

succeeded in this department of late, was the lack of support given them by their fellows.

The Spring examinations, he knew, were unfortunately drawing near, and were a source of dread to those who anticipated graduation, and a horrible nuisance to the hockey player.

Mr. Weir also urged the students to better uphold the team representing them.

Mr. S. Calvert favoured the company with a piano solo, which displayed much technique and admirable interpretation.

Have you ever heard, dear reader, the grand *finale* chorus of an oratorio, awful in its grandeur, swell from the throats of a gigantic choir: soft and simple at first, but as the enthusiasm arises, the leader beats more rapidly, the bows of the violinists swing faster and faster, and the arm of the trombonist is lost in rapid flight, until, all having reached the meridian of their powers, the music bursts in one grand climax, the audience rises *en masse*, and all is lost in vociferous applause!

Such was some of the enthusiasm aroused by Mr. Roy's singing of the national anthem of France.

The waiters, yea, even the cooks, felt the irresistible mesmeric influence, and were attracted toward the door. After the minstrel had ceased from his warblings, Mr. Hopkins called for a toast in honor of the ladies, and everyone returned to their seats in order to see that our university sisters received full justice. Billy Hamilton proposed the toast, to which Mr. Wingham most suitably replied.

The watches were pointing toward one o'clock when the dying notes of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most successful dinner to a close.

The greatest praise is due Mr. Hopkins and the committee for the way in which everything was conducted.

Everyone present was delighted, and our only regret is that the time is rapidly coming when we shall miss from among our numbers the faces of that royal quartette—Hopkins, Hamilton, Walters and Macnutt—who have contributed so largely to the pleasures of the students' social life, during the whole of their course in our university.

### Societies.

The University Literary Society has been discussing the question as to "Whether the system of subsidizing public works is in the best interests of the country?" The debate was well sustained, and the system in question, as carried out by the Dominion Government, was both strongly supported and severely criticised. Messrs. R. J. Elliot and A. R. Oughtred spoke for the affirmative, and Messrs. C. J. Brooke and J. M. Ferguson for the negative of the question. The debate having been declared open, was continued by Messrs. Cox and Cross. At the conclusion a vote was taken, and the decision of the Society went in favor of the affirmative.

The Undergraduates' Literary Society held their regular weekly meeting on Friday, Feb. 10th. An excellent essay, dealing with "Evangeline," was read

by Gibson, '89, after which Smith, '91, ventured a reading. Both of these gentlemen are to be congratulated on their success. The subject of debate was as follows: "Resolved, that the warrior does more for his country than the statesman." Messrs. MacPhail, Reed and Walsh supported the affirmative, and they were opposed by Messrs. Garth, Bryson and MacDougall, '90. In the end, after a spirited debate, the negative gained the day.

### Y. M. C. A.

At the annual business meeting of the Y.M.C.A., held on Tuesday night, 14th February, the following officers were elected:—*President*, Mr. D. Evans, 2nd year Med.; *Vice-Presidents*, Messrs. H. T. T. 2nd year Arts; W. Hamilton, 1st year Med.; *Recording Secretary*, Mr. Hawkins, 2nd year Ap. Sc.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mr. J. McDougall, B.A.; *Treasurers*, Messrs. Main, 2nd year Med.; J. Daley, 2nd year Arts. Mr. F. W. Macallum, 4th year Arts, and Mr. Alexander, 1st year Med., were elected to fill the vacancies on the Building Committee, made by the resignations of Messrs. Clouston and Hubbard. Reports were received from the various committees, and suggestions received concerning work for the future, after which the meeting adjourned.

### MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

There was a large attendance at the last meeting of this society, held on Saturday evening, Feb. 4, upwards of 125 students being present.

The Hon. President, Dr. Stewart, called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, he announced that the ordinary business would be suspended, and called on Dr. Shepherd for his lecture—"Short Notes on a Visit to some of the Anatomical Schools and Surgical Clinics of Europe."

The lecturer gave an interesting account of his visit during the past summer to the Old World, mentioning the places visited, and giving short descriptions of the anatomical schools, hospitals, and distinguished surgeons of each.

Among the places visited were Cork, of which there is nothing worthy of note, and Dublin, the anatomical department and museum of which place were described as most complete, there being no less than three hundred examples of Colles' Fracture, first described by the celebrated Dublin surgeon, from whom it gets its name.

At Belfast, Dr. Shepherd was shown the working of the Ambulance Corps of Queen's College. It is composed of students of the university, and the remarkable facility and ease with which patients are transported, show the benefit of such training. Next proceeding to Glasgow, the university and hospital were described, and the lecturer referred to the wonderful work and success of Dr. Macewen, describing two of the operations he had seen him perform. Students, who intend visiting Edinburgh, were strongly advised to spend a month at Glasgow as well.