and the more they drank the more it is clear they did not drink
in evidence from Cicero that the more they drank the less
they could have to drink. So that if this temptation was
more excessive then their spilling must have been excessive
and in that case they must have practiced almost
total abstinence. Spilling nearly one hour could they
leave to themselves anything worth speaking of to drink
yet again, if they drank nothing worth speaking of
how could they tolerate? Clearly they could not, and must
not drinking they could have had no reason for spilling
in which case they must have drunk the whole
that is they must have drunk to the whole
excess imputed, which doing they were dead drunk
and must have tolerated to excess which doing
they must have spilt nearly the whole.
But the whole, they could not have been drunk. Ergo,
could not have tolerated. Ergo, could not have
spilt. Ergo, must have drunk. The whole. Ergo,
were dead drunk. Ergo, must have tolerated.
And so round again, as my lord the bishop pleas-
antly expresses it, in secula seculorum. This
quires no comment. I have studied Ergo earnest-
ly and industriously not for the sake of winning
Academicae Honours where meit is left only the account.