

a scrap book in the reading-room, and with the aid of our sissors and paste brush, purpose handing down all notices, with no exception, to a grateful and loving posterity of students.

New arrival from the country, about to present himself for matriculation overtakes Senior in McTavish St., and desires to be directed to the Presbyterian College. Senior, "This way, sir—take care you don't miss your footing and stick in the mud;" adding facetiously, "we have all to walk the plank here!" On arrival at janitor's door Freshy, somewhat suspicious that he is being played upon, having heard "strange tales" of college life, hesitates, colours and explains, "Really, sir, I wish to see the Principal, I am not calling upon the domestics." "Oh, that's all right," laughingly replies the senior, "don't be affronted at being introduced by the back door; it is our only available entrance."

STRANGE noises, not always quite melodious, are heard from time to time issuing from different parts of the building. Cannot these be brought together and woven into the sweet harmony of song, under an organization that may fairly claim to be designated a Glee Club. Our excellent musical instructor, not to forget our energetic precentor, would be delighted if the students' hearty co-operation could be secured for such a purpose.

D. C. L.—No! You are quite mistaken; work has not ceased for the winter. Our new buildings are progressing rapidly. The week before last we observed a workman lighting his pipe as if he intended commencing work. Since then the sound of hammering has occasionally been heard from the interior of the buildings.

THE Sabbath morning prayer meeting is well attended this session. The subject for each morning is announced on the notice board during the previous week. The president occupies the chair and all are invited to take part, no regular speakers being appointed. The meeting begins with the usual devotional exercises; it is continued for an hour.

OUR readers will be glad to learn that Dr. Baxter, late of Stanley Street Church, Montreal, is very successful in his new charge, Loughborough Road U. P. Church, Sinclairtown, Scotland. A very handsome new church has just been erected. The opening services were conducted on 6th October last, by Principal Cairns, D. D., Edinburgh. The congregation is a growing one and has increased very considerably since Dr. Baxter's induction on 28th May, 1879. We wish him great success in his new and enlarged sphere of labour.

THE Rev. D. Morrison, M.A., late of Owen Sound, is presently officiating in St. Paul's Church, Montreal.

THE Induction of Rev. C. Colborne Heine, to Chalmers' Church, Montreal, took place on Thursday evening, 17th inst. On the following evening a welcome social was held.

THE McGill students have been signalling themselves. Their conduct, or rather misconduct, on Thursday last, will certainly maintain for them the unenviable notoriety which previous escapades have given them. "Boys will be boys," but they ought to be gentlemen and not rowdies.

The Freshmen of '81.

HAVING received many requests to print the names of the students who entered our college this session we have taken considerable trouble in compiling the following list, which we believe to be correct in all its details:—

James Bennett, B.A., (Theology)	Montreal, P.Q.
George A. Blair, (Arts)	Manotick, Ont.
Donald Cameron, (A.)	Tiverton, Ont.
A. B. Clement, (Literary)	E. Templeton, P.Q.
Alexander Currie, (L.)	Watford, Ont.
D. Currie, B.A. (T.)	Simcoe, Ont.
J. B. Gauthier, (L.)	Montreal, P.Q.
Andrew Grant, (A.)	Laguerre, P.Q.
R. Greenshields, (A.)	Danville, P.Q.
Albert Groulx, (L.)	Belle Rivière, P.Q.
Vilda Groulx, (L.)	Belle Rivière, P.Q.
J. L. Hargrave, (A.)	High Bluff, Manitoba.
J. H. Higgins, (A.)	Brucefield, Ont.
M. L. Leitch, (L.)	Kilmartin, Ont.
M. Lockert, (L.)	St. Hyacinthe, P.Q.
James A. Macfarlane, (A.)	Bristol, P.Q.
J. Harvey Macvicar, (A.)	Montreal, P.Q.
Colin McKerchar, (A.)	St. Elmo, Ont.
J. C. Martin, (A.)	Brown's Creek, P.E.I.
O. H. Oiselle,	St. Philomen, P.Q.
John Reid, (A.)	Drayton, Dakota, U.S.
Alexander Scrimger, (A.)	Listowel, Ont.
R. Vilatte, (L.)	Montreal, P.Q.
Nathan Waddel, (L.)	Metcalfe, Ont.
W. E. Wallace, (L.)	North Gower, Ont.

Several others have not as yet put in an appearance.

The Search for God;

THE THEME OF THE CHRISTIAN APOLOGIST.

Opening Lecture by Prof. Campbell.

II.

Having established our right to seek for God, where is the field of our search? The phenomenal universe is before us, the world of matter and mind, of nature and human nature. An original revelation of God to the mind in nature is a dream, true though it be that the heavens declare His glory and the firmament sheweth His handy work. If it be true that the anatomist never found a human soul in the many bodies he dissected, it is no less true that the botanist, the zoologist, the geologist never detected a trace of the great soul of the Universe in the specimens they manipulated. This is seeking the living among the dead. The venerable Paley, and others who sought with him a system of natural theology, looked for God as a metaphysical cause of nature, and deluded themselves with the notion that the subjective idea was a real existence. They did not find the real presence of God, but a mere proposition that left them as well off as they were before. You may spell the Infinite, the Absolute, the Unconditioned with a capital letter and call it God if you like, says the agnostic, and much good may it do you. The heavens declare God's glory, and so do the lilies of the field and the fowls of the air, but they declare God's glory to man because greater is the God that is in Him than the God that is in them. As Goethe says:—

"Were nothing unlike in the eye,
How could we light itself descry?
Were nothing God-like in the mind,
How could we God in nature find?"

An exclusive attention to physical, as distinguished from mental phenomena, is one of the chief causes of learned infidelity in the present day. To look from nature up to nature's God as truly argues a previous acquaintance with that God as the rise of water to a higher level indicates the original height of its source.

Leave the lilies and the sparrows for a while and seek God in the higher life of our planet. Man is the crown of nature. "There is nothing great in the world but man; there is nothing great in man but mind," is a trite saying. In the survey of this highest field of life there are at least three phenomena that cannot fail to arrest the attention. The first of these is human freedom, the anatomy of the will, which, argue as men will against it, is constantly re-established by experience which transcends all argument; as Dr. Johnson said, "We know that we are free and that is enough." Freedom, and that personality of which freedom is the essence, these are not things of growth, of development. They are not the results of law, for they are themselves law-givers and the free man is a law unto himself. If man is free, that