

freedom and toleration, a freedom, however, that is not synonymous with licentiousness and lawlessness, but one which identifies itself with law and order, since nothing is more impressed on the mind of the student than the fact of the invariability and the universality of law throughout the world. This phase of College education was dwelt on at some length, and many interesting facts were drawn from the past history of the most eminent European universities to illustrate this point. The speaker then went on to say that there was nothing in the College course which tended to produce a fuller development of this spirit of freedom, this independence of thought and action, than the College Society. There, the whole control of the society revolves on the student; and the practice of disputation is admirably adapted to develop his latent powers, sharpen his mind and enable him to look at questions from every point of view. It also gives useful training in the systematic management of business, and, in drawing the student from the privacy of his study, to brush against his fellows, it cultivates a breadth of sympathy, a respect for the feelings and opinions of others, that is hard to obtain in any other department of College life.

At the close of his interesting and instructive address, of which the above is a very inadequate synopsis, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Murray, and the work of the Literary Society was brought to a close for this session with the usual votes of thanks for the retiring officers, and a few words of advice on the future working of the society, by some members of the graduating class.

#### MCGILL MINING SOCIETY.

The last meeting for this session of the McGill Mining Society was held on March 12th. A paper was read by Mr. T. Brown, on Rock Drill and Air Compressors. The paper was illustrated with photographs and blackboard sketches, and called forth much interesting discussion. At the close of the paper refreshments were served, and the remainder of the evening was very pleasantly occupied with an impromptu programme of speeches and songs.

Farewell speeches were given by Messrs. Featherstone and Herdt, the members of the Society belonging to the graduating class, and were very warmly received considering the amount of ice cream consumed.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., about 20 members of the Society spent the afternoon at the works of the Rock Drill Co. at St. Henri, where Mr. Gilman, the manager, very kindly had a compressor and drill running to give the students a demonstration of their practical working. Compressors and drills were examined in process of construction, and a new machine pick for coal-mining attracted much attention. All left the works well pleased with what they had seen, and hoped that the Society would be able to organize similar excursions next session.

The society's progress has fulfilled the most sanguine hopes of its originators, and the members of the Society

are asked to keep notes of the work in which they may be occupied during the coming summer, as they will likely be called upon for papers next year. By this means the Society will become still more prosperous and the meetings even more entertaining than at present.

#### APPLIED SCIENCE GLEE CLUB.

The first annual meeting of the Applied Science Glee Club was held on Tuesday, the 7th March last, the President, Mr. Featherstone, in the chair.

The chief items of business were the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer and the election of officers for the ensuing year. Both reports were very interesting, and showed that the Club was in a very flourishing condition; the Secretary's stated that during the year the Club had performed successfully at the Football Concert and at the opening of the new Science Buildings, and had enjoyed a good supper at the Club House; while the Treasurer's showed us to be free from debts and to have a creditable balance on hand.

An important suggestion to the new committee in the Secretary's report was that they should endeavor to obtain a piano for the Club; this will likely be taken up with a good deal of vigor, and it is hoped that before the opening of next session the Club will have a piano of their own, which will place it in a firmer position than at present.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

Hon. Pres.	Dr. Harrington
Hon. Treas.	Prof. Chandler
Pres.	J. H. Larmouth, '94
Vice-Pres.	K. F. Kenny, '96
Sec.	W. A. Duff, '94
Treas.	F. M. Becket, '95

After some discussion it was decided to lower the membership fee, in the hope that a large number might be induced to join next year.

#### SPORTING COLUMN.

##### MCGILL UNIVERSITY TENNIS CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the McGill University Lawn Tennis Club the following officers were elected for the coming year:—

Honorary president	Sir Wm. Dawson.
President	C. H. McLeod, M.A.
Vice-president	Dr. G. Gordon Campbell.
Secretary	A. R. Holden.
Treasurer	Dr. D. J. Evans.

Committee—Messrs. Skaife, B.A.Sc.; Molson and Mills. The courts of the Club, which will probably be open for play by the 24th of May, will be in a much better condition this year than formerly, as the Club's energy has heretofore been spent largely in building and altering courts; but this season particular care is, to be given to perfecting the five double courts already laid out. It is intended to procure a very competent groundsman, who will have the courts in order for the season before the end of May.