

versity curriculums in general, has for its special object the establishment of a greater number of optional subjects. The writer handles the subject with considerable ability; but we would like to suggest that he should not ask quite so many questions. We counted fifteen interrogation points. In order to have a perfect style variety is indispensable, but a variation repeated too frequently is not a beauty but a defect. We agree with the writer that there should be permitted the student a choice of subjects; yet it is difficult to attain the golden mean between laxity and compulsion. Our ideal consists in a gentle pressure, which seems to our perhaps partial eyes to be attained at Queen's.

The *Rouge et Noir* opens the campaign with a thoughtful contribution 'On Conduct and manners.' Its chief excellence consists in the writers showing the two aspects of character viz. that a man's actions at once make him what he is and show what he is. It is worth quoting, "Two men starting in life with very similar constitutions and tendencies end by growing into two characters widely different. The frequent yielding to the impulses of whatever kind which arise within us has the effect of making these impulses selfish, sensual, unruly, ambitious, spiritual—our masters. The habitual repression of them places them under the guidance of the ruling principle of life, whatever it may be. It is by thoughts and words and acts of goodness that men become good; and this is true, whether we adopt a naturalistic point of view, or ascribe the good in man to the grace of God." This is one aspect of character. "But, on the other hand a man's behaviour not only makes what he is, it shows what he is. Even the slight things of manners and conduct will often reveal the very principle of a man's life.

'Manners are not idle, but the fruit  
Of noble nature and of loyal mind.'

We have nothing to add except to express the hope that the *Rouge et Noir* will continue as it has begun.

The *Vanderbilt Observer*, a neat publication from Tennessee, has a short disquisition on the value of time entitled 'Dum loquimur fugerit invida aetas.' Although this subject is rather hackneyed, it is here treated in a sprightly manner. The article 'Oliver Goldsmith,' however, is poor. It reminds us of the compositions little school-boys are accustomed to write. It is copied from some text-book, and spoiled in the copying. But the writer deserved credit for not attempting to conceal his plagiarism. He mixes up the past tense and the historical present in a most amusing manner. Here is a sample "Goldsmith *determined* to embark for America. His friends  *furnish* the means and *see* him fully equipped to leave home; but in a short time he *returned*." Several expressions are, to say the least, peculiar e.g. "Goldsmith *gave vent* to The Deserted Village." "America *holds great opportunity* for young men" and "The good-natured man" was a piece *most too delicate* to suit the times." His short examination of 'The Vicar of Wakefield' is the best part of the contribution.

We counsel the Editor-in-chief of the *Observer* to make more use of the waste-basket.

It is quite refreshing, when editors of magazines and writers of books are holding up Emerson as an object of hero-worship, to hear the *University Herald* raise its voice in opposition. The follower of Emerson thinks somewhat in this way—"Emerson is a rationalist. He doesn't believe in old fogysms and historical scare-crows. He was sent as an Apostle to preach 'some new thing.'" And whether he understands the new thing or not, (that is of small consequence), he straightway dubs himself an Emersonian. While acknowledging the power and penetration of this gifted philosopher, we cannot but agree with the *Herald* that at the bottom he was hostile to Christianity.

## PERSONALS.

HUGH J. MACDONALD, Winnipeg, an Alumnus of the class of '60, was in the city last week.

REV. JAMES CARMICHAEL, King, is again among us, lecturing on Church History in Divinity Hall.

ROBERT A. SMITH, M.D., '83, Manotick, was lately presented with an address, accompanied with a new fur overcoat and cap, valued at \$50, by his friends in that place. Those are the sort of friends to have, and that is the kind of man to have. There is no need to predict the Doctor's success.

It is with the deepest regret that we publish the death of John Milnes Macdonnell, B.A., '68, barrister, etc., who died in Winnipeg on the 6th inst. in the prime of life. The deceased gentleman was a brother of George M. Macdonnell, B.A., '60, of the Law Faculty, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, M.A., B.D., '58, Toronto.

REV. JOHN GALLAGHER, B.A., '78, Pittsburgh, and the Rev. T. W. Wilkins, B.A., Trenton, a theological graduate of '66, assisted at the induction of the Rev. S. Houston, M.A., to the pastorate of the Brock St. Presbyterian Church of this city, on the 6th inst. The Rev. Principal Grant addressed the congregation on the same occasion.

WALTER D. P. W. DAY, M.D., '77, Hartowsmith, was seriously injured not long ago by a fall down stairs.

REV. MR. CUMMINGS, of St. Joseph Church, Montreal, preached the University sermon in Convocation Hall, on Sunday, the 10th.

T. H. MCGUIRE, '84 has become noted as a penman. His engrossings are always master-pieces of that art. During the last two or three weeks he has illuminated on parchment several addresses whose handsome workmanship elicited well merited praise on all sides. For several years Mr. McGuire's talents in this direction have been in demand.

J. V. ANGLIN, B.A., '83, J. M. Sherlock, '84 and Miss Barr, will start on a tour through the west next Friday. Their first concert will be held at Beaverton in aid of the lacrosse club at that place.—*News*.

William B. Chambers, B.A., '83, law student, has we hear also decided to go on the stage—to Sunbury.

It is our painful duty to record the death of another graduate. James J. Downing, B.A., '81, passed away after a lingering illness, Sunday, the 16th instant. Mr. Downing has never been well since his graduation.

Rufus K. Ovens, ex-'83, Wilton, who has been deterred through ill health for the last two years from finishing his course, was in town last week. He was looking well, feeling well and sporting a beard? R. K. expects if nothing happens to take his final class next year. We need not speak of the pleasure his visit gave us. There was a little incident which made it doubly dear, he came with a dollar in his hand. If any of our many subscribers who have yet failed to balance their accounts with us will do likewise they will be publicly or privately hugged, according to taste, *gratis* by the Fighting Editor, *irrespective of sex*. This tempting offer will extend over ONE MONTH only from date.