

It was stated that the session of 1882-3 will be the fiftieth year of the existence of McGill University, and it is proposed to celebrate this anniversary, and to prepare in connection with it a sketch of the history of the College, for circulation among its friends and graduates.

The evening was enlivened with college songs admirably sung by a choir of graduates. Two of the songs were original compositions, and, through the kindness of Mr. G. B. Burland, copies printed on elegantly illuminated cards were supplied to all the guests.

HOSPITAL ELECTIONS.

It is understood that there will be an election at the General Hospital to fill a vacancy caused by the expected retirement of one of the members of the attending staff. The immediate consequence of this announcement has been an unusual rush of candidates. It is not our intention to express an opinion upon the merits or claims of any individual aspirant, but would offer for the consideration of the Governors a few remarks upon the manner in which canvassing for these posts has been carried on. The elective power, according to the Constitution, lies in the hands of the governing body. Owing to the constantly growing popularity of the institution, the number of Life Governors has been steadily increasing, until now it amounts to about 230. In the present mode of election each Governor, being the representative of one vote, is supposed to acquaint himself with the merits of the various candidates, and having done so, to lend his voice and support in favor of that one whom he believes to be most deserving. This view has hitherto, with very few exceptions, entirely prevailed, and the consequence has been obtaining for the Hospital a staff of physicians and surgeons of whom we believe the city may well be proud, who work harmoniously together, and have done, and are doing, excellent service. On the present occasion, however, it would appear as though other influences, which really ought never to affect the choice of a physician, have been prominently brought into play. Political influence has in various ways been urgently invoked in order to obtain a vote.