

will be brought under the notice of the students of the University by the GAZETTE in the early part of next session—that is, the advisability of holding an Annual Athletic Meeting at the close of the season. We have a large number of men who could take an active part in the games, and the entire feeling of the University is in favour of such a meeting. The sports would embrace all those usually entered upon at such times—running, jumping, kicking the football, &c., and a steeple-chase, for which our grounds are admirably adapted. The practice of football, too, is excellent training for all kinds of athletic sport and the meeting, besides being an occasion of much interest in itself, would be a suitable *finale* to our season. The formation of a Snow-Shoe Club has also been mooted, but it would be premature to consider this now. But in this, as in all matters, the GAZETTE will endeavour to express the opinion of the University, and to press all matters on the attention of the students which appear to the editors worthy of their consideration. We will give the subject of sports our careful attention, and in so far as they appear to us aids towards the objects for which we are gathered at McGill: with this as our conception of what we, as students, should aim at: to gain that degree of mental and physical power which in the pursuit of after life will bring the greatest success to our exertions, and the greatest honour to our Alma Mater.

### "THE HEATHEN PASS-EE."

Although the following has appeared in one of our daily papers, it has not been seen by many of our students and will bear repetition.

The London *Spectator*, in a review of "The Light Green," a new book of parodies just published in England, says that the gem of the whole is "The Heathen Pass-ee," a "Pass-ee," it is explained, being a term applied

"To one whose vocation is passing  
The 'ordinary B. A. degree.'"

The "heathen" in question, Tom Crib by name, has "plots that are dark, and not always in vain." One of these plots succeeds; he passes an excellent examination in Euclid, "the subject he feared," but

"He'd placed up his sleeve  
Mr. Todhunter's excellent Euclid,  
The same with intent to deceive."

In a second attempt his fate overtakes him. Mr. "Bred Hard" shall tell us how:

"But I shall not forget,  
How the next day or two,  
A stiff paper was set  
By examiner U—  
On Euripides' tragedy, 'Baccha,'  
A subject Tom partially knew."

"But the knowledge displayed  
By that heathen Pass-ee,  
And the answers he made  
Were quite frightful to see,  
For he rapidly floured the whole paper,  
By about twenty minutes to three."

"Then I looked up at U—  
And he gazed upon me,  
I observed 'This won't do,'  
He replied 'Goodness me!'  
We are fooled by this awful young person,  
And he sent for that heathen Pass-ee."

"The scene that ensued  
Was disgraceful to view,  
For the day it was strewed  
With a tolerable few  
Of the 'tips' that Tom Crib had been hiding,  
For the 'subject he partially knew.'"

"On the cuff of his shirt  
He had managed to get,  
What we hoped had been dirt,  
But which proved, I regret,  
To be notes on the rise of the Drama,  
A question invariably set."

"In his various coats  
We proceeded to seek,  
Where we found sundry notes,  
And with sorrow I speak,  
One of Bohn's publications, so useful  
To the student of Latin or Greek."

"In the crown of his cap,  
Were the Furies and Fates,  
And a delicate map  
Of the Dorian States,  
And we found in his palms, which were hollow,  
What are frequently in palms—that is dates."

### OUR FACULTIES.

Each of the following articles has been written by a student belonging to the Department he describes:—

#### FACULTY OF ARTS.

The most important event which has occurred in this Faculty, during the past year, has been the advent of the Rev. Professor Murray, formerly of Queen's College, Kingston, to fill the chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy and Logic, rendered vacant by the decease of the late Professor Forbes. Professor Murray came here with a high reputation for scholarship; this reputation he has fully sustained by his courses of lectures, and to which he has added in the eyes of the students who have come under his instruction, by his genial and courteous treatment of them.

We enjoyed, in the earlier part of the session, the privilege of listening to a course of lectures on "Early English History," from Goldwin Smith. Although his treatment of the subject was hardly of that character which might have been expected yet the lectures were not only interesting, but very instructive.

All the members of the graduating class are pursuing honour courses, and as in some of these the competition is close, the results will be looked for with considerable anxiety, not only by the competitors, but by all the students. This fact speaks well for the scholarship of the class, and will add much to the interest of Convocation. At that time the valedictory will be delivered, on behalf of the graduating class, by Mr. D. C. McLeod, of Prince Edward's Island, and they will go forth from their Alma Mater with the best wishes of their fellow-students for their success in the vocations they may severally choose.

The number of students attending the lectures of the Faculty is 111, being an increase of about 20 on the number of students attendant last session. This increase is gratifying, and we hope that, at the close of next session, we may have to report a still larger increase in numbers.

#### DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SCIENCES.

##### CIVIL ENGINEERING.

This department seems to demand a special share of attention, on account of its recent commencement, and as there is now, for the first time, a graduating class, who take the degree which it confers. The course extends over three years, and has been attended by 28 students during the past winter. A considerable number of the subjects taught, such as Mathematics, English, French and the Natural Sciences, are the same as those in the Arts course, so that for these the Engineering students attend the ordinary lectures delivered to the students in Arts. The remaining lectures, namely, those on the various branches of the profession, are delivered by Professor Armstrong, who holds the degree of Master of Arts from Christ's College, Cambridge, and that of Civil Engineer from King's College, London. He has had several years experience in practical engineering work in England, and his thorough qualification for the position he occupies is well known to those who attend his classes.

The lectures are so arranged as to occupy the morning hours. The afternoons are mostly taken up with the several branches of mathematical drawing and designing, in which also the students work under the superintendence of Professor Armstrong. During the Autumn months, two or three afternoons in the week were occupied in practical surveying. An accurate survey of the college grounds and adjoining city reservoir was thus obtained, from which a plan was afterwards made by each of the students. For the purposes of surveying, there are several valuable instruments of the newest construction, together with chains and other necessary appliances. The course of instruction given is thus seen to be one which unites both theory and practice; and the results which flow from such a course, when combined with ability on the part of the student, will soon be evident to all who choose to watch the career of those who are now graduating.

##### MINING AND METALLURGY.

If there is any truth in the generally received idea that valuable mineral deposits are of more frequent occurrence in the older geological formations, too much importance cannot be attached to this course of instruction in a country that contains such vast areas of Laurentian and Palaeozoic formations as Canada does. The professional lectures on these subjects are delivered by B. J. Harrington, B. A., Ph. D., who acquired the requisite mastery of his subjects by an exhaustive course of