

a student were allowed a choice, he would neglect that for which he fancied he had no taste, and there was thus a tendency that Queen's would turn out one-sided scholars. More was expected from a University man than to be conversant with only a few subjects. It was also pointed out that it was a mistake to build up the strong parts of the intellect at the expense of the weak, which would inevitably be the case if a student had his choice of what to learn and what not to learn. A man should have the all-round education of a gentleman. Mr. Shortt, Chairman, gave his decision in favor of the negative, considering that this side had evidently the weight of argument in its favor. Among the business was the giving in of the report of the Auditors appointed to examine the ex-Treasurer's books. These they reported were correct in every particular, and showed a balance of \$37.

THE Local Reporter received the following :

SIR:—I humbly beg to submit that the following is the latest. It is sure to be all right, as a Sophomore looked it over for me :

Yours, &c., '83.

- Buttercupula nominor cara Buttercupula.
- Quamvis quam brem nunquam dicerem ;
- Verum Buttercupula nominor, bella Buttercupula.
- Cara Buttercupula, ego."

EVER since the decree of the Senatus went forth that no meeting was to be held in the College Buildings without permission of the Registrar, for fear it might be metamorphosized into a "Concursus Iniquitatis," "John," our worthy janitor, has been particularly spry in seeing the order carried out. But the other day the Y.M.C.A. forgot to get the requisite permission and assembled in the Classical Room. Not having been authorized to let the room, John was convinced that a court was to be held. But he could not oust the members bodily, nor had he the Riot Act handy, so he assumed the pathetic and implored them not to have a court. "Aw! don't have a court; please don't have a court, gentlemen." But, having been informed by the President that there would be nothing seditious in the character of the meeting, he was induced to retire.

SNOW BALLS.—It has often been remarked by newcomers to Queen's what intense gratification it affords the average Kingston boy to throw snow balls at students. By long practice these little wretches become remarkably proficient in marksmanship, and many is the felt hat that has been suddenly detached from the cranium of the long-suffering collegian and sent flying ahead of him. We venture the opinion that at no time will the evil part of a man's nature be so advantageously displayed as when he receives a hard snow ball on the back of the head. At such a time a Freshman generally feels disposed to follow up the donor and ask him what he meant. The chances are twenty to one he will not get a satisfactory answer, and if he proceed to remonstrate corporally, as it were, with the archer, that individual will yell and attract the attention of the whole street. The student will, of course, be considered a tyrant and the boy a hero. The men will ask him "if he couldn't take anything in fun;" the women will cry, "for shame!" and the children will hoot at him. These things combine to induce a state of mind bordering on insanity. It is impossible to be dignified on such an occasion, and pinaforically speaking he "hardly ever" felt so dissatisfied with himself before. Now a Senior will never think of taking such a course of action as this; he will take things philosophically. He knows by experience that no satisfaction can be got out of a small boy, and so wisely refrains from seeking any. He is right, and our advice to new comers is—don't try to obviate an evil which is necessary as long as there are boys and snow.

EVERY body was delighted with the glees sung by the students in the "gods" before the curtain was raised at Neilson's performance on Thursday, the 5th.

- How doth the little busy Prof.
- Improve each Latin hour.
- And get translations bit by bit
- From every Sophomore."

ON Ash Wednesday, on account of the furnace being in disposure with a severe attack of indigestion (of smoke,) we enjoyed a holiday. Not much heat was furnished by the invalid on Tuesday, and when the Professor of Metaphysics came into his class, he remarked significantly that it was very cold. Very! echoed the class, shutting notebooks and preparing for an adjournment. "Oh, well, it will make us all the hardier," says the Professor, and begins his lecture to a badly sold and intensely disgusted class.

SENIOR to Soph., while passing St. Andrew's Church, "That edifice would be vastly improved by the addition of a steeple." Soph.—"Yes, but the congregation are in debt and so don't *aspire* to that sort of thing at present. I am sure some of them would *rebel* if—." Senior, who detests puns, raises his cane threateningly. Soph, blushes and *rues* the time he contracted the obnoxious habit.

AT a recent Alma Mater meeting, a wily leader of debate, perceiving the Chairman to be getting rather weary, thought to get a decision favorable to his side, by remarking that his speech would be *short*, when a voice whispered audibly, "Beware of the snare of the *owler*." The decision was against him.

SCORE one for the morality of the Kingston students. Statistics of the city show that only one student was up before the Police Court during the past year.

A NUMBER of Seniors objected going to the recent lecture on the Jews in the City Hall, since a Freshman was to deliver it.

THE new Arts Building has been finished externally about two months. Convocation Hall is almost finished and is really very handsome. The walls are composed of red and white brick formed into design. The rafters are stained and beautifully carved. In fact all the wood work is very pretty and a credit to the carpenters. There is a handsome little gallery at the further end which is approached by a stair-case leading from the hall. This will doubtless be for the accommodation of the students, and as seating accommodation for about one hundred and fifty. The cut which has been printed on the back of this paper does not give a good idea of the size or appearance of the building; it is really much larger and finer than the architect's drawing (from which the cut is taken) represents it. The Museum and Library are semi-circular in form and large enough to admit of any increase in their contents that is likely to be made. The Library has accommodation for 30,000 volumes, while at present there are only about 12,000. It is expected that next Convocation will take place in the new hall.

'Twas in the class of Metaphysics on Friday. He was a Junior, and it was an essay on "ideal states." Instead of describing the ideal states of Plato, and such like philosophers, as was intended by the professor, he proceeded to frame one of his own. The chief advantage of which was that it would absolutely do away with all partyism. How think you? Nothing easier. All property was to be apportioned to citizens, on the result of—*written examinations*, who will say that this is not a solution of a long-vexed question? Could a man amass a fortune at the expense of others? No. Because no man would have a whit more than was granted to him on the