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protest to his board the public ought to refrain from taking the initiative. A picture-covered pantechicon gave the students an opportunity to display their artistic talents and their skill for coining puns. Fairly commendable ink sketches were displayed of Professor Stirling, Sir Frederick Holder, Sir Charles Todd, R. P. Poynton, and Mr. Scherk, and the names were adapted to meet the requirements of

a certain advertisement for cheap suits, such as "Don't Scherk a bargain" and "Sterling opportunities." Another failure was "Sterling powders for stomatic pains." "Punful" unquestionably!

A trial scene was capitally presented. A criminal-stained individual stood in the box, and three curly-wigged, querulous lawyers submitted technical points for "His Honor's" consideration. In Rundle street the proceedings were dramatically suspended owing to the escape of the prisoner, who made an unsuccessful endeavour to hide in a spring draw which had been drawn up by the kerbing. The black-gowned counsel gave chase, and hauled the runaway ignominiously into the moving Courthouse. "A viceregal bus"—an antiquated vehicle with a deceptive modern name—was in the procession. It accommodated a lady (?) and gentleman, who bowed to the people with profuse gesture, and smiled with conventional amiability. St. George and the dragon were there too, and also an unshapely "circus queen," who did acrobatic feats on the bare back of a sleepy pony, and threw kisses to the onlookers. Un-aristocratic-looking vehicles had been engaged by "Dr. Cuddle-me-more," "Dr. Un-hung" (a Chinese specialist), and "Professor Cuddleimquick," who sold pills for poisoned policemen. Other attractions were a rumbling farm roller, which flaunted the announcement, "If she does not bump you get a coupon" (a lot of coupons must have been distributed); a bachelor-inhabited vehicle, which supplied matrimonial lottery tickets free, and which made placarded applications for wives, "broken in by whip preferred;" and walking bottles of whisky and beer—"all for little Mary." Altogether the procession was a capital piece of ludicrous organization, and the students played their parts with grotesque success.