

On the whole they admitted that the performance was interesting, but with the learning characteristic of their class were disposed to be very severe upon the legal points involved in the play.

"How was it," they asked in indignant anger, "that the procedure observed in the court of justice was of so summary a nature?" Surely a case in which a pound of human flesh was involved deserved to be treated as a *non-summary* matter.

What sort of a lawyer had Shylock? Or if Shylock represented himself, why did he not at once recuse the president, on the ground that the latter was prejudiced in favor of the defendant?

What sort of laws had the Venetians anyway? Why did they for an instant countenance an immoral contract, a contract certainly contrary to public order and good morals?

But supposing the contract to be good, were the judges so ignorant of the spirit of the law as not at once to see that blood was essentially of the nature of the contract, and therefore needed not to be expressed in order to be included in it?

These great and momentous questions have not yet been answered.

Any correspondence upon this subject from Sir Henry, Miss Terry or the shade of Shakespeare will be thankfully received.

Mr. Fortin has decided, we are sorry to say, to complete his University course at Laval.

Mr. Fortin's interesting personality will be much missed.

The Donaldas will be sorry to hear that, after many years of practical study and experience, Cupid has decided that love is a vain thing.

"All is vanity, including women," he informed us. "Henceforth all my time, energy and talents will be devoted to the Circuit Court." We sympathize with the Donaldas, and sincerely congratulate the Circuit Court on its great victory.

Obligations on the 19th, Bibliography (*en masse*) on the 26th. Ye gods! what a time we are going to have this year!

A desire was expressed by several of the Students that Professor Fortin, who is lecturing this year on Prescription, should give his lectures in French. A meeting was consequently called to discover the wishes of the majority upon the subject. Several good speeches were made, notably those by Messrs. Bond, Pelland and Jasmin. The latter made a very clever speech, and shewed clearly that, though a matter of indifference to him, it would be of great benefit to the English students to have the lectures in French.

It was ultimately decided, however, that, as the subject is a difficult one, it would be better to have the lectures in English. A motion was carried accordingly.

We are glad to see Mr. R. Marler with us this year. Mr. Marler is, we understand, studying for the Notarial profession.

SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

The Years have elected officers as follows:--

Fourth Year—Pres., Geo. Walkem; Vice-Pres., C. H. Wright; Sec., Alex. R. Dufresne; Reading Room, J. Hunter and W. M. Webb; Class Reporter, Forrest Rutherford.

Third Year—Pres., B. C. Travis; Vice-Pres., O. S. Finnie; Sec., P. Paradis; Reading Room, R. L. Haycock and H. Burnham; Class Reporter, G. R. MacLeod.

General-Treasurer, J. W. Bell.

Second Year—Pres., A. Laurie; Vice-Pres., E. McLea; Sec., J. B. McRea; Reading Room, A. Davis; Class Reporter, E. G. Cape.

First Year—Pres., N. M. McLeod; Vice-Pres., R. Kane; Sec., Mr. Young; Reading Room, Mr. Nicols; Class Reporter, E. F. Sise.

H. M. McKay, Sc. '94, was in town one day last week, on his way to Ottawa from the Lower St. Lawrence, where he was engaged on the tidal survey during the summer. He was warmly welcomed by his many friends in college.

Cecil Holland, Sc. '96-97-98, has sought fresh pastures, and now signs himself Med. '99.

The Science students had their introduction to our new Principal last week, on the occasion of Lord Playfair's visit to McGill. They came to the unanimous decision that "He's all right," and were ready to bet on it too. They also hope that the next time they meet him he will not be so short of time for his address.

The Fourth Year is in mourning. Ogilvie is in Alaska, and Archibald is not here, and the civils and miners will not be comforted.

Changes and additions to our teaching staff have been made as follows:--Mr. W. A. Carlyle, Ma.E., lecturer in Mining, to be professor in the same subject; Mr. C. B. Smith, Ma.E., lecturer in Civil and Railroad Engineering, professor in the same subjects; Mr. Guest, assistant professor in Mechanical Engineering; W. A. Duff, Sc. '94, demonstrator in Thermo Lab.; Louis Herdt, Sc. '93, demonstrator Dynamo Room; J. G. G. Herry, Ma.E., lecturer in Descriptive Geometry and Surveying.