

generations with a portrait of virtue, to which their legislators and statesmen may bow with admiration.

If we would be just to Cicero, we must remember that there is no character of antiquity that we know so intimately; that if few great men of the past have been so heartily despised by moderns, none come so near to their own type; that while all other personages of Greece and Rome are mere "characters of antiquity," we judge Cicero as we would a politician of our own times. "There is a humanity in Cicero" writes Trollope, his latest biographer, "a something almost of Christianity..... To have loved his neighbour as himself before the teaching of Christ was much for a man to achieve—and that he did this is what I claim for Cicero."

The truth of this high estimate is supported by numerous passages from his letters, (cf. Att. 1. 17; Fam. 14. 4.) How few could honestly say that it was their virtues and not their vices that had proved their ruin; and yet Cicero says so and we cannot gainsay it. This, I think, should be sufficient of itself. If Cicero had merely been a patriot among self-seekers, a man of almost Christian purity of character among heathens, a modern among ancients, it would be enough to give him a place quite apart from all other characters of his own or preceding ages; but Cicero was more than all this. Granted that as a philosopher he was a popularizer and an eclectic, rather than an original thinker; and that, although Rome's greatest orator, his best speeches are too near akin to rhetoric to allow him to rank with Demosthenes. Yet it can be confidently asserted that he was by far the greatest man of letters among statesmen, the greatest statesman among men of letters; and that in his character there was a combination of greatness with goodness, to find which we shall seek in vain among the men of his own day, and in which few if any of his successors have equalled him.

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MCGILL,
NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the University Lawn Tennis Club will be held in the Reading room on Friday, 20th April, at 7.30 p.m.

J. R. MURRAY,
Hon. Secretary.

The last meeting of the Undergraduates Literary Society took place on March 2nd. After a good deal of business had been done, Mr. W. Lochhead read an essay on Fairy-Land in Wales. Arrangements were made for a public debate on the 22nd of last month, but the General Committee afterwards determined to postpone it on account of the examinations.

The Annual Report of the Reading Room Committee was presented to a general meeting of the students in Arts and Applied Science, on Thursday the 29th ult. The report shows the affairs of the Reading Room to be in a very prosperous condition, and the retiring committee are to be congratulated upon the attentive way in which they fulfilled their duties during the past year. The surplus remaining in the hands of the Treasurer amounts to something like \$25, which is more than double that of last year's. The number of subscribers is slightly greater than last year, but we are sorry to have to note that a large number still refuse to support this excellent institution. Several new periodicals have been added to the list during the session, and several other improvements effected. The list of benefactors contains the following: Montreal Gazette Company, Montreal Herald Company, University Gazette, Dr. Dawson, Dr. J. Clarke Murray, Mr. Roy, and others.

The Convocation for conferring degrees in Medicine was held on Saturday, 31st March, and that for conferring degrees in Law on Monday, 2nd inst. At both Convocations there was a very large attendance. Dr. Girwood and Mr. W. H. Kerr, Q.C., Dean, were the gentlemen who addressed the students on the respective occasions. It is to be hoped that we shall soon possess a large hall for holding convocations, as the over-crowding which at present takes place is very unpleasant.

QUEBEC RUGBY FOOT-BALL UNION.

The annual meeting of this Union was held in our Club room, on Saturday, March 24th. Mr. H. Abbott in the chair.

After the reading of correspondence with the Secretary of the Ontario Union in reference to the formation of the Canadian Rugby Union, the following deputies were elected, who with an equal number from Ontario, shall constitute the Council of the Canadian Union:

Messrs H. M. Belcher, J. Elder, R. Stirling, H. Merritt, R. Campbell and M. S. Blacklock.

The following were elected officers of the Quebec Union:

President—Mr. H. Abbott, (Montreal).

Vice-President—Mr. M. S. Blacklock (Britannia).

Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. J. H. Rogers, (McGill).

Committee—Messrs. H. Belcher (Britannia), E. H. Hamilton (McGill), R. Campbell (Montreal), R. Hewton (Lennoxville), R. Campbell (Quebec).

The Secretary's address is No. 131 St. James street.

HOCKEY CLUB.

Our Hockey Club has been very successful this season. The matches have been few for the reason that many members of the team could not afford to lose the necessary time after playing through the football season.

The first practice was held on Saturday, January 6th. When it became known that the "Winter Carnival" committee were about to offer a silver cup for competition the practices were well attended, and to this the success of the team has been largely due.

The first match for the cup was with the "Victoria" club of this city, and was won by McGill, by one goal to nothing.

The next match was with Quebec, and resulted in a draw. Each club having obtained two goals.

McGill was therefore awarded the cup, and silver clasps to each member of the team, the scores being:

McGill, One win; one draw.
Quebec, Two draws.
Victoria, One draw; one defeat.

Our team consisted of the following:

Forwards—Messrs. J. A. Kinloch, (Captain); P. L. Foster, R.W. Smith, W. L. Murray.

Defence—Messrs. J. Elder, P. D. Green.

Goal—Mr. A. Lowe.

On Thursday, March 16th, the second seven met the "Victoria" second team, and won with a score of two goals to nothing.

The following were the second seven: Messrs. A. Shearer (Captain), Weir, H. Budden, Craven, Bessey, W. Hamilton and Hutchins.

ANNUAL DINNER.

On Monday evening, the 19th March, the dining hall of the Richelieu once more echoed to the steady tramp of some thirty embryo barristers and notaries as they gathered round the festive board to celebrate their annual dinner—the termination of their trials and tribulations. A happy sense of relief pervaded the room; but the same could not have been said an hour later, when the ample menu had been discussed without even "benefit of division." Then followed the intellectual and musical portion of the evening's programme. The patriotic feelings of the guests were aroused by the eloquent speech of Mr. Hutchins, in answer to the toast of "Our Dominion," and Mr. Hague touched a tender chord in every breast by his well-deserved eulogies of our "Alma Mater." "Our Dean and Professors" was proposed by Mr. Martin, who humorously referred to the striking characteristics of each of them. Then followed the toasts of "Sister Universities," answered by Mr. Tucker; "Sister Faculties," by Messrs. Murray J. R., Dowling and Johnson; "Graduates," by Mr. W. H. Cross; "Class of '83," by Mr. Dickson; "Valedictorian," by Mr. P. S. G. McKenzie; "Notarial Students," by Mr. John Fair; "The men we leave behind us," by Messrs. F. McLennan and A. F. Clerk; "Our Profession," by Wm. McLennan, B.C.L.; "The Press," by C. A. Duclos. "The Ladies" was answered by Mr. N. T. Rielle, who referred to the anomalous position he occupied, for since it was well known that one lady could speak for any two gentlemen, how could he alone be expected to speak for them all. Besides the many college choruses with which toasts were interspersed, the well-known voices of Messrs. W. McLennan, Macpherson, Rielle and Clerk delighted the ears of their hearers by their varied and well-rendered selections. The committee were, moreover, fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. W. Bramwell, late of England, whose singing well deserves the reputation he has already acquired for himself in Montreal.

The thanks of the meeting were tendered to Messrs. Duclos, McLennan & O'Halloran, who composed the committee, for the pleasant manner in which the evening was spent, after which each wended his way home, with the tune of "Auld Lang Syne" still ringing his ears.

MR. KENNEDY'S LECTURE.

The Undergraduates of the Faculty of Applied Science had for some time been looking forward to a lecture promised by Mr. Kennedy, a prominent engineer of this city, who has always manifested a great interest in the faculty. The lecture was to have been delivered at the College, but the students were pleasantly surprised upon receiving an invitation to his residence, University street, on the evening of the 16th inst., where hospitality could be combined with instruction.

All availed themselves of the privilege and assembled at the appointed hour, when the lecturer proceeded to read a paper upon "Water Supply," dwelling particularly upon the construction of hydraulic pumps, and their manner of working, pointing out the causes of failure of valves, packing, etc., and fully describing by the aid of diagrams the way in which the various kinds of reciprocating pumps worked. At the close the students tendered him a hearty vote of thanks for the able and instructive address.

Mr. C. E. Shanley followed with a few remarks, reminding the students of his college days at McGill twenty years ago, when there were but five students in the faculty of Applied Science, and was highly pleased to learn that since that time it had increased to fifty-five.

Prof. Bovey briefly commented upon the necessity of combining theory with practice, in order to become successful in engineering enterprises, and expressed a desire that the last speaker would find it convenient at some