

ed from entering the town, under a heavy penalty; and to provide for these; a Doctor was sent to the other side of the harbour to perform the Surgical operation on all such persons. Among the many who had this operation performed upon them was a student. This miserable being (for such we must call him) was so much molested and had his arm laid bare so often that one day he forgot whether he he was coming to Academy or to get vaccinated and when the operation was performed instead of coming to the Institution returned home. He is now advocating for a foot bridge across the harbour. But the orders of the Town council did not end here for to our surprise we had a notice read in our hearing stating that all not vaccinated before a certain day would be suspended from the Academy. After several postponements the day arrived and it was quite amusing to see the Principal followed by a student make his exit from the room for the purpose of Examination. Now as he has examined the arms of the students we have no doubt but he is prepared to inform us whether the best muscle among them belongs to the male or the female sex. Another amusing feature with regard to vaccination was to hear the students both male and female seriously ask if their arms would be well before the Xmas vacation. Why they asked this question is not obvious to me but I suppose it is because they wish to be able to use their (arm) freely during the vacation.

## THE HERO.

(A Tragedy in a Nutshell.)

He sits alone in the darkened room ;  
Alone in the fading light ;  
Why is his brow so heavy with gloom,  
And his cheek so deathly white ?

But though his heart is sick with care,  
His courage never blanches ;  
His eyes are fixed in a glassy stare ;  
What is it his firm hand clenches ?

"A little courage," he murmurs, "Yes,  
A little, and all is won ;  
A choking gurgle, more or less,  
A gasp—and the dead is done."

Without a shudder or eyelid wink  
(Ah! it makes the heart recoil),  
That student true did calmly drink—  
A glass of castor oil!—*ex*

## PERSONALS.

Principal McKay was at Halifax last week attending the educational meeting.

We have to notice this week the departure for Bermuda of our old friend and fellow-student, Mr. H. H. Hutchings, who has been attending the Academy for the past two years. Mr. Hutchings showed himself to be a student of no mean ability and won the esteem and friendship of all. We wish him success for the future.

Hector McKay who attended the academy in 1884, is now in his second year in medicine at McGill university, and has also been appointed by his class assistant in the Physiological laboratory.

Mr. E. McLean, an old academy student is taking his fourth year in medicine in New York this winter.

One of our seniors has an alarming cough. In fact it is so bad, that when he coughed the other evening, as he was going down the street, one of our promin-