

Gentlemen, I also fear with you the same calamity; and it should comfort you in your disquietude, to know, that one so well acquainted with your individual peculiarities and capabilities, believes in the inevitable as firmly as a Turk. So gentlemen, I will blame no one who owing to congenital insufficiency cannot accomplish impossibilities in the coming examinations. I would much rather lend such an one a helping hand in the toilsome journey to obtain the Degree of my College.

You all know, that the student has no warmer friend than Cook; but in his double capacities of looking after the interests of the Faculty and those of the students, sometimes friction must occur and the student feel aggrieved. But time tests everything, and so those who know Cook the longest think the most of him.

So, the gathering to-day to do me honor, I regard as a tribute by the Primary Years to the ingenuousness of my unselfish nature. Not only that, but also, that in serving the Faculty with the vast experience I have acquired in my many years work here, I have also served you; and so by the perfection of my management, have considerably smoothed your pathway to success.

I have but to mention the Dissecting room and its cleanly keeping, the plentiful supply of well injected and well preserved "sals," the well heated and well ventilated building and its cleanly keeping; the exclusion of dogs, organ grinders, tramps, and Moss from the premises; the promptness with which lecture bells are rung and John made to hustle in with Dr. Shepherd's specimens. I might go on "ad infinitum" but my modesty prevents me telling what you all know so well.

You try to prove the sincerity of your admiration of my character by the handsome present now placed in my hands. I accept it gentlemen in the spirit given and in return must say as I have often said in previous years on similar occasions, that "the present Primary years of McGill Medical College are the best that have ever entered McGill!" and say it gentlemen with the same sincerity that you have to-day displayed to me.

I thank you gentlemen for the enthusiastic reception accorded me, and will ever remain,

Your Janitor

"Cook."

Then after the usual "Elevating" and "Bouncing" Cook was allowed to escape, and the gathering broke up.

The citizens of Ottawa, have presented the college football club with a handsome memorial of their achievements in the manly game. Holding, as they do in reality, the championship of Canada, but prevented from obtaining possession of the trophy by a technicality, the action of the citizens is highly commendable.

The Election of officers in connection with the Varsity Literary Society, is one of the annual events in college life at Toronto.

Why could not McGill awaken up somewhat on this point? Perhaps it would enthruse the meetings of the society a little more.

Of the seven graduates of the Royal Military College, who for distinguished excellence at the Royal Engineering School, Chatham, have just been sent on a professional tour through Europe by the home military authorities, four, Lieutenants Panet, Joly de Lotbiniere, Girouard and Farwell, are Canadians.

With reference to the intended grant to the Toronto University, *La Verité* says the Legislature cannot do it, without committing a "mortal sin."

The Argentine Republic has two government universities which rank with Yale and Harvard in curriculum and standard of education.

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