

## ALDHELM.

He sits on the rustic bridge  
Midway from either shore,  
And his blue eyes flash, and his flaxen hair  
Sweeps o'er his harp as he calls to prayer  
The people passing o'er.  
His song is like the song of a bird  
That sings to its nest mate:  
Hope and love and joy are his theme,  
And grief and despair and haste  
Are to him but a horrid dream.  
He strikes his harp and the notes that are heard  
Enchant the ear like a loved one's word.

The breeze that sweeps o'er the bending grain,  
And the scent of the flowers in the field,  
And the dancing foam on the swirling stream,  
And the distant rapid's roar  
Are gathered into the magic strain  
And over the woodland pealed,  
Till the listening throng to the music yield  
And follow the monk to the chapel door  
And kneel on the rush strewn floor

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## Societies.

## MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The tenth regular meeting of the above society for the winter session '84-'85 was held this evening, there being 18 members present. The chair was taken by the President, Dr. Stewart, at 8.30.

Dr. Mills read a very interesting report on "Physiological Laboratories," in which he drew attention to the beneficial effect such institutions had in advancing the science of medicine, and impressed upon the members present the advisability of not looking upon the results of the patient research of those, who had devoted their labors to the strictly scientific investigation of physiological phenomena, in too utilitarian a light; but rather to consider study of this nature as tending to broaden their mental horizon and educate them, at least, up to such a point as would stimulate them to be on the *qui vice* for any discourses which would help to make the practice of medicine more rational and scientific and less empirical than at present.

Dr. Rutan stated that in his opinion the study of the primary subjects was the best gymnasium for the training of those faculties of observation so highly requisite in the successful practitioner of to-day.

## MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Probably the most successful meeting in the annals of this society was held last Saturday evening at No. 16 Philip's square. The chair was occupied by the president, Dr. Stewart, and every available chair, window, seat and rail was pressed into service to accommodate the 57 members who were present.

The paper of the evening was entitled "Some hints to those about to graduate," and when Dr. Stewart rose to deliver it he was greeted by such a round of applause as told plainer than words how popular the lecturer was among the medicals.

The lecturer was listened to with the greatest attention throughout and at the close of his able essay, the vice-president, Mr. McGannon, in a few well chosen

words stated, that although a by law existed precluding a vote of thanks being tendered, yet he felt sure he was voicing the sentiments of those present when he stated that the meeting had heard Dr. Stewart's address with the greatest pleasure and profit and felt how great a debt of gratitude was due him for the interest he had taken in the society during the past year, and hoped that he might be prevailed upon to accept the presidency of the society next year. Dr. Mills and Dr. Stephen were present and made some interesting remarks on continental society. The meeting adjourned until the second Thursday in April.

## STUDENT'S Y. M. C. A.

The first annual meeting of the College Young Men's Christian Association was held on Saturday evening, February 28, in the building of the city Y. M. C. A. Although the association was organized only last Spring, it has now become one of the institutions of the college. The growth has been very rapid, as the report of the Membership Committee showed that the present membership is between 60 and 70, which is a decided increase upon the 15 or 20 who were on the roll last Spring. This report said further that opposition and prejudice against the association seemed to be dying out as its aims and character became known. As our association is one of 200 college associations, with a limited number of these, including all the Canadian colleges, correspondence has been opened, which will have in the future a stimulating effect upon all concerned.

As to next year it is expected that the social evenings of the members spent together, will be the beginning of an intercourse between the students and the citizens who have hitherto refrained from opening their homes to college men. Altogether the report of the year was most encouraging and all voiced the leader of the Sunday meetings who, in reviewing the year, said that there were no more appropriate word for us than "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." The very great interest and kindness of the Montreal Y. M. C. A. was recognized by a standing vote of thanks. The following are the officers for the coming year: president, N. E. Kendall; vice-president, J. K. Unsworth; rec.-secretary, W. G. Stewart; cor.-secretary, J. W. McOat; treasurer, G. F. Lewis. Sunday meetings at 4.30 p. m., will be continued to April 12th.

## UNDERGRADUATES LITERARY SOCIETY.

The closing meeting of the society for the present session was held on Friday, March 6th. As an evidence of his continued interest in the society, Professor Moyses attended unexpectedly, and was prevailed on to preside. The programme was then proceeded with, Mr. A. B. Clements reading a startling paper on the subject of "wooing," the psychological features of which may have resulted from theory, but bore a strong resemblance to experience. Then came a reading from Shakespeare by Mr. Colquhoun, after which the debate for the evening "Resolved that Ireland should have Home Rule" followed. Upon the affirmative side the speakers were Messrs. A. P. Solandt, T. Macallum, and F. Pedley, upon the negative