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Editorials

VALEDICTORIANS.

In some of the Faculties the selection of officers is an easy matter from the fewness of candidates offering. In others there is a greater difficulty on account of the number of men available for the positions. In Science, this year, the position of Valedictorian went begging, because there were very few men who felt themselves suitable for that dignity, and those who might be competent were unwilling to assume the obligation. In the Faculty of Medicine there are, at least, half-a-dozen men, any one of whom might fill the position with credit to himself and to the class.

In awarding the various places, such as the presidency of the year, of the dinner, representation to the various colleges, an amicable division of the spoils was come to with the result that everybody was satisfied. There yet remained one position to be filled—that of Valedictorian—and two candidates appeared, both of whom were undeniably good men in respect of attainments, in the high position they hold in the class, appearance and manner. There was no way in which the contest could be settled but by a vote of those interested, whose opinions will be guided by a variety of circumstances, such as personal regard and local feeling. In addition, there were several disturbing elements. There was an impression that a few men have for four years taken all such matters into their own hands, and, by a mutual agreement, awarded the prizes to whom they saw fit. The question also arose as to whether men who remain over from previous years should be allowed to vote. A good deal of feeling was created, but it subsided as soon as the election took place.

TOWN vs. GOWN.

Through the generosity of Mr. Botterell, an old-time friend of the students, the undergraduates in all the Faculties have become members of the Athletic Club House. This is an admirable move, and will prove a source of income to that institution, for once the students know of its attractions, each succeeding generation will feel bound to share in them. Some definite move should be made toward organizing. Students, however much their grey matter may be stimulated during their winter months, have not an excess of purely bodily exercise, and if some one would form the nucleus of a snowshoe club it would soon develop into an important body. It is lamentable how small an interest students take in the life of the town; many even of the fourth year men know nothing of its institutions or its ways, The concert-rooms and the Art Gallery are unvisited, and nothing is known or cared for of its public movements. Not that this makes any difference to the town, but when a man spends four years amidst the best influences for culture, and lets them have no effect, he is missing an opportunity that may never