

When any question concerning the McGill students arises, it is a very noticeable fact that the "Meds." display a particular interest in it. Indeed, in nearly all our University affairs, the "Meds." take an active and leading part. We were not surprised, then, when we learned that a question in which the "Meds." alone are concerned, was already exciting a most lively interest among them. There is probably not one of these gentlemen that has not lately asked, "When will our lectures close?" And all, from the senior about to begin his last college struggle, to the 1st year student, on whom the winter's studies are plainly marking their effects, dwell with like anxiety on the answer. Their calendar states that the term will close on March the 13th, while it has been generally known that to finish the required number of lectures, would take at least two weeks longer. Ordinarily, two weeks is but a short time, but when added to a term already long it appears almost endless. Unfortunately for the peace of mind of our Medical friends, a law exists, stating that each of their professors will deliver 120 lectures during the term, but as this is practically an impossibility, we have no doubt that the matter will be left to the good judgment of the Medical Faculty. It is evident to our reporter, who has questioned several members of the Faculty on the matter, that the day of close is not yet fixed. When asked, one of the faculty declared he knew nothing about it; another said "probably a week of March," and the third ventured on "possibly before the last week of March." If merit is deserving of its reward in their case, certainly the Meds. and their professors should enjoy some slight consideration from the hands of the law. It has been a hard year's work for both. All who know the many duties of the physician will be surprised to learn that the majority of the medical professors have not been absent from their post on a single occasion, while the students, following the good example of their professors, have allowed only a single general "slope" to interfere with their daily routine of lectures.

"He knows no more what correct writing is than the untutored Hottentot, or the Indian elephant, who goes down to his secret grave in the jungle in deplorable ignorance, &c."—*Queen's College Journal*.

To whom, or to what, does the "who" apply? If it applies to the Hottentot, the editors of the *Queen's College Journal* are grossly ignorant of geography, for who ever heard of a Hottentot in a jungle. If, on the

other hand, it applies to the elephant, we have only to say, that to inferior animals and things without life, "which" is the proper pronoun to apply. The editors of the *Queen's College Journal* may take whichever horn of the dilemma they desire. Ignorance of geography is little less disgraceful than ignorance of English grammar, especially when the ignorance of English grammar is displayed by persons who make frantic efforts to find others guilty of ignorance of Latin grammar.

VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND SUITE.

ORDER OF FESTIVITIES, &c.

The amended programme for the Vice-Regal movements in Montreal, the coming week, is as follows:

On arrival of their Excellencies, by special train, at Bonaventure Depot, at 6 p.m., Monday, an address of welcome from the Mayor and Corporation will be presented, after which the Vice-Regal party will be escorted, by a deputation of the Reception Committee, to the Windsor Hotel, where they will be received by the rest of the Reception Committee. On Tuesday, at 11 a.m., visit to Mr. Notman's studio; at 1.15 p.m., lunch at Mr. Joseph Mackay's residence, Sherbrooke street; at 3.15 p.m., arrive at the Mackay Institute for Deaf-mutes, Cote St. Luc (which his Excellency has graciously honored by accepting the office of patron of the institution), to take part in the formal opening of the same; subsequently visiting the Villa Maria Convent; grand ball at the Windsor in the evening. On Wednesday at 3 o'clock, visit to McGill College, where the degree of LL. D. will be conferred upon His Excellency; at 8 p.m., attend at the Montreal Field Battery of Artillery's performance at the Academy of Music. On Thursday, at 11 a.m., drive to the convent of the Sacred Heart at Sault au Recollet; at 7.30 p.m., grand public banquet at the Windsor. On Friday in the early part of the day, His Excellency will take part in a curling match between the Vice-Regal Club and the Three Rivers Club; at 3 p.m. levee and drawing-room reception by their Excellencies at the Windsor; in the evening, conversatione of the Art Association in the Windsor Hall. On Saturday, leave the Windsor at 10.30 a.m., visit the Hudson Cotton Mills at Hochelaga en route for the depot of the Q., M., O. and O. Railway, whence their Excellencies will leave for Ottawa by special train at noon.

The Vice-Regal party consists of their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess of Dufferin; Lieut.-Col. Hon. E. Littleton, the Governor-General's Secretary; the Hon. Mrs. Littleton; Capt. Hamilton, 9th Regt., A.D.C.; Capt. Ward, A.D.C.; Capt. Harvey, 42nd Regt., A.D.C.; Major and Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Hamilton, Capt. Price Blackwood, Royal Artillery, and also Mr. W. Hayes, son of the President of the United States.