

can scarcely fail to better circumstances that are acknowledged to be unsatisfactory.

We have been accused—and the accusation is pleasant—of leading a "crusade" in favour of the admission of women to the educational advantages of the University. But "crusade" is a strong term, for the centres of higher instruction are not now held by intellectual Turks. Those in whose power the future prophecy of the University rests, own that in theory a University is an institution of which all may reap the benefits it alone can bring. They are devising how our limited resources may be made to meet all requirements, and we hope the day is not far distant when the Principal shall have the pleasure of capping that "first lady Graduate" to whom he gracefully alluded at the Graduates' dinner. But since we are speaking of the future there is one matter that will assert itself. McGill has won wide and lasting fame in the department of Natural Science. Dr. Dawson is one of the most distinguished of scientists; our Redpath Museum has no equal in the Dominion, but we are as yet without a Faculty of Science. If our present limited powers forbid us to entertain the idea of establishing a Faculty of Science, we hope that the need and the wisdom of taking some steps towards this end will be awakened. It is better, we grant, to have no such Faculty than to create one insufficient for thoroughly doing the work it may profess; but strenuous external and internal effort ought to bring about a consummation existing justifiably—and unjustifiably—in almost all Universities which show signs of vitality and ready adaptability to the wants of the age. Our Faculty of Applied Science—the name sounds odd; it is certainly very rare and for aught we know, unique—is in a highly flourishing condition, but we should like to see it and other departments raised to greater dignity and to their true worth, either by the amalgamation of existing interests or by the introduction of elements which shall conduce to completeness and marked success.

An epitome of the changes which have lately been made in the Faculty of Medicine will be found elsewhere in this issue. The Medical Faculty is one of which McGill has always been deservedly proud. Its Professors have from the first been men of energy and great ability, and in many instances have shown that disinterestedness and self-devotion which is happily not rare among those who practise the most humane of all Sciences. The works of those who founded the School do follow them, and worthy successors as well. These are alive to the rapid increase of theoretical and practical knowledge, and conscious that a University must be ready to discern new claims and to meet them in the best possible way, have strengthened an already strong position by the measures they have adopted.

We cannot close these remarks without a reference to the contemplated absence of our Principal. If any man deserves rest from unselfish and incessant labour, he deserves it. We hope that his journeyings will bring him much pleasure and refresh energies that refuse to show signs of flagging while he remains with us. Those to whom his work in the University is to be entrusted during his absence will, we are assured, prove themselves both capable and zealous. We very much regret that a short paragraph regarding his *locum tenentes*, which appeared in our last issue, was entirely without foundation. It crept into our pages as rumours will.

This issue completes the sixth volume of the UNIVERSITY GAZETTE.

Amid many good wishes and not a few prophecies of failure, we last October launched our frail bark on the troubled sea of college journalism. Though the hands that held the tiller were weak and inexperienced they were strengthened, we trust, by love for McGill, and animated by a desire to make the journal worthy of the college of whose views it was the authorized exponent.

To those who have aided us in reviving the GAZETTE and with it, we hope, a taste for journalism among the students, we give our thanks and ask for a continuance of their support, conscious that we have not intentionally done anything to render us unworthy their further confidence.

A college paper affords a means by which the mind may be expanded as nothing else does; and, instead of burying itself in dry-as-dust learning, can have the cheerful satisfaction of communicating its poetic fancies, romantic visions or knowledge to others, and while doing so it improves itself.

We commend these thoughts to our own men, and if it did not seem like an appeal to act on unworthy motives, we might remind them that the facility

in writing acquired by college journalism is the best possible training for the modern system of written examinations.

That McGill does not issue a live, sparkling and clever weekly is her own fault. Many of those to whom we have a right to look for encouragement and support have given but little, forgetting that the passive tolerance of a college journal is worse than a spirited opposition. Let us remind those that an academic journal is, whether justly or not, regarded by many as an index of the intellectual calibre of the college it represents. Therefore, we claim it as the bounden duty of those who will be in the van of Undergraduate thought and influence next session, as well as the college authorities, to give their active co-operation in sustaining and perfecting our college paper.

That our Graduates should aid and encourage us is an essential factor to complete our success; that they have not done so this session is as lamentable as it is true. A lack of interest in the events transpiring every month in and about the college Halls, each should hold so dear, shews a sad want of that true University *esprit de corps* without which a degree only shews that its possessor was incapable of grasping what is meant by a University Education.

For the conduct of the GAZETTE we have not the vanity to claim perfection, but we do claim that while our columns have ever been open as a medium for bringing forward just and reasonable grievances, we have studiously avoided uttering querulous complaints against constituted authority. On our own work, however, let us make no eulogy, but if it has awakened among the men of this University a determination to aid us in the future more than in the past we are content.

We have recently received a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the Canadian Students' Club of Edinburgh, which was organized in that city about a year ago. The object of the society is to gather together in a social manner the Canadian students in Edinburgh, and to cultivate a feeling of friendship among them. The advantages of a club like this, especially to Canadians visiting the old country for the first time, cannot be overestimated, and we hope that any of our graduates who may have the good fortune to visit the Scotch capital, will at once enrol themselves as members of the Society. Those wishing for information may address the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. E. Thomson, B.A., Literary Institute, South Clark Street, Edinburgh.

We have on more than one occasion drawn the attention of Undergraduates to the necessity of forming some kind of Athletic Association in the University, and at one time during the session we hoped to be successful in inaugurating a movement to establish an organization of the kind. Our efforts, however, were unsuccessful and the project was abandoned until some future time. We are now glad to note that at a general meeting of students, held on the 28th of last month, a committee was appointed to have a track laid down round the foot-ball ground. This action was taken in consequence of a proposal by Professor McLeod to superintend the work, and to aid the committee in raising the necessary funds for its completion. The amount which will be required is a mere bagatelle when we consider the great benefit that will accrue from the improvement. We hope that the friends of the University and the friends of manly out-door exercise will liberally help Prof. McLeod and the committee in their efforts to increase the attractions of McGill. We also hope that this may only be the beginning of a series of improvements, which are badly needed, and that the appointment of the present committee will result in the organization of a permanent association such as we have before referred to. The lawn tennis club, too, are working hard to arrange a suitable piece of ground on which they can play in the autumn as well as during the summer. If these two objects are accomplished we shall have made much progress in the matter of our sports.

Of the circumstances which have led to the resignation of Dr. Wright we do not care to speak. That it was inevitable every one felt, that it is sad no one can deny, that it will be beneficial all agree. For the good work which he has done in the college during three and thirty years let us be grateful. After a brilliant college career and a subsequent visit to Europe, he was appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy, and Curator of the Museum in 1850. In '52 he was elevated to the chair of Medical Jurisprudence, and in '54 to that of Materia Medica. Painstaking as a teacher, impressive as a lecturer, dignified and high principled as a man, he is affectionately remembered by many a McGill man of those days. We call to mind a conversation last summer with a graduate of '57,