

problem the society has now to face is, what is to be done when members refuse to take part in the programmes without advancing any reason for their refusal? We suggest that they be expelled from the society.

#### GASTRONOMIC.

Messrs. G. A. Graham and Jas. L. Addison were sent as delegates to represent McGill; the former to the annual dinner of Trinity Medical School, Toronto, and the latter to that of Queen's College, Medical School, Kingston.

*McGill Medical Undergraduates Annual Dinner.*—In spite of the strange and awful name, which this great college event is at present laboring under, we confidently expect that this dinner will surpass even that of last year, which is saying not a little.

After the usual numerous and stormy meetings, which appear to be the normal method of transacting any business whether small or great, a small but boisterous opposition, consisting of some men who wished to have the old footing dinner with its attendant distinction of crockery and morning headache;—of more men who objected to dinners in general either from strong principle or weak digestion, and who, therefore, saw quite sufficient reason for doing anything in moderation to clog the wheels of this particular dinner;—of more again who simply objected upon general principles as they might and do object to anything else, giving none but the feminine reason in spite of all these the dinner is now fairly under way and will be held at the Windsor upon December 7th, when all present will aid in attempting the difficult part of beating last year's record. Numerous representatives from other colleges and professions will go to fraternize with that sociable creature the "Med." We heartily wish that the one, who headed a movement that had been gathering force for several years and whose well directed exertions and the kind assistance of our faculty were rewarded by the successful banquet of last year, could be present. Need we say that we refer to Dr. Charles Cameron, now in London.

The whole affair has been entrusted to the following gentlemen than whom no more energetic men and more convivial spirits could be chosen.

Chairman of Dinner, Mr. R. F. Rutan; Honorary Secretary, Dr. Osler. Committee:—Chairman, Mr. C. E. Gooding; Secretary, Mr. L. D. Ross; Drs. R. L. McDonald and Henry; Graduate Representatives, Darcy and Elberts; Primary Year Representatives, Messrs. Wishart and Worthington; Freshmen, Messrs. LaFleur, Bowen, Richardson and Wilkinson.

We regret to see that there has been a difficulty this year respecting the payment of the annual footing by the Freshmen; this custom has become merely the payment of a necessary subscription in one instalment upon entering, instead of in small sums during the whole course. It is, therefore, not in the least an imposition upon the Freshmen. The amount in itself is trifling and had not the Freshmen class been stirred up by parties otherwise well meaning, but in any case ill-advised there would have been no difficulty. The three senior years treat the Freshmen upon this occasion in the most polite and considerate manner possible, merely explaining the matter to them at a meeting and inviting discussion upon the subject. After this they withdraw, leaving the Freshmen to decide the matter by the vote of their own class. It is a significant fact that those who had organized the opposition in the Freshmen class were conspicuously silent when called upon to defend their rather hasty action before the general meeting, yet three gentlemen of the first year, and we regret to hear one gentleman of the second year also had plenty to say for themselves when the final years had withdrawn.

We are happy to state that the meeting decided to pay the footing, and let us now hope that after a storm will come a calm. In a school where the freshmen are so little interfered with and so politely treated as they are, it is a pity that they should be led by misrepresentation into attempting to shirk a necessary tax, for their own benefit as well as that of the others, which the men of all preceding years making one allowance for idiosyncrasy have cheerfully paid.

#### MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

At the last meeting on the 17th of November Mr. Renner read a paper upon "Tumors of the Breast," citing a number of cases he had studied in the hospital. Dr. R. J. B. Howard added greatly to the interest of the evening, by exhibiting a series of microscopic slides illustrating nearly every variety of breast tumors. Two specimens of hemorrhage into the pincardine were shown by the pathologist and remarks were made upon the cases by Drs. Ross and Osler. Mr. Addison reported an obscure but interesting case, which he had witnessed during the summer.

#### UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

At the usual weekly meeting held on the 16th November, Mr. Doherty presided. Mr. W. C. Davie was elected a member of the Society. The election of speakers for the Public Debate then took place. The following were chosen:—Messrs. Smith, McGoun, Cross and R. Greenshields. The question for the evening, viz.: "Should the existence of National Societies in Canada be encouraged?" was decided in the negative. The speakers were, for the affirmative, Messrs. P. McKenzie and R. Greenshields; for the negative, Messrs. F. Hague and J. R. Murray. Mr. Oughtred also said a few words in favour of the affirmative. It was moved by Mr. J. R. Murray, seconded by Mr. McGoun, that the Council be instructed to take measures or a visit to this city of Mr. Matthew Arnold, and the delivery by him of a lecture, under the auspices of the Society.

On Friday, 23rd Nov., a report was made by the speakers chosen for the Public Debate. With the consent of the Society, they wished to substitute for a regular debate a discussion on Charles Dickens, each speaker to review a different phase of his writings, such as their pathos, their teaching power, and so forth. Mr. Greenshields explained to the meeting his reasons for not wishing to take part in the public meeting, and it was decided to limit the number of speakers to three. Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, proposed that the meeting should be private instead of public. This was rightly ruled out of order by the President. The original motion was put to the meeting and resulted in a tie. A re-count having been called for, the report was carried. The Corresponding Secretary reported that he had written in regard to the delivery of a lecture by Mr. Matthew Arnold, and received answer that steps had already been taken and arrangements almost completed for that gentleman's visit to this city. Mr. Lyman then read an exhaustive essay on "Anglo-American Treaties and their Disastrous Effects on Canada." The chosen speakers were Messrs. Doherty and Mackie, who were followed by Messrs. Boodle, Smith and McGoun.

#### FACULTY OF LAW.

An interesting commercial point came up for discussion in the Moot Court last Friday before Prof. Davidson. Plaintiff, the holder of the following bill of exchange, sought to charge the drawer, drawee and endorsers as jointly and severally liable to him thereon:

"MONTREAL, 21st January, 1883.  
"Pay to order of C. two months after the date hereof the sum of five hundred dollars and charge to account of

"To B., Quebec.  
Endorsed "Pay D." (Signed C.)  
"D."

Plaintiff alleged demand for payment and protest for non-payment on third day of grace, of which notice was given to all parties, contending that in a bill payable a certain time after date, presentment for acceptance was unnecessary under Art. 2290, C.C.; and further that plaintiff was the legal holder as the special endorsement by the payee was not sufficient to restrict the payment to D. The defendants pleaded that true it is that in a bill payable after date presentment for acceptance and for payment need not be separate, but when dishonored the bill should have been protested for non-acceptance and had been wrongly protested for non-payment. That the Code recognizes the right of a payee to stop the negotiability of a bill (Art. CC. 2258); that the above endorsement had always been held a