

crôus, for no jester, in the olden time, with his cap bells and bauble ever produced a greater degree of mirthfulness in his audience than did the worthies of the club on this occasion.

The decorations of the club room are hardly in keeping with the modesty of their demeanor. Did we not fear that remarks upon trifling details in any thing so splendid, might appear invidious, we would suggest that a few shillings would buy red flannel enough to cover the edges of the rough boards which appear at one side of the dais, and which though undoubtedly picturesque, appear to our untutored eye somewhat incongruous with the other ornaments of the room. We may mention too that the pieces of paper so beautifully designed and cut, which are pasted above the dais, are in some places sadly askew. The stucco images, would be advantageously increased in size, without much drain upon the funds of the society as the material is not very dear. The bust of Metcalfe reminds us of those lines of Boileau, in which he accounts for the scowl which appears upon his face in a bad portrait by saying: "C'est de se voir si mal gravé." When at school we are taught that whatever we should do, to do it well. The Shakespeare club has enlightened us, its example teaches to attempt what is great, though we do it poorly, and make ourselves ridiculous. As we intend shortly to publish an essay on taste we will send our artist to sketch their club room for an illustration.

Want of space prevents us from noting, the rising philosophers and moral reformers of the Athenæum Club, and the promising Jacobins of the Institut Canadien. We hope that our silence will not be construed into disrespect, or forgetfulness, we assure them they are not forgotten, and will endeavour to make amends for our present silence, in our next issue.

### Magazines and Periodicals.

BRITISH AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.

We have not as yet been furnished with a copy of this amusing periodical but we had the perusal of the last number through the kindness of a friend, and remarked that the principal topics discussed in it were medical reform and Chlo—roform.

### Literary Garland.

We observe that the usual number of romantic young ladies have expended their sentimentality upon the public through the columns of this monthly. The engraving did not seem so much worn as usual, and the name of the journal for which it was originally engraved was erased with more than customary neatness.

### The Odd-Fellow's Magazine.

Friendship, love and truth avowedly preside over the columns of this Magazine. We remarked much

talk about them in the last issue, mixed with some old philosophy, and a careful eschewing of original common sense.

### Nuts to Crack.

1. Given the *Herald* newspaper, to find on what side of the fence it will be, for three consecutive mornings.
2. Given the *Courier*, to discover the sense published in it.
3. Given the *Gazette* and *Pilot*, to discover their truth or moderation.
4. Given the *Transcript*, to ascertain its political principles.
5. Given the *Revue Canadienne* and *L'Aurore* to discover their standing and influence.
6. Given *La Minerve* to discover its loyalty and toleration.
7. Given the *Witness* to discover its dignity.
8. Given the whole press of Montreal to find all these necessary qualities of a good newspaper in any one journal.
9. Given the *Magic Lantern*, to find anything dull in it.

We will give a medal of the best soleleather with the usual inscription for good children to any person solving the above problems and sending the solution to our publisher.

### General Intelligence.

—We hear that those worthy scions of the Tapc and Goose Messrs. Moss & Brothers are about to apply for a new description of over garment, the wearing of which will permit any politician to turn his coat, without his coat being turned—which obviates a hitherto unconquerable difficulty. As a new ministry is being formed it is expected that the above new article of apparel will be extensively patronized by the elect conservative M. P. Ps. The everlasting Dominick will appear Da(i)ly in this habiliment.

### Moustaches.

We are surprised at the total absence of all comment upon this native product of our soil in the *Agricultural Journal*, and in the last report of the Horticultural society. It has been somewhat extensively cultivated in the rural districts, particularly in the neighbourhood of the Garrison Towns, while the hotbeds of our city are yielding abundant crops. We have ourselves seen some attempts at their cultivation by young amateurs which have proved abortive, but we believe, with the aid which chemistry now affords Agriculturists and Horticulturists, the crop may be made a pretty certain one. We have been informed that like beans they grow best upon a light and somewhat sterile soil. We are sorry to hear that although some of our brokers have lent their countenance to the growing this crop, they have refused to effect transfers of the article, showing an unwillingness to shave in this line quite unusual to them.