

sent given reward not only the diligent student but also the prudent guardian or parent, who saw the value of "special advantages." It is just a fulfillment of the words, "To him that hath shall be given."

Again the complaint that prize winners as a class neglect the cultivation of the social part of their nature is overdrawn. We could mention many who never gained a prize, who were just as anxious to decline an invitation when examinations were at hand. Prize winners in the past were just as willing to avail themselves of the social advantages of Montreal as the rest of the students, and in spite of their diligence took as active a part in College societies and public meetings as the most enthusiastic of the students. If any one should doubt this let him examine the roll of our prize-winners. And what will he find? Why he will discover in that list the names of those who have filled the honorable positions of President, Secretary and members of Committees of the College Missionary and Literary Societies, and also have helped in the editorial management of the COLLEGE JOURNAL. If the winning of a prize in the past has been any help to a student in the world in bringing him into prominence, the picture drawn in your last issue of the prize winner, being a hermit, a book-worm, one having no interest in anything but prizes, who even would neglect the most sacred duties to grind for a prize; then, henceforth, if the world believes the picture to be true it will not be safe for any student of your College to gain a prize.

However, we believe the world has more sense. We consider it a libel on the good name of those who were ever ready and willing to help on every good and commendable object in the College life of the students to say that students who gained prizes as a class were remiss in their duties to the College Societies or to the kind friends of Montreal.

Again the charge of the student failing in his duties as a missionary, through his study for prizes, is more sentimental than real. Why, his studies even for a prize would better fit him for his work of preaching. Most of the books he has to read are fitted to better equip him for his life work. And "O tell it not in Gath," do none but medallists and prize-winners ever preach their old sermons? If we could get the life record of all the graduates, we would find in this respect the record of the prize-winner on a par if not better than others. However, it is not a crime to preach an old sermon. My fellow-students and co-workers for Christ, do not be afraid to preach a sermon that has been appreciated in the past. If well prepared and prayed over it will again bless others.

The charge of broken-down health laid at the door of prizes is just on a par with a great many of the other charges. How many of the graduates of our College received their honors only in time to engrave them on their tombstones? How many of any College? And if there are a few who can be named, is it fair to ascribe their broken-down health to prizes? Do no