

There was an unintentional mis-statement in our reference to the law examinations of this university last week. Special provision is made for barristers admitted to the Law Society or for graduates in arts of a certain number of years standing taking the degree outside of the ordinary course.

We cannot altogether agree with our correspondent of last week who advocated the formation of a provincial library out of our university library and the legislative library. His proposal is hardly practical. But there is no reason why, under proper regulations, our students should not have access to the parliamentary library when it is located in the park. Under such an arrangement they would have access to over sixty thousand volumes, a privilege enjoyed by very few colleges on this continent.

The *Journal* has completely changed its tune on the question of degrees in law. It is now doing its best to stir up the authorities of Queen's to start a department of law—a much more legitimate task than that of trying to hinder the passage of the motion before the Law Society respecting bachelors of laws of this university.

### THE ROWING ASSOCIATION.

The circular about to be issued by the students to the friends, graduates, and undergraduates of the University, asking for their aid in establishing a boating association, is published below. The history of the scheme from its inception is as follows—Some time ago a meeting of students to consider the matter was held; a unanimous feeling in favor of the project was manifested; a committee was appointed to issue a prospectus and take charge of all moneys collected; and now the prospectus is about to be sent out. The powers of this organizing committee cease when they report and hand over the money to a general meeting of the graduates and undergraduates to be called hereafter, when the association will be duly organized, a site will be selected, and a boat house erected. The whole policy of the club is left to this future meeting. The organizing committee are taking on themselves the onerous duty of collecting the three thousand dollars necessary to put the scheme on a good foundation. Provision has been made for the addition of other names to the committee, and a further effort will be made to have it as representative as possible.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Feb., 1880.

DEAR SIR.—The establishment of a university boat club has long been considered desirable by many graduates and undergraduates of Toronto university; and the latter believe that the time has come, when with sufficient encouragement from the friends of the institution, the scheme can be successfully carried through.

The necessity of combining physical exercise with mental exertion long since led to the establishment of boat clubs at many of the great universities of Europe and America, and the same reason exists here for following the example which has been set in these countries.

The present proposal is to lease or purchase a site on which to erect a suitable club house, supply the necessary boats, and commence active operations as soon as possible.

It is intended that the club, once established, shall be entirely self-supporting, as there is no doubt that a large number of members can be secured not only from men in Toronto, but also from those scattered throughout the Province, as the club house (apart from legitimate athletic purposes,) will form a pleasant meeting place for old college friends.

The first outlay will of course be considerable. It is estimated that \$3000 at least will be required to float the scheme; but with this amount guaranteed, the undergraduates feel sure the project can be carried through, and they are prepared to use all their endeavors to make the club worthy of our Alma Mater.

The scheme has the hearty sympathy of the professors and faculty in general, and accordingly it only remains for the graduates and friends of the college to come forward and lend their liberal support for the university boat club to become an established fact.

The undergraduates trust that they will not appeal to your generosity in vain, and that you will fill up the enclosed card with as large an amount as you can afford to bestow on so worthy an object.

Yours truly,

G. G. S. LINDSEY,

Secretary of Committee for Organization of Toronto University Boat Club.

COMMITTEE.—C. C. McCaul, B.A.; J. A. Culham, B.A.; W. J. Loudon; W. F. Maclean; H. A. Fairbank; D. Armour; E. W. H. Blake; H. T. Brock; W. K. Macdougall; H. B. Wright.

During the last five years the establishment of a university boat club has frequently been a subject of consideration by the undergraduates and retiring graduates, and it has only been because the opinion prevailed that the time had not come for the successful carrying out of the idea, that active steps have not before now been taken for its realization. Now, however, it has been determined to commence operations; and as the work progresses, the encouragement met with on all sides, indicates that the efforts are not being made in vain, and will ultimately be crowned with success.

Late in January last a meeting of the undergraduates was called, when a committee was appointed to issue a prospectus and collect money. But here their power ends. To a meeting of graduates and undergraduates to be held in May, this committee is to hand over the money collected. If the meeting feel that the funds at its disposal warrants the carrying out of the project, it only remains to set about work at once.

It must be evident to everyone that there is much to be done; and it is only by the hearty co-operation of the graduates and undergraduates with the committee that the boat club can ever be established, and if established, be maintained. If the subject is not falked up and supported by every university man, but is left to the few—as unfortunately to many of our undertakings are—it will meet with but poor if any success.

Individuals may argue that they cannot see how they are to derive any personal benefit from a university boat club. This want of spirit which has such a wide spread existence among us, is fatal in its effects, and the sooner it is got rid of, the better. In all European and American universities every man is a member of the boat club, even if he never sees a boat from the beginning to the end of his academic career. Not everyone can be an

active member, but this should not prevent him from supporting an institution which affords the opportunity of physical exercise to all, and thus better fit them for mental exertion. Few things put the names of Oxford and Cambridge in the mouth of every body so readily as a contest between their eights.

The success of the project will be in proportion to the amount of interest evinced in it, and it is therefore the duty of every university man to use all his own endeavors, and secure those of others, to aid the committee, who will be very glad of the help, to make the club what the University of Toronto boat club should be, not the last, but the first in the Dominion.

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### NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday evening last. C. C. McCaul B.A., was proposed for membership.

Mr. A. McGill read a paper on the ossifications of the visceral arches tracing their development, describing their structure, pointing out their homologies and the modifications which they present in different classes of the vertebrata.

Mr. S. Philips read an interesting paper on aerial navigation showing the various improvements made, the difficulties still to be overcome, and its uses.

Mr. E. F. Langstaff read a paper descriptive of the atomic theory and the methods employed in determining the atomic weights of the elements and the number of atoms in the different molecules.

In answer to questions, Mr. J. Nason enumerated the instances in which circular muscle fibres occur external to the longitudinal fibres; and Mr. J. McBride, described the relations and functions of the different parts of the reproductive organs in the trematodes.

### TORONTO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

It is our painful duty to record the death of one of our students, Mr. W. O. Guthrie of the first year, which took place at his home on Queen St., 19th inst. He was a young man of exemplary character, and his kindly manner won the respect of all his fellow students. He died of typhoid fever complicated with pneumonia.

The regular meeting of the Literary and Debating Society was held on 10th inst, when the following gentlemen were elected officers for next year. J. T. Duncan, president, W. E. Edmonson, vice-president, W. Johnson, secretary; W. A. Ross, treasurer; G. S. Bingham, J. Bell and W. A. Watson, committee. Mr. J. Ferguson then read an essay on 'The Ethnology of the Jews.'

The Gilchrist scholar of 1877 was Wm. L. Goodwin of Mount Allison college, Sackville, N.B. His record in the old country is thus given by the *Argosy*: London: 1st B. Sc. first division, with honors in chemistry and physics, Edinburgh; medal and first-class honors in chemistry; Hope scholarship (value £50), with which is associated the position of 'Hope assistant to the professor of chemistry'; medal and first prize in physics; Neil Arnot prize of the value of £50.