

W. G. Irving has, during the last four years, grown so fond of the Limestone City that he has resolved not to graduate with the rest of us, merely in order that he may pass another session in Kingston; at least so he says. There are two Willies, the Willie with the girls and the Willie with the boys. The former was never known to do anything but assent to whatever the lady said; the latter on the contrary is apt to imitate St. Peter and "deny with an oath." In fact, we have heard him called "a would-be satirist, a low buffoon," but this is unjust, as his errors arise purely from excess of animal spirits, and not from any malice prepense. He is young yet, and will doubtless improve as he grows older.

R. C. McNab is popularly known as "Sporty." We think that in a previous number of the JOURNAL he was noticed under that name.

A. E. Knapp is rather hard to describe, as most of his qualities are negative. He has tried for the past four years to become wise, but if he has succeeded keeps the results exclusively to himself. However, he is a well-meaning lad, who will never do anybody any harm, so that he will perhaps get on better in the world than many others who have cut much more of a dash in Queen's.

#### PROF. WATSON'S ADDRESS.

Prof. Watson's address on Sunday afternoon was a rich treat, and will increase the value of this year's pamphlet very materially. His text was in Ecclesiastes 1: 2, his subject being "*The Lesson of Ecclesiastes.*"

After some general remarks on the value of introspection at certain periods, the speaker said: It has occurred to me that perhaps not a little future perplexity and despondency may be spared some here present if it can be shown that a representative pessimist . . . really bears indirect testimony to the principle, first clearly proclaimed by Christianity, that all things are an expression of the love and goodness of God. The times of Ecclesiastes were shown from internal evidence to have been dark and trying, but amid all the gloom Ecclesiastes never lost faith in God.

His conclusion shows this. He finds that there still remains the joy of duty, the unalloy-

ed affection of the home circle, and delight in the beauties of external nature. The superiority of this conclusion was shown by contrast with that of the epicure or the cynic, or even that of a merely superficial optimist. In the same way he brought out the limitations of Ecclesiastes by contrast with the broad conception of life presented in Christianity. The address closed with an earnest appeal to young men that they should live nobly and unselfishly. "The real foes of our age are not Science, Art and Philosophy . . . but sordid aims, faction and sectarianism."

The address was replete with good things, and it ought to find a wide circulation.

The programme for the balance of the session is as follows:

March 12th—Rev. Herbert Symonds, Rector of Ashburnham.

March 19th—Rev. Prof. Ross, B.D.

March 26th—Rev. Dr. Gracey, Rochester.

April 2nd—Prof. Shortt.

April 9th—Rev. G. J. Low, Rector of Almonte.

April 16th—Principal Grant.

April 23rd—Baccalaureate, by the Rev. Dr. Williamson.

#### COLLEGE NOTES.

We were glad to see John around on Saturday. Though not strong enough to resume his duties, he came up to see if things were in good shape.

Why do they call me the member from Greenland?—Cheeky M-nroe.

Quite a few of the boys have been absent through illness. K. J. McDonald is at present in the hospital. Messrs. Grant, Watson, Norris, Herbison and Burns are among the absent ones.

Messrs. Fortescue, '96, and Bretner, '96 (Med.), are in the hospital suffering from fever.

There is an interesting article in *The Week* for February 24th, entitled: "A Parson's Ponderings Concerning the Higher Criticism," by Rev. G. J. Low, Episcopal clergyman at Almonte. The writer speaks very highly of the addresses delivered in Convocation Hall last year by Professor Briggs and the Principal, which, he says, tend rather to strengthen than