

McMASTER HALL.

An association foot-ball club has recently been organized, and although the number of students is small, yet a very fair team has been selected to uphold the honor of this institution. Practice has been going on quietly but assiduously, and it is purposed to visit Woodstock on November 11th, where the team expects to kick itself into fame. The following are the officers: Hon. President, Prof. MacVicar; President, A. B. Hudson; Vice-President, J. A. Collins; Sec.-Treasurer, J. L. Gilmour; Captain, R. O. McCulloch.

The want of a gymnasium is much felt, and an agitation is begun which it is hoped will succeed.

McMaster Hall is represented in K. Co. by seven men, of whom three are 'raw material,' the absence of the heroes 'with horse-hair crest' on Wednesday evenings gives ample scope for the genius of practical jokes.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.

This being the Rev. President's feast day, the students will be treated to a magnificent spread; in the evening an entertainment will take place in the spacious College Hall. All the students of the College, both past and present, I am sure, join to-day in expressing the wish that our able, popular and affable President, Very Rev. Father Vincent, may be permitted to preside over our College for many years to come, as he has so ably done in the past.

The annual games of the College take place this afternoon, and the general opinion is that many of the events will be closely contested; handsome and costly prizes will be presented to the successful competitors at the entertainment in the evening.

The regular meeting of the Literary Societies took place last Saturday evening, when essays were read, and a debate took place in the senior society which was conducted with more than ordinary ability on both sides.

An orchestra has been formed which is under the instruction of Prof. Morley; as it contains such well-known names as Rev. Fathers Murray and Guinane, and Mr. W. Guinane, we may safely say that it will furnish excellent music at any entertainments that may be given at the College during the winter.

The College Brass Band this year is in a high state of efficiency, owing chiefly to the untiring efforts of its able leader, Rev. Father Chalondard.

On Saturday evening last the students entered upon their usual annual retreat, which lasted until Wednesday, the feast of All Saints. During these few days of recollection, special instructions were given them by the Redemptorist Fathers, upon their duties towards God, their neighbor, and themselves; and more particularly upon their obligations as students. These exercises are held each year in every religious house of the Catholic Church. As the name, retreat, implies, those engaged withdraw themselves from their temporal affairs and ordinary duties to devote their entire attention to prayer and spiritual exercises.

KNOX COLLEGE.

The students who were appointed delegates to the Missionary Convention held in Chicago—Messrs. John Mutch, M.A., and J. C. Smith, B.A.—reported their experience at last meeting of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society. A large number of students were present, including several representatives from McMaster and Wycliffe Colleges, who had been specially invited to attend. The reports were heard with much interest, and called forth the unqualified approbation of all who were present. A suggestion from the delegates, that an interseminary missionary alliance should be established in Canada, appeared to meet with general favor. The students of the sister colleges, upon being invited to give an expression of opinion, highly approved of it and promised to bring the matter before their respective societies. A committee, consisting of Messrs. James Ballantyne, B.A., John Mutch, M.A., and J. C. Smith, B.A., was appointed to confer with the various theological seminaries of Canada with a view to organize such an alliance. It is very gratifying to note the kindly relations that exist among the different bodies of divinity students in this city. This is as it should be, and we trust that it will be long before anything occurs to mar the present spirit of harmony.

The time-honored festival of Hallowe'en was not allowed to pass unnoticed by the students of the college. *Tempus omnia mutat*. The mists of superstition that once hung round the festive season of Hallowe'en are fast clearing away. Witches and fairies, weird agents of mystic incantations and *diablerie*, are no longer supposed to look upon it as the favorite season for indulging in their uncanny revels. The very belief in these aerial people has fled before the matter of fact spirit of the age, and we look upon the simple credulity of our forefathers with feelings of pitying amusement. Yet we must confess to a passing feeling of regret when we think of the good old days when

'Merry friendly country folks
Together did convene,
To burn their nits and pu' their stocks,
And haud their Hallowe'en.'

There is an inexplicable feeling of sadness produced by the passing away of old customs, even though manifest benefits result from the change. In the case before us we are not sure that we have gained materially by forsaking the old fashioned rites and ceremonies with which the country folk were wont to beguile the closing hours of the chill and dreary month of October. To our mind there is something quite as elevating in the conduct of the artless maiden peering furtively into the mirror at the ghostly hour of twelve, hoping yet dreading to see the form of her future husband, as in that of the student whose mischievous proclivities lead him to indulge in a variety of practical jokes upon unoffending freshmen. Be that as it may, we feel assured that the freshmen have no reason to feel displeased with the treatment they received on the evening in question. Indeed, they have every reason to thank the seniors for furnishing an entertainment at once unique in its character, elevating in its tendency, and extremely artistic from every point of view. Time and space forbid that we should give a detailed account of the proceedings. We feel, however, that we cannot in justice pass by the musical part of the programme without a special remark. Some of the finer passages, both vocal and instrumental, were given with a grace and finish that would do credit to something more than mere amateurs. After partaking of a liberal supply of refreshments, the happy occasion was brought to a close by the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

The last number of the 'Varsity is considered by our students to be the best yet issued. May it still continue to increase in genuine merit as well as in the length of its subscription list.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

SELECTED.

One thousand dollars was paid Tennyson for his poem 'To Virgil.' Longfellow's last poem, a tragedy called 'Michael Angelo,' will appear in a few weeks.

Mr. Halloway, an Englishman, has given \$2,000,000 to endow an institution for the higher education of women.

The ladies in attendance at the Harvard Annex are reported to be even more opposed to co-education than the male students.

Of the 1,058 students in the Universities of Switzerland, only 113 study theology and 158 law. The growing tendency to avoid these professions is noticeable in all the universities of Europe.

The students of Knoxville, Tenn., refused to admit a colored student into one of their societies. Twenty-three have been expelled and fifty more have left.

The faculty of Perdue College has decided that the Greek-letter societies exert an evil influence over the students, and demands them to withdraw their membership on pain of dismissal.

Livingston Hall, of Fisk University, for colored students, was dedicated at Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 30th. Many prominent men were present. Professor Northrup, of Yale, delivered the dedicatory address. Livingston Hall is the second of three contemplated main buildings, the first, Jubilee Hall, having been dedicated three years since.

On returning to the college, the members of the *Phoenix* staff were much surprised, and we know that they were proportionately pleased, to find a centrally located, very pleasant room apportioned to them by the authorities, to be used as a sanctum, and to be exclusively occupied by the staff, for the transaction of the important business connected with the publication of the *Phoenix*.—*Swarthmore Coll.*

Monmouth College is in difficulty. On Thursday, the students, in spite of a vote from the faculty, held a reception in honor of Mr. Ross, the winner of the oratorical prize in Chicago. Mr. Malchett, master of ceremonies, was suspended. Two hundred students refuse to attend college duties until he is taken back.

Washington, Jackson, Van Buren, Harrison, Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln and Johnson did not go to college. Grant was educated at West Point, the two Adamses at Harvard; Jefferson, Monroe and Tyler, at William and Mary's College; Madison at Princeton; Polk at the University of North Carolina, Pierce at Bowdoin, Buchanan at Dickinson, Hayes at Kenyon College, Garfield at Williams, and Arthur at Union. Out of twenty-one, thirteen Presidents of the United States received collegiate training.

Last February a student of Olivet College was suspended for alleged disorderly conduct, and brought suit against the college for \$10,000 damages. The case was finally thrown out of court last week, the plaintiff submitting to a non-suit.

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