

out calling a single meeting, or taking any organized means to place the players under useful supervision. Each should be forced to work himself up.

A NEW PROFESSOR takes the Chair of Practical Science. The College welcomes from abroad a man of high reputation, and of attainments equally high. Professor Bovey has proved himself a favourite before a single lecture has fallen from his lips—a favourite among outsiders, among his colleagues, and, hardest of all to attain, among the undergraduates as well. His opening lecture was given on the 30th ult., and, though an opening lecture is scarcely a fair test, was accepted by all as a proof of what is to be wrought in the Department over which he is to preside. That department, though small, is of importance to the country at large. Its present system of conduction is good, but quite capable of improvement if Professor Bovey finds time to make it, which we are sure he will.

DURING THE PAST SESSION there seems to be an increasing stringency in the various courses of Arts, which we think well to exist. In Classics, the same rule seems to hold good in all years, especially the two last. In Mathematics, both lower and higher, and in Mathematical Physics, the grades have been raised during this term, and in some science branches the pressure is very strong. The number of Freshmen plucked will consequently, as last year, be large, and the number of strugglers in high classes will grow in like proportion. But the increased value of a McGill degree, already so hard to earn, will fully repay the above drawbacks.

ITEMS.

The GAZETTE is now issued from the *Witness* office. The Team has been victorious over the Britannia Club. The game was played on Saturday, November 2nd, and was chiefly notable for the number of touches taken by University men.

"Hacking" is not the proper way to spell the well-known foot-ball term. It should be "houghing," pronounced, however, like the first.

A Hindoo student handed in the following answer in a history examination: "Oliver Cromwell was a great man. He beheaded Charles I. several times. On his death-bed he was heard to remark, 'If I had served my God as I have served my King, he would not now forsake me.'"

Mr. Houghton (79 Arts) has been appointed to the care of St. Luke's Church, east end. He preached a very eloquent sermon at the church of St. James the Apostle, on the 3rd.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FOOT BALL.

Editors MCGILL GAZETTE:

I notice that the McGill Foot Ball men have commenced to play the "passing game." I am very glad of this, for it is the only means by which they can expect to win, especially in those matches with the Harvard team, renowned for this sort of play. Nevertheless, it is equally discouraging to the other members of the club to see a few men—first fifteeners—come up and waste not only their own time, but also that of the other players. I am happy to say only a few do this. It might be excusable if it were done by a 2nd or 3rd fifteen man, but when done by members of a first fifteen, it becomes an entirely inexcusable fault. Such men, in my opinion, as well as that of others, cannot be of any use to a team playing the "passing game;" on the contrary they are a hindrance. Passing the ball from one to another is not to be acquired in one day, but by steady, diurnal practice; foot ball players have found this out by experience. Of course when men are put on the first fifteen without practice, these men, taking note of the example given, will not exert themselves to attend the practices. Perhaps the best team in Montreal for passing the ball is the first fifteen of the Britannias, and we shall have an opportunity of seeing them play when they meet McGill on Saturday.

Expecting to see the fault referred to soon remedied by our excellent captain,

I am, yours truly,
A STUDENT IN ARTS.

NOTICE TO FRESHMEN.

A gentleman lately from Rugby, England, who has had considerable and successful experience in coaching students, is about to form an evening class, especially for the Christmas Examination. His terms are moderate, so that this will be a good opportunity for those requiring assistance. It will be to the advantage of such to avail themselves of this special class, as the groundwork furnished by a good passage of these examinations is indispensable to further progress in the course for B. A. Address, 22 Cathcart Street.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The morning sports have been held, but the weather was so inclement that the more important display could not take place till the afternoon of the same day. It has since been postponed twice for a similar reason. We have not issued a relation of the morning proceedings because of a desire to produce both accounts in the one edition. The next GAZETTE will therefore contain a report of both proceedings. In the meantime we may hope that the third postponement will not will not prove a failure like the other two. No blame for those failures attaches, however, to the committee, as the weather alone was in the way.