

almost as much a marvel of engineering skill as when it was opened in December, 1859. Along the southern bank of the river, from east to west as far as the eye can reach, the country is a beautiful plain, dotted here and there with small villages and rising gently to the southward until its level surface is broken by the picturesque mountain peaks of Montarville, Belœil, Rougemont and Mount Johnson or Monnoir, while away to the south we see in faint outline the Green Mountains of Vermont and the White Mountains of New Hampshire, part of the great Appalachian chain which runs parallel to the Atlantic Coast.

Our thoughts have been following our eyes until now we have reached the line where earth and sky appear to meet. This transition in the picture interrupts our reverie, and after taking one more glance at the immediate foreground of our picture—on the right McTavish St. with its handsome cut-stone private residences headed by the Congregational College building and on the left the neatly-kept grounds of McGill University,—we return once more to our studies.

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FLOATING STUDENT OPINION.

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THE STUDENT'S STANDING AMONG MEN.

MR. EDITOR :—In answer to certain views which are held, and sometimes expressed, by many of the friends of the students, will you kindly allow a letter to be sent you, intended not so much for yourself as for some of your many subscribers.

Your JOURNAL has promised to keep its readers posted in the affairs of the College, and, in order that this may be done satisfactorily, it is well that those readers should understand what our College is, its aims and its methods of working.

The first matter which we would wish understood is this : *the Presbyterian College of Montreal is not a charity institution*—this statement will probably surprise many who have looked upon it as worthy of support, just as a home for the destitute and disabled would be worthy of similar support—nor, we would add, are the students trained within its halls objects of charity, dependent on the good people of the Presbyterian Church in Montreal and elsewhere for their education and sustenance.

True, our College has been built by members of the Presbyterian Church—true, the magnificent hall which forms the chief part of the College build-