

### Students' Club.

**A**MONG the many signs of growing activity in the University, few are more gratifying than the continuation of the McGill Students' Club, which has commenced its work for the session with a full complement of patrons.

This institution was commenced under very great difficulties during the last session by Mrs. J. Clark Murray, to whom we shall always feel grateful for the initiation of a much needed movement which is destined to exert an important influence upon undergraduate life. Continued during the latter part of the last session and now under the management of a committee composed of professors presided over by Principal Peterson, the Club is now fully launched upon a career of great usefulness, and we feel confident that it is an element of our University life which is destined to remain with us.

The understanding is that the present committee acts provisionally only, and that its functions will pass into the hands of the Students themselves as soon as suitable conditions shall have been established. Thus it is hoped the way may be opened for a permanent dining hall on a more liberal scale, which shall be for the student what the Students' Unions are in English Universities, and what the Foxcroft and other clubs are for students at Harvard.

In the meantime the committee desires to demonstrate the need and feasibility of such a dining hall where students may secure good food at moderate rates, and also to make it apparent that the University feels a keen interest in their welfare.

### Literary Society.

**T**HERE is something wrong with the Literary Society. Every year the same appeal is made to the students to support it and with the same results. Yet surely such a society, whose object is to give its members practice in the art of public speaking, ought not to be a matter of indifference to any of our students. We think, however, that the fault does not lie entirely with the students. The debates have not always reached a reasonable standard of excellence, and the cause of this we think is not far to seek. There has often been an absence of careful preparation among those taking part in the debates. This, we think, has perhaps been the most glaring

fault in the society during the past few years. The present system of having three men debating on each side while good in theory has not proved so in practice. The "Fortnightly" would suggest that the program for the half year be made out and posted immediately. That strong men should be chosen to introduce the different subjects and that these men should not be limited as to time. The question should then be thrown open to discussion. This, we believe, is the system in vogue at many of the large universities. It might, at all events, be given a trial at McGill.

### A Graduates' Column.

**T**HE *Fortnightly* would very much like to establish this year a "Graduates' column." The aim of such a column would be to keep McGill men all over the world in closer touch with the University and with each other. Such a column, however, cannot be carried on without

the hearty co-operation of the graduates themselves. We would remind them that a very interesting column may be composed of small items, and that all contributions to this column will be heartily welcomed.