

The second way of solving this question would be as follows:—Granted, unfortunately, that the students of the Faculties of Law, Arts and Science will *not* see that they must *ask* Medicine to give up their old right and not demand it; granted, unfortunately, that the students in Medicine will not see that the change of conditions clearly points out that the time has come for them to offer to give up gracefully, for the sake of Old McGill, an old faculty prerogative, and to allow the other faculties an equal share in the expenses and management of theatre night, then at least consent to one thing, that Sports' Night shall not be utilized as theatre night by either party; let the students not attend the theatre at all that night, or have a general night on Sports' Night, and each have their own night later on in the year.

Lastly, we come to the most pleasing and satisfactory way of settling the question, and certainly the only way which is going to throw credit on our Alma Mater, that is, a genuine rollicking University night managed by a joint committee, all prizes of advantage or honor to be selected by lot, each Faculty headed by its own faculty or year banners, but in front of all let there be carried a banner, which, to the disgrace of our students, does not as yet exist—a University banner, bought with the subscriptions gathered from McGill's hundreds of students, which could be hung in turn each year in the principal class room of each Faculty, to remain as a proof that at last there has come some fruit of the tree of University feeling, which has been gradually growing unperceived among us, and which has had many an escape from being trampled down.

It is unnecessary to say that the University night is the best plan; all that is needed is a little more willingness to concede freely on the one hand what should be asked for in a proper spirit on the other.

All it needs is a fresh start with the new college year, and the result will be a theatre night unsurpassed by any previous efforts and a united chorus of "Oh! McGill, Alma Mater, McGill!"

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

There is one fact which cannot be impressed on our students, and especially upon those entering college for the first time, at too early a period, that it is the duty of every student, out of common gratitude to old McGill, to subscribe as far as possible to the different societies and institutions which exist among the Students under the patronage of the University.

It is an undoubted fact that the existence of a flourishing Y.M.C.A., an Athletic association holding its own in the world of sport, a University paper doing what it can to foster a University feeling, and of other societies successfully attaining the end for which they were organized, do add, and cannot help adding, in some appreciable degree to the glory and fame of our Alma Mater.

Once this fact is thoroughly realized, the duty of the student lies clear before him. It is not only to the man who subscribes irregularly that we wish to speak, but also to the student that never gives a cent to anything, and invariably pleads abject poverty. Now, there are undeniably cases where men are straining every nerve in

order to get the wherewithal to put themselves through college, and no class of men are more honored and respected by their fellow-students than these are; but, unfortunately, many men in McGill raise this plea when their fellow-students, many of whom can less easily afford it, are doing their share of the work. To those who so regularly decline to subscribe or who intend doing so, we would only say: "Ask yourselves this question: "If the University, as it may some day, imposed a college fee of, say, ten dollars, for the support of students' societies, would the existence of that fee have prevented or nearly prevented my coming to McGill?" If the honest answer to this question, honestly put, is "yes," then we admire and respect that man for his pluck in fighting his way through college in the face of financial difficulty; but if, on the other hand, the answer should be "no," then we say: "You should and are morally bound to come to college prepared in some way to support the college societies which exist for your own good as well as for that of your University, and it is almost ingratitude to systematically refuse to do so."

One word to the freshmen, which might, we are afraid, equally apply to some students in the other years. The man who comes to collect from you, and whom you have helped to elect to that position of collector, is not begging for himself, and is not to be treated as if he were, but is rather doing you a favor by taking very unpleasant and dirty work off your own shoulders, and should be dealt with accordingly. If you subscribe cheerfully, you do your duty with a good grace; but he does more, he not only subscribes but performs what is, thanks to the mistaken idea of some students, the much more unpleasant though voluntary task of begging.

In the few cases where you honestly feel that you are unable to contribute your share, decline to do so in an open, manly way, and not with a sneer, as though you were repulsing the importunities of some street Arab.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have here to note the death of Mr. Charles Nye Stearns, a member of the Final Year in the Faculty of Medicine, who was accidentally drowned on the 30th of August last by the upsetting of a canoe in the rapids of the Murray River near the watering place of Murray Bay, at which resort Mr. Stearns had been spending the summer months.

By appointment, he had been acting as the Medical Superintendent of the Convalescent Home there established, and had, by his careful attention, knowledge of medicine and winning manner, given the greatest satisfaction both to the governors and founders of the Institution as well as to the patients under his charge.

By his sad death, the Final Year is deprived of one of its most valued and popular members, and the sad occurrence will not only be deeply regretted by his more intimate circle of acquaintances, but by all those who came into contact with him in connection with the many University movements in which he interested himself. Mr. Stearns and family have the heartfelt sympathy of the Students of the University.