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LAST year the custom of granting a prize for the best poem written by a student was inaugurated by the Faculty. A number of able productions were, we believe, handed in—the prize one being read at Convocation. This method of encouraging the voluntary literary efforts of students is, in our opinion, deserving of commendation, and we hope to see the custom become a permanent one, although, as yet, no competition has been announced for 1882.

WE believe that this is the first session during which the Alma Mater Society has not given a number of musical and literary entertainments. It certainly is the first in a long time, and we hope it will be the last. The entertainments were usually well attended, the programmes presented were good, the admission fee charged was a very small one, and as a rule both performers and audience went home thoroughly satisfied and, in the case of the first-named, at least, greatly benefitted. We fail to see any rea-

son for the discontinuance of these concerts, and we trust that next session will witness their revival.

WE call the attention of the Freshman class to the fact that the annual election of the Board of Editors for the JOURNAL is approaching. It is the custom at the annual election to place one or two members of the Freshman year on the Board-elect for the ensuing session, but in order that a good nomination be secured, only those who have already contributed to the JOURNAL are considered eligible.

In other Colleges a yearly competition takes place, the best contributors being placed on the editorial staff, and the adoption of a similar custom at Queen's might not be inadvisable.

THE Montreal dailies contain accounts of meetings held lately in that city in the interests of McGill University. It is proposed to secure an additional endowment fund of \$200,000, which will suffice to place the Institution on a sound financial footing, to establish at least three new chairs in the Arts Department, to appoint tutors or assistants to the professors of the most important subjects, and to import a complete "outfit" for the chemistry and physics laboratories. The library and museum are also to be replenished and possibly the dormitory system introduced. This of course would necessitate the erection of new buildings, but Montrealers are "aroused," and such a trifle as raising an extra \$50,000 deters them not an instant. These schemes are rather ambitious but we wish the promo-