

use of the horse, a nobler creature than his pony; the soph, may strengthen leathern lungs; the junior may feel the delights of being suspended, while the senior may take his first lesson in climbing. Every organ of the body may be developed, from the tongue to the toe. But let a ray of sunlight pierce this arena, and what a study for an atomist in the dust kicked up by the agile company. Somewhere we have read the opinion of one of Germany's first physicians concerning consumptives, that if he could keep his lunged patient amid fresh and verdant foliage free from inhaling anything but pure air, he could restore him to strength. Certainly the involved principle in this treatment, is true. Exercise in a confined room in which the numerous athletes cause a Sahara cloud to be constantly suspended is doubtles not the best. It may assist one member of the body to the detriment of another, but of course such exercise will always be looked on as better than none.

But better than all body invigorators would be what we are re-suggesting—a Curling Rink. Its atmosphere would be healthful, its exercise exhilarating and not too severe.

Pleasure as well as benefit would be derived. The needed union of the students would be helped by getting up friendly matches. Surely it is not unfitting for a Canadian university of Scotch descent to take the initiative. If no friend will immortalize himself by putting up a suitable building, it would not be unseemly for the authorities to erect it. The cost would be low, and once established it would be a paying institution. We hope this may prove seed sown on good ground, and that our suggestion may soon be acted upon.

MINUTE OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.—THE LATE JAMES MICHIE.

THE University Council, at its recent meeting, adopted the following minute in reference to the lamented death of two of the Trustees, the Honourable John Hamilton and Mr. James Michie:

"The Council unanimously resolved to record their deep sense of the value of the services rendered to the University by the late Honourable John Hamilton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, during the long period of thirty-three years. His high character, his mingled dignity and courtesy, and his constancy and earnestness in promoting the interests of the College, have had no slight influence in strengthening the attachment of its friends; and whatever differences or difficulties have arisen since the foundation of the University, he has always been the object of the respect and esteem of every one connected with it.

"The Council record their deep sense of the loss sustained by the University by the recent death of Mr. James Michie, of Toronto, a member of this Council. Noted for integrity and energy in business pursuits, for generous liberality in behalf of Queen's College, and of Church support and extension, and in response to every deserving call of charity,—and for his amiable and gentle nature in social life, he was respected and beloved wherever known. The Council now mourn the loss of one of the most devoted friends of this University."

We took occasion in a former number of the JOURNAL to refer at some length to the decease of the late

Honourable John Hamilton, the venerable Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and we have now to mourn the loss of another of its members, the late Mr. James Michie.

Mr. Michie was born in Strathdon, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and came from thence to Toronto in 1845. He entered the employment of the mercantile house of A. Ogilvie & Co., of which his uncle, Mr. George Michie, was a partner. He remained with that firm until 1853, when the present firm of Fulton, Michie & Co. was formed. He was also a partner in the wholesale firm of Geo. Michie & Co. In various matters of public interest he was chosen to fill positions for which he was eminently fitted by his sound judgment and integrity. He was a director of the Bank of Commerce, Vice-President of the Freehold Loans and Savings Company, director and treasurer of the Dominion Telegraph Company, director of the Western Assurance Company, and a member of the Board of Trade. He was as generous and charitable as he was prosperous in business. One action cannot be omitted to be mentioned which of itself would show the generosity of his nature. His late uncle, who originated the Home for Incurables, Toronto, left a legacy of \$2,000 to the institution, provided it was established in three years; and although that period had long elapsed before anything was done in that direction, the deceased, who was residuary legatee under the will, carried out his uncle's intention, and likewise added a substantial sum.

The very unexpected intelligence of his death on the 13th January last was received in Kingston with expressions of general regret. While yet apparently in the full vigour of life in one short week he had been called away.

Mr. Michie was well known to the friends of Queen's University as one of its most efficient Trustees and most generous benefactors, and to all as the unaffected Christian man who amid the cares of an extensive business took delight in aiding, not merely by pecuniary assistance, although that was never wanting, but by his personal and active exertions, in every good work. We cannot, however, do better than record in the columns of the JOURNAL a short extract from the touching notice of his decease by his pastor and intimate friend the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell on the Sabbath immediately after:

"As a trustee of Queen's College and a member of the Temporalities Board many of us know how valuable and unselfish were his services to the Church at large. He was the helper of many a good cause. Many a country church, as well as every city charity, counted him among its benefactors. Many a struggling man—many a poor family—had reason to bless him. I never went to him in vain—and I went often—to ask for help towards any good object. Large-hearted and liberal, he stood out as a noble example to rich men in the use of money. He was prosperous and no one grudged him his prosperity. 'When the ear heard him, then it blessed him, and when the eye saw him it gave witness to him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon him; and he caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.'"

On the following Lord's day, in a sermon to the congregation of which the late Mr. Michie was a prominent member, the Rev. Principal Grant, who knew him well, thus spoke of him: