

able, assisted by the material left in his hands by his predecessor to retrieve our defeat of last year, and keep true to our reputation. The defeat of the hockey team by the Montrealers was perhaps counterbalanced by the victory over the Britannias, and was due, neither to ill play on the part of the University, nor to the overwhelming play of its opponents, who were as much surprised at the result as was the college. It was one of those results, the cause of which, cannot well be explained. We think, however, that the nervousness shown by many of the team, had a great deal to do with it. A return match was looked forward to, when the college would, no doubt, have given a better account of itself; but, owing to the season being now over, we must wait until next session to obtain the desired victory. Although mainly unsuccessful, we must not be ashamed of ourselves, but consider the record we have made, rather in the light of a misfortune than a fault. The next season must be entered upon with the intention of retrieving past defeats, and earnest work on the part of the teams, together with good management on the part of their captains, will bring about the desired end.

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We understand that the afternoon of the day before Convocation has been fixed upon by the senior year in Arts as the date on which their class day exercises are to be held. If we may judge from the programme decided upon and the selection of those appointed to carry it out, a treat is in store not only for the students of McGill but also for the ladies of Montreal, who are always to be found in Molson Hall when any public ceremony concerning the University is being gone through with. Of late years several new departures have been taken in the time honoured institutions of our College, and of these the present addition to the

usual Convocation exercises may, perhaps, be considered one of the most noteworthy. The Seniors are to be commended on taking this step, and we are feel that the class of '79 in Arts, as in Law, will be looked upon by the men they leave behind them, and those that follow these, as a class, who have done more than any other, for many years back at least, to promote good-feeling and good-fellowship among their confrères in the college halls. That the proceedings will be attended with success we are quite certain, and we can only look forward to the inauguration with pleasure. May Class Day "flourish like the green bay tree!" We cannot close this article without referring to the Class Suppers started last year by the present Sophmore class. This session the Freshman and Junior classes followed in their footsteps, and we understand that the Freshman class in Medicine contemplates a similar observance. It is only right that students should meet their classmates once a year around the festal board. We, unfortunately, have not that which renders life at other colleges so enjoyable—common dining-halls. Scattered all over the city, the opportunity given us of cultivating each others friendship is but nominal, and surely anything that tends in the least to lead forward toward this end should be promoted and fostered as much as possible. The graduating dinners are supposed to make up for this want in a degree; but they are held too late in the session to bring about the wished for end. A greater part of the students have left the city to spend their summer vacation at home long before convocation day, and the attendance in consequence at these dinners is unhappily small. We trust that an attempt will next year be made to hold a University dinner in place of the usual entertainment in honour of the founder. If taken in hand by the graduates and held early in the session it will do more than anything else to promote a feeling of *esprit de corps* among the students.