

In the spring of two and ninety.

"Waste no time in useless pleasures,"

Warning says the wisest student;
But we'll hold our small reunions,
That our class be more united,
That our friends be not forgotten,
And new bonds be forged forever.
Thus at six we leave the class-room
For the scene of books and pencils,
For the work which lies before us.

POET OF CLASS '92.

TO MY PIPE.

When first thy slender form mine eyes beheld,
Ensclosed within a plush-lined case,
I felt that I was, there and then, compelled
To purchase thee, my den to grace.

And never have I, since that lucky hour,
Had cause my action to lament,
And oftentimes, when in thy subtle power,
I've vowed the money was well spent.

Ah, well do I remember, when I filled
Thy virgin bowl with fine cut weed;
And how my boyish heart within me thrilled,
When of thine incense I took heed.

Of late I, when in studious mood, caressed
The silver circle round thy zone,
And to my lips with joy thine amber pressed,
And thanked my stars thou wert mine own.

Ah, dear old friend, oft hast thou eased the throes
Of full many a tardy thought
As to my weary brain thy fumes arose,
And brought to view the notion sought.

O, many, many happy hours we've spent
Our friendship has with years grown ripe,
Nor has it e'er known aught of discontent;
My old and faithful friend, my pipe.

Kingston, Jan 20, '91.

S. G. R., '91.

THE ROYAL.

EXAMINATIONS IN MEDICINE.

As the session is hastening to its close, some of the apparent defects in the manner of conducting the examinations attract the attention of the students of the Royal.

Some years ago, we are told, some students obtained access to the examination papers before the regularly appointed date. This fact, it appears, (it surely cannot be that the question of expenditure is worthy of consideration in this matter) led to the adoption of the custom of dictating the questions to be answered by those presenting themselves for examination. The defects of this system are too apparent to need any comment. Some of the professors have tried to meet the deficiency in the present method, but on their own responsibility and not by direction of the faculty. If a sufficient reason can be given for refusing to have the papers printed we will quietly swallow our dissatisfaction, and submit to the inevitable.

Again, the method of awarding the medals and positions of honor is not satisfactory. Competition by oral examination has been the method hitherto adopted. This plan is quite satisfactory to some of the competitors; but on the other hand, some of our best students find difficulty in giving a complete answer to a question thus presented, while they could write the answer with more satisfaction to themselves and to the examiner.

The insufficiency of oral examinations is very apparent in the case of competition for the position of House-Surgeon to the Hospital. The competitor is supposed to have spent three years in *Materia Medica*, *Physiology* and *Anatomy*, and the sole test of his proficiency in these subjects is an oral examination in each, lasting from twenty minutes to half-an-hour. The cool-headed person here clearly has the advantage over a man of excitable temperament, though the latter may be much the superior in scholarship. It may also happen (as it has happened) that physical indisposition at the hour of examination unfits the mind for its work.

Would it not be fairer to all classes to have the examination partly oral and partly written? Might not honor papers be prepared for those who present themselves for honors? We proffer these suggestions as the expression of feeling on the part of those most directly interested. The faculty has shown itself willing to meet the wishes of the students. Are these matters too small to be worthy of consideration? We hope not.

NOTES.

Prof.—Give some other symptoms of cancer.

Student—There is the characteristic kach—kick—kech—kechia.

Professor collapses.

Prof.—What do you notice as peculiar about the position of the patient?

Student—Opisthotonos.

Prof.—Tut! Tut! That is only a poultice on his abdomen.

CONCERT AT THE POOR HOUSE.

The former entertainment given by students at the House of Industry having proved such a success, another concert was provided for the inmates on Thursday, 29th Jan., at 4:30 p.m. Promptly at that hour a bell was rung, and in a short time the hall was quite filled with an expectant crowd. Although many were old and feeble, some blind and crippled, all were so cleanly and intelligent looking that one could hardly realize that this was indeed a scene in a place such as the name indicates. The order manifest everywhere reflected much credit on the genial keeper and his family.

The students were ably assisted by Misses McAdam, Smith, Galloway and Bryan, from Chalmers' Church Y.P.S.C.E., and the following programme was rendered to the delight of all concerned: Hymns in chorus; solos by Misses Smith and McAdams; recitations by Messrs. Rollins, Grant, McIntosh, Maclean and Horsey; violin music by Mr. Taggart, and humorous speeches by Messrs. Cameron and Currie. Mr. Colin Campbell occupied the chair. Every piece was substantially applauded, and