

Steps are now being taken with this end in view, and apparently all that is needed to secure what would prove not only a source of enjoyment but an object of practical worth, is a well organized and decisive movement by the undergraduates themselves. It is to be hoped that this will not be lacking, and that we may soon realize the advantages of having a skating rink upon our own grounds.

WE WOULD DRAW attention to what, in our opinion, is a matter which ought to be remedied by the Students of McGill: we refer to the variety of ribbons with which a large number of the students bedeck themselves by wearing these ornaments in their hats or on their coats. Now, it is surely a very poor show of loyalty to their Alma Mater if these men prefer to wear the ribbon of another college or school in preference to or even to wear two or three others besides that of McGill. When a man comes to college he ought certainly to enter into the life of the college, and should not be ashamed to wear the colours of the institution of which he is a member. To those Freshmen and others who wear the ribbons of the different schools at which they have been severally educated, we would suggest that they discard these and not be ashamed of being counted a member of such an institution as McGill.

#### OBITUARY.

The sad news reached McGill this past week of the death of one of her brilliant graduates.

Peter Henry leRossignol, who graduated in Practical Chemistry in 1891, and in spite of unusual physical disadvantages won many honors throughout his course and the highest esteem of his fellow-students.

At graduation he received prizes in chemistry, both practical and theoretical, experimental physics, mathematical physics, mineralogy, blow-piping and zoology. His first appointment was to the position of chemist at the Iron Mills, Radnor Forges, and from there he moved to Ottawa, where he was assistant chemist at the Experimental Farm, which position he held at the time of his death. He died at his home in Toronto on Wednesday, November 14th, 1894.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of the MCGILL FORTNIGHTLY:*

DEAR SIR,

Being one of the many students in the University who are deeply interested in the question of a University Theatre night, and who feel convinced that the question has a more important bearing on College politics—if I may use the term—than would appear to an outsider, I venture to make a suggestion as to its solution.

It may be fairly granted that every year has seen an advance toward the creation of a University night, and I feel sure that most of those who have heard the opinions expressed at the joint meetings held this year, for the purpose of coming to a mutual understanding, will bear me out when I say, that we came so nearly agreeing upon all points this year that, unless a distinct retrogression occurs before next fall, a University Theatre night of some kind is almost a certainty in 1895.

In order that this may be made the more certain, I beg to make the following suggestion: That the present Junior, Sophomore and Freshmen years in Arts, Medicine, Science and Veterinary Science, and the Second and First Years in Law, each elect a representative during the present term, who would constitute a "Committee of Negotiation," and that this committee should simply exist for the purpose of endeavoring to arrange for a University Theatre night in 1895. When this committee has been elected, it could meet this session, and sign on behalf of and with the approbation of the Years represented, an agreement to the effect that next session no Faculty or no Year should themselves take, or authorize to be taken, any steps towards securing a theatre or otherwise arranging for theatre night, until this committee meet again in the fall, to see if terms agreeable to all the Faculties could not be reached; and that, in the event of it being impossible to attain the much desired end, they then agree upon their respective theatres; and in the further event of not being able to agree upon the theatre each party is to take, that the question be decided by lot.

If, Mr. Editor, this or some similar suggestion were acted upon, it would eradicate what has been for three years the greatest obstacle to a mutual understanding, namely, that each party has felt in the past that they were bound to place themselves in a somewhat secure position by bespeaking a theatre, before entering into negotiations, for fear that the negotiations would fail, and these arrangements themselves invariably arouse a spirit of hostility, which,