

Thus, while the most legitimate and hopeful sources from which a medical college here could arise are, on the one hand, the endowment of a new faculty, or on the other, an old faculty's admission of women students, both these are equally out of the reach of those most interested, the women themselves. They must perforce, then, continue with the only course left open to them. An experiment in the shape of an attempt to establish an insufficiently endowed school of medicine for women in Montreal, which once in operation may attract new endowments, and, filling a sorely felt need, become also largely self-supporting. In the strong effort that was made last spring, the action of the petitioners pointed to a clear recognition of all this. For they first endeavored to throw their cause into the hands of the Medical Faculty of McGill University—(i. e., they sought admission to an old faculty)—failing there, they made a public appeal for a large endowment (the endowment of a new faculty mentioned above) and again meeting with no success, they, with those interested in their cause, followed the only remaining course, in endeavouring to form themselves and all willing to favour the movement, into a regularly organized and chartered Association preparatory to receiving sums of money for the carrying out of their scheme.

That medical education for women will ere long be established in Montreal, all who are at all far sighted will venture confidently to predict. For this Association, having right and the spirit of the times on its side; having, moreover, its *raison d'être* as working for the supply of a need felt through the Province of Quebec, must some day see its object fulfilled. But while wishing and predicting success to the endeavour of this body, one cannot but hope that its efforts may ere long be supplemented by a friendly movement from a "safer" source. Admission to women has been refused by McGill only, and there are several other educational institutions in the city. Surely one of these may perceive, with the Association, that McGill, in standing aloof and advising her petitioners to establish an incorporated medical school for women, which, when fully organized and in successful operation, might be affiliated with the University, has pursued a course marked rather by its eminent prudence than by its generosity. It might realize that a college graduating women, who are from their natural capacities calculated to do honor to certain branches of their profession, would strengthen itself by the admission of such. And it might forgive the fact that McGill has been first petitioned, remembering that the first petitioners were McGill students.

If this should happen, if one of the two other medical schools in Montreal should see fit to throw open its doors to women, the question of her medical education here is solved. If this should not be, then the "Association for the Professional Education of Women" has, in the first work it has undertaken, an enterprise requiring great expenditure of time, and thought, and labour, but which will, in its fulfilment, amply repay all that has been done, by the very success that the supply of an existing need always meets.

## Contributions.

### A DAY'S OUTING.

The members of the final year in App. Science after various discussions and suggestions decided, the beginning of last week, to visit the Dominion Bridge Co.'s works and the Lachine bridge, and Wednesday the 26th January was the date fixed upon, for be it known that almost "all and singular" of our trials and tribulations are to be found in the various varied forms of bridge construction.

Our plans were forthwith laid before the Dean, who not only most heartily approved thereof, but promised to facilitate our arrangements by communicating with the authorities, adding however, "he should like to meet the 4th year Wednesday morning," to give "a few" additional notes.

Wednesday morning came and at the appointed hour the class assembled for the "few" notes, but they were lengthened out, until the clock showed half-past eleven, and we had decided to leave by the twelve train; we were, however, not going to be put off by trifles, and a rush for dinner and the depot was made.

Two well known members of the class thought the proper thing to do was to take a sleigh to the station at once and dine there. Whether they had dined or not the rest of us could never ascertain, as the charms of some fair waitress was their sole theme the rest of the day. The others arrived in due time, and by twelve o'clock we were seated in the Lachine train and waiting to be off. During the twenty minutes of our journey thither we were entertained by the musings of one of the "stricken," thus, "I wonder what coal, etc. would cost to keep a house going, etc., etc."

The first object we were called upon to search for was "The Nekomis," not "Longfellow's," and after half an hour's investigation she was found snugly stowed away in winter quarters. I may add the Nekomis is a "boat."

The bridge came next, and after a walk of about three-quarters of a mile along the river shore we reached it. As we drew near frequent exclamations of admiration and surprise were heard as different points were brought out; it is truly a marvel of engineering skill.