

THERE is a class, which we are glad to find is small, who seem to wilfully sink themselves in the delusion that our own University is not of the highest rank. They point to the large numbers attending American colleges; they rave about the simplicity of the course; they make comparisons unfavorable to the buildings; and they crown all by showing, in the light of their own experience, the invincible stupidity of the student. To such as these we recommend the perusal of a late article in the London *Mining Journal*. It treats at full length, and in the highest terms, of our whole course and Faculties, leaving no doubt of the efficacy of the latter, and the thoroughness of our curriculum; demonstrating in the plainest possible manner, the high opinion concerning us, which prevails in the English mind.

In addition to this we should recommend a little travel in our own country and the neighbouring Union, especially to the very places of which they talk in such lofty strains. We are convinced that they would return silenced, if not completely satisfied, and ready to settle down like men to the "first English college in America."

THE students owe their heartiest thanks to the Faculty for their kindness in making a rink upon the grounds. It has now been fit for skating for several days, and although small, still after the experiences of last year it would have been hazardous to attempt making a larger one. The Hockey Club (of which we give the list of officers in another column) has had some practice already, and we hope will be able to make a fair stand against the city clubs, after it has had a little more play.

A vote of thanks is also due to Mr. Howard, the secretary of the club, for the forethought and trouble in getting good sticks from Halifax. Were it not for this the club would have been compelled to put up with what makeshifts they could find, a serious matter when a doubtful match is about to be played.

WE trust our readers will not take offence at the following remarks. We have borne the nuisance patiently for a long while, and can keep silence no longer. What we refer to is the habit of some of our fellow students of scribbling upon and defacing the notices posted up on the bulletin board. Why anyone can take pleasure in such a thing it is difficult to perceive, except it be to display his wit, or attempt at wit, in a prominent place. We hope that the Freshmen will take this hint; we say Freshmen, because if it be any of the older students who so disgrace themselves it is hopeless to speak to them,—we believe heartily in the proverb—"There's no fool like an old fool;" of course the word *old* is only comparative here.

If students despise keeping their light hid under a bushel, or cannot contain their exuberant wit, let them send their incubrations to the *Gazette* and we, the editors thereof, will sift the wheat from the chaff, and lay it (the wheat) before the eyes of an admiring world, always premising that there be some wheat in the heap.

In connection with this there is another matter we may speak of, namely the carving of names, etc., on the college desks and benches. This habit is more easily explained, for everyone likes to leave some memento of his presence in the "studious cloister's pale," even though it be such a monument of misspent time as words cut in the desks during lecture hours, to the detriment of other people's property and his own penknife.

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The remaining meetings of the Society promise to be even more interesting and instructive than those which have already been held. On the 6th instant, the thirteenth public debate will be held in the Association Hall, and the subject is: "Should the Imperial Federation be looked forward to as the political destiny of Canada?—Is there 'then independence?'" There will also be a reading and an address from the president.

On the 9th instant, an innovation will be made in the form of the evening's exercises. The programme consists of four short essays, on four poets, with selections from their works. The poets and essayists are as follows: Byron, Mr. Keller; Moore, Mr. Loneragan; Longfellow, Mr. Monk; Tennyson, Mr. McLean.

On the evening of the 16th the subject of debate is, "Has 'increased wealth been favorable to the Morality of Nations?'" An essay will be delivered by Mr. C. H. Stephens; the reader is not yet appointed.

The 22nd will be given up to an evening with the novelists; papers to be given on Dickens, Thackeray, Lytton and Scott.

On the 2nd proximo a debate will take place on a philosophical subject; and the debaters are to be mostly students in the honor class in philosophy. The form of the question is, we believe, "Is the Utilitarian theory of Morals the true one?"

It will thus be seen, that this month is well provided for, and we trust, that the efforts of the Committee to arrange interesting meetings will result in remarkably large attendances, and increased interest in the proceedings. We hear further, that thanks to the energetic exertions of the indefatigable Treasurer the funds of the Society are in a flourishing condition.

As we go to press, we hear that arrangements are about to be made with the celebrated reader, Mr. Vandenhoff, to give an entertainment under the auspices of the Society.

—Students complain of the bad state in which the avenue across the Campus is kept.

—The Annual Glee Club Concert, in aid of the General Hospital, is arranged for Tuesday 13th. The members are in their usual good training and the programme is excellent throughout. Tickets may be obtained at De Zouche's and Hill's, or from any of the committee (A. D. Taylor, Secretary.)