

The Monmouth Collegian show signs of improvement. That's right, brisken up; we expect great things from you yet.

The Adelphian, though not by any means a model college paper, is yet in some respects above the average. The issue for this month is very much set off by some dozen sketches, the work of the students of the college. One or two are perhaps a little unfinished, but taken all in all we like them much. The sketch after the picture by J. G. Brown is particularly effective.

We have received the second number of the *Astrum Alberti*. The writer of "The Three Cosmogonies" raps hard all round. He is particularly severe on the evolutionists, whom he literally scorches up. Could he not have found a more simple and better definition of the term than the one selected? There are such. Ridicule does not always take the place of argument. Now, *Astrum*, take our advice, don't be too ambitious. No doubt but you will be able to produce a poet in time. Wait! For the present silence is golden.

Varsity runs rather heavily this week. There is a long and well-written article on undergraduate freedom. We can feel for the students of that university, and have no doubt that it would be very pleasant indeed if "between the slavery of the school and the dull routine of practical life there could be at least a few years of freedom." We hardly expect just at present to witness the founding of an institution where neither lectures will have to be attended nor term exams passed, but where every matriculated student will be allowed to follow the bent of his own sweet will. We are certain that the books of such an institution would be well filled, but doubt if the public would value highly the degrees and diplomas conferred.

The McGill College Gazette! Dear *Gazette*, did we hurt its young and tender feelings by saying things we hadn't orter? Well, I'm sure we're very sorry; we are, indeed. We wouldn't do it again for anything; but we did know that it wasn't run by doctors, lawyers, and the rest, don't-ye-know. We only made use of the exceedingly elastic figure best known as *meton*, and put the full-fledged article for the *embryo*. But the *Gazette's* a nice paper, all the same, even if it doesn't hold itself responsible for its contributed matter. Who would, we'd like to know. And why should'nt it pat those that pat it, for do not other editors likewise? So cheer up, *Gazette*, and hire the author of the "Loss of the Asia" to hitch up a few more comic poems of the same stamp for your columns, and you'll come out all right yet.

ABOUT COLLEGE.

Five o'clock teas have become quite fashionable in College this term.

Mr. J—is Lieut.-Col., or drill instructor, or something, to the Q. O. R.—so we hear.

Mr. B—suggested going to the last carnivalasa "broken gate." Probably he would have retired to the country for a season if he had.

Hurrah! we're going to have a gymnasium at last, and the hens can roost unmolested and the cows chew their cud in peace in the place where of your our antecedents broke their limbs on the bare floors.

"The enervating tide of luxury"—ahem!—Shakpear—is slowly engulfing the ancient frugality. Hospitality, which generally took the form of bread and cheese, and beer, has degenerated into cakes and temperance drinks.

Some say 'tis climate, others, love of sleep,
That pious men from morning chapel keep.
But nay! not so! 'tis over anxious care
For coffee, cake and interludes of prayer.

Episcopon was read by the scribe, Mr. Brent, on Friday at the usual hour, and proved a very successful number. We were glad to see the familiar faces of some grads beaming through the fog of smoke which always forms a fitting halo for *Episcopon's* bony frame.

Oh culinary tutor have a care!
There's danger lurking round that gloomy stair.
When the clock has struck eleven
Retire or thou'lt be driven
—To despair.

A notice has just been posted up announcing that the \$30 which was expended during last vacation on repairs—chiefly the pannels of the doors of the Upper Western—has to be made up among those resident last term. Considering that most of those damages were inflicted years and years ago, we feel despondent at having to pay for our ancestors' misdeeds.

DURING the past few weeks a grand opportunity was offered all students who were unable to swim; water came through the roof in such abundance that one man was floated, bed and all, out of his own room into a fellow student's. We believe the flood is abating, but the room itself is so dam(p)aged that he will be unable to make any use of it until next term.

We regret to have to record the resignation, since our last issue, of Mr. Ritchie, senior editor of ROUGE ET NOIR. This gentleman has occupied the position of editor since his first term in College—an honour seldom granted to a Freshman. Sufficient praise cannot be bestowed on Mr. Ritchie for his indefatigable labours in connection with this paper, not only as an *editor*, but also an *author*, many of the poems which have attracted the attention of our subscribers, owing to their marked superiority to the ordinary run of College poetry, being from his pen. Mr. Brent is his successor, to whom we wish all success.

The last meeting of the Literary Institute for the year '82-'83 was held on Friday, 2nd inst. After readings, a very successful debate took place on the subject, "Resolved:—That the execution of Archbishop Laud was justifiable." On the affirmative, Messrs. Davidson, N. F., Belt and Gibson, B. A.; on the negative, Messrs. Dumble, Kenrick and Rev. C. Shortt, B. A. Excellent speeches were delivered on both sides, of which Mr. Gibson's and Mr. Shortt's are deserving of special mention. The result was in favour of the negative by the very slim majority of one. The usual proceedings of the meeting being concluded, valedictories were delivered by several members of the out-going year, among whom were Messrs. Gibson, B. A., Davidson, B. A., Hague and Moore. In the departure of Mr. Davidson, who, we understand, purposes travelling in Europe, we have to record a great loss to the Institute. Besides being prominent as a member for the energy which is characteristic in him, he, for the past year, has filled the position of Secretary in an exceedingly efficient manner. Mr. C. Scadding has been elected to the post thus made vacant, and we have no doubt will be as great a success in it as in all his previous undertakings, especially, we may mention, in his connection with this paper as Business Manager.