

It is with regret that we are obliged to criticise adversely any of the students of this University, as hitherto they have been allied to each other by the closest ties, and have acted together in the spirit of fraternal concord. But unfortunately an event lately occurred which would seem to indicate that there are a few spirits amongst them that do not entertain that feeling of mutual interest for their fellow-students which we would like to see in all the different classes at the College. We refer to a small number in the Primary class in medicine who lately persisted in taking a lecture from one of the professors when what in college phrase is called a "slope" had been voted by a majority of two to one. Now, as to slopes, we do not pretend to say that in the full sense of the term they are correct. Perhaps as a matter of strict principle, they are not the thing, but, nevertheless, they are time-honoured customs of the Medical School, and have until very recently been faithfully observed in the institution. But to particularize the slope which calls forth this article, and to come at once to the point. On Thursday afternoon, 13th instant, the Primary class feeling that a holiday would not be out of place, and one of the professors being a little late, they appointed a chairman, and began the discussion of absents themselves from the lecture. A motion to that effect having been put to the meeting was declared carried by a large majority. The minority, however, acquiesced after the vote had been taken, and left with the majority. When we say the minority we said rather much, for there were a few who hung around the College, and when the professor came took his lecture. Now this was altogether contrary to student etiquette, and the consequence of it was that these individuals exposed themselves, and very justly, too, to the indignation and contempt of their comrades; for this action on their part was robbing the others of a lecture; because if some of these men had not been recreant to their pledged word

that they would do as the rest of the class, the professor of this chair would not have delivered his lecture. There is something selfish in a man who will endeavour to derive a benefit at the expense of his fellow-creature, and although it may be said that all human nature is selfish, there is no excuse nevertheless for the man who will show it off in so palpable a manner. To punish these men, therefore, for this defection from the code of academic morals, an indignation meeting of the Primary class was called the following day, Mr. L. D. Mignault being in the chair. Mr. R. T. Macdonald moved seconded by Mr. H. Heyd, that in the opinion of the Primary class, the students who took the lecture after it had been decided that no lecture should be taken, acted in an ungentlemanly and contemptible manner, and take this their earliest opportunity of passing a vote of censure upon them. It is needless to say that this motion was carried by the unanimous voice of the independent members of the class. The action of these men cannot be palliated under the circumstances, and if we could say anything for them we would most willingly do so. One of them was so far forgetful of himself that when called to account not only defended his action, but declared he would do so again. This kind of spirit is not to be tolerated, and the person who would set himself up to the rest of the class in the spirit of opposition, declared and openly, should be made to understand firmly but decidedly that his course is inimical to the interests of the race, and that reconstruction of his principles would be useful to himself and the community at large. We hope that the little ill-feeling, however, between the students will soon blow over, and that the gentlemen who were weighed and found wanting, on Friday, 14th inst., will see the folly of their ways, and endeavour to act like men in the future.

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As a Senior and a Sophomore were walking along the street they saw an intoxicated Irishman lose his balance and fall. Quoth the Soph.: "Dr. D——, ought to be here. "Why?" "Because he does not often get a chance to pick up such a fine specimen of *apatite*."