

Messrs R. B. O'Sullivan, E. E. Braithwaite and R. B. Henderson. The discussion was ably maintained on both sides, Mr. Pedley being the most eloquent speech, while Mr. Solandt evinced more thought on the subject. The arguments were good, but a little more might have been made of what forms Home Rule could take. The debate was decided in favor of the negative side. Mr. Hugh S. McLennan, who was appointed critic in the early part of the evening, read an able paper setting forth the most striking features of the debate. Being called on, Professor Moyses made some remarks upon the question which he treated in a calm, moderate manner, and his speech was loudly applauded. Upon motion of Mr. Topp, seconded by Mr. Paterson, it was decided to adjourn the meetings of the society till next session.

A vote of thanks to Professor Moyses for his attendance and for his kindness in presiding was moved by the President, and passed with three cheers for the popular professor. After a motion of thanks to the retiring President the meeting adjourned.

#### MCGILL UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the McGill University Athletic Association was held in the William Molson Hall on Friday evening, February 27th, Sir William Dawson, President, in the chair. The meeting was called to order by the chairman at twenty minutes past eight. The Secretary then read his Annual Report showing that the Association was in an eminently flourishing condition with a membership list of three hundred and six (306), which representation, though small when we take into consideration the total number of students attending the different faculties of McGill, yet shows that the result on the whole of the first annual field meeting of the Association was highly satisfactory. The Treasurer's Report on the financial affairs of the Society is one which few Treasurers of College Athletic Associations can boast of, namely a handsome surplus of about two hundred and ten (\$210.) dollars, which speaks very forcibly for the hearty and united manner in which the McGill undergraduates have supported this Association. The following gentlemen are the officers of the McGill Athletic Association for the coming session of 1885-6:—Sir William Dawson, President; Mr. C. W. Wilson, Vice-President; Mr. E. De F. Holden, Secretary; Prof. C. H. McLeod, Treasurer; and Mr. C. P. Brown, Assistant-Treasurer. Several motions were then brought up before the meeting which called forth quite a series of lengthy discussions. The business of the evening being finished, the meeting was brought to a close by a motion of adjournment moved by Mr. Johnson.

E. De F. Holden,

Sec., McG. U. A. A.

PROF. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE: "Mr P.—suppose you discover that a quantity of dynamite is placed beneath your dining room, and you were to be blown up at your usual dinner hour, what would you do to frustrate the conspirators?"

#### THEN—NOW.

Only a hand at parting,  
Only a kiss and blush,  
Only my heart and Gracie's  
Paralyzed with a rush.

Only a "hand" at poker,  
Only a "royal flush,"  
Only my chips and aces,  
Paralyzed with a rush.

#### Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.—Editors.

To the Editors of the McGill University Gazette:

DEAR SIRS.—I cannot ask your indulgence for so much space as would suffice me to consider *seriatim* the various charges which Mr. Turner has spun out against me in the "pithy" letter which appeared in your last number, nor am I by any means satisfied that accusations made by Mr. Turner need any reply. As however there is doubtless some truth in the adage that "if you throw enough mud some of it is sure to stick," permit me briefly to place before the college public the other side of the question, and correct a few of the errors under which Mr. Turner is pleased to labor.

My ignorance of journalistic etiquette has led me into the error of supposing the publication by an editor of an anonymous correspondent's name to be an unprecedented and unwarrantable proceeding, but I shall, of course, submit to Mr. Turner's wider experience in such matters, and hesitate before I accuse so pronounced a champion of the 'manly' and the 'honest' of a course of action vulgarly considered a breach of trust. Before I had written the letter which has so exercised Mr. Turner, I told him plainly the course I intended to pursue, so that amongst the various reasons which I had for adopting a *nom de plume* the hope of "shielding myself" from a presumable attack could scarcely have been one.

The unpardonable insult which Mr. Turner offers the Medical Faculty is based upon an interview between myself and a medical professor which exists solely in Mr. Turner's imagination: it is entirely untrue that I have held any communication whatever with any professor upon the subject of *The Gazette*; in coining the conversation which is supposed to have taken place upon that occasion let us hope that he is measuring the intelligence as well as the honor of the Faculty by a canon of his own fashioning.

It is again untrue that I "had placed my resignation in the hands of the directors" before the publication of my letter, either in writing or otherwise, or that I in any sense whatever "seized upon the managing editorship" of the issue which contained it, and though I must plead guilty to the heinous crime of taking the copy to the printer, and to the atrocity of actually reading some of the proofs, yet there are extenuating circumstances, which none are aware of better than