

McGill News.

NOT FAIR.

French Professor (to Young Lady Student who enters the lecture room ten minutes behind time) "Miss—, how do you come to be so late?"

Y. L. S.—"I was studying rhetoric, Dr.—, and I did not hear the bell ring."

F. P. "And so you took *French leave*, eh?"

Y. L. S. (*sotto voce*) "No, I was robbing Peter to pay Paul."

OUR LADY UNDERGRADUATES AS CHEMISTS.

Our chemical laboratory has been rubbing its eyes very briskly of late, and wondering what has diverted this easy-going, busy old world out of its sing-song way. Ladies—yes, truly! ladies fair and maidenly have invaded its ancient and sacred precincts, to grace it as it never was before. It now experiences new sights and unfamiliar sounds, and wonders, as it listens; what do they mean, as they exclaim—"What dear little pots!" (*alias* crucibles in vulgar parlance) "Such cute flasks!" "See my sweet little test tubes!" "Oh, did you ever see such funny things!" or shudders as "O look out; it is beginning to explode!" or, "I think you are real mean not to wait until I begin!" When things do go off with a bang, as is liable with any one, they are all convulsed with laughter, and quickly gather round to examine and discuss the "bang."

When results do not come out as the books predict, these fair chemists declare the books at fault, or else with true womanly instinct, and it is a most excellent trait, they persevere stubbornly until at last they succeed.

"Oh look, see! do come and see!" is a favorite call, as some one makes a new and startling discovery in the chemical world, and all flock around, amazed and intensely interested in the new-found wonder.

We are very glad to see these new faces within these rooms, formerly haunted only by the uninteresting, steady, go-as-you-please male student. We are sure they will succeed, as, naturally skilled in the art of cleanliness, an art most indispensable in chemical work, they will put to shame their astonished male colleague, as he gazes on their neatly-arranged chemicals and scrupulously clean tables. Hidden behind great roomy aprons, which cover even their sleeves, they look the very embodiment of scientific searchers, and from out behind these voluminous coverings we will look for new revelations in this branch of scientific investigation.

Hoping they will not burn and stain their pretty hands with those horrid acids, or, worse still, mar their comely faces with unseemly explosives, we trust they will enjoy and fully appreciate their new branch of study.

LECTURE OF MR. BARNETT.

The Faculty of Applied Science, and many others interested in engineering work, were favored with an

excellent lecture by Mr. Barnett, of Port Hope, on "The Theory and Mechanism of Continuous Brakes." This gentleman has paid much attention to this very valuable part of railroad mechanism, and had the honor of presiding over a committee of experts appointed by the American Government to examine and report on the best methods and systems of brakes. His lecture was very interesting, concise and clear, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was tendered him for his kindness.

Dr. Harrington took the class on Geology out to Lachute on Saturday, Oct. 30th. After going over as much of the local geology as possible, the boys had dinner at "the Windsor" of the place,—the Dr. having thoughtfully remembered the physical needs of his students while catering to their mental improvement. Wilson's paper mill was gone through in the afternoon. The early evening was devoted to seeing the lions of the town. On the homeward run each station was serenaded, so that people might know that McGill holds Halloween. Three of the party have to thank some of the fair inhabitants of Lachute for a most hospitable supper. J. W. McQuat, B.A., '87, met the class at the station and acted as guide.

On Saturday, Oct. 23rd, Sir William, accompanied by thirteen of the Geology class and Eric Harrington, Esq., visited Point Claire and St. Annes. The new C.P.R. cuttings at the latter place have opened new fields for observation, and may change the ideas at present current about the local geology. The boys coming home on the train were, in the language of a fellow-traveller, "very hilarious."

The semi-annual business meeting of the College Y.M.C.A. will be held in No. 1 Class Room on Saturday evening next, 20th inst., at 7.30. Important business relating to the proposed building and other matters will be brought before the meeting.

Societies.

UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

The meeting of this Society, held on the 5th November, was attended by the following: Messrs. R. C. Smith, Doherty, Oughtred, Brooke, Murray, Ritchie Turner, Murphy, Unsworth, Mackie, S. Cross and Fry. Mr. R. C. Smith, the new president, occupied the chair for the first time. It was decided, after a short discussion, that a Dinner be held this Session, but the date was left for future consideration. The committee had discussed the desirability of getting up a series of lectures. Mr. James Russell Lowell was mentioned as one who might be induced to deliver one. The meeting did not appear to be in favour of committing the Society to the series, but instructed the committee to find out whether Mr. Lowell would come on, and the cost of his lecture, and that of others.

"Would a double standard of currency be preferable to one of gold?" formed the subject of the debate, upon which Mr. W. F. Ritchie led off in the affirmative.