

table citizens could be adduced to prove that our conduct was in every respect becoming and decorous. We will not, however, bandy words with a scribbler who is afraid to put his name to his libellous effusion, we will, though, take exception to the publication of such a diatribe by our city contemporary. By every rule of common decency and in accordance with the best understood principles of journalistic propriety, the *Montreal Daily Witness* should have discovered whether the allegations of its correspondent were well founded before printing his communication, before giving currency to very base insinuations upon the respectability of a body of respectable men. The letter of "One who loves a joke" we have already characterized as thoroughly false and malicious; the action of our contemporary was certainly unfair and improper. The matter is now under discussion in the newspapers, so we will not further refer to it now, but we feel sure that the defenders of the students, conscious of their entire blamelessness on the premises, will have little difficulty in proving the untruthful correspondent of the *Witness* guilty of giving expression to a false and malicious libel.

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THE Science students have lately formed themselves into a society, with the object of promoting among themselves a spirit of unity and harmony. In taking this step they have shown a commendable desire to see their own faculty in no way behind the other faculties of our University in fostering unity of feeling among its members, and in enabling them by meeting together at stated times and discussing subjects of interest to all, to cultivate a more intimate acquaintance with one another than that afforded by meeting at the lectures. The officers are: a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer, elected from the students without regard to the distinction of

different years; and the meetings are held fortnightly.

In the beginning of the session of 1875-76, the Science students formed themselves into a society, under the title of the "McGill Association of Engineers," to include among its members graduates as well as students of the Science Department. It was well provided with officers, having an honorary president chosen from the graduates, a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The dignity and formality of its meetings were upheld by a constitution and code of by-laws. For a while everything worked pleasantly; the meetings were well attended, several good addresses were delivered by the different officers and others, a few interesting communications were received from distant graduates, and the condition of the finances was all that could be desired. But this agreeable state of affairs was not destined to last long, and towards the close of its first session of existence, a gloomy aspect had already settled over the society. The meetings, though pretty well attended on the part of the students, were frequently without interest and lifeless; the graduates living in the city at that time were few in number, and, with one or two exceptions, did not show any particular interest in the success of the society, beyond attending some of the first meetings, and its existence may be said to have terminated with the close of the year. In the next session an attempt at its resuscitation was made only to prove futile, and since then no one has disturbed its shades, but all have quietly allowed its remembrance to fade away.

We venture to predict a happier career to this new society, which, coming into existence as it does, with the first session of our new Faculty of Applied Science, it may not be over-sanguine to hope, will meet increased success with the growth of this new faculty that is certain to take place under its present able management.