

F. Holden, President of the Year, presided. After a choice bill of fare had been fully served and as well enjoyed,

By students, blithe, who midst they dine,  
Do many classic jokes define.

the company retired to the vicinity of a piano which had been placed at their disposal, when they sang

In tones alternate, mild and strong,  
Many a noble college song.

Mr. S. A. Thomas played the accompaniments. When the vocal apparatus had thus been made flexible, the table once more became the centre of attraction, and the drinking of a long list of toasts was begun. The first was that in honour of the Queen, which was answered by the National Anthem. Then followed the toast of the Governor-General and Local Governor, responded to by Mr. C. M. Farlinger in a speech adorned with many pictures of our country's future greatness, and that of the Dominion and Local Governments, replied to by Mr. F. M. Hibbard. Mr. Yates, to the toast of Alma Mater, made a very *apropos* and loyal response, which called forth a hearty cheer for Old McGill. The Dean and Professors, after being compared with those of the European Colleges, were ably supported by the Rev. A. Internoscia, who replied to the toast in a speech in English and Italian. After the toast of the Sister Universities had been drunk and responded to very suitably by Mr. A. B. Clements, the Sister Faculties—Medicine and Law—were upheld in well ordered speeches by those who soon

Would be disciples of Apollo mild,  
Or follow Themis in her tortuous course,

viz., by Messrs. Pell and Claxton. Mr. D. B. Dowling, in replying to the toast of Applied Science, said that the degree of B.A. was often more valued before its attainment than after, but that it none the less deserved to be gained. The toast of Theology was then drunk with honours and answered by Mr. T. MacDougall in a few well chosen remarks. Then followed the toasts of Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores, responded to in eloquent speeches by the representatives of these three years, Messrs. England, Blackader, and Watson. Mr. England, in referring to the harmony that pervaded the several classes in McGill, said that it was exceptional, and very seldom so unanimously maintained in other Universities of similar standing. Mr. Pedley replied to the toast of the Literary Society in a speech, which, were it acted upon, would largely increase the present attendance of that society. The toast of the Glee Club was next proposed, to which Mr. Dewar responded, holding forth to that new but indispensable institution, the most brilliant prospects for the future. Mr. Kenny, in answer to the toast of College Sports, insinuated, and not without a good deal of truth, that more interest seemed to be taken in talking of the sports than of thoroughly practising them. No toast of the evening was received with greater enthusiasm than that in honour of Our Benefactors, to which Mr. Rodic made an appropriate reply. The Press and the Ladies then received worthy attention and were supported by speeches from Messrs. Wm. Patterson and C. H. Livingstone, respectively. Mr. England of the Graduating Class, then proposed the toast of the Freshmen, which was drunk by the representatives present, and eloquently responded to by Mr. E. D. F. Holden. This brought the long list to an end. The programme was varied at fitting intervals by vocal and instrumental music furnished by Messrs. Thomas, Holden, Livingstone, Dewar, Swabey, and Clements. After having spent a most enjoyable evening, and one which will not soon pass from the memories of those present, the company at about 2.00 a.m. began to break up by mutual consent and wend their several homeward ways.

A practical joke of an extensive character was recently played upon a Freshman in Medicine. It appears that some trouble had arisen between the said Freshman and his boarding mistress, on account of the continuous bedlam which the former kept up in the house. After a time the student was obliged to vacate as the lady asserted that all her boarders were leaving in consequence of his misbehaviour. The Freshie's friends thinking they had fit material for a good joke procured the services of a law student, who caused a bogus Writ of Summons and Declaration to be served upon the innocent. The feelings of the young man upon the receipt of "Victoria, by the Grace of God, &c.," were not of the pleasantest character, especially as the summons concluded with a prayer for pecuniary condemnation of two hundred and fifty dollars. Much sympathy was evinced by his numerous and kind friends in this time of his distress. Finally a member of one of the leading law firms in the city was consulted at his office and the document was immediately declared to be a fraud.

It is said that the effect of this joke has not been without benefit to the self-contained and condescending victim.

Owing to a misunderstanding in the appointing of a representative, McGill was not represented at the dinner of the Laval Medical Undergraduates, held recently at the Richelieu. We believe it was a very enjoyable entertainment.

#### GENERAL.

An attempt is being made to found a school of Art at Princeton.

Mr. Ryan, the well-known boxing master, of Manchester, is getting up a class at Hanover.

It is expected that a company of Princeton students will produce a play sometime during the spring.

The rumor of the resignation of Dr. McCosh is without foundation.

Harvard College Observatory has become the centre of astronomical information for the United States.—*Ex.*

Johns Hopkins University has secured Dr. Bluntchli's library, which is the best collection of works on international law in the world.—*Ex.*

In the number of college secret societies the following institutions excel; University of Michigan, with over thirteen; Cornell, ten; Yale, nine; Columbia, eight; Union, six, and Harvard, three.—*Ex.*

The University of Vermont has received a bequest of \$115,000. A handsome gymnasium is to be erected. A bronze statue of Lafayette, who laid the corner stone of the University, is soon to be unveiled on the campus.—*Ex.*

President Angell has just issued his report of Michigan University. The number of students is 1,534, second only to that of Harvard, which leads with over 1,600. Of Ann Arbor's 1,534 students, 184 are women.—*Ex.*

Mr. George Darwin, who has been made Professor of Astronomy in Cambridge University, is said to possess more than his celebrated father's versatility, all his father's love of thorough work, and no little share of his father's power of exposition. Though he is only 36 years of age he is a Fellow of the Royal Society. He is not merely an astronomer—he is a geologist, a biologist, and a chemist, and is distinguished in all.—*Ex.*

There is an Oxford story of a solicitor, who, in trying for a degree in law, was 'ploughed' upon a text-book of which he was himself the author. But the recent examination for the call to the bar has furnished even a more startling illustration of the futility of examinations as a test of practical knowledge. Two of the disappointed candidates are men who have already attained eminence at the Indian bar, where the practice is substantially the same as in England and where the standard of the bar is notoriously but little inferior. One of these gentlemen has for some years had a professional income of £15,000 per annum, and the other holds a judicial appointment; and yet neither, according to the sapient decision of an examination, could be trusted to conduct a case!—*Truth.*

Michigan University has 1,415 students in all its departments.

Mr. Tennyson, Mr. Gladstone, and other distinguished men intend to be present at the performance in Greek of the "Ajax" of Sophocles, at Cambridge University.

Dr. Martin, the famous Professor of Biology in the John Hopkins University, is only twenty-eight years old.

The lady students of Ann Arbor have determined to publish a paper, the *Amulet*, in the interest of the co-educational system.

The Board of Trustees of Columbia, with the exception of President Bernard, are unanimous in their condemnation of the co-educational system.

It is shewn by the last census that there are in the United States nearly five millions of persons unable to read, and over seven millions unable to write.

Ridley Hall, near Cambridge, built at a cost of over \$200,000, for the purpose of training young men in the evangelical principles of the Church of England, has been formally opened.

It is stated that for the first time in the history of Yale College more than one half of the Sophomore class are professing Christians.

One New Haven firm sells 120,000 cigarettes a month to Yale College students, or for the ten months of the year that the "mer" are in town, 1,200,000, at an average of little more than half a cent apiece, a total of about \$6,000 a year. The same firm receives \$15,000 yearly for soda and mineral waters sold to the students, and a monthly cigar account with the collegians, reaches \$500. And this is the record of but one firm.

Amherst has lost her gymnasium and also other buildings by fire. Loss estimated at \$185,000.—*Ex.*

The editor of Williams College *Athenaeum* is H. A. Garfield, son of the late President.

The *Moon* is the name of a weekly newspaper published by the inmates of the insane asylum on Ward's Island, New York.

A coffin was discovered while some excavations in the nave of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin were being made, containing a box which held the skulls of Dean Swift and Stella, and a glass bottle in which a manuscript was sealed which it is thought may contain something of interest.

Cambridge has only 835 Freshmen this year.—*Ex.*

The Oxford undergraduates are going to start an 'Oxford Magazine' next term, which is apparently to follow on the lines of the existing 'Cambridge Review.'

Dr. Arthur Coleman has been recently appointed by the College Board to the Chair of Natural History and Geology, in Victoria University.