

We are sorry to learn that some of the Final Year are still unable to describe the appearance of a congenitally absent kidney. We hope they will look the matter up before March comes round.

The latest cure for spinal curvature, according to C—t and C— is Iridectomy. C— also proposes to tone up the system in case of severe suppuration, so that the pus may be absorbed. The American Text-Book of Surgery is certainly out of date.

Prof.—“What is one of the most important symptoms of emphysema with venous congestion?”

C— (after deep thought).—“A dragging sensation-in the region of the femoral vein.” (And nobody dropped dead.)

Prof. (to patient suffering from aphasia, and holding a latch key before him).—“What is this?”

Patient.—“O-o-oh! That's something good. That's s-s-something when you w-w-want to come in in the morning.” (Was he ever there?)

At a meeting of the Fourth Year, on Monday, December 16th, Mr. Geo. Deacon was chosen Valedictorian for '96.

Mr. Deacon, as a student, has always stood near the head of his class during his college career, and by his unassuming character has won the universal esteem of his class.

We feel confident that when Mr. Deacon mounts the rostrum to represent the Class of '96, and voices its last farewell to fellow-students, professors and friends, we will feel proud of him, and not only of him, but of our Class and of our College.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Deacon on the honor shown him,—one of the highest honors a class can bestow on one of its members.

THIRD YEAR.

Some of the boys complain that there are no lectures Xmas week! It is a pity, but they are the victims of circumstances, and, no doubt, time will hang heavily on their hands.

Others are going away for the holidays. Joe Whatyoumaycallit has obtained special rates for those going down East. He has obtained situations for a number, so they will be able to work their passage home. Corncob has been appointed to the command of the smoker; Billy of head-light fame is to run the locomotive; Joe the speaker is to call-off the stopping places; and Jim Ireland is to handle the carpet-bags. And H.M.S. “Truro” is to be shipped overland.

The Bytown boys, under the supervision of M. Prodrique, are getting into fine shape for their cross-country run, and intend making an early start. Horace Walpole and Calm the sweeper are to keep the road clear; Shinny and Robelroy are the marshals; while Martin and Climber are to drive them on.

Those going South will make the trip on a bicycle. But they wish it understood that no records are to be broken.

At a meeting of the Year on 16th inst., it was decided to give Dr. Wyatt Johnston some token in honor of his elevation to the degree of benedict. The officers of the year were appointed as a committee to take the matter in hand.

FIRST YEAR ANATOMY.

The heart is a comical shaped bag. The heart is divided into several parts by a fleshy petition. These parts are called the right artillery, left artillery, and so forth. The function of the heart is between the lungs. The work of the heart is to repair the different organs in about half a minute.

EXCHANGES.

It affords us much pleasure to extend a welcome in this number to the *Sphinx*, which came to us for the first time a few weeks ago.

The *Sphinx* represents the student life of University College, Liverpool, and it was therefore with more than ordinary interest and anticipation that we discussed its contents.

While it was somewhat reassuring to find indications of resemblance between our own college life and theirs in the subject matter and general tone of the various articles, it was also very evident that there were many points of difference.

From a carefully written article on “University Settlements,” we learn that this question, of which McGill students have, we believe, heard little or nothing, has assumed a prominent position in the leading Universities of Great Britain.

When we know that undergraduates at Oxford and Cambridge and other leading institutions take up residence in Whitechapel, London, or similar districts in other large cities, in order that they may know and meet the needs of their inhabitants, we must admit that they are far in advance of anything we may be doing in that direction.

The following quotations from the above mentioned article will explain the principle upon which the work is undertaken:

“To know how the poor live, what are their grievances and aspirations, it is necessary to reside and make friends in their midst; so the first object of a