

each subject, to the absolute and unlimited control of the said Bar Council, which is an irresponsible and changeable body not entitled to exercise such control over said University and deprive it of the regulation of its course of study, as said Council now does, on pain of said University and its law course being effectually proscribed as a law school and law course in this Province.

4th. That the number of lectures prescribed by said Council of the Bar under its said regulations as essential to a legal course of study, is, in the judgment of your petitioners, unreasonably and uselessly excessive, if not positively detrimental to the delivery of properly classified courses in the different years, and to the proper mastering of the subjects and of practice by students.

5th. That your Petitioners maintain that the said University ought not to be deprived, as it hath been, of its said rights and privileges and of said valuable constitutional guarantee enjoyed by it and since Confederation in educational matters, of being subject only to the responsible Executive of the Province as regards the sufficiency of its course of legal study aforesaid, and ought not to be subjected to the said irresponsible Council of the Bar, and power given to the latter, as hath been done, to effectually close at will the Faculty of Law of said University for all practical purposes, by prescribing courses of study which it is impossible for said University to comply with.

That no cause of justification exists for the unjust legislation and acts herein complained of by your Petitioners. That the statements of the said Bar Council in its Petition, presented to your Honorable Body at the present session, praying that the relief desired by your petitioners be not granted, are unfounded, as regards said University. That the statement in said Petition of the Bar Council, "that Degrees in Law, until very lately, were granted to Students who followed the lectures *pro forma* only, and that Faculties of Law gave lectures *pro forma* only," is not true in respect of said University. That the said University confidently appeals to the results of its work, in the large number of graduates who have availed themselves of its course in Law and the many thereof who occupy high and honorable positions on the Bench, at the Bar, and in the Legislatures, not only of this, but of other Provinces. That no less than 193 of the practising Advocates of the Province, on the Bar list, are graduates in Law of said University; and of the English-speaking Bar of the Province no less than 110, or a considerable majority of the whole, are its graduates; and in the District of Montreal nearly the whole English-speaking Bar, admitted since the Law Faculty was established, and including, with rare exceptions, the men who are doing the law business of that Bar, are also its graduates. The record of the men trained in said University, and their present proud position are the best refutation of any aspersions that may be sought to be cast on its Faculty of Law, and the best proof as to whether such an institution and its courses of study require to be subjected to the control of the Council of the Bar on pain of being proscribed. That if the statement of the said Bar Council as to *pro forma* courses or degrees be true of any institution in this Province, ample protection to the public and Bar against the same is or may be afforded through the action of the Executive and the right of examination possessed by the Bar, or may be provided for by legislation without the necessity of depriving the said University of its long-enjoyed rights and reducing it to the humiliating position presently imposed upon it. That the said unjust acts and legislation complained of by your Petitioners are calculated to create, and do create, alarm for the future of said University and its most cherished rights and privileges, upon which such acts and legislation are regarded as an unwarranted infringement, and great injury is and will be thereby done to said University and to the cause of education, particularly among the minority of the Province. That so soon as said University became aware of the said acts and legislation it protested against the same and hath continually so done to the present time.

That for the foregoing reasons among others, your Petitioners pray, that your Honorable Body may be pleased to pass an act repealing the said Section 49 of the said Act 49 and 50 Victoria, Chapter 34, and restoring to the said University its said rights and privileges and guarantees thereto enjoyed by it, and that your Petitioners may be heard in support of this their Petition; and your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Signed by the Dean and Professors of the Faculty of Law.]

Montreal, 19th February, 1889.

## Poetry.

### A SUMMER DREAM.

(Rondeau)

A summer dream that ling'ring stays  
Through snows and storms of winter days,  
Sweet as the breath of opening flower  
Jewelled and kissed by summer shower,  
And warmed to bloom by noontide rays.

A thought that lights December ways  
With August's glowing, golden haze,  
And makes of many a winter hour  
A Summer Dream.

'Tis thus the heart its tribute pays,  
While Reason humbly, sadly prays  
For earnest use of present power,  
And pointing where the storm clouds lour  
Strives to dispel the dmy mase.  
A Summer Dream.

Montreal.

HELEN FAIRBAIN.

## Societies.

### THEO DORA SOCIETY.

The Theo Dora met as usual on Tuesday, February 12th. Readings were given by Miss Jeannie Botterell and Miss Baillie. Miss Whitehead read a very good essay upon "Missions in China." Miss Williams then gave a paper on the "China Inland Mission," which deserves special mention as calculated to be the most effective ever read in the Society. It was well written, but its merit lay not so much in this as in the earnestness with which its writer voiced an appeal to her hearers that was nothing short of heart-stirring. The vote of thanks passed to the essayists was a very hearty one, and all must have felt at the close of the meeting, that a more profitable as well as enjoyable hour they had seldom spent.

Another meeting was held on Tuesday, Feb. 26. Miss Evans, B.A., gave an interesting paper upon the "Geography of India," followed by an essay from Miss Smith upon the History of the same country. A letter received from Mr. J. Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, was read by Miss Williams, Secretary. It contained some greatly desired information regarding the different ways open for disposing of the Society's funds. The letter was long and interesting, and closed with a promise to the effect that communication with the Theo Dora should not be dropped, but should be kept up in the future through one of the lady missionaries.

### GRADUATES' SOCIETY.

A meeting of this Society was held on Saturday night at the University Club, at which Mr. Selkirk Cross presided, and there were present, Professors T. Wesley Mills, C. H. McLeod and Mr. Hutchinson, Messrs. Dixon, B.A., Skaife, B.A.Sc., J. R. Dougall, M.A., Dr. Kelley, Dr. Craik, Topp, B.A., Ferguson, B.C.L., Sproule, B.A.Sc., Hamilton, B.A.Sc., Rev. E. M. Taylor, Walbank, B.A.Sc., Hibbard, B.A., and MacPhail, B.A.

The representative fellows, Messrs. Hutchinson,