

(and I for one believe so), then it is fair to assume that the members considered themselves acting in the best interests of the society, and therefore their conduct does not call for criticism. If "there was a time when rather than to submit to a similar injunction a college society allowed itself to be driven from the walls of McGill" then the wisdom of the step is open to question when we consider the present languishing condition of that society which is ironically termed "University" Literary Society. No sensible man objects to candid criticism particularly, when, as in the present case, it emanates from a friendly source, and I am sure any *advice* which you, Messrs. Editors, have to offer will always be received with pleasure. But there are many, and I confess myself amongst the number, who object to dictation from those who are not pointing out any method of making the Undergraduates' Society any more successful than it is at present, and who, content themselves with vague condemnation without a full knowledge of the circumstances. Let the shoemaker stick to his last. When the Undergraduates' Society undertakes to instruct the Editors of the GAZETTE, as to how they shall manage their paper, it will be time enough for the GAZETTE to expend its eloquence in teaching the undergraduates the value of

FREE SPEECH.

MCGILL COLLEGE, Dec. 9, 1884.

Editors McGill Gazette :—

DEAR SIRS,—“In this life we want nothing but Facts, sir, nothing but Facts.” Let me personate the character of that individual who in Dickens' *Hard Times*, gave utterance to the above quotation, and upon the basis of *facts* alone, refute the slanderous statements made in your last issue regarding the “unhappy differences” between the Medicals. The action to unseat Mr. Elder was taken, not upon personal grounds and only indirectly because he is a member of a Secret Society; but it was taken exclusively upon the grounds stated by the mover of the re-consideration *before the whole School*, viz., that last year, before we were aware of the existence of this Society, its members, by pre-arranged plans, nominated to positions on the Dinner Committee their own *confrères*, and such was the general good feeling, that those nominees were elected almost to a man without an election contest. Thus by apparent subterfuge, the Dinner was controlled by the members of this faction—in itself a foul blot upon the fellow-feeling that should exist between students—and I challenge anyone to find upon the *Ménu-card* of last year the name of a student who was not, or is not, a member of this society.

Thus it was that the majority of students feeling that there had been a gross usurpation of power, and no longer desiring to subscribe themselves as “tools” to a designing minority, unseated Mr. Elder, and elected one, who as we all know, fulfilled the duties of his position with credit to himself and the whole school.

VERITAS.

Editors McGill Gazette :—

DEAR SIRS.—We have just seen how good a dinner the Medical Faculty can get up, in the face of the so-called split amongst the students. What are the Arts men going to do in the matter? The subject of class dinners has not yet been broached, as far as I know, and if the second Faculty dinner is to take place this year it is time we began to think about it. Last year's was not a gigantic success, there being present about fifty students, not forty per cent. of the Arts Undergraduates. We ought to have a better one this session, and it would be a good idea to secure the co-operation of all the theological students, and thus make a rousing success of our dinner,

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