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THE students of Dalhousie very courteously and kindly invited a representative to be present at their annual George Munro dinner, but the impoverished state of the W. & A. R. at the time prevented any such pleasure on the part of the gentleman appointed for that purpose by our students.

The man in whose honor the dinner is annually held has been, and is, a great benefactor to Dalhousie, and the students naturally have a warm and enthusiastic regard for him. We entirely agree with them. Long may such men live. Dalhousie has good reason to thank them and feel proud of them. Speed the time when Acadia shall be in receipt of additional thousands through the large-heartedness and long-pocketness of some of her friends, when we, too, may be able to give our "George Munro" dinner, and return the courtesies extended in the past to us, and honor the name and memory of enterprise and philanthropy.

THE almost universal prevalence of colds during the fatal changes of February serve to impress upon us the necessity of morning cold water ablutions and the red-hot glow of the towel bath. In our northern, capricious climate, the precious life of mortal

man has no more deadly enemy than colds. *Every cold counts.* Each leaves as an enduring souvenir its subtle, unfriendly brand upon the system. And since it is the doctrine of all our best authorities on self-culture and hygiene that the application of cold water as the first exercise on the programme of each morning is so invaluablely wholesome, it is to be regretted that so many neglect to avail themselves of this almost unfailing, and almost only, way to render their bodies invulnerable against the winter's darting cold.

"HAZING" is out. The public are looking at it. In one University of our Dominion some of the students are laboring to justify a recent exercise of this mixture of mob law and polite literature. In another, the students themselves are making an effort to abolish the barbarous custom altogether. Whatever hazing has been done at Acadia is only a black stain upon the hands of the students who engaged in the uncivilized business. We do not invite students of other colleges to follow their ignoble example. In all that we have ever heard or read in favor of hazing, the arguments have always wanted one link, and wanting that, the whole chain falls to the ground. *Who is to do the "hazing?"* Grant that some students are green and offensive, and do not behave themselves; grant that such criminals deserve to be severely punished; yet it cannot be granted that an offender's fellow-students are the ones to do the punishing.

This strange postulate cannot be granted, and we have never heard it proved. Then if it were proved, it would remain to be proved further that the way to punish him is to subject his person to indignities. Students have a right to frown down evil among them, and make evil-doers blush by their own noble example, but by what constitution is a self-appointed, hot-headed, conceited portion of an incorporate body authorized to inflict corporal punishment upon one of their comrades? The Faculty of the college themselves do not claim this authority. Methinks if each student would apply the same severe criticism to himself that he loves to apply to other mortals, the same power of discrimination that discloses the unpardon-