

return. In many cases the best students come from country schools, but too often they return to their homes, more learned, it is true, but having gained nothing from a four years' sojourn amidst the complex elements that go to make up a great city. Many learn nothing. Some become acquainted only with its vices, and fewer still avail themselves of the opportunities for culture that are within the reach of every student. Some such organization as a snow shoe club would tend largely to lift students out of the rut of sectionalism into which they naturally fall.

ATHLETIC CLUB HOUSE.

All the students were very agreeably surprised the other morning by receiving membership tickets to the Athletic Club House, and a great deal of surmising was indulged in as to their probable source. After investigating the case we have found out that for this, as well as many other kindnesses, we owe our thanks to Mr. Butterell, a gentleman who has always interested himself in the students. He thought of this excellent means of doing a kindness to the students, and at the same time aiding the Club House, which is in financial difficulties.

The next question that comes up is, how are we going to make use of these tickets? Would it not be a good idea to organize a McGill Snow-shoe club, and have "student's nights" at the Club House, say every other Saturday night, alternating with the medical society night. We could tramp out there, pass the evening in vocal and instrumental solos and choruses, then tramp home over the mountain.

Some such arrangement would show the donor that we appreciate his kindness, besides proving a boon to students, who would be much benefited, both mentally and physically, by some healthy out door exercise during the winter months, a time of the year when they are too apt to remain in-doors.

COLLEGE POLITICS.

"There is no fourth year, the fourth year is split to pieces," was the remark of a man in Medicine about his own class, after the memorable meeting of Friday. The meeting was called to elect a delegate to Kingston, and four men were proposed. The balloting took place, and McLellan was elected, with Gorvill second. The demand was made for a second ballot, and then all the feeling of all the cliques broke forth, showing that there is in the Medical Faculty as intricate a system of politics, and as absolute a division of spoils, as ever disgraced a national government. The meeting lasted an hour, and was full of un-

pleasant incidents, many of them introduced intentionally. Clear lines were drawn between a number of separate interests, and it was very evident that an attempt was made to play one off against another. It must be very clear by this time that any attempt on the part of individuals or cliques to engineer the working of the Faculty is useless, for the vast body of students have sufficient spirit to refuse to be the tools of any organization or of any set of men.

FEATHERS FROM THE EAST WING.

The Delta Sigma Society is more than holding its own; it is developing fast, showing signs of very vigorous life. We have in this number to draw attention to a notice (unavoidably crowded out of last issue) of a lecture delivered to the society, by Sir William Dawson. Although the lecture was not publicly announced, the Molson Hall was well filled, evidencing an energetic membership-roll and many friends. It is hoped that the Principal's address may be but the inauguration of a series of annual lectures.

The programme for the meetings after Christmas has been drawn up. It still follows the plan entered upon last year of choosing its subjects from some one source. But it turns this session on Canadian subjects. Such themes as "Canada's waterways" her "Future," her "Literature," will occupy the attention of the essayists and their hearers. Mr. Lighthall's "Songs of the Great Dominion" is a favorite book for selections. All this should make the society a yet more popular institution.

It has often been said that university societies are of the importance of an extra chair. The Delta Sigma seems, in default of something else, to be doing its best to indirectly supply the place of that very chair about which there was some agitation in the columns of the UNIVERSITY GAZETTE last spring:—the chair of Canadian history. A University course should send forth its graduates equipped, not only for living well their individual lives, but also for taking an intelligent and elevating part in those of their fellow-countrymen.

The sentiment of patriotism needs kindling in young Canadian hearts, and a proper conception of the drift of Canadian politics should be the possession of every lady B. A. All the students should join a society which not only tends to unite them socially and to strengthen *esprit de corps* among them, but which also makes it its aim to stimulate and to express a spirit of affectionate loyalty, of reverence for the noble pages of the past, of pride in the vigor of the present, and of true-hearted ambition for the prosperous future of Canada—"Notre beau Pays."