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### THE UNRECORDED VOTE.

At the gate where gentlemen make the laws,  
She stopped one wintry night;  
And she wrapped her cloak close—how it tears, how it gnaws,  
That hunger, with cruel spite!  
And marvelled why the gay beam flashed from the tower's stately height.  
O'er the distant streets, o'er the lanes and squares,  
The great eye circled round;  
And she thought, as she gazed, if the eye of God stares,  
So far, far above the ground,  
So cold, so clear; not half way up and the cry of want is drowned.  
And the people surged in the entry there,  
For party was at stake;  
And the whips were worn out with the worry and care,  
And all for the party's sake:  
Men said the Ministry was doomed, when the Opposition spake.  
Yet again the cheers ringing sharp and shrill,  
From gazing throats upsent!  
And the loudest of all for the member whose Bill  
Was startling the Parliament:  
Her feeble cheer—she knew not why—with the multitude's was blent.  
In the land the poor shall for ever be,  
The Christ said that of old;  
But they ought to abide where the rich cannot see,  
Away from the marts of gold,  
Away from Senate's lordly pomp, where the nation's fame is scrolled.  
With affairs of state famous "statesmen" dealt,  
The crisis met its hour;  
And the Whig fought the Tory, and Saxon fought Celt,  
With boast, in the pride of power:  
The hearts of yore were beating still; thei' great England ne'er should cover.  
'Twas a grand debate, and t' House was thronged,  
With Commoner and Peer;  
And they swore that the flag of their country was wronged,  
Away in the southern sphere:  
The woman crawled and huddled down by the bridge's pathway near.  
And the night crept on, and the votes were cast—  
The old regime was dead;  
And the beam flashing round lit her face as it passed—  
The soul from its pangs had fled;  
And silent rose to God's white throne where the deeds of state are said.  
Montreal. CHAS. E. MOTSE.

### Editorials.

Following the custom of all editors at the close of our labours we turn and look back upon the course of events since we were entrusted with the management of the GAZETTE in September last. In this retrospective view nothing seems to us to call for special notice, for the session just closed may shortly be described as prosperous and uneventful.

During the year all must have felt the absence of our respected and renowned Principal. Dr. Dawson could not but be missed by the Governors and Professors, as well as by the Undergraduates of the University, and all, we are sure, will be glad to welcome him back amongst us. We have taken great pleasure during the winter in following his movements in Europe, and although the College was deprived of his teaching and his counsel, yet we were glad to know that his health was being recruited and that he was enjoying a well deserved holiday amongst pleasing scenes in the Old World. He was especially fortunate in being able to be present at the great meeting recently held in Edinburgh—the greatest meeting, perhaps, of representative men in all departments of knowledge ever held in Britain.

But it must have been particularly gratifying to Dr. Dawson in his absence to know that everything was moving smoothly and on the whole very satisfactorily under the management of those who were called upon to fill his place. In fact, we can think of nothing which should be more gratifying both to him and to these gentlemen themselves.

The number of students entered in the several faculties during the past year was greater than at any previous time in the history of the University. In round numbers we may say that five hundred Undergraduates were in attendance. An increase took place in each of the faculties, except that of Law, in which there was a considerable diminution, but in this faculty, too, there is the significant fact to be noted that 80 per cent. of the Undergraduates were Graduates in Arts. Next session we look forward to a very considerable increase in this faculty as well as in the others, so that from this point of view the outlook is entirely encouraging.

Our losses by death were very serious. Dr. Leach referred to these in his Convocation address in such touching terms that we would fain leave what he has said without addition.

The faculty of Applied Science has made remarkable advances since last year. The number of Undergraduates was about seventy, a number not so very much short of that in the faculty of Arts. It is evident to everyone that very soon greater accommodation must be provided for this increasing body. A new building is absolutely necessary and must be provided very soon. Our readers will remember that a rumour reached us during the session to the effect that one of our wealthy citizens was soon to erect a building for the accommodation of this faculty to correspond with the Peter Redpath Museum. We hope that before we again assemble this rumour will prove to have been well founded. The number of Professors, also, in this faculty is too small, and additions will have to be made as soon as sufficient funds are forthcoming for the purpose.

As to the faculty of Medicine it may be said never to have been in a more flourishing condition. The number of students was larger than ever before, while the teaching staff received several additions and underwent several changes which rendered it even more efficient than before.