

We congratulate the students on having such a Principal. "The Social Condition of the Japanese" is good, and worthy of being followed by something better than "Holiness." The latter we consider very weak. It is poorly written, lacks point, and, we hope, was never given in the form of a sermon. The "local" column is particularly full and interesting, containing, in fact, eight columns of spicy college news.

### Personals.

H. Dawson, '86, is in town for a few weeks.

Dan. Taylor, '87, may be expected in Montreal in a few days.

John Kerry, Gold Medalist, '86, App. Sci., is in town for some time.

S. Moore has joined his class, to continue the work of the third year Arts.

C. B. Kingston, B.A., '87, who has been in the field all summer, was in town for the holidays.

C. W. Wilson, Med. '85, was present at the Zeta Psi convention held in this city some weeks ago.

We have letters from Yates and Cameron, B.A., '87, and have to thank them for their interest in the GAZETTE.

Bob. Palmer wrote us the other day, and enclosed a joke: not a bad fellow, Bob; but the joke still sticks to him.

Rev. J. Clarke Murray, during the holidays delivered a course of lectures on Psychology and kindred subjects, at Vassar College.

W. H. Hickey has left McGill for California; we are glad to see by the daily papers that he has met with friends who appreciate his talents.

A. Johnson, B.A., '87, now taking a post-graduate course at Cambridge, is, we are sorry to learn, not having as good health as his friends could wish.

The GAZETTE wishes happiness to C. F. Smith, president of the first year in Medicine, on the occasion of his marriage, which took place during the holidays.

The presence of our beloved old janitor, Cook, in the corridors, "a little bit disfigured, but still in the ring," and somewhat feeble and unkempt, gladdens the hearts of the sophs, but throws a damper on the late uncurbed freedom of the freshmen.

Dr. Finley, '85, the Assistant-Demonstrator of Anatomy at McGill, enters upon his work with the hearty good wishes for his success of the GAZETTE and all McGill students. After graduation, the doctor spent a year as House-surgeon at the Montreal General Hospital; he then went to Berlin and Vienna, pursuing a severe course of study, and spent a considerable time in the hospitals of Manchester and London. He has taken his degree of M.R.C.S. in England, and later on that of M.B. of the London University in the 1st Division. So distinguished a student can scarcely fail to be very soon numbered among the prominent physicians given birth to by McGill's Medical School.

### Correspondence.

#### *Editors of the University Gazette:—*

DEAR SIRS,—It is not expected that the GAZETTE will act the part of a moral policeman for the regulation of the conduct of students. Yet I think it right you should impress upon the janitors their duty in the matter of admitting to the Colleges men whose conduct and condition entitles them to a more secluded retreat, students though they are. Such an exhibition has occurred several times this session; it is disgraceful to the College, and a gross infringement on the rights of any student, who may be making an attempt to retain traces at least of any finer feeling he might once have possessed. It is not to be tolerated that a number of men, be it small or large, will be allowed to impregnate with their moral filth an atmosphere all are compelled to live in. If it is asking too much of men that they be moral, they ought to be compelled to be decent, or at least sufficiently so for decent men to endure.

"DECENCY."

"SLOPES."

#### *Editors University Gazette:—*

DEAR SIRS,—The absenting of students from lectures, in a body, and taking by the throat those who feel a sense of duty towards themselves and courtesy to professors, is a proceeding in which there is no redeeming feature. The principle and the methods employed are objectionable. I object to the principle because, if a student think it worth while to come to the University, and pay his fees, he has a right to what he bargained for, and if one hundred days' lectures are worth a year of his life, the days lost by sloping are too great a percentage. Discipline in a school is not for the benefit of the authorities, and when all discipline is in this way put an end to, the students are inflicting their own punishment. But the worst feature is that it puts into the hands of those, whose individual vindictiveness is beneath notice, the power of expressing their feeling from the safe height of what is regarded as right.

I object to the methods, because no clique has a right to call a meeting for this purpose, of whoever may be able or disposed to come, and persuade those who have come, that their presence means assent to laying upon the whole school a gross imposition. If the slope succeed, all are punished; if any part of the class resent this infringement on personal rights, or, in ignorance of the will of the august majority, attend lectures, it is thought not a cowardly thing to submit them to a boycotting as mean as it is unjust.

Yours truly,

MEDICINE.

### THREE VERSIONS.

Mr. John L. Day sends us the Greek original of the lines published in our last issue under this heading. We are not able now, any more than we were a week ago, to publish the Greek version, not for want of space, but because of the difficulty in procuring Greek type.