

as Virgil and Livy in the Latin, and of Homer and Xenophon in the Greek language. Lastly, their study is necessary for obtaining a proper knowledge of the nature and construction of our own language. For it is a well known fact among scholars, that a large percentage of the words used by the English speaking people of to-day, are derived from roots of classical origin. Besides the actual benefit received, much pleasure may be experienced in translating the works of the best writers in these ancient languages.

For the GAZETTE.

CRICKET.

The Grammar School Cricket Club has almost proved a failure this summer, although it had a very prosperous beginning. At the opening of the summer holidays Mayor Jones showed his liberality by donating to the club a first class bat and ball. After the holidays quite a lively interest was taken in the Club, but it was soon quenched by the loss of the ball. The club played but one match game this season, and that was at Rothesay. It was badly defeated. Nevertheless, it was no disgrace as they had had but little practice. It was proposed to start a foot-ball club this fall in connection with the Grammar School, but the Exhibition broke into the time so suddenly that the season has almost slipped away without anyone noticing it. It is to be hoped that more interest will be taken next year, and that the club will be more prosperous.

A MEMBER.

(It is to be regretted that so little interest was taken in the Cricket Club this year, and we hope that next season will see the club in as flourishing a condition as it was last.—Ed.)

For the GAZETTE.

CARLETON SKATING RINK.

Some of the enterprising young men of Carleton recognising the benefit derived from out door exercises have started an open air rink on the piece of land known as the mill pond marsh. They have built a dyke around the marsh, thus preventing the water from encroaching. At the gate there will be quite a large house containing the office and Ladies' and Gents' waiting-room. As there will be some necessary expenses in carrying on this

enterprise, a small admittance fee will be charged, while a season ticket will be issued to those wishing to attend regularly. The rink will be a clear open space considerably larger than the Victoria Skating Rink, and as the admission fee will be only a small sum it should be patronized not only by the people of the west, but should also prove an inducement to those of the east side.

Wishing the Committee every success in their noble enterprise. I hope that it will take so well this season that by next winter they will be able to cover it over.

SKATER.

For the GAZETTE.

SIMULTANEOUS vs. INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION.

Which is the more expedient, a course of instruction which shall exact equal attainments in all subjects, or one which shall aim at respectable attainments in all and allow latitude for proficiency in a special branch or branches?

This is a question which has been much discussed in relation to colleges and high schools. As far as colleges are concerned it has been practically decided in favor of the specialist, more particularly in the old country institutions. For example at Oxford, which is noted pre-eminently for the opportunities afforded for classical and philosophical pursuits, but a very small amount of Mathematics and Science is required to obtain a degree. At Cambridge, where Mathematics is the specialty, a correspondingly small amount of Classics is required, while at Manchester, which has lately separated from the University of London, no Classics at all are required, but all attention is given to Science.

It may be said in answer to this that older countries afford more ample opportunities to the specialist than comparatively newer ones such as this. This may be, and it is quite true that in all American and Canadian Colleges a quarter of a century ago equal attainments in all departments of study were exacted for a degree, but to-day all or nearly all higher institutions of learning which have had an existence of that time have developed a specialty. Harvard has allowed all departments to fall behind in comparison with law. Princeton has become absorbed in philosophical pursuits under Dr. McCosh. McGill affords the greatest advantages to a medical student. Toronto University has followed the example of Oxford and Cambridge in the opportunities it affords for special courses in Classics and Mathematics, while many of the Colleges in the Western States of America, like Manchester, are devoting their attention exclusively to Science, and instances are numerous among institutions of less note, where, any advantages which at one time may have been afforded to a student in Arts have been quite nullified by the development of the colleges into theological seminaries.