

feeling. Why now, at so favorable a time, could not all old grievances be laid aside? It would require very little sacrifice of old customs to perform this, a sacrifice of old customs for new and better ones. A mass meeting of Students would probably clear up all past misunderstanding, do much to promote a University feeling, and might result in the Students uniting, as Students of Old McGill, and not as belonging to any particular Faculty, in making Sports' night, what—shame to them—it has never been—a grand Students' night.

The daily press is reviving the rumor that McGill has at length found a Principal in Dr. Petersen of Dundee. Although we have been informed on good authority that no such appointment has been made, there may be sufficient interest concerning the matter to justify the insertion of the following extracts taken from the *Witness* of October 5th.

Wm. Petersen, M.A., LL.D., commenced his educational career at the Royal High School of Edinburgh, passed thence to the University of Edinburgh, and graduated first in the Honour list. There he gained a Greek Travelling Fellowship, and studied for some time on the Continent. Afterwards he was elected to the MacKenzie Scholarship, and gained an open scholarship at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. In 1876 he took the Ferguson Scholarship.

After graduating with honors at Oxford, he was appointed assistant professor of Humanity in Edinburgh University. In 1885 the University of St. Andrews conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. In 1882 Dr. Petersen was elected Principal of University College, Dundee, and since that time he, by his ability, tact and energy, has been successfully engaged in overcoming the many dangers and difficulties which surrounded the early days of that College.

It was the intention and desire of the Board of Management of the FORTNIGHTLY to furnish with this number a portrait of J. H. R. Molson, Esq., donor of the new Medical Building.

At the special request of Mr. Molson, however, and to our very deep regret, the portrait has been withheld.

THE LIBRARY.

The University Library is now open, except on Saturdays, from 8 till 10 p.m., and should anyone wish to consult between these hours books that do not happen to be on the Reference Shelves, it is only necessary to apply for them before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. If this be done, the books will be brought from the stack, and kept at the delivery counter until required.

The following advice to readers, taken from a number of the *Library Record* of Jersey City, is worth reprinting:

HOW AND WHEN TO READ.

Systematically,—do not run from one subject to another.

Slowly,—never give more time to reading a book than to reflecting upon its contents.

Never try to read what is laborious; the memory will not retain it. One hour when fresh is worth three when tired.

Whenever you can get a chance—except at night when you ought to be asleep.

Have books about you; employ the spare moments. You will be surprised how much can be accomplished in odd moments usually thrown away.

Persevere. Tenacity and application are almost omnipotent.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE NEW ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO THE BUILDINGS OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE, MCGILL COLLEGE.

In the Calendar of the Faculty of Medicine for this session, recently issued, will be found a very concise yet comprehensive description of the additions and alterations which have been made to the buildings of the Medical Faculty. The reader might be referred to this for such information as he desires, and find it all sufficient, so that my task seems unnecessary. As I have been asked, however, to write something for this month's issue, I gladly accede to the request.

When the generosity of Mr. J. H. R. Molson enabled the Medical Faculty to carry out their cherished desire to add to the accommodation which had long been insufficient for the large and increasing number of students, the problem presented itself, how best to do this so as to be most efficient and with a modest expenditure.

The original building had been enlarged and added to, piecemeal, from time to time, and without any reference to a comprehensive scheme.

The acquisition of the adjoining detached house belonging to Sir William Dawson, so long the residence of Professor Harrington, and now devoted to Pathology under the charge of Dr. Adami, made it essential that the new building should be so placed as to unite the whole series of buildings.

At the same time it was desired that this new building should be so designed with reference to a