

GYMNASIUM.

The Gymnasium seems to be booming this year, for at present every available locker is taken up, and nearly every day some applicant has to be turned away till new ones are prepared. The class in rifle drill is well under way with a goodly number of stalwart recruits. If possible it will give an exhibition, at the Assault-at-Arms, in the spring, of the rifle drill and bayonet exercise—old and new style.

In about three weeks it is intended to begin the more advanced work in gymnastics in preparation for the assault, and with a new horizontal bar and a new trapeze there should be none of those unfortunate delays which occurred last year, owing to defective apparatus. To judge by the work already done in the gym., there should be some very good material in the incoming year.

After the single-stick contest for the Sifton Trophy, which takes place very soon, the fencing club will begin its regular course of instruction, for which a number of new men have already entered.

F. H. W., '01

INTER-COLLEGIATE NOTES.

The opening number of the *McGill Outlook* contains a most interesting account of the plans of the football manager, who has effected some wide improvements needed in McGill football, as the *Outlook* says on account of 1.—Lack of proper practice. 2.—Lack of enthusiasm. 3.—Lack of set hours for practice.

The Yale-Harvard Debate is set for December 2. Subject, "Resolved, that the permanent retention of the Philippine Islands by the United States is desirable."

Harvard played its first important football match on Saturday, Oct. 27, with the Carlisle Indian College. Although the Indians do not generally come out ahead their team ranks among the first-class, and often piles up a big score.

ROTUNDA.

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Owing to the fact that Monday was a public holiday *Varsity* has been somewhat delayed this week in issue.

Gordon Fleck and "Ned" Boyd have both completely recovered from the effects of their game of football against Queens, and the former is at present at his home in Ottawa. It is extremely unfortunate that *Varsity* thus loses two of her most promising players.

It is unfortunate that V. W. Odum, '03, Victoria, who came safely through the campaign in South Africa, received a severe injury to his shoulder while playing Association football last week. E. C. Irvine of the same year had the misfortune to have his leg broken a day or two before. Both are progressing very favorably.

We are glad to see J. A. Isbester, formerly of '01, around *Varsity* once more. "Lexie" has just recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever by which he was kept at his home in Ottawa.

The Sophomores are wondering why S. B. Chadsey of their year did not turn out with them on Wednesday evening. The Seniors, who occupied the front seats, and who consequently had a good view of the pit, could contribute some valuable information.

Wouldn't that galvanize you?

According to the speakers at '03 dinner no year was so valorous, no year so enterprising, nor so brimming over with courage as the Junior year. This, however, was of no avail against the twenty (?) policemen who pounced on them at the Biological Building. Each "cop" secured a victim before they could vanish. They say "Bobbie" used language unbecoming a Y.M.C.A. man.

On the campus one small boy was so excited by the stalwart appearance of a certain Freshman with a Ridley sweater that he exclaimed: "Oh, look! there's an Argonaut. R stands for Argonaut."

It is said that a certain veteran from South Africa was made the recipient of a very handsome coat of paint by his friends of the second year, S.P.S. Not to be outdone, his comrades of the first year presented him with another very fine oil-painting. Alas! The paths of glory lead but to the paint-pot!

The editor of a certain weekly in our city is at present spending a great deal of his spare time in encouraging the growth of a very healthy mustache. It is true you would never suspect it, but next time you meet him, just look closely and see.

One day early in the term a freshie and a sophomore were sitting side by side in the library. Suddenly the twelve o'clock whistles blew. Turning to his neighbor, the freshman politely inquired, "Is that the twelve o'clock whistle?" "Yes," was the short reply. After a moment's thought he asked, "Why, where are they threshing?"

H. R. Trumpour, '00, who has a position on the staff of Rothesay College, N.B., was in town last week. He and his Principal, I. E. Moore, an old graduate of *Varsity*, are forming an eastern branch of the Alumni Association.

Early last week the medical students found it necessary to put an Arts freshman under the tap. A dissection, or vivisection was suggested, but it was thought that milder measures would prove efficacious.

J. S. Will, '07, who last year had a temporary position on the staff of Dartmouth College, is now lecturer in French and German at Manitoba College.

Arthur Cohen, '02, sailed Saturday on the *Campania*. He expects to spend over two months visiting London, Berlin, Paris and perhaps Amsterdam.

An undergraduate who hails from the west informs us that the "University of Toronto" is as well known in the Western States as Yale and Harvard, and that its standard is considered even higher than that of its American contemporaries.

On Saturday last R. Telford, '00, of last year's *Varsity* I, was in town playing with the Rough Riders. In the evening his friends of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity entertained him at a dinner at the National Club.

We are informed by the freshmen that on Hallowe'en night an incident occurred which they think is of no credit to the Sophomores. It seems the freshmen invested in some apples and peanuts, wherewith to lighten the hearts of their visitors at the Y.M.C.A. building; but some of these Sophomores either through a premature attack of hunger, or fearing the supply would not hold out, must have surreptitiously abstracted the peanuts and most of the apples from under the watchful eye of J. L. McPherson, '01. "Jack" is now looking for the trespassers.

The appearance of the goal posts on the campus is now decidedly improved, but the School will have to win the the championship in order to uphold their claim to a proprietary interest in the field of battle. By the appearance of the front steps, they appeared to think the School needed advertising.