

According as dame Nature chose.
 The petals mostly are oblique,
 And if into the bud we peek,
 We find them lying convolute.
 Stamens few or many shoot ;
 In clusters three or more they're found.
 The pods one celled and placed around
 Are Placentae Parietal,
 And just as many styles shall
 Be seen by this same flower possessed.
 But if for all it is the best
 The pod has three to seven cells
 This change on the Placentae tells ;
 For while they have quite separate been,
 United fast they now are seen,
 And in the centre now take place
 The unions of their inner face.
 Dehiscence septicial seems,
 The plant has resinous juice in streams ;
 'Tis dotted with pellucid glands,
 And its nature, too, commands
 That its surface smooth should be,
 And grow in tufts extensively.
 The root at last takes our attention,
 'Tis large, is all we have to mention.
 But as examples there are some,
 Hypericum Perforatum.

SNOW SHOE CLUB.

THE Queen's University Snow Shoe Club was re-organized at a meeting held on Saturday, 8th inst., at which there was a good attendance. The following officers were elected :

Hon. President—Prof. Marshall.

President—J. J. Wright, B.A.

Sec. Treas.—J. A. Minnes.

Inspector Impedimentorim—E. Goodwin.

Whipper In—W. Neish, Royal Medical College.

Arrangements were made for weekly tramps on Saturday afternoons and for occasional tramps in the evenings. From the enthusiasm shewn in the formation of the Club a successful season is looked for.

LIVELY COLLEGE BOYS.

THE Yale University men got together last week in this city and popped enough champagne corks to float a monitor. Chauncey Depew steered the proceedings, and our own Everts and the rest of the jovial men had a big time. The same night the graduates of Wesleyan University sat down to a dinner without wine, and the old boys had to retire behind friendly doors and wipe off their chins with alarming frequency. Syracuse University's celebration was also teetotal, but the Columbia boys will make up for it at their Alumni carnival on Tuesday evening. Prejudiced outsiders will observe that the flow of eloquence on these occasions is largely

dependent on the flow of what the late Mr. Greeley innocently called "champagne and wine."

The above is from the *New York Mercury*, and shows that among students as among other mortals there is a wide range of opinion regarding this question of total abstinence from intoxicating drinks. However, we feel sure that "Wesleyan" and "Syracuse" boys next morning were more creditable specimens of humanity than the sons of Yale.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Queen's College Journal :

ACQUAINTANCES and friendships formed at College remain very dear throughout our lives, and to all students, after they have left their Alma Mater, are of the greatest benefit. But to become acquaintances and then friends, it is necessary that the boys should often be in one another's society, and have frequent friendly and intelligent conversation. We meet together in class, in the halls or at the homes of the kind citizens of Kingston. We are glad that we are thus privileged. In their way they are all very good. In class our Professor and the subject under consideration claim all our attention. In the halls we meet but for a moment, when the gong tolls us to our class rooms or to our lodgings. In the homes of our friends our attention is wholly absorbed, not by our fellow-students, but rather by our lady friends and entertainers. Now besides these places of meeting the students have for years been in the habit of holding meetings in the University Buildings, for the purpose of becoming better acquainted, inasmuch as all College societies have this, as one of their principal ends. There they either discussed their petty grievances, if any they had, corrected the seeming waywardness of juvenile students, sought to further the interests of their societies and their Alma Mater by debating questions of Collegiate interest, or spent a few sweet hours of prayer together. These meetings are one of the great factors of College life, and we all know that here at Queen's they are too few to have any of them eliminated. It is at these that we first begin to understand human nature, that we begin to learn how to deal with the stern realities of business when they arise, and that we begin to fit ourselves for our own protection and defence in the great trial that is before every one of us. What would our condition become should we be deprived of these? For one, I don't know, unless a regular study machine which ate, drank, studied took a little exercises, slept and ended up by attending class. But the prohibitory edict has been posted. That ends it. Like the old Romans we will have to bide and bear the result. We are no more to exercise a franchise which for so long has been almost sacred to us. Perhaps too much noise has been made, perhaps some person who should have been more frequent in his attendance at class did not see his Professor, perhaps once through