

astonished even to curse his luck. Tommy and his friends were so overcome with triumphant emotions that their enthusiasm knew no bounds. They crowded around the victorious Jim eager to address some complimentary words to the plucky hero. Jim understood it, and croaked a brave but ghastly "hoorah" in his peculiar dialect. Tommy had taken him up at first, but he struggled a little and was consequently put down. He hopped his wings feebly, strutted a few paces, and then striking over and died. The fight lasted thirty-six minutes, exclusive of the waits. Bets were paid over, the dead fowl divided between the "slaves," and the party separated.

"It was a bloody good fight, though," remarked Ben, trying to console himself, as he walked out with his friends. It was a bloody fight, to say the least, and in a sporting sense, undoubtedly a good one.

It is but just to the generally high character of Harvard students to add that such occurrences as above described are rare, and confined in their participation to a very few—usually new-comers. These events are kept secret, and the public opinion of the students would be strongly opposed and condemnatory to their form of amusement were it known to be gaining any real headway.

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MCGILL.

THE Graduates' Society intend to hold, this winter, re-unions similar to those of last year. We believe, however, that they find considerable difficulty in obtaining a suitable place to hold them in.

On Tuesday, the 27th Nov., Mr. Barnjum gave his opening exhibition for the season in the gymnasium, University Street. We were glad to notice that a large number of McGill men were among those who took part.

The final students in Arts held a meeting on the 6th inst., for the purpose of electing a Valedictorian. But one nomination was made, and the nominee, Mr. James W. Pedley, was therefore declared elected by acclamation.

And still they come! The Meds have just been invited to send a representative to the first annual dinner of the Western School of Medicine, of London, O. We hope that McGill will be able to send up a representative, as this sign of energy on the part of our little baby sister is deserving of all encouragement.

On Friday, November 3rd, a meeting of the Glee Club was held, Mr. Calder in the chair. Mr. Stewart, the secretary, having been asked to give his impression of last year's work and of the advisability of another venture, said that, considering the poor results from the efforts put forth, he did not think it wise to reorganize the old club, but proposed the compilation of a new book of songs. This, the great need of last year, having been supplied, he thought practices might be held every Friday evening before the meeting of the Literary Society. Mr. Bell then moved that a meeting to consider the proposition be called soon after Christmas. This motion having been seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

Monday, 3rd Dec., was a students' night at the Academy, when the Montefiore Club performed Gilbert's comedy in three acts entitled, "Randal's Thumb." The piece was very well put on for an amateur performance, which is not saying very much. The play cannot be said to sparkle with wit, and at times the dialogue was excessively dull. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, especially in the "gods," where the students from Bishop's and Victoria were in force. There were a good many from McGill, but there was by no means the general turn out which we expected. The proximity of the Christmas examinations had doubtless something to do with this. The Victoria men sang a number of part songs in excellent style, while McGill and Bishop's rendered some of their well-known choruses. The McGill organ was in tune, and partly made up for the absence of most of our best vocalists. Towards the close of the

performance an over zealous guardian of the peace (*sic*) attempted to arrest one of the students for some trifling offence, and a general disturbance was the result, the play having to be suspended for about five minutes. The rescue was successfully effected, and a battle with the police prevented by the interference of the President of the Montefiore Club. The proprietor shows great stupidity in putting policemen in the gallery when it is occupied by students; if they were left to themselves there would be much less fear of a row. The person who writes the local items for the *Daily Gazette*, in an account of this *contretemps*, dubbed the students "young cubs." This was remarkably good taste on his part and exhibited great ability.

UNDERGRADUATES' LITERARY SOCIETY.

On the 30th ult. was held the last meeting for this term. An essay from Mr. F. Pedley, and a reading by Mr. McQuat, preceded a discussion of the problem, whether it would be of advantage to Canada for the government to own the railways. Messrs. A. W. Gerrie, Mahon, and Colquhoun victoriously upheld the affirmative against the assaults of Messrs. Turner, McDougall, and Bell. On reviewing the course of the Society during this term, we are happy to be able to say that it has been a most prosperous one; the meetings have been well attended, and the programmes, in the majority of instances, have been ably carried out. It is to be hoped that an equal measure of success will attend the proceedings of the Society next term.

MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

At the fifth regular meeting of this Society, Mr. Hutchison read a paper upon some *an sequelae* of Diphtheria, which he had witnessed during the summer. The paper was one of the best we have ever heard given by a student at the Society, being full of interest and carefully prepared. Mr. Darcy gave a reading, and Mr. W. G. Johnston exhibited some specimens of bone and joint disease. We regret to notice that the attendance at the meetings, which has been very full for some time past, is beginning to decline again, and that less interest has been shown lately in reporting cases. This last part of the programme if properly carried out, would render the proceedings far more interesting than even the most carefully prepared papers.

UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Society held on the 30th November, Mr. C. J. Doherty took the chair. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. L. T. Leet was appointed secretary *pro tem*. The question for discussion was whether it would be advisable for the Government to assume the management of the telegraph system. Mr. Atwater, on being called upon to open the debate, moved an adjournment till the first meeting, for which no programme had already been provided, on account of the coldness of the room and the absence of the leader of the negative. This motion was seconded and carried, but was subsequently reconsidered and rejected. The discussion was then proceeded with. Mr. McConnell took the place of Mr. Archibald, who was ill, as the leader of the negative. Messrs. Duffell and Cameron were the other gentlemen appointed to speak, and these were followed by Messrs. Brooke and Oughtred. The decision was almost unanimous in favour of the affirmative.

On the 7th November, there were about fifteen members and one or two visitors present to hear Mr. Barnard's essay on Divorce. Before the programme was proceeded with, it was arranged that, as no invitations were to be issued for the forthcoming public debate, it should be held in the Society's rooms, Phillips Square, and not in the Windsor as heretofore. In prefacing his remarks on Divorce, Mr. Barnard said that his essay was not quite so complete as he could have wished, the truth being that he had put off writing it until the eleventh hour. He hoped that the critics, whom the Society had lately acquired, would deal gently with any imperfections which the composition might exhibit, as it was nine years since he had last written anything of the kind. The *University Gazette*, he remarked, had, a few weeks ago, almost annihilated him in one line, which made him, of course, feel rather nervous. The