

The old war horse was roused at what he considered as a gratuitous insult from the final class. His language was powerful if not exactly elegant. But Dr. Fenwick is in error if he thinks the years improve of the behaviour of a few over grown boys.

It has been suggested that much valuable additional time could be bestowed on Clinical work if courses of such theoretical subjects as Jurisprudence, Botany, Hygiene, &c., were portioned off as work to be read during summer vacation, the examination on them to be held in October.

There seems to be a growing tendency in the English colleges, to supplant Theoretical Surgery by Surgical Anatomy. Such a course in addition would be valuable, as any one who has taken Dr. Shephard's summer course will testify. A man cannot know his Anatomy too well.

"NIX FORSTAY."

FEATHERS FROM THE EAST WING.

A letter has been received by the Fourth Year Ladies, from Miss Reid, B.A., '89. Needless to say, it received a welcome such as is seldom yielded to epistolary matter by busy seniors. Indeed Miss Reid's well-deserved popularity during her student life was such as to render news of her acceptable to all inhabitants of the East Wing, and we therefore take the liberty of giving the contents of her letter a wider circulation.

The letter is dated from Geneva; it tells of a busy round of study, chiefly of French and music, prosaic perhaps in itself, but performed under the inspiration of the grand Swiss scenery. Although Miss Reid does not say much about her surroundings, she shows that she appreciates them to the full. "I am not surprised," she writes, "that the exiled Swiss nearly die of homesickness for their mountains! I will miss them dreadfully myself. The Jura range is on one side of the lake, and the Alps on the other. The Jura is long and regular, giving one an idea of a grandly rounded and finished life, while the Alpine peaks strive in emulation to overtop one another, grandly rugged but uneven. And then I wish you could see the vines,—vines everywhere, in every possible corner, and climbing the mountains 'high, high, high.' It is impossible to convey to you the beauty of it all. Let your travelled members give you a grand description of the Rockies, and if it is not thrilling enough, double and triple the grandeur, and you may arrive at the sense of awe and wonder and praise, that is to be experienced on seeing these monuments of ages past, present and to come. * * * I have been to Ferney and sat in Voltire's arm chair, and have seen the château and park, which are wonderfully beautiful. Then 'Les Délices,' his other Swiss abode is quite near here. I have visited Mme. de Staël's poetic resting-place at Coppet, and it is so beautiful—water-lily ponds, giant trees and long shady walks, 'bosky' groves and running brooks,—

that I can hardly understand her discontent there; but after all Paris was her world—as Montreal is mine. Then Chillon, and Mont Blanc, which I can see every day if I like, eternally white and pure."

The University at Geneva seems to be about the size of McGill, though not as old. The women-students there are chiefly Russians. The library is described as being managed rather uncomfortably—at all events for foreigners—(or perhaps Miss Reid has been spoiled for other places by the uniform kindness of our own McGill Librarian). "All the men students wear little round caps, white, red or of mixed colors and a band of ribbon across the chest, the insignia of their society. It is a pretty sight to see them in the street, and I believe their dinners and entertainments are really beautiful when they are in their Sunday-best costumes." Of course, '89's President has not forgotten her Alma Mater. Comparisons are drawn between Geneva University and McGill, somewhat "odious" as far as the former is concerned. The rocky shores of the lake are never visited without a sigh for the investigating hammers of the Geology class.

The letter contains a poem of varied metre and rhythm. It ends with an exhortation to the cultivation of good health, which Freshmen as well as Seniors might lay to heart. Interspersed are groans as to the peculiar nature of the Swiss diet, and the unmusical substitution of the coffee-grinder for our early morning quiet. But we have no space for more, and enquiring Sophomores would do well to apply to the 4th year Secretary, if their thirst for information from our foreign correspondence is not yet satisfied.

Societies.

The Inter-Collegiate debate, by representatives from the four theological Colleges, was held on the evening of the 31st ult., in the Convocation Hall of the Congregational College, the Rev. D. H. MacVicar, D.D., LL.D., presiding. The subject was both interesting and appropriate: "Resolved, that the Public Schools should be secularized."

Affirmative—Geo. Clendinnen, Wesleyan College, and P. E. Judge, Diocesan College.

Negative—Jas. Daley, Congregational College, and W. L. Clay, B.A., Presbyterian College.

Decision was given in favor of the affirmative.

R. J. MacDougall, representing the McGill Under-graduates' Literary Society, read an able essay, which, we understand, is soon to appear in print, entitled—"Satan among the Poets."

An unexpected, but very enjoyable, feature of the programme was a paper on the question of debate, by a native of Japan. It was very carefully written, and showed an extensive acquaintance with European thought and familiarity in the use of English.

The musical part of the programme was well rendered, under the efficient management of Prof. Reyner, of Emmanuel Church.

Considering the large number of counter-attractions, the attendance was very good.