree,
And in a Paynim battle-fight
He joined Emelye.

—FREE LANCE.

* * *
The latest theory advanced in regard to the redness of the sky at sunset is, that Oscar Wilde is writing a new poem addressed to the sun, causing it to blush.

* * *
At breakfast one morning, a New York dude declined a shad. He had been told that fish made brains, and he did not want to unfit himself for his position.

* * *
A bald headed man, who has heard that the hairs of a man's head are numbered, wants to know if there is not some place where he may obtain the back numbers.—*Clip*.

* * *
'Please, sir, there's nothing in the house to eat,' said Brown's landlady. 'How about the fish I sent in?' 'Please sir, the cat 'ave eat them.' 'Then there is some cold chicken'—'Please, sir, the cat'—'Wasn't there a tart of some sort?' 'Please, sir, the cat'—'Well, darn it, cook the cat and let's have it all at once.'—*Ex*.

* * *
'Alas!' said the hair-pin in the mince meat of a boarding-house pie, 'how unfortunate I am. Yesterday I was calmly seated in the cook's hair, and to-morrow I shall be served up at dinner.' 'Why should you complain?' returned the fly, who had been mistaken for a currant. 'You will at least be discovered and cast aside, but I shall be swallowed and no one will lament my death.'

This fable teaches us that no one knows what the morrow will bring forth, even out of a mince pie.—*Courant*.

* * *
A certain Anglo-Saxon—thus we may avoid international complications—entered a Parisian restaurant with intent to eat, drink, and be merry. Wishing to inform the waiter of his hunger he said, 'J'ai une femme!' to which the polite but astonished waiter responded, 'J'espère que madame se porte bien?' Whereupon the Anglo-Saxon makes a second attempt at the French for hunger, and asserts, 'Je suis fameux,' to which the waiter's obvious reply is 'Je suis bien aise de le savoir, monsieur!' Then the Anglo-Saxon girded up his loins and made a final effort and declared, 'Je suis femme!' to which the waiter could answer only, 'Alors, madame s'habille d'une facon très-étrange.' After which the Anglo-Saxon fled, and was seen no more.—*Saturday Review*.

Our Wallet.

YE LADYE EMELYE.

Fayre was ye ladye Emelye,
Lyke star-lyght shone her eyne,
And slender was her sweete bodye,
And sweete her smyle, I ween.

Communications.

To the Editor of the 'Varsity.

SIR,—Both Sir Leppel Griffin (in the *Fortnightly*) and *Bystander* (in the *Week*) seem to me to have erred somewhat in their accounts of American appreciation of Mr. Matthew Arnold as a public lecturer. It is true that many of the newspapers, mindful, probably, of

the 'Word about America,' railed at Mr. Arnold—especially at his first lecture at Chickering Hall. Most of them declared, and Sir Leppel has repeated, that he was not heard. The *Tribune* was the only paper that gave anything like a fair report of the performance; the rest explained that they couldn't hear it. Now, my companion (a very Philistine American) and myself sat in the last row of the parquette, and scarcely lost a word after the first few sentences. While in the Brooklyn Academy of Music, where the lecture was 'Literature and Science,'—with which Mr. Arnold is manifestly more familiar than with that on 'Numbers,'—there were no complaints made from any part of the house, though much larger than Chickering Hall. Mr. Cable's readings, recently given in the latter building, were not easily followed, either, from the distant seats.

But the newspapers are the mouth-pieces of the demagogues,—not of the audiences that went to hear 'the most distinguished living Englishman.' It is very doubtful if even the reporters really failed to distinguish the 'literary' and the 'platform' lecturer; it is quite certain that very few of the people that listened to the Arnold lectures failed to make the distinction and allow for it. When, in Brooklyn, Judge Van Cott hinted that for his 'exquisite sentences' and not his elocution was the lecturer to be judged, the quick applause showed how clearly the audience felt the difference. Whatever the press may have said, the private expression of admiration was not stinted, and even extended to Mr. Arnold's articulation and pronunciation.

It is not unlikely that *Bystander* has had similar experience to Mr. Arnold's. But he is mistaken if he thinks that in the United States newspaper disapproval of a somewhat lugubrious and sing-song delivery, interferes with the keenest delight in incisive and eloquent English.

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Yours, etc.,
WILLIAM A. SHORTT.

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The Annual Banquet of 1884, held in the Pavilion of the Horticultural Gardens last Friday evening, was an interesting and memorable event, for many reasons. It was interesting and memorable, because it marked an undoubtedly successful departure from the old line of small Convocation dinners which for so long did duty for desired periodical gatherings of University men; because it showed a meeting of graduates from all directions larger by far than any that we have ever been able to bring about; because those graduates came together in such numbers for the purpose of indicating, and did indicate by their very presence, the love and attachment they feel to the University and College to which they owe so much; and because, among the graduates and friends of the University of Toronto who were there assembled, the talent of all the liberal professions of Canada was represented as it seldom is seen represented at one meeting. On this occasion, it was naturally expected that the principal attraction would be in the able speeches of the distinguished guests whose names were on the toast-list, and who, it was believed, ought to mirror the views of all classes and of all educational interests. And those who entertained the hope that those speeches would be consistent and enthusiastic exponents of the best University feeling, and would illustrate unambiguously the strong hold our University has upon the best opinions of the people at large, were not disappointed in that anticipation. For the many speeches delivered were, without exception, able, clear, logical and instructive.

HON. JOHN A. BOYD, M. A., Chancellor of Ontario, occupied the chair, and, in proposing the toast of The University, Affiliated Colleges and Sister Institutions, happily referred to the much-wished-for consummation of a grand Central University in Ontario, to which all other seats of learning should look up as the one examining and degree-conferring body. That was the hope of PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH, expressed in his letter of inability to be present. And he agreed with PROF. SMITH in thinking that this is not a chimerical scheme, but is on a fair way to becoming an accomplished fact.

The speech of HON. EDWARD BLAKE was the speech of the evening. He laid down the broad principle, without an adequate understanding of which our position as a university, and the ground of our claim to the support of the people, cannot be understood—the principle that we are a necessary part of a great educational system, of which our people are justly proud, and that in the development of that system towards perfection the head of the structure should not be allowed alone to decay through lack of nourishment and support. We are a democratic people, and we glory in the popular nature of our sentiments and of our institutions. Of our democratic institutions, there is none in which the people feel a deeper or more reasonable pride than in that system of education which has grown up with us, and for which we are so widely known and envied. It is essential to the perfect growth of a democratic people that the masses of the people should be educated. Hence we rightly glory in our free public-schools and our free high-schools. But those to whom was entrusted the working-out and building-up of our public-school and high-school systems, did not stop there, and rightly. They recognized, at first defectively, but afterwards with less of prejudice and more of liberality, the necessity of an institution in which a higher education, a university education, could be obtained. From this

conviction sprang that institution now known as the University of Toronto. Through various vicissitudes the University has for years done valuable work, and, not always free from error, but ever exposed, and rightly exposed, to the fullest public criticism, not always of the most liberal character, has, at least so far as its resources would allow, kept pace with the material and intellectual growth of the Province. And if, says MR. BLAKE, owing to our growth as a people, and our increased demands, an endowment which once was found ample in our early history, is now found insufficient, those who are responsible for the management of our University affairs would be guilty of nothing less than a dereliction of duty in omitting to state their needs and their difficulties, and to seek the remedy; and the application of that remedy the Province will be willing to grant, so soon as the necessity for it is explained and understood. The same principle which led to the foundation of our University, and to its changes of character and constitution to meet the demands of a more liberal age, will maintain its efficiency by the support necessary to its growth and enlargement in harmony with the sentiment and culture of the Province. MR. BLAKE could with knowledge point to the advantages already derived from the increased liberality of our theological denominations, and could see in that increase of liberality the main reason for the hope we entertain with regard to the ultimate height of our position as a University. And the applause which greeted the expression of his hope, that that height may be reached by the harmonious development, side by side, of Church and State, each independent, and both mutually helpful, was an indication of the deep and hopeful feeling of all liberal-minded men among us. In the meantime, all discussion of our affairs as a University must be conducted in a liberal spirit; and the result of such full, free and fair discussion must be that every month and year will but strengthen the hold this University has on the affections and confidence of the Province to which we belong.

Naturally, after the long discussion that has of late been going on, and in view of the prominence with which our affairs have come before public consideration, MR. BLAKE'S speech was mainly a statement of our claim to the Local Legislature for an increase of endowment. This was likewise the theme of most of the other speakers. The justice of that claim was more clearly vindicated, if any such additional vindication was necessary, by the different points of view from which it was examined.

PRESIDENT WILSON referred to our growth in material and commercial importance, and laid down the principle of guidance in our advancement, that while we are looking to the grand progress of material prosperity we should see that intellectual strength and power and true knowledge go along with it. While year by year we expend a superfluity of money in subsidizing railways, we must not forget that we have a future of intellectual as well as of material brightness to look forward to and to strive for.

HON. PRINCIPAL CAVEN, in a practical and logical manner, disposed of the charge that the interests of the working-man are against the claims of the University for state-aid. The people of Canada are all working-men. There is no line of discrimination among us, between the working-man and the man of leisure. It is rather to the best interest of the poorest among us, that the highest education should be made free for all. The opposition of the so-called denominational Colleges is also an unreasonable one. If, as some of them boast, they are

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 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

other authorized entertainer, as well as the divers amusements afforded, all tend to make the Conversazione of the Literary and Scientific Society the best appreciated re-union of the year. There was a notable cheerfulness on the faces of those present on Thursday evening, except perhaps, during a few moments of agonizing crush at the doors of the Hall. And if some found the supper tables desolate it was surely their own fault for seeking them too late. There was some very effective draping with flags, though scarcely as much attention as usual had been paid to the decorations, and the building was better lighted than we have ever seen it before. The committees deserve much credit for the perfection of all arrangements, and have the satisfaction of knowing that they were the means of affording a pleasant evening to some fifteen hundred people.

The thanks of all University men are due to the *Mail* and *Globe* for their reports of the Banquet on Friday evening. The *Mail* devotes a full page of small type to the Banquet and the meeting of Convocation. The speeches reported were just those necessary to show the strength of our position in the country at present, and their perusal throughout the whole Province cannot fail to make us even stronger.

The proposal on the part of the Senate to alter the constitution of the degree of LL. D. so that it may henceforth be granted *honoris causa* simply, and not by examination, has called forth already a good deal of comment, favorable and otherwise, from our graduates. While there is always the possibility of error or even wilful unfairness in the granting of honorary degrees, it cannot but be understood, on the other hand, that there are, or may be, degrees that can only be so obtained to be of any value. We have always considered our plan of bestowing the degree of LL. D. as the *reductio ad absurdum* of the examination system. Some measure of the value attached by our graduates to this degree may be obtained by an examination of our list of Doctors of Law. We would cast no slur upon the ability or reputation of any in this list; but we must say that our best men, when they have fulfilled the necessary conditions otherwise, are not likely to be willing to submit themselves to an examination at the hands of men, in all probability their inferiors. The degree of LL. D. is supposed to be the highest degree our University can give. It should be placed on a foundation that will allow of a reasonable confidence in its value. That foundation cannot be a written examination. The Senate deserves thanks for attention to this matter, and will be assisted, if willing, by the consideration and advice of Convocation, the body most interested in a satisfactory settlement of the question. They need not be alarmed by the threat, held out by one of our Doctors of Law, that if that degree is placed on the proposed ground of an honorary one, the present holders of it will hand in their diplomas. That threat is too improbable to cause much alarm; even if carried out, the calamity would not be considered an overwhelming catastrophe.

University News.

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The Society's Annual Conversazione, one of the social events in Toronto, and holding among undergrads equal rank with the elections, took place on Thursday last. The building, both as regards lighting and decoration, looked better than it has ever done; Convocation Hall in this respect being far ahead of last year; the library and senate chamber were also much improved by the pictures which were hung there. There were at a very moderate estimation sixteen hundred people present, and if one could judge by their faces and remarks, the great majority of them went away thoroughly satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

The musical portion of the entertainment was as successful and enjoyable as is usually the case, to judge not only from the perform-

ance itself, but from the comments also of the crowd that struggled through the narrow door. An exclamation overheard (evidently uttered by one of the banquet committee), was to the effect that if only the Ontario Ministry were jammed in that doorway, with the leader of the Opposition in the middle of them, conviction would be forced upon them that the University accommodation was not sufficiently large in consideration of the numbers who sought admission to its halls.

Mrs. Caldwell, Miss Strong, and Herr Fried were the vocalists of the evening. Mrs. Caldwell's pure tones have been frequently heard at University Conversaciones, and may that pleasure be not seldom enjoyed in the future by the guests of the University. Herr Fried is also well known to Toronto musical audiences. Last Thursday night, besides several solos, he joined Mrs. Caldwell in a duet. Miss Strong was the only new light in the entertainment. This lady has a soprano voice of superior cultivation; she possesses an unusual amount of execution, which was very satisfactorily displayed in an aria from Rossini's 'Barber.' Her other solos showed that she can likewise excel in a simpler style of singing. Miss Clench played most beautifully and sympathetically on that most sympathetic instrument, the violin. Beethoven's exquisite Romance for violin and Wienawski's dreamy Legend gave evidence of the wide range of this very young lady's powers. Miss Gunther and Mr. Field filled all the piano-players in the audience with admiration and envy. Unfortunately each pianist had chosen a polonaise of Chopin's, so that that variety generally denominated pleasing was absent in the pianoforte selections. Mr. Field also contributed a study by Liszt, but as Liszt may be considered a follower of Chopin in his treatment of the piano, this would scarcely count as a variety in style. The College Glee Club appeared once only on the programme. It is now useless to express anything but regret that the Glee Club, which has been able to give concerts at various places outside Toronto, so very recently, should have failed to produce anything at the annual concert in their own College more important than the two part songs which formed the only number on the programme allotted to them. At the close of the first concert Prof. Ramsay Wright expressed to the audience the regret of the Literary Society that a scheme for public lectures in Convocation Hall this winter had fallen through, and adroitly brought to his feet Mr. Matthew Arnold, one of the hoped-for lecturers, to answer for himself as a party to the non-fulfilment of the scheme. Mr. Arnold's few charming sentences of regret brought the first concert to a close.

Mr. Torrington conducted the entertainment with the skill and success which never fail him.

The only really new feature of this year was the serving of refreshments in the reading-rooms, and that this was an undoubtedly welcome addition to the programme was admitted by almost everyone; some of the minor details, such as the curious odors that pervaded the upper part of the building and having ice cream on hot plates will be doubtless obviated another year; on the whole the refreshment committee is to be congratulated on the completeness of their arrangements. It would be a good plan if connection could be made between the library and museum galleries, as those form a pleasant vantage ground from which to mark the fleeting throng. The armoury, as usual, looked at its best and reflected much of its glory upon the mighty potentate who has it under his special charge. The microscopic preparations, sciopicon views and physical experiments all had their crowd of admirers, although we think that had there been some means of directing attention to the last-named attraction other than the mere mention of it on the programmes, the audience would have been materially increased. The music of the Q. O. R. band was of an unusually good order and was well rendered, adding in no small degree to the enjoyment of the evening. Taking into consideration the narrowness of the avenues and the depth of the snow, the difficulty of finding and reaching one's cab was not greater than might be expected; at all events the amount of strong language supplied by the cabmen was far in excess of the demand for that article.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Convocation was held on Friday at the Canadian Institute, at 12 o'clock, noon. The work of the meeting consisted mainly of preparation of business for the consideration of Convocation, and can be inferred from the report of the proceedings of the latter. The meeting was noteworthy from the number of members present from all directions, a fact owing partly, no doubt, to the occurrence of the Banquet in the evening. The following were present: Messrs. Kingsford (Chairman), Creelman (Secretary), O'Sullivan, Biggar,

Paterson, Marsh, Maclean, and Blake, Toronto; Cameron and Kelly, Brantford; Edwards, Peterborough; Coyne, St. Thomas; Woods, Ottawa; Smythe, Kingston; Ponton, Belleville; Dunn, Lindsay; Stevenson, Pickering; Cameron, Strathroy; Robertson, St. Catharines; Tyler, Guelph, and King, Berlin. This large and representative attendance is a marked indication of the thorough waking-up our graduates have at last shown.

CONVOCATION.

A special meeting of Convocation was held on Friday afternoon at the Canadian Institute. The attendance of graduates from all parts of the Province was by far the largest ever known before. The chair was occupied by Hon. J. A. Boyd, M. A.

The report of the Finance sub-committee of the Executive committee was adopted, recommending the payment of the sum of \$120 to the Clerk of Convocation in part recognition of his long services, and proposing a plan for the collection of membership fees.

The report of the Progress sub-committee of the Executive committee was then considered. A letter from one of the delegates suggesting the consideration of the Upper Canada College question and the questions of fellowships and scholarships was reserved for future discussion. The clause recommending that legislation be applied for to increase the number of graduates on the Senate from 15 to 18, and to shorten their term of office from 5 to 3 years, was referred back to the Executive Committee. Suggestions in favor of representative voting and of the abolition of existing restrictions on the number of meetings of Convocation, were approved of, and their particulars left to the consideration of the Executive Committee.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously and left to the Executive Committee for presentation to the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Resolved—That the members of this Convocation, having during their collegiate course become aware of the many deficiencies in the equipment of the University College and the University of Toronto, both for teaching and examining the increasing number of students annually presenting themselves, deem it to be their duty to approach the Lieut.-Governor with a view to lay before his Honour the wants of the members of the University College.

That a general statement of these wants was made in a report of a committee of the senate of the University of January 13th, 1882, adopted by the senate May 4th, 1882, and transmitted to the Minister of Education on May 17th, 1882.

That the members in Convocation assembled adopt the view of the plan of organization set forth in that report, subject to possible modifications in minor details as the best that can be devised.

That the plan involves, as appears by the report, a considerable increase in the yearly expenditure, and Convocation respectfully requests that the Lieut.-Governor in Council would be pleased to take steps to increase the resources of the institution with a view to effect the needed improvements.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE BANQUET.

Heretofore the Annual Dinner of the graduates and undergraduates and friends of the Toronto University has always been held on the evening of Convocation, some time in June, a time when the academic year is over, and all the undergraduates except the graduating year have left the University for the summer vacation. With the view of securing a larger undergraduate attendance, a petition was during last term presented to the Executive Committee of Convocation, asking their co-operation in having the date of this event changed to some time during Easter term. Accordingly arrangements were made for the grand University Banquet, which was held in the Pavilion of the Horticultural Gardens, on the evening of Friday, the 15th February.

The Hon. John A. Boyd, Chancellor of Ontario and a distinguished graduate, occupied the chair, with Messrs. John King, M.A., Dr. D. A. O'Sullivan, M.A., and S. I. H. Cameron in the vice-chairs. At the chairman's table at the head of the room sat the Hon. Edward Blake, M.A., Q.C.; Mr. Justice Patterson, Bishop O'Mahoney, Dr. Wilson, Rev. Principal Caven, Rev. Dr. Sheraton, Rev. Father Vincent, Rev. H. D. Powis, Hon. T. W. Anglin, J. A. Paterson, M.A.; Archbishop Lynch, Hon. G. W. Ross, Mr. Justice Proudfoot, Vice-Chancellor Mulock, M.A.; J. J. McLaren, Q.C.; Mr. Justice Rose, Rev. Dr. Castle, Rev.

Dr. Lemuel Moss, President of Indiana State University; Mayor Boswell, Dr. W. T. Aikens, LL.D.; Warring Kennedy, Prof. Loudon, M.A.; Dr. Geikie, Rev. Dr. Thomas. In addition to the above there were 225 graduates from all parts of Ontario, and 170 undergraduates, the many festivities of the week accounting for the small attendance of students. The fair friends of the University to the number of about 400 being denied the gastronomical privileges of Higher Education, expressed their interest in the proceedings of the evening by their attendance in the gallery.

Mr. A. J. Patterson, M. A., the Secretary of the Banquet Committee, read a number of letters from prominent gentlemen expressing their regrets at their inability to attend, and their sympathies with the cause of the Provincial University.

After all had done ample justice to the menu provided, the chairman proposed the first toast of the evening, The Queen, etc., which was responded to by the singing of the National Anthem.

Then came the toast of the evening, 'The University of Toronto, Affiliated Colleges and Sister Institutions.'

In response, the Hon. ED. BLAKE, who, on rising, was received with loud cheers, alluded to the efficient educational system of Ontario, as regards High and Public Schools, and to the pressing needs of the Provincial University to make it a fitting coperstone of this grand Democratic system of free education. He maintained that owing to the largely increased number of those who were seeking instruction within its walls, and to the growth and development of several branches of learning within the last generation, that the University authorities would have been guilty of a gross dereliction of duty if they had not asked for an increased endowment sufficient to keep pace with the growing prosperity of the country. In conclusion, he alluded to the necessity of a non-sectarian university.

DR. DANIEL WILSON reviewed the history of University College and advocated the claims of Toronto University to an increased endowment. He showed that it was inconsistent and illogical to say that its original endowment was sufficient to accommodate the increasing demands for higher education. He would rejoice if the controversy which had been going on for the last three months should lead the way to some well-considered system of consolidation, which would bind together in true and friendly brotherhood all engaged in higher education.

DR. AIKENS, of Toronto Medical School, said that there were hundreds of graduates who had born with them a love for the Provincial University; he believed in University Consolidation, and would like this Federal Institution to supply the place of the Medical Council in conferring Medical degrees.

DR. GEIKIE, of Trinity Medical School, referred to the past success of that College, which entertained towards Toronto University the kindest feelings.

REV. PRINCIPAL CAVEN, of Knox College, said that there was nothing sectional, partisan, or selfish in the desire of the University to place it on a higher and more secure footing. It was boasted that our denominational colleges were not sectarian in their teachings. He was glad to hear it, but if that were so, then the reason for their separate and distinct existence was gone.

REV. FATHER TEEFY, M.A., of St. Michael's College, referred to the history of the Institution he represented. A Catholic University was an impossible thing in this country. The nearest realization of such an idea was an affiliation with Toronto University, which fulfils the needed requirements for high and liberal education in literary and scientific subjects.

REV. DR. SHERATON, of Wycliffe College, believed that a knowledge of science was essential to the cause of Christianity. Such a knowledge could best be obtained by affiliation with Toronto University.

REV. DR. CASTLE, of McMaster Hall, thought that the time had arrived when the University would gain by closer affiliation with surrounding institutions, and would recognise the value of affiliated Colleges doing portions of its work.

REV. DR. MOSS, President of Indiana State University, remarked that he represented a University in which students can proceed to a degree without fees, and in a humorous and eloquent address he answered many arguments advanced against a State university.

REVS. H. D. POWIS, J. C. ANTLIFF and Mr. Vice-Chancellor MULOCK also replied in feeling language to this toast.

In reply to the toast of the Legislature of Ontario, Hon. G. W. ROSS referred to the satisfactory condition of the educational system of Ontario. With regard to the University, he hoped the Legislature would not falsify its traditions or fall short of its duty

in educational matters. He advocated a grand federation of denominational colleges.

Mr. HARCOURT, M.A., M. P.P., declared the University the grandest institution in the Province and strongly advocated co-education.

In response to The Press, Mr. M. J. GRIFFIN, M. A., of the *Mail*, A. F. PIRIE, of the *Telegram*, Hon. T. W. ANGLIN, of the *Tribune*, W. F. MCLEAN, B. A., of the *World*, and J. MCJ. YOUNG, of the *Varsity*, responded.

The enthusiastic reception given the last-named advocate of our alma mater was particularly gratifying to the staff, as an acknowledgement of their efforts to faithfully discharge their duty.

Messrs. A. McMURPHY, M. A., JOHN MILLER, M. A., and Principal BUCHAN replied to the toast of the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools.

To the toast of the Graduates and Undergraduates, Revs. R. CAMERON, M. A., G. BURNFIELD, M. A., Dr. E. H. SMYTHE and E. B. EDWARDS, M. A., replied for the former, while Messrs. G. W. HOLMES and L. P. DUFF had the honor of being elected to reply to the Undergraduates, a duty they discharged in a most satisfactory manner.

At a late hour the proceedings terminated, all testifying to the satisfactory results in the change of place and date of our annual dinner.

During the evening the speeches were interspersed by selections from the band of the Royal Grenadiers and the University Glee Club.

AT THE CONVERSAZIONE.

Whatever opinion one may hold of conversazioni in general, it will be admitted that this of 1884 has achieved a signal triumph. Too much praise cannot be given to the various committees for the uniform excellence of their arrangements. The Reception Committee, under Captain McLeod, fulfilled their arduous labours to satisfaction, and smiled their sweetest to all the young ladies; the decorations were arranged with taste and care; the programmes spoke well for the æsthetic faculty of the Printing Committee; the efforts of the science men were duly appreciated; the concert crowned the Music Committee with laurel; the Refreshment Committee, metaphorically, *took the cake*. Our guests, most fastidious as they are, were pleased to admit that they passed a very enjoyable evening, that all went merry as a marriage bell. The corridors, lecture-rooms, reading-rooms and senate chamber were all thronged by the 'youth and beauty of the city' decked in their ribbons and prettiest smiles. The Library was a picture. Over the outspread illustrated and curious books many a head was bent, the aisles were filled with promenaders, paintings of rare beauty hung on the walls, and everything brightened by a profusion of light. We stopped to remark before one excellent work in which a patch of blue sky fills the woodland brook beneath it with its blue,

In the brook the sky with its necklace of stars
In love doth dream;
I would thy heart were the sky with its stars
And mine the stream.

But *she* only whispered that then I should feel pretty *blue*. The refreshments supplied a long-felt want, and far from detracting from the pleasure of the evening, as those who opposed their introduction had prophesied, were, by general consent, voted just the thing.

Fitly to describe the scene in general is impossible. It was a fluttering of laces and white arms, a rush of forms and waving of flags, a stream of faces that smile and pass away but leave the smile behind, a blaze of lights and beauty, and music of liquid notes of voice and violin that float through the corridors of thought to awake only images of gladness.

At twelve o'clock we took a last look at the cottage with its walls outlined against the sky, with its numberless windows of light that stream out on the snow-covered lawn, and turn away with some sorrow that the night of the past has closed upon the *Conversazione* of 1884.

As to Miss Clench's violin playing, might I say,

Maiden, didst thou know the power,
'Neath thy liquid notes that throbs,

Didst thou know our trembling
When thy music sighs and sobs,
Didst thou know the spirit soaring
When thy heart is fast outpouring
All its music and its madness
All its depth of joy and sadness,
With the sweetness of thy face passing into the sweet sound;
Thy careless flitting smiles would flee,
A sad-eyed priestess thou woldst be
Self-consecrated to the beauty of the world around.

2 a.m. Friday.

—FREE LANCE.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of the University College Y. M. C. A. was held on Wednesday evening, Prof. Hutton occupying the chair. After prayer by Dr. Wilson, the chairman, in a short address expressive of sympathy with the Association, introduced the Rev. Canon Dumoulin, who had kindly consented to take the meeting. The Rev. gentleman chose as the subject of his remarks the life of Bishop Selwyn, of New Zealand, tracing it from the time he was a boy at Eton, an undergraduate at Cambridge, winning distinction not only in the class lists, but also in atheletic pursuits, till he went away from friends and home to work for his Master among all the discomforts and dangers of a cannibal country, from which his more timid brother shrank. His establishment of churches and schools, his travels through his vast diocese were next touched upon, and then his return to his native land, to his old university, in whose pulpit he preached, stirring many a young man's heart with the enthusiasm which filled his own, and asking them to go out to preach the Gospel to the heathen. A second time he left his home, but this time not alone but with one who was to give his whole life to the glorious cause. This excellent address was brought to a fitting close by a few practical words, after which some further remarks were made by Prof. Hutton, and the meeting closed with prayer.

All undergraduates are cordially invited to these Wednesday evening meetings, which last for only three-quarters of an hour.

MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society of Toronto University was held in one of the lecture rooms on Tuesday evening, Prof. J. Galbraith in the chair. Owing to the unfavorable weather and the near approach of the *Conversazione*, the attendance was not as large as usual. Mr. T. G. Campbell, B. A., read an able paper on 'Law and Theory in Physics,' explaining 'Newton's Law of Motion,' by means of experimental physics. Messrs. Mulvey and McQueen performed a number of optical experiments on the 'Polarization of Light.' These experiments were highly interesting and instructive. J. W. Reid, B. A., gave elegant solutions of two mathematical problems. Some good solutions of problems were also given by Messrs. Mulvey and Rosebrugh.

THE GLEE CLUB.

Last Friday afternoon, twenty-five of the Glee Club left the University, in one of Doane's double sleighs for Richmond Hill, where they gave a concert in the Odd Fellows Hall, in aid of the Literary Society of the Richmond Hill High School. This was the first time the whole Glee Club has sung outside of Toronto this year. The concert passed off very favourably. The hall being filled, standing room may be had, and the large number of enchores greatly helping the Club in their endeavours. The programme included glees, chorus, duets, readings and solos, and last but not least, the "Regular Army Oh," by the original twelve who, the week before, visited Streetsville. It received a hearty encore, with which after singing God Save the Queen, the entertainment closed. The Club then enjoyed a splendid supper at the Palmer House, given by Mr. McBride, the head master; after which they adjourned to the residence of Mr. Sisley, where all the elite of Richmond Hill were assembled, and where it is needless to say, the Club acquitted themselves right gallantly, and after a very pleasant evening, the city was reached the next morning in time to see some of the residence men getting up to study.

QUICQUID AGUNT.

Matthew Arnold pronounced the University building to be one of the finest he had ever seen.

Some person, name unknown, has taken to pasting up on the College doors notices of the meeting of some mysterious society, also unknown.

It is a pity that there was not a dance in Convocation Hall after the *Conversazione*; that it would have been a success is manifest from the Residence hop.

It is noticeable what an interest some of the undergrads take in the proceedings of the Provincial Legislature. Several may be found down at the House any day.

There were no lectures on Wednesday, after two o'clock, Thursday or Friday, by order of the President. This was to allow preparations for the *Conversazione* to be made.

The new song that has been introduced by Messrs. Frost and Brown from the North-west is becoming very popular. It is a simple Indian ditty and is entitled 'O je teg je teg wyand.' We predict quite a run.

Matthew Arnold lectured at Shaftesbury Hall, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening, to large and intellectual audiences. His subjects were 'Science and Literature' and 'Numbers.' It is a pity his lectures could not have been held under the patronage of the University, but the application was made too late.

Matthew Arnold and Mrs. Arnold, accompanied by Mr. Goldwin Smith and Mrs. Smith, paid the University a visit on Wednesday. After seeing the various points of interest the party attended part of Professor Young's lecture on metaphysics. The fact is coincident that the lecture should have been on Herbert Spencer, as Professor Young and Matthew Arnold's opinions of Spencer lie in about the same groove.

We clip the following from the Richmond Hill papers concerning the concert given there by the Glee Club:—'Their programme was *encored* at every point so heartily that the High School pupils must have felt that their concert was giving more than usual satisfaction.' 'The last, the "Regular Army," was fittingly reserved to cap the climax of the evening's enjoyment and was comical enough, and rendered with such vim and spirit as would have made a hypochondriac laugh in spite of all imaginary ailments.'—*York Herald*. And from the *Liberal* we clip 'The entertainment on Friday evening last, given by the University Glee Club, composed of 25 or 30 undergraduates of Toronto, under the auspices of our High School, proved such a success that our people will long remember it and speak with pleasurable pride of the management under our popular and efficient new head master (Mr. McBride).' 'The Glee Club were *encored* at each effort.' 'The last by the Glee Club, entitled the "Regular Army," was an inimitable representation in song and acting of a ragamuffin regiment. This was so well performed in all its parts, so ludicrous and mirth-provoking, that the spectators indulged in uncontrollable delight and laughter.'

QUICQUID QUERIES.

It the Residence man has so many friends now that the dance is over?

If the crowd at the *Conversazione* do not think the University needs additional aid?

What Webb thinks of the average undergraduate appetite now?

What the ladies thought of the banquet?

If they wouldn't have gone in for co-education just about that time?

How they managed to get up so much enthusiasm on lemonade?

ROTTEN ROW.

The first house kitten is booming.

Four first-class pyramids go to Obese & Co. Special terms to freshmen.

The Third Year Residence have formed a Debating Society, and are now wrestling with the question of country and city life.

E. C. Roxy Coleman and H. L. Dunn, B.A., late of Residence, were in town Thursday and Friday attending the *Conversazione* and Banquet.

Two Residence men who formerly roomed together have separated. It is said that one made fun of the other's girl, and he retorted by calling the other an African dude.

Of the fourteen Fourth Year men in Residence it is discovered that twelve intend to take law, one medicine and one is undecided. P.S. These statistics include the Dude.

There are two brothers in Residence, whose name is not Smith, and both belong to a very prominent University club, which said club recently paid a visit to one of Toronto's suburbs. When the time came for returning home each did not scruple to put on what in his opinion was a better pair of overshoes than his own, and each felt a secret gladness over his ill-gotten booty till a few days after, when they discovered they had merely gone a few miles out of town to exchange overshoes, and now they never speak as they pass by.

One of the most important parts of the *Conversazione*, as far as the Residence is concerned, is the dance in the Dining Hall, and this year's was no less successful than any that have preceded it, except perhaps that the hall was a little too crowded, but when one comes to consider the many friends that a Residence man generally has, it is easily accounted for. Dancing was commenced about half-past ten, so that all who attended it might first have an opportunity of hearing the first half of the concert and part of the second, and seeing the building generally. Mrs. R. Ramsay Wright was lady patroness, and the following committee looked after the arrangements. Messrs. Cane, Wigle, McWhinney, Thompson, McCulloch, Crooks, McLaren, McLean and Fleury. The music was provided by Prof. Manciano's orchestra of five pieces. Dancing was kept up till a late hour and every one pronounced it a decided success.

College News.

TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Anxious looks and diligent poring over Anatomies, Physiologies, &c., betoken the approach of a very important period in the students' career, viz: that dreadful yet never to be warded off examination.

When one considers that in little over a month this ordeal will be upon him, is it any wonder that cheeks grow pale, eyes dim, and neglected chins are clothed in embryo beards?

The practice of quizzing is in vogue not a little at present, and students of the Primary year are very busy questioning one another, particularly on the nervous system and all its pretty little complications.

The students of Trinity and her graduates, may well feel proud of their alma mater, for our Dean has been notified that henceforth the College of Physicians and Surgeons England will not require a further examination in medicine and midwifery from those gentlemen who have passed in these subjects at Trinity Medical School, and who are writing for their M. C. P. S. This is a privilege not enjoyed by any other Medical School in the Dominion.

There was a large number of guests present at the Toronto General Hospital's Annual Ball, last Tuesday evening. Judging from the happy faces, merry laughter, and good music, every one enjoyed themselves.

Dancing was indulged in and kept up to a late hour, or rather to the "wee sma' hours," every one seeming to regret when the time came to say 'good night.' Among the guests were his Worship the Mayor and Messrs. Vivian, Dr. and Mrs. O'Reilly, Dr. Sweetnam, Dr. Stark, &c.

Mr. Cochrane is at present filling the position of Assistant in the Hospital, during the temporary absence of Dr. Scott, (Trinity.)

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

DEAR VARSITY,—The Christmas vacation has come and gone, and once more we are all assembled within the 'Classic Halls' of Cambridge. Last Friday, Saturday and Monday were the days fixed by the different colleges for the men to come up, and nearly all the men put in an appearance by the appointed time. The term we are just beginning is an unusually long one on account of the lateness of Easter this year, and, moreover, the Lent term is generally looked upon as the 'slowest' of the three. The weather at this time of the year is anything but pleasant, and the only sports that can be indulged in to any great extent are football and rowing. The latter is already in full swing; in fact the University eight came up early in term and have been practising now for nearly a fortnight. It is to be hoped that the energy they are displaying will prevent a repetition of last year's humiliating defeat.

The Oxford v. Cambridge match at football came off during the vacation. The *Cambridge Review* thinks that 'the less that is said of it the better,'—from which despairing remark you will easily perceive that Cambridge was worsted, and very much worsted too! Oxford played splendidly and surpassed even itself, while the Cambridge team, for some unaccountable reason, was far below its average play.

Selwyn College, notwithstanding the fact that this is only the second year of its existence, appears to be in a flourishing condition. A new block of buildings has been commenced and will, it is said, be completed by next October, when a large increase in the number of undergraduates is looked for. At Oxford, too, a new building, known as the Indian Institute, is in course of erection, and, to quote the words of our Oxford correspondent, it 'bids fair to be one of the ugliest buildings in Oxford; it is a heavy edifice in a semi-classical style, and is now developing a hideous cupola.'

The most interesting event at Oxford during the vacation was the refusal of the Senate to ratify Mr. Horton's nomination as examiner in the Rudiments of Faith and Articles of the Church of England on the ground that he is a Non-Conformist. The High Church party beat up recruits from all parts of the country and voted down the measure by a large majority. When Convocation met, the vice-chancellor, Prof. Jowett, made the usual introductory speech in Latin, and then changing his tone of voice, began in English with the words, 'To avoid mistakes'—but he was interrupted by a loud shout of laughter and derision. When the 'insulted' country clergy had quieted down, Prof. Jowett rebuked them with the sarcastic remark, 'I am afraid, gentlemen, that if I had spoken in Latin you would not have understood me.' The *Times* of the following day contained this verse:—

'Nomen,' quoth Jowett, 'vobis approbandus'—
'But perhaps in English you'll not understand us;
'So in plain English—all that followed after
Was lost (quid mirum?) in a roar of laughter.'

Yours very truly, T. C. S. M.

St. John's College, Cambridge, Jan. 22rd, 1884.

To the Editor of the 'Varsity.

DEAR 'Varsity,—The matriculation for the Lent term was held last Monday, when seventy persons subscribed to the University statutes and ordinances. This makes the total number of matriculants for the present academical year 930, by far the largest entry ever recorded.

The 'Poll' examinations are gradually undergoing a variety of changes. The latest improvement provides 'that any student who has passed both parts of the previous examination may be admitted to the general examination in his fourth or subsequent term of residence.' Under the existing regulations students who commenced residence in the Michaelmas term cannot sit for the 'general' until the end of their second year, but when the new regulations come in force they will be allowed to sit in the first term of their second year. This will give them the advantage of a year and a half in which to prepare their final examination, known as the 'special.' The numberless changes that the examinations are undergoing here must make Conservative Oxford hold up her hands in holy horror!

All our College sports have been seriously interfered with during the past week by most terrific gales. The boating crews especi-

ally have found no little difficulty in combating the elements and many of them have been obliged to give up the struggle until the winds moderate. The University crew have been in practice for about a fortnight, but they are now taking a rest for a week or two, as there seemed great danger of over-training. The crew have not yet been finally determined, and there seems some difficulty in deciding upon a stroke. Among the men who have been tried in the Oxford eight is one whose height is no less than 6 ft. 6 in., and he is in consequence described as being 'rather a hard man to get into a boat.' The river at Oxford still keeps 'within its appointed bounds,' but is in daily danger of overflowing its banks.

Clare College has sustained a severe loss and is mourning an untimely death. I cannot do better than to close this letter by quoting the touching *In Memoriam* which has appeared in the *Review*:—
'In Memoriam: Joseph, the junior cat, whose election upon the College foundation was a barely recognized fact, went during the vacation to join the great majority. Whether his untimely end was due to public violence or a private lack of vitality is a question suited to the rising demands of the College Debating Society. Tom only is left. Our loss, however, is fully repaired by the addition of five by-term men.'

Yours sincerely,

St. John's Coll., Camb., Jan. 30th, 1884. T. C. S. M.

General College Notes.

McGill has a hockey club.

Oberlin recently received \$29,000 from wills.

Wisconsin University has a Scandinavian Literary Society.

Yale's foot-ball team has a surplus in the treasury of nearly \$500.

A student at Williams College was killed while coasting recently.

There are 104 college graduates in the present United States House of Representatives.

Upwards of thirty thousand students are now enrolled in the three hundred American colleges.

College students in Siam are allowed two wives. This is the Siamese method of hazing.—*Ex.*

Oxford won the annual foot-ball match, for 1883-84, that took place between that University and Cambridge.—*Ex.*

Apropos the question of endowment the University at Texas has the largest endowment of any college in America, amounting to \$5,250,000, and a million acres of land. Columbia has an endowment of \$5,000,000.

The following are the colors of some of the leading colleges in the States: Amherst, white and purple; Brown, brown; Columbia, white and blue; Cornell, red and white; Dartmouth, green; Harvard, crimson; Lafayette, maroon and white; Princeton, orange and black; Williams, purple; Yale, blue.

"TO LEEWARD."

To one who is confined by scarcity of leisure, or limits himself by preference to the reading of present works of fiction, the appearance of Mr. F. Marion Crawford as a novel writer will have been an event of no small interest. Notwithstanding the number of such publications at the present day, we do not often do more than read them hastily and lay them aside to be forgotten. Mr. Crawford has published—and we presume written—three or four novels within twelve or fifteen months, and although, as a general rule, such a voluminous production does not augur well for the writer, we may safely say that they have successively been acceptably received by the novel-reading public. *Mr. Isaacs*, the first publication, and *Dr. Claudius* are by this time tolerably well-known. *A Roman Singer* and *To Leeward*