

graduates in the University that the Executive Committee should assume control thereof.

The question is by no means a new one, but events of the past session have paved the way for the centralization of the forces and authority of the different Faculties in a University Committee for this purpose; and the Athletic Association will be asked to consider the advisability of its Executive being endowed with the powers of the proposed University Committee.

These matters, together with the report of the first trial of the new membership system, ought to make the Annual Meeting sufficiently interesting to warrant the request for a large attendance.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE MCGILL FORTNIGHTLY:—

SIR,—In the report on the Annual Dinner of the Undergraduates of the Faculty of Arts, which appeared in the last number of the FORTNIGHTLY, I am credited with having made a statement which I certainly did not make.

The report in question reads as follows: "He also spoke of the lack of original work; though Sir William in his spare moments had accomplished much in original research besides geology, no other research was made, and he hoped that the time would soon come when McGill would be known for original research." What I did say was that in the future much more original work might be looked for from the University, and that in our Principal we had a brilliant example of what could be accomplished in this direction, even by a very busy man.

As a testimony to the value of the work accomplished by Sir William, I read a short extract from the Report on the Recent Progress of Geology in America, prepared for the Smithsonian Institution by the well-known geologist, Mr. James McGee of the United States Geological Survey, who, giving a short account of the various institutions of learning in America, in which advanced instruction in Geology is offered, includes in his list but one Canadian University, namely, McGill, and refers to it as follows:—"McGill College—Special provision is not made in this institution, either for carrying on or publishing results of original investigation; but Sir William Dawson devotes a large share of his time to researches in Geology and Palaeontology, and McGill College has, in consequence, come to be known as one of the principal centres of geological work on the American continent."

By no means forgetting the very important and valuable researches which have been and are being carried out by several members of the teaching staff of our University, I merely remarked that if such a statement as the above could be made concerning every branch of our work, the fame of McGill would very soon spread abroad as far as its most ardent admirer could desire.

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BETWEEN THE LECTURES.

O'Hoolihan—Och, Lavery, here comes some ladies!

Lavery—Ther divil! O'Hoolihan, run up on ther bank and war-r-ru thim aff!

It looks bad to see a dog preceding his master down the street, and calmly turn down the stairs to the first saloon he approaches. It shows there is something

wrong, something lacking, a deplorable tendency on the part of the dog.

"Yes," said the Chairman sadly, "our temperance meeting last night would have been more successful if the lecturer hadn't been so absent minded."

"What did he do?"

"He tried to blow the foam from a glass of water."

The late Dr. Kemper, the theologian, once commenced carving at the table a boiled ham that was doing duty for the second or third time.

"Why, my dear!" exclaimed his wife, in surprise, "you have forgotten something. You have not asked the blessing."

"Yes, I have, too," bluffly responded the doctor. "I've asked the Lord to bless this old ham all I'm a going to."

Bobby, a precocious youth of six summers, had been indulging in profanity, and, in order to escape the punishment for which his mother had made preparations, he crawled under a barn, and remained there in a state of siege for the greater part of an afternoon. When his father returned at night and learned how matters stood, he made his way, with much difficulty, under the barn in search of the boy. "Hello, pa," said Bobby cheerfully, as his sire approached, "you been swearing too?"

The new baby had proved itself the possessor of extraordinary vocal powers, and had exercised them much to Johnny's annoyance.

One day he said to his mother:

"Ma, little brother came from heaven, didn't he?"

"Yes, dear."

Johnny was silent for some time, and then he went on:

"Say, ma!"

"What is it, Johnny?"

"I don't blame the angels for bouncing him, do you?"

Excepting only Harvard, William and Mary, in Virginia, founded in 1693, is the oldest college in America. It can now boast of not a single student, and the last dollar of its endowment will soon have been spent. This grand old institution owes its downfall first to the war of the Rebellion, and finally to two destructive fires.

"Oh! Rachel, Rachel," moaned Mr. Silverstein, wringing his hands, "some pad man has our Dummy mit dose beautiful coat and vest stolen!"

"Ugh!" Rachel screamed. "Why don't you do somedings? Are you vaitin' for de tief to brought 'em pack? Run queveek and tell all de pleccemen."

Jacob started on a run down the street, and presently found a patrol man sweetly leaning up against a grocery store.

He had just begun telling the officer of his loss, when, lo! a tramp walked complacently out of an alley wearing the stolen goods. Jacob and the policeman set out in hot pursuit—the tramp dashed on ahead.