

the hands of the students by the faculty, there has been a steady increase in the interest taken by them in its affairs, and the fortunate choice in the *personnel* of the several Committees of Management which have had charge of it since its commencement has done much to aid this increase. The duties of a committee-man are varied and at times unpleasant, yet all those who have been appointed to that position by the franchise of the students, have performed the labours required of them with great forethought and forbearance.

It has always been a wonder to us, in view of the evident benefits to be derived from the perusal of such periodicals as may be found in the room, and the very small sum asked from each student for such a privilege, that all do not subscribe—and gladly subscribe—towards its maintenance. At present, however, such is not the case, and we would suggest that everyone whose name is not yet down upon the subscription list will place it there immediately, or show by his continued absence from the room, that he at least has the honour to tell the truth, when he makes the oft repeated excuse for not subscribing,—“I never take advantage of the reading-room, and therefore ought not to be asked to subscribe to it.”

To say that the students of McGill learnt with sorrow of the decease of Mr. E. A. A. Evans, but faintly conveys an idea of the feelings of his confrères on hearing the startling intelligence of the death of one so amiable, so popular, and so talented. Although unable—on account of ill health—to attend the courses for some time past, few of those who were at College two years ago can forget the manly figure and kindly countenance of Eddie Evans, and we can assure his sorrowing relatives that, in their sad bereavement, they have the sincere sympathy of every student of McGill.

It is with much regret we learn the death of Mrs. Hannah, who, for the last eight years, has been the matron of the University Lying-in Hospital. Her illness, which was somewhat protracted, she bore with Christian patience and fortitude. As a mark of respect, the students in Medicine attended her funeral in a body, and also purchased a number of beautiful bouquets of choice flowers to decorate her remains. It will be difficult for the Faculty to find another who will fill her position with the same efficiency as did Mrs. Hannah, and the students will long have to regret her untimely removal from amongst us.

MEDICAL FOOTING DINNER.

The preparations for the footing dinner, this year, were characterized by unusual quietness. In former years, and even up to last session, the uproar and clamour which accompanied these annual festivities were very marked indeed. Some of the students were wont to agitate the question of cold water dinners, while the majority were very strongly opposed to what they considered a sentimental innovation, contrary to the instincts of men who were capable of drawing a line of demarcation between a moderate use of the “flowing bowl” and riotous intemperance. We have known the discussion of the question kept up till every one was disgusted, and the consequence was that the greater part of the students took very little part in what should be looked upon by all as something to be encouraged, especially as its primary object is to initiate those who have come to the University as strangers, and are anxious to be introduced officially, as it were, to their co-labourers in study. It is therefore with much satisfaction that we have to say this year that all the preliminaries were so arranged that not a single hitch took place in the whole order of proceedings.

The dinner took place in the Carlton on Friday evening, Oct. 18th. The Committee of Management had not been idle for some days previous, and as a result of their exertions the guests of the evening sat down around the long tables as if they were accustomed to meet