

ing advice to, is not recognized, is treated with scant courtesy, yet it is sufficiently important to be scolded, on even state occasions, and no doubt to be read in secrecy and alone!

A great source of strength to us this year has been the accession of a corresponding editor from the Donalda department. We hope next year that some means will be devised to give this department more control over the matter sent in for publication. The last year's work has, we think, shown the necessity for this; the board, as now constituted, has no very exact means of arriving at the actual sentiments pervading the students in that department, upon questions of very grave importance, and should not have the power in itself to reject or insert matter of its own will.

As to the financial condition of the paper, it is in the highest degree satisfactory; the value of our shares has increased fifty *per cent.* within the past two years, so that those who shall take our places will have absolutely no difficulties, from a monetary point of view. Bespeaking for the editors of 1888-9, the same generous support which has been extended to us, we close Volume XI. of the University GAZETTE.

NOTARIAL STUDENTS.

In this Province of Quebec the profession of the Notary is one of the most honourable, most responsible, and most highly regarded. The place and functions of the notary, as distinguished from those of the lawyer, are clear and well-defined. It is in the interest not only of legal business, but of every branch of mercantile and social life, that the notarial profession should be educated in their particular sphere of law.

It is probably in acknowledgment of these facts that McGill has, in her Law Faculty, what is called a Notarial Course. She recognizes that they have needs which the ordinary law course does not supply. This recognition, however, consists in name only, and not in fact. The calendar publishes the name of a lecturer in the notarial course who never puts in an appearance in the lecture-room, and who never delivers a lecture. Notarial students are forced, in order to obtain their degree, to take up the ordinary branches which the lawyer studies. There is not one reference made, throughout the whole course, to the special work of the notary.

It is, no doubt, no disadvantage to a notary to have a knowledge of all branches of law; but the absolutely needful should be his first care. It is absurd to compel notarial students to cram up criminal law, and give them little help upon the first book of the Civil Code; or to force them to read up Roman Law

while they get no instruction or direction on the principles underlying notarial forms.

This year the Law Faculty graduated five men, of whom three are to be notaries; not one word, throughout the course, specially to this majority of the class; not one word in the lectures specially directed to them; not one word of recognition at Convocation. This state of affairs must cease.

THAT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

The Investigating Committee has not yet reported to the Graduates' Society. We trust their report will be full, ample, and candid; their powers are very extended, and apparently both those who opposed and those who favoured the appointment of the committee do not wish technicalities to prevent a complete statement of the whole question. There must be no pains spared to arrive at all possible information, and to that end it is the duty of the committee to call before them all those whose names have been mentioned to them, and who are resident in the city.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE FELLOWS.

This election has resulted in the return of all those holding office for the expiring term. As our readers know, there was no contest except in Science, Mr. J. Fraser Torrance opposed Mr. Jeffrey H. Burland; the latter was elected by a majority of 120 in a total vote of 190. Mr. Burland polled, besides, a majority of the Science votes.

Poetry.

IF YOU SHOULD DIE.

If you should die, who have absorbed my soul,
And, nesting where it dwelt, its loss conceal,
Whose virtue is the shrine at which I kneel,
Whose praises are my labor's utmost goal,

If you should pass away, nor more control
The thoughts I think, the joys and griefs I feel,
Then would the fountains of my life congeal,
Death be a friend whose kind touch makes me whole.

'Twas your eyes taught me sight; your ears, to hear;
Your tongue, soft speech; your grace and goodness, God;
Your trust, my weakness; and if you should die,
Then were I nothing but a soulless clod,
Dumb, blind and deaf, barren of laugh and tear,
Half doubting if there ruled a God on high.

Montreal.

ARTHUR WEIR.

The Graduates' and University Literary Societies held their joint dinner at the Windsor on Monday evening, the 30th April. Dr. Stewart, President of the Graduates' Society, presided. Principal Anderson, McGill's new LL.D., was present, and delivered a stirring address in favour of the co-education of the sexes.