

of procedure. As a matter of fact the debate will take place at Kingston, and probably in February. Owing to the short time for preparation, we cannot hope to be victorious this year, as Toronto is thoroughly prepared, it debating with McGill this month, and thus being in a good state of preparation. But, we will make a beginning this year, the result be as it will, and next year we will be in a better position. On the foot ball field we have proved to Toronto University that we have good feet, let us now go in with a will and show them we have good brains, large lungs and a supple tongue.

EXCHANGES.

THE *Dalhousie Gazette* is still unclothed, that is it has no formal cover like the other College Journals before us, but it is ably conducted. The burden of its story in this number is the new University Building, which will at once furnish a home to the professors and students and be an ornament to the city. A detailed description is given, together with a lengthened interview with the genial President, partly on the building and partly on the prospects of the University. The part to be erected now will cost \$50,000, and extension can be made as needed and when means will allow it to go on. We congratulate our sister down by the sea on its getting rid of the building where it was long immured, and its prospects of occupying a building worthy of it, and of Halifax.

The *University Monthly*, (Fredericton, N. B.,) has a well assorted set of articles and jokes. Nevertheless, it is in mourning, because of the death of a former President, Dr. Brydone Jack. He was for many years a prominent factor in the University. He was a true Scotchman, a thinker, pertinacious and erudite. The impress he has left on the scholarship of New Brunswick will not soon pass away. The leisure given to him after his long continued labours was not far prolonged. It is only about a year since he retired. Our readers do not forget that our own Dyde is one of the professors there, and we see his name cropping up occasionally.

The *University Gazette*, (Montreal), is well got up, the type and paper excellent. The array of Directors and Editors is very imposing. The articles are enjoyable and instructive. The Y.M.C.A. there is about to follow the example of its brethren in Toronto in the matter of a building. The students themselves promise \$1,000. The organ of McGill is not so high-toned in literature as some others, but fills a niche very creditably.

No one can read *Acta Victoriana* without finding out that Cobourg is a Methodist institution. We often hear people boasting of charity and brotherly kindness, but we usually expect to find him that talks most in that strain to be as intensely sectarian as the next man. Nevertheless, we do not object to denominational loyalty

in its own place. Considerable attention is given to evangelists and their methods. These men run in couples, Crossby and Hunter are one team, Jones and Small the other. An account is given of a meeting to welcome the Dominion Premier. Don't get immersed in dirty politics, Methodist friends.

The *Varsity* has had the enterprise to issue a Christmas number, which looks well and is stocked with a fine assortment of literary reading of a somewhat high class. The names of contributors are given, no fewer than 18 of them, with no less a name among them than that of Goldwin Smith. Our former fellow citizen, now President of Ottawa Ladies' College, to wit Sammy Woods, furnishes a well written and thoughtful criticism of Lady Macbeth. The *Varsity* is one of our most welcome exchanges.

The *Burr*, (Lehigh, Penn.) comes across the lines from the republic south of us. Whether it is a *chestnut Burr* that suggests the title we know not, at all events there is an article in it entitled *Kernels*. It is rather a superior magazine, and a full page illustration is given, the scene in the upper part shewing the *poetry* of winter, where a gay company well wrapped, sit in a sleigh behind a pair of spanking steeds; while the scene on the lower part shews the *real* winter, a poor struggling pedestrian facing the storm, in snow up to mid-leg, (we beg pardon, we meant mid-limb), and holding an old umbrella before him. He looks as if he would soon yield to the fatigue and lie down. We like the *Burr* very much.

The *Portfolia*, (Ladies' College, Hamilton), is one of our most welcome exchanges. It is bright and cheery, as it ought to be, coming from the ladies. A prominent article is on "The Arrangement of the Hair." It is well put and we rather enjoyed the rub given the male sex. Here is a short extract: "One of the latest, (but by no means the prettiest) styles is short hair. It suggests either one of the following things to the shrewd observer, the penitentiary, the asylum, brain fever, or a desire to be masculine, and from all who attempt the latter, may we be mercifully preserved." While copying the above words the question is suggested, is *either* used aright? We supposed it meant one of two, but then we may be mistaken. We will look for the *Portfolia* with eagerness from month to month.

PERSONAL.

MR. A. B. McCALLUM, M.A., '81, of Listowell, has decided to go into law in Toronto.

Dr. Matheson, of Australia, the donor of the gold medals in Medicine, is now in the city.

Mr. Herb. Horsey, '86, is taking a post graduate course in Honor Chemistry and Physics.