

burlesque to amuse those of smaller minds before him. Good speeches cannot be made by a college student without study."

It is pleasing, however, to find the following in the *King's College Record*. "Quintilian has been holding regular meetings every Friday evening. The debates for the most part have been spirited, and the members have evinced a gratifying interest in the society." The *Excelsior* of St. Francis Xavier's College is likewise able to report progress. "We have this year a debating society which, we may safely say, equals, if not surpasses any organized in the college for many years."

The Literary Institute of Trinity University seems to be in a most flourishing condition. The brief accounts of the meetings as given in the *Review* indicate no lack of interest on the part of the students. On Nov. 17th, Trinity defeated the Osgood Legal and Literary Society in a debate on the question "Resolved that the adoption of Imperial Federation is inexpedient and inadvisable." Mr. Justice Moss who occupied the chair, left the decision on the merits of the debate to the audience.

The following is from the *Manitoba College Journal*. "The Journal would be glad to see the College authorities, and the authorities of the University united in their attitude towards one of the most ancient and honorable customs connected with College life, the wearing of the College gown. At present the University insists on its use at University functions by undergraduates, but our own college either has no opinion at all on the matter, or else one which is unknown to and consequently disregarded by the majority of our students." Then follows a plea "that steps be taken to secure *uniformity* and to protect the custom from the caprice of time and the individual student."

The *McGill Outlook* commenting on a recent decision of the Academic Board requiring Science students, in common with those of the other faculties, to wear gowns at lectures, has this to say:—"Science men as a whole would be sorry to see the Academic dress totally abolished in the faculty. They are conservative enough to desire the retention of a costume that has been associated with students for hundreds of years, taking into consideration the fact that at Oxford the Academic habits have been exactly the same throughout the last two centuries." The writer, however, thinks that since gowns are often serious hindrances to the Science student some exception should be made in the enforcement of the rule referred to.

The *McMaster Monthly* repudiating the charge of self-glorification because from time to time attention is drawn to the success of the McMaster graduates says:—"We are frequently met by the expressed or implied insinuation that, inasmuch as McMaster is a small denominational college, the training given here cannot be as good as that to be obtained at a larger institution, and that therefore our graduates will not be able to compare favorably with those of other