The Assembly Rooms,

and we except the Library which I understand is much improved by the few books which have been purchased for the use of the University.


Notwithstanding the annual appropriations made to the University and the frequent demands of the Faculty, no books have been purchased for the College Library in the last thirty years! Last September, I believe, two members of this Faculty purchased about $300 worth of books, and I consider it a disgrace to the University to have no books.

And no name at all.

There are certain circumstances which make it think that the University, built for a library and a ballroom, is for both! And I believe it is commonly called "The Ball Room."

"All seems to thrive and flourish under the enlightened administration of the wise Lord Rector."

I can make use of the word "Lord Rector," although I am aware that they have neither peerage nor councilor, nor account of the high office, or a billiard room, I mean.

The rest is chiefly a mere anticipation, and a modest foreboding, towards what I deem just and likely. Rather I wish the Trustees to understand that my allegory is such a literal one.

I refer them in the Key to publications which are cases of a speech.

Oct. 15, 1856.