

present hold. Just now the time is most favorable for them to assert themselves and make their claim to recognition in the settlement of University matters felt. To do this, they must have some place of meeting and opportunities of meeting frequently. How can these necessities be better met than by the institution of a graduates dining-room? All must dine, and all like to dine in agreeable company. Just now graduates, who have never yet met, could not fail of having at least one interesting topic in common, so by all means let us have the dining-room, and with as little loss of time as possible.

WHICH IS IT TO BE?

On Wednesday, the 28th day of this month, the Corporation will be called to give their final decision upon the question of separate *versus* co-education in McGill University. It is currently reported that the Principal will attempt to prevent the question being discussed at all on the grounds mentioned in his letters to *The Gazette*, or failing that, will resort to the tactics so successfully adopted at the October session, when a vast amount of routine business was forced upon the meeting, though it was known that many of the members had come up solely for the discussion of the one burning question. So much time was taken up with these matters of detail that many were unable to wait for the vote, in which but fourteen participated, seven voting with the Principal and six against him. It is safe to say that such unworthy generalship, if once more attempted, will meet with the check it deserves, since a number of the Corporation have announced their intention of forcing an early discussion on the subject, or at all events of discussing it, no matter how late the hour, so that no member of the Corporation will be able to vote without having the question before him from both sides. How the vote will result is uncertain. Two at least of the Representative Fellows will not be present, and there are many wavering members liable to cast their votes on either side, according to the measure of persuasion or intimidation which is meted out to them. It will be for the exponents of co-education to convince these undetermined minds by a complete display of the evidence in favor of their side. For us, who have not space to enter fully into the question, it only remains to present two arguments, based on expediency, against the institution of separate classes. The income of \$100,000, for that sum is presumably to be the basis of calculation, is only \$5,000. How many professors will that amount pay? Will it pay as many as will be necessary to carry on separate classes? No, decidedly no. Then the main portion of the work is to devolve upon

the present staff of professors, most, if not all, of whom constantly complained of overwork before the ladies' classes were instituted. What justice will then be done to students of either sex? But, it may be objected, the classes can be brought together in the senior years. If so, the basis of calculation is \$50,000, the money now in hand. But even if that figure be doubled it will not suffice to carry on the separate classes during two years. Certainly no more than three professors of any attainments can be engaged for \$5,000. Yet three could not carry on the classes without much aid.

Again McGill is menaced with great danger. The resources of Ontario's consolidated University will be such as will place it far in advance of the position now occupied by McGill. If the latter is to live, it must take an immense stride forward. The standard will have to be raised, and the professors prepare new courses of lectures. How can they do so, if overburdened with work, and will it not be suicidal to add to the load which these men are now forced to carry? But if the establishment of this formidable rival threatens McGill with annihilation, it may also prove her salvation. There is great jealousy between Montreal and Toronto. More than this, the people of Montreal are accustomed to take pride in possessing a great institution of learning. These things afford the grandest opportunity McGill has ever had. Let her appeal to the citizens of Montreal next year for the aid which alone can prevent her from perishing, and only one thing will prevent them from giving that aid. Thanks to a recent controversy, the people of this city have been brought to see how great would be the folly of establishing a college for women. If the authorities persist in that folly, a distrust of their discretion will be awakened among the people that will disastrously affect a liberality, with which otherwise the authorities would be met next year, when they will be forced to appeal for money to place McGill beside Toronto. Now comes the question. Are the Corporation prepared to risk the loss of the people's confidence? With a Corporation, in which the balance of power rests with men who care little for the University, we have fear. Whether that fear is justified, the 28th of January will show.

As a freshman—med.—was making his way to his seat in one of the lecture rooms the other day, he had to pass the usual habitation of a tobacco ruminant but slipped and fell on the salivated boards ruining his autumn trousers. And as he gazed sorrowfully on the chocolate stain on his *patella*, he groaned out:—

" 'Tis true, 'tis spitty, and spitty 'tis, 'tis true."