

fects in the chair of *Materia Medica*, and made a touching reference to the loss that the Faculty had sustained in the deaths of two of its oldest members. He concluded by a graphic contrast between the former diners and those of the last three years upon which the Faculty have shed the lustre of their presence. The Glee Club again followed with a song, "The Soldiers' Farewell," which elicited some well-deserved applause.

The "Freshmen" were then proposed by Dr. Stewart and their importance to the college as a class of the gentlemen who annually go, to leave mama and see the show was demonstrated. From the unprecedented numbers of the present class he augured a brilliant outlook for the prospects of McGill, and after some good advice as to the object and direction of their reading, pointing out that it should tend to a wider knowledge of medical research than would barely suffice to enable them to scrape through their examinations the toast was responded by Mr. Holden. After returning thanks for the complimentary reception of the toast Mr. Holden expressed the feelings of all the students present, we are convinced, by a strong advocacy of the merits of a university Dining Hall, the want of which, he contended robbed the daily intercourse of students of much of that sociable character which it should possess. After a passing tribute to the advantages to be gained from a more complete interest in College sports, especially football, and also from the Medical Society, he referred to the lack of interest which appeared to be taken in the College Journal, a neglect which he advised the students to rectify.

A song "Down among the dead men" by Mr. Ellis then succeeded and was warmly applauded.

The "Ladies" were then proposed in a short speech by Mr. N. D. Gunne. Mr. Christie in offering himself as their champion, showed that their admission into McGill marked an era in her annals, and deprecated any apprehension as to their showing any superiority in their final examinations, asserting a strong conviction that they would long ere that time be "wooned from scientific to domestic felicity."

After another song "Fairy Moonlight" by the choir, the "Press" was proposed in a short speech by Mr. W. D. T. Ferguson who found however none of the representatives of the Third Estate left to respond. After some remarks by delegates from the various other faculties of the University (which the somnolency of our reporter did not admit of his recording), and votes of thanks to the "Chairman" and "Committee" a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

The Revs. Canon Norman and Jas. Barclay have lately been appointed Governors.

The Y. M. C. A. young man's letter which appeared in our second issue was, it appears, a private one, and not intended for publication. It was sent to an aged friend in Liverpool who indiscreetly gave it to the Y. M. C. A. paper of that place.

Our College Y. M. C. A. is expecting a visit from Mr. C. K. Ober, the Assistant College Secretary of the International Committee Y. M. C. A. New York. He

is expected here for January 11th and 12th. Mr. Ober is an old student of William's College: and is said to be a good speaker, a good organizer, and a thorough student's man, so that a visit from him is looked forward to with pleasure.

Further notice will be out later.

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A new elective in political economy is to be given the seniors of Amherst in the winter term, consisting of lectures on the tariff and "Modern Socialism."

The eighty-third annual catalogue of Bowdoin College for the academical year 1884-5, just issued, shows the number of undergraduates for the year as follows: Seniors, 29, with one taking special studies; juniors, 20; sophomores, 31, freshmen, 32.

The chair in the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale made vacant by the death of Professor Norton, has been filled by the appointment of Professor Dubois, while the latter's place as professor of dynamical engineering is now occupied by Professor Charles B. Richards.

A new biological school has been opened in connection with the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, in a building thoroughly fitted up for the researches belonging to that field of science, and under the direction of Dr. Joseph Leidy, the eminent American biologist.

Hon. P. T. Barnum has presented to the city of Bridgeport, Conn., the sum of \$1000, to be known as the Barnum Fund, the annual income from which is to be used in the purchase of two gold medals, to be presented to the two students of the Bridgeport High School who shall write and publicly pronounce the best two English orations.

The first convivium ever held in Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., took place recently in the college commons. Everything was done to make the occasion resemble an ancient Roman banquet as nearly as possible. The guests were attired in flowing white togas and presented a very imposing sight as they sat at the tables. Speeches were made on the Latin authors.

The San Francisco *Alta* speaks bitterly of the University of California, saying that it has not half as many students as it ought to have, that the grounds are insufficient and neglected, and that there is lack of authority, lack of government, lack of discipline throughout. It seems to attribute these evils to the intrusion of politics into the management of the institution.

A writer in the *Popular Science Monthly* says that the "practice of taking tea or coffee by students in order to work at night is downright madness, especially when preparing for an examination. More than half of the cases of break-down, loss of memory, fainting, etc., which occur during severe examinations, and far more frequently than is commonly known, are due to this. Sleep is the rest of the brain; to rob the brain of its necessary rest is cerebral suicide."