

out the annual elevation on the winding stairs of the Biological tower, but, finding the space too limited, the contending elements withdrew, and by mutual consent agreed to renew the contest in the theatre of the Medical School on Gerrard St., after the nomination of officers for the annual dinner had taken place. Accordingly a most interesting fracas took place between the 1st and 2nd years, resulting in the elevation of the majority of the freshmen and the ejection by them of a few of the 2nd year men on to the street. The most friendly relations exist between the contending years as a result, and each has an increased respect for the other.

The action of the faculty in requiring all students to abstain from the use of tobacco in the dissecting room has put a premium on the non smokers and produced great consternation among the more ardent devotees to the weed. Certainly to the latter sympathy is due, but the Faculty cannot be too highly commended in taking precautions to preserve all possible cleanliness and order in the dissecting room. Too many such rigid requirements may seem superfluous and unnecessary, but without doubt, in the end, all will acknowledge the wisdom shown in the formulation of such stringent rules and regulations.

Dissecting commenced in the new building, on Wednesday, the 21st Oct., and will be carried on with unabated vigor well into the Easter term. The sloping sky-lights in the roof afford a most excellent light for carrying on the all-important work of dissection. On the above occasion we were visited by several Arts gentlemen, apparently freshmen, who, impelled by curiosity no doubt, had threaded the labyrinthic maze from the basement, and at length stumbled upon the dissecting room, which they inspected with wondering and wistful gaze. Arrayed in the splendor of tulle academic costume, they almost petrified the awe-struck medico with the majesty of the Arts.

#### MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The following is the proposed arrangement of meetings and essays of the Modern Language Club for the current term:—

- I. Oct. 26.—American Humorists. Oliver Wendell Holmes; James R. Lowell; and Mark Twain.
- II. Nov. 2.—Victor Hugo. *Life*; *Les Orientales*; *Notre Dame de Paris*.
- III. Nov. 9.—Goethe. *Life*; *Lyric Poetry*; *Die Leiden des Jungen Werthers*.
- IV. Nov. 16.—American Poets. Whittier; Bryant; Whitman.
- V. Nov. 23.—Edmond About. *Life*; *Le Roi des Montagnes*; *L'Homme à l'Oreille Cassée*.
- VI. Nov. 30.—Contemporary in German Novel. General Essay; Paul Heise (*Die Novellen*); Keller (*Zurich Novellen*).
- VII. Dec. 7.—Public Meeting. A further announcement of the subject and of the speaker of the evening will be made shortly.
- VIII. Dec. 14.—Mme. de Staël. *Life*; *Corinne*.

With the fall the teachers of the Ingres-Coutellier School of Modern Languages have returned. Under the direction of M. Geo. Coutellier, who himself takes charge of the French department, the number of their pupils is rapidly increasing. We do not doubt that the following news will be of interest to all students. We are told by M. Coutellier that in his course on French literature he will consider especially the University work of the third and fourth year, and we would advise our fellow-students to avail themselves of this opportunity, which, to our knowledge, has never been offered before. In the same manner they will have an opportunity of hearing Herr Friedewald, the German teacher, on German literature, where he also will refer especially to the work prescribed by the University curriculum. Another new feature of the School will be a special course for children at special rates.

#### THE REFERENDUM.

This is a class in Canadian Constitutional History, and it is conducted by Mr. J. M. McEvoy, B.A., who lectures on the subject.

The business of the Referendum is to hear essays on subjects, assisted by the lecturer, to discuss the opinions advanced by the essayists, and to enter such of the more important of them as are approved by the Referendum in the minute book. This book will therefore contain a concise statement of all the questions which have been discussed and agreed upon by the class during the year. A large collection of pamphlets, original documents, speeches, despatches and reports bearing on the subject have been got together in the Library, and these are used by the students in making their investigations. As much of this material has never yet been thoroughly gone into by any systematic writer on Canadian Constitutional History we may expect some valuable results from the joint work of the gentlemen who compose this class.

At the meeting held on Thursday last essays were read by Mr. H. P. Biggar, Mr. W. C. Cross and Mr. W. A. Gil-mour, all of which were good, that of Mr. Biggar deserving especial mention. The subject with which the essays dealt was the history and constitutional importance of the office of Governor-General.

On the afternoon of Saturday, 18th, the lady undergraduates, who have already gained some experience of lecture-rooms and knowledge of each other, held their annual reception for those sister students who are still novices in University work and ways; of these '95, of course, forms the large majority, although they are not unrepresented in the upper years. The reception was held in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A., who kindly placed their rooms at the ladies' disposal for the afternoon. Although the musical programme was a minor consideration, a few select numbers interrupted the conversation at intervals, and were fully appreciated; cake and coffee increased the sense of sociability, and a few rousing college choruses closed an entertainment which all felt to have been most successful, the pleasure being not a little increased by the presence of several of our recent graduates.

The necessity for some such social meeting where those who, for months or years, will have so many common interests, may at least learn each other's names and exchange a few friendly words, has for some time been felt, and is the result of the rapid increase in the number of girl students. The time is past when a kindly senior by laying down her book for half-an-hour can learn and show an interest in the hopes and fears, the origin and destiny of all the feminine portion of the freshman class, and make the strangers feel that, whether first year or fourth, all are a part of the same institution. Strength of numbers now threatens to break strength of unity, and the reception is but one step in a direction in which several might be taken.

#### Athletic Notes.

##### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

###### THE DEFEAT OF THE MEN OF TRINITY.

Now it came to pass in the fall of the year of our Lord 1891, that the wise men of the land of Rugbydom having formed a kind of Sanhedrim or Executive from the wisest and most famous of their number, said unto this chosen band: Go ye into a cave or some peaceful place and take counsel among you, and devise a plan whereby we may ascertain which of us is the most skilful in operating upon the deceptive pigskin.

And the wise men hearkened unto them that spake, and after they had secreted themselves for a space they came forth, and as it seemed good and right for them to