

THE absurdity of the regulation about the wearing of academic costume was illustrated last week by a gown fluttering at the top of the University flag staff. Let it fly. It is of no use to any one now-a-days.

ONE of our Sophs. was asked on the day of the Conversation by a visitor, "What would there be in the museum?" Evidently not looking as far ahead as his interrogator, the Soph. replied, "I presume there will be some stuffed specimens!" We appreciated this specimen of wit more when we overheard a sick freshie sigh he wished he'd only taken fifteen dishes of ice-cream.

DOUBTLESS there will be many more competitors for the mile walk and run next year than this. This will be owing to the fact that so much practice is indulged in this session by those who are overawed by the fact that that class-room door will be eternally shut at five minutes past the hour.

ON THE night of the concert in Convocation Hall the students graciously condescended to fill up the interludes with singing, which was at least amusing. We must confess, however, that the body of the students showed complete ignorance of some of the most common college songs, the chorus sometimes terminating more like a solo. This ought not to be. When vocal music is for certain occasions so inspiring, so rousing and, consequently, so indispensable, some means ought to be devised whereby a knowledge of the words of a few, at least, of the better songs might be obtained. The singing indulged in during the five minutes grace between classes is effective in its way, but is not general enough for the purpose.

IN SOME American Colleges the students have clubbed together to patronize those only who patronize them, that is, advertise in their College paper. Should not we also do the same, especially when in the JOURNAL the most reliable firms in the city, of all trades, advertise!

The lectures in law are now being vigorously proceeded with. Classes have been formed in Common Law (Mr. Rogers) Real Property, (Mr. Macdonnell,) Equity, (Mr. Walkem, Q.C.), and Common Law, (Mr. Britton, Q.C.) The attendance is as yet small, a number having dropped off since the beginning of the session. The students attending are: J. Strange, B.A., H. T. Shibley, M. S. Snook, H. M. Mowat and J. Geale. No recitations in Roman law will be given this session. Lectures in Constitutional History are given in Arts.

CLASSICS.—The Chair of Classics being still vacated, the Senate have appointed Mr. S. Woods, M.A., to take the Greek classes during the present session. Mr. Woods had charge of the same class last session and maintained his reputation of being a thorough classical scholar. The Rev. A. B. Nicholson, B.A., will take charge of the Latin classes. Mr. Nicholson's attainments are so well known that it would be superfluous for us to say anything about them. This arrangement is considered by all to be highly satisfactory, and the reputation of the University for sound classical learning will certainly not suffer in such hands. A committee of Trustees has been named to submit more names for the vacant Chair for the consideration of the Board.

PRIOR to the Christmas vacation there will be none of those monthly holidays which usually precede or follow exams. We suppose this is due to the fact that considerable laxity was allowed us at the opening of the session in connection with the ceremonies. Thanks be to a kind government we were allowed a rest on Thanksgiving Day, which will be the only break in the regular work. The work, accordingly, is accumulating at an astonishing rate. If any one doubts our voracity just let him sit down and try and prepare himself for his monthly exam., and he'll

find he has a task before him, perhaps to his surprise. But this is only a straw to what is approaching in the Spring, so we dare not begin to groan.

THE Sunday afternoon college services instituted this session have so far been a decided success in ever particular. The attendance is on the increase each succeeding Sunday. Besides the Arts students, the people of the city turn out well. We would like to see our Medical *confreres* better represented, if they knew what they were missing they would not remain away. Of course the divinities are regular in their attendance, and well may they be eager to listen to the words of others, for soon, alas, they will be banished to endure the monotony of hearing naught but the echo of their own sermons.

Q. C., Y. M. C. A.—At the business meeting, held in the Divinity Hall last Saturday, Nov. 19th, Mr. Jacob Steel, '83, was appointed Recording Secretary on account of Mr. R. Feek's resignation. Mr. Feek has taken charge of a congregation in the neighborhood of Montreal, and thereby was obliged to tender his resignation.

THE classes of Political Economy and Junior Chemistry are now held on Saturday—a departure which is not received very cordially.

WE note the arrival of several men from other colleges. W. and A. C. Morris, '82, attended University College last session, but have returned to their first love. Pringle from the same institution has also entered as a student of the third year. Roderick McKay, of Dalhousie College, has entered himself in '81, and from McGill College, makes one more in '82.

With an eye to the organization of our new volunteer company, we give the following verses written by a freshman at the close of the Fenian invasion of 1866. We hope its martial spirit will have the effect of enlarging the roll:

ENLIST!!!

The murderers once our shores have file d,
But they may come again ;
Then haste and join the volunteers,
Come join them loyal men.

Come join them loyal Englishmen,
And fight for England's Queen ;
Come join them loyal Irishmen,
Defend your island green.

Come join them loyal Scotchmen
For Britain's honour fight ;
Come join them true Canadians,
Defend their homes and right.

Tranquility now rules our shores,
But war may come again ;
In time of peace prepare for war,
And join them loyal men.

Come join them now ! do not delay
If you are loyal men,
And be prepared when Fenians come—
To drive them back again.

READING ROOM.—We are now in possession of what the JOURNAL always advocated, a properly conducted and equipped Reading Room. The room is off the Library and is large, light and airy. Around the walls are the Class photographs and those of individual graduates. At one end is a long writing desk, while down the centre are handsome desks for newspapers and periodicals. The magazines have neat bindings, and the papers have locked frames. Among the periodicals we notice the Kingston *Whig* and