

College Note Book.

STUDENT LIFE.

THE people of Montreal have always proved themselves friends to the students of this college by inviting them into their homes, and in many other ways giving proof of their interest in those who have sought the celebrated seats of learning in this city. The students, on their part, have ever appreciated this kindness, and have always striven to show their appreciation of it.

Some time ago they resolved to hold a *conversazione*, at which they might entertain their city friends. The event was fixed for the 17th of January, and as that date drew near, the interest and enthusiasm of the students increased in proportion. At length the eventful evening arrived, and with it the guests. The *conversazione* became a reality, and it proved to be the most brilliant and most successful affair of its kind in the history of the college. About seven hundred guests attended, and there was ample accommodation for all. Professor and Mrs. Campbell and Dr. and Mrs. Warden, at the request of the students, received the guests. There were present a large number of the most prominent citizens of Montreal, many of the professors of McGill University, and nearly all of the Presbyterian clergymen of the city.

The various parts of the college building presented a charming appearance, the decorations of the convocation hall, the reading room and the reception room being magnificent. On every hand were gay and graceful festoons of bunting and flags. Numerous beautiful pictures decked the walls, or were placed on easels here and there in the different rooms of the college, while the floors were covered with rich carpets and rugs. The reading-room was perhaps worthy of special mention, being one of the cosiest rooms of the college. The ushers showed with some pride the fine collection of curiosities from China, Japan, and the South Sea Islands. These articles have been presented to the College at different times by returned missionaries, and formed a point of interest during the greater part of the evening. The library was also thrown open to visitors. It contains about thirteen thousand volumes; several of which are rare and valuable. In fact, every attraction in the building was shown for the pleasure of the guests.