

other notables were present. As the number of tickets was limited there could not be a "crush," while the interest taken in the event was so keen that the demand for tickets was generally greater than the supply. Sometimes, indeed, so great was the interest that tickets were bought at a considerable premium. We are told of one instance when twenty dollars was offered for a single ticket without finding anyone willing to part with his "Open Sesame" for that sum.

The musical and literary part of the entertainment was held in the Molson Hall, while No. 1 Class-Room was appropriated to the refreshments. The Library was thrown open, and there, besides the books, many objects of interest belonging to the University, such as technical apparatus, botanical, geological and zoological collections, curios, etc., were displayed. The programme of one of the festivals will give a better idea of what the entertainment used to be.

29th November, 1866.

The Wedding March—(Mendelssohn).... Band 25th, K.O.B.  
 Address..... The Chairman.  
 Chorus—"Alma Mater"..... Students.  
 Overture—(Rossini)..... Band.  
 Address..... The Vice-Chancellor.  
 Oboe Solo, Cavatina, from Norma.—  
 (Rossini)..... Signor Barricelli.  
 Valse—La Mazurka (Godfrey)..... Band.  
 Reading..... John Andrew, Esq.  
 Chorus "Trancadillo"..... Students.  
 Selection from "Traviata" (Verdi)..... Band.  
 Address..... On behalf of the University Society.  
 Duet—Euphonion and Cornet (Donizetti) Band.  
 Reading..... John Andrew, Esq.  
 Oboe Solo (Bellini)..... Signor Barricelli.  
 Address..... On behalf of the Undergraduates.  
 Air from "Rigoletto" (Verdi)..... Band.  
 Chorus—"Gaulleamus"..... Students.  
 Valse—"Farewell" (Relle)..... Band.  
 God Save the Queen..... Students and Band.  
 Mr. F. H. Torrington, Pianist.

The refreshment offered at these festivals was of a character somewhat different from that of which one is invited to partake at a conversazione. In addition to the usual jellies, cakes, ices, etc., the guests were served with cold meats, game, roast turkey, etc.; sometimes jokes of a practical nature were played by some of the students on these occasions. For example,—a few of the rooms in the East Wing were occupied by students. On one occasion, some of these, having that craving for nice things that seems to be such a marked characteristic of students, resolved to have a "spread" in one of their rooms. The best spirited was selected to capture something from the refreshment room, and accordingly, as soon as the doors were opened, in he rushed, seized a turkey that had been beautifully roasted, and escaped with it before anyone seemed to divine his intention or make a movement to arrest him. When the consternation caused by his daring was over, he was already out of reach, and so was the turkey. These tales amuse us, but it was not so amusing to those upon whom the jokes were played.

Although the Hon. James McGill was born on the

6th of October, the Founder's Festival was never held until November, and sometimes as late as January, as the committee found that the longer time was necessary in order to make needful preparations.

We are sure that our readers will say with us that it is a pity that such a good old custom should have been abandoned. A Founder's Festival is just what we need at the present time to sustain and promote a broad University spirit and enthusiasm for McGill in her graduates and undergraduates. This festival would be a time of reunion for graduates, a time when the students of the various faculties might meet in social assemblage, an opportunity for professors and students to meet without the restraints of the class-room, a means by which the students could meet some of the finest people in the city. We would certainly be very much pleased to see the Founder's Festival revived.

### FOOTBALL.

The football season is over, and already we are making preparations for the next. We have to be satisfied with the Intermediate and Junior championships, and must console ourselves for the loss of the Senior, by the reflection that it has gone to a better team, and also that if we did not win it, we have learnt much that will help us next year.

It is a matter of extreme regret to every footballer of Old McGill, that Varsity found it impossible to come down here for the annual inter-varsity match, an event which promoted such friendly intercourse between the Oxford and Cambridge of Canada, followed, as it was, by the football dinner, where, with reminiscences and anecdotes, friends of a year ago renewed their friendships, and others made fresh ones. These inter-collegiate matches were originally played between McGill and Yale, but as the style of play became different, it was found advisable to give them up, the last of that series having been played on the McGill campus in 1872, when each college put thirteen men on the field.

The schedule this year did not prove particularly satisfactory. Each team was down for only three championship matches, and Quebec's default in the Senior series left only two matches for the first teams of this province. Two championship matches are necessary to disqualify a man from playing on a Junior team; and as changes were made in the composition of our first team between the two matches, less than fifteen men were disqualified from playing on the second, and less than thirty from playing on the third. Men who failed to get a place on the third must bear this in mind, and practise assiduously next year.

The Rugby Union committee intend to arrange home and home matches next season, and perhaps modify the rule regarding disqualification.

The Second team naturally feel disappointed by Osgoode Hall's failure to come up here to play for the Intermediate Championship of Canada. Exactly why Osgoode Hall challenged us if they could not play is hard to understand; a club with such a reputation would surely not condescend to play a "bluff" game. Our Second is a capital team, and had improved wonder-