

GRADUATES ASSOCIATION.

The formation of this society ought to be hailed by all our readers with sincere delight, as giving promise of good things to come, amongst the first of which is the re-establishment of the Founder's Festival, which has been unfortunately allowed to drop for four years, the last one being held in the fall of 1871. They purpose founding medals, scholarships and prizes in the different faculties, which, we are sure, will be greatly appreciated by the Undergraduates. The following is the substance of a circular issued to Alumni, dated 15th July, 1876:—

At a meeting of the Graduates of McGill University, held May 15, 1876, to consider the formation of a Graduates Society, it was resolved:

"That a Committee be appointed to draw up a report relative to the formation of a Graduates Association for this University, in which the Committee shall, after consideration of the various matters to which such Association may devote its attention, recommend a draft constitution and a set of by-laws, said report to be submitted to a future meeting, to be called by circular addressed to all Graduates whose addresses can be obtained."

The following were appointed a Committee: Dr. Kelly, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Hall, Dr. Osler, and the Chairman, (Mr. McLaren.)

At a meeting of the Graduates of McGill University, held Friday, June 9th, 1876, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed to consider the organization of a Graduates Association. The following Constitution was adopted after discussion:—

"1. This Society shall be known as the Graduates' Society of McGill University.

"2. It shall be composed of all Graduates who shall pay an annual subscription of one dollar.

"3. The object of the Society shall be to bind the Graduates more closely to each other, and to their Alma Mater; and to afford them the means, by united effort, of more effectually promoting the interests of the University.

"4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and six Councillors, who shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting, and shall form the executive of the Society.

"5. The annual meeting shall be held on the evening preceding the Arts convocation.

"6. The general meetings of the Society may be called by the Secretary on the requisition of the President, or any three members of the Executive Committee, or any ten members of the Society.

"7. Fifteen shall form a quorum of the Society and five a quorum of the Executive Committee.

"8. The constitution cannot be amended except by a two-thirds vote at an annual meeting."

The usual by-laws and rules of order were also submitted and received.

The Committee, having taken into consideration the working of the Society and the most effectual means by which its objects might be attained, made the following recommendations which were agreed to.

1st. That under the auspices of the Society, an entertainment commemorative of its founder be held each year at a

date as near as may be found convenient to the anniversary of his birth; to which the friends of the University shall be invited.

2nd. That with a view to giving members the opportunity of discussing University topics in a social manner, a dinner be held annually on or about the date of the Arts convocation.

3rd. That the selection of representative fellows from the several Faculties be considered at the annual meeting.

4th. That public exercises of a character which, at the discretion of the Executive, may be varied from time to time, form a portion of the proceedings at each annual gathering.

An adjourned meeting was held June 23rd, for the purpose of electing Officers, when the following gentlemen were elected:

President.—R. A. Ramsay, M.A., B.C.L.

Vice-Presidents.—J. J. McLarner, B.C.L.; George Ross, M.A., M.D.; Rev. R. Laing, M.A.

Council.—D. McMaster, B.C.L.; E. Holton, B.C.L.; J. S. Hall, B.A., B.C.L.; F. W. Kelly, B.A., Ph.D.; Geo. A. Baynes, M.D.; Francis J. Shepherd, M.D.

Treasurer.—C. H. McLeod, B.A.Sc.

Secretary.—Wm. Osler, M.D.

PERSONALS.

'74. W. Molson, M.D., has taken up his residence in Philip's Square '76, W. Smith, M.D., Cathcart Street.

'76. We are pleased to hear that R. L. Macdonnell, B.A., M.D., has been appointed Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy, but is at present studying at St. Thomas, London, E.

'74. W. B. Dawson, B.A., has again returned to Paris, for the winter.

'74. Mr. Chandler, B.A., is at present superintending the Observatory.

'74. Mr. J. J. Frothingham, B.A.Sc., is studying Medicine.

EXCHANGES.

Received.—*Cornell Review*, *Cornell Era*, *Harvard Advocate*, *Dartmouth Central Collegian*, *Tufts Collegian*, *College Mercury*.

The *Central Collegian*, in its evening editorial has a highly suspicious remark about "an almost entire change of students every year", which, if true, certainly speaks well for the College.

The *Cornell Review* contains some very good articles, and altogether is one of our best exchanges.

In the *Cornell Era*, two much space is taken up by hits at Freshmen, and somewhat pointless anecdotes intended to be funny.

Tufts contains a fair article on "Influence of Nature;" also a political editorial, with regard to the latter, of which we, as Canadians, hold to Monroe's principal of "non-intervention".

We perfectly agree with the *College Mercury*, that a paper which is printed not to make money, but solely to represent the rights and interests of the students, has a right to demand the support of every member of the College.

"The Cardinal's torch gleams bright from the river,
The gentian has marshalled its forces of blue,
The reeds and the grasses, disdaining their mantle,
In brown and in yellow have dressed their *thorn aneu*."

Is it possible? Has our friend *Dartmouth*, without relinquishing its philosophical platitudes, applied itself to original botanical researches; a new idea,—reeds and grasses have never before been observed performing the duty of *valeis de chambre* to the gentian and cardinal's torch. We do not mean this as a reflection on our contemporary itself, but feel compelled to censure idiocy, even when it manifests itself in the columns of so well-conducted a paper.