

sace and Lorraine be retaken from Germany? France thus sees herself as the necessary enemy of Germany. But Germany is not alone. There is the triple alliance, including Austria and Italy. What can France do single handed? An ally and a powerful one, is necessary. There are only England, Spain and Russia to choose from. With England, France has been in practical alliance for many years, up to the recent Egyptian war, resulting in the crushing of the rebellion led by Arabi Pasha and the subsequent occupation of Egypt by England. France was then even more than now interested in Egypt. The Suez Canal had then recently been completed by the genius of one of her great engineers, and France had a right to expect that the revolution in the trade of the East, which that work effected, would tend largely to her profit. She appeared, however, to miscalculate the result of the war. She refused to join England in assisting to suppress the rebellion, judging probably that when Arabi Pasha had overthrown the existing regime, French influence would easily become paramount. This hope was dashed to the ground by the complete destruction of the rebel forces in a short and brilliant campaign. By these events France lost the dual control which she had exercised over Egyptian affairs previously, and not only so, but raised up a question of the first importance, which has ever since remained and is likely indefinitely to remain a barrier to anything like an alliance between her and England. As to Spain, it need only be said that she finds great difficulty in maintaining order within her own dominions, and would be no assistance at all to any ally. There remains only Russia. Where the game is scarce great precautions must be taken, and hence the extraordinary demonstrations above mentioned. There are reasons, however, which indicate Russia as France's most useful ally. France's great desideratum is the reconquest from Germany of Alsace and Lorraine. Russia's desideratum is to extend her dominion to the Mediterranean Sea. Germany would forcibly re-

sist either of these schemes. So that the accomplishment of the dearest ambitions, both of France and Russia, is likely to lead them both into conflict with Germany. The secret then of French enthusiasm for Russia, is because the Frenchman sees in Russia an aid to the recovery of the lost provinces. Thus, in Paris, the other day, we heard the cries of "Vive le Czar" mixed up with "Vive l'Alsace."

Does Russia reciprocate French ardour? There is no evidence of it.

IT is not our policy nor our province to meddle with politics, but we will surely be allowed to congratulate Alma Mater on the honor the late elections reflected on her. One of her sons, the Hon. Wilfred Laurier, has been called to the highest office in the gift of his countrymen, and three of her professors Dr. Roddick, and Messrs. Geoffrion and Fortin, have been elected to take their seats at Ottawa. Who are the embryo statesmen still under her maternal wing?

WE would again take the opportunity of appealing to the Alumni for their support and good offices. We have much to thank them for in the past, but we think it only just to say that they have hardly shown the interest nor given the assistance generally accorded by graduates to the college paper. It is often the only link to bind them to their student life, with all its rejuvenating memories. For this reason, as well as many others, we feel justified in calling on them for their hearty support.

FURTHER on in our pages will be found brief accounts of the exploits of our football teams. A new era seems to have dawned in the football world of McGill. A systematic method of training and practice has been instituted, and the old campus has never before beheld such a