

should have profited little from the good work which he did among us, and little from the influences which have given us birth, did we not hope, as we grow older, to see better work done and greater successes achieved.

A word may be necessary as to the actual position the GAZETTE now occupies. We have said that it is now on a solid financial basis. Thanks to the energy and good judgment of the Board of Directors, the paper is, in fact, in a very flourishing condition financially. The joint stock company, formed some time ago to take hold of the paper, has, since last session, become incorporated. Our readers will note with pleasure, we have no doubt, the very much improved appearance of the paper. The Board of Directors have thought that our success in the past would warrant them in having prepared the new cut of the college buildings which adorns this issue.

The paper is now incorporated under the name of "THE UNIVERSITY GAZETTE": the name McGill has been dropped. Those who sought for and obtained incorporation felt that, if the paper was to continue and increase its usefulness, it must be a thoroughly independent organ. On the other hand, so long as the name McGill appeared, it was almost impossible for the general public to dissociate its opinions and utterances from those of the authorities of the University, who, therefore, found themselves in some instances compromised by its articles. Now, however, there can be no danger of this. It is the organ of the undergraduates and graduates of the University. Through it the authorities may learn what are the feelings and aspirations of her sons and daughters concerning her career. She has a right to expect from us the most intelligent and the most fervent support, and we from her a cherishing and warm sympathy. We are happy to be able to say that the most cordial relations exist between us and the University authorities, and we hope and believe that we shall each do our allotted work so faithfully and so well that the one will, as the years roll on, strengthen and assist the other.

In the final number of last year's issue we had occasion to refer to the fact that the College Y. M. C. A. contemplated erecting a building in which to meet. We supported the idea at the time, and are pleased to find that it has not been allowed to lapse. Already, by a subscription among the students, \$100 has been collected, and arrangements are being made to begin a systematic canvass among the outside friends of the University. We advance no arguments in favor of the scheme, for it must present itself favorably to every

one. Certain it is that, with the exception of our Y. M. C. A., there is no society in the college which seeks out the new-comer from distant towns or villages and makes him welcome, and only those who have felt the pangs of homesickness and loneliness can realize the pleasure of seeing a kindly face and pressing a friendly hand. For this, if for nothing else, the society merits success.

The association is evidently in earnest and very enthusiastic, and must eventually succeed in its intention. But we need a building for our Athletic Association, and very shortly we will find the sporting men of the University waking up and inaugurating a movement in that direction with their usual irresistibility. And then the long suffering subscriber will naturally ask: "Why do you want two buildings? Will not one building of double size do the work of the two, and be cheaper?" What reply can be made? The Y. M. C. A. can surely not say that it has nothing to do with the sporting men, nor can these avow antagonism to the former, for the conclusions drawn therefrom would be as humiliating as untrue. Let the Muscular Christians join with the Y. M. C. A. and at once set about raising funds for a building suitable for both Associations, and the two organizations will interact most favorably. That sanctimonious piety, self-elevating or self-debasing—for one is as bad as the other—which expresses itself in words and dogmas and in pitying the sinner, without helping him, will be avoided and a broad, genial, manly, non-denominational religion become the spirit of the college. The strongest athlete, whom one never hears to speak of religion, will not be ashamed to belong to an organization whose creed is outlined above. Besides the effect for good that the two institutions will have upon one another, there is this to be said, that the two will have no more in common under one roof than they have now, unless they desire it. The amalgamation will be natural and not forced. So that, on whatever side of the question we look, it will be unfortunate if the Athletic Association cannot see its way clear to join with the Y. M. C. A. to erect a building.

It is no news to the observant, that the science faculty of McGill University has been making rapid progress during the past few years. The number of students in attendance has been constantly increasing and the accommodation been as rapidly enlarged, as the funds of the faculty permit. An advanced course has been inaugurated in Practical Chemistry and Mining Engineering; and new laboratories have been erected that compare favorably in point of accoutrement with those of other American Colleges.