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Our Local Note Book.

A NOTHER session has commenced and the students have again settled down to the ordinary humdrum of college life.

MORE than twenty-six new students have made their appearance; thrice welcome, one and all!

COMMENTS on the new buildings are, of course, the order for the day. All are unanimous in praising the handsome architectural treatment, and in lauding the princely donor.

M. H. AMI is back again with renewed health and vigour, and will complete his course in Arts. Last winter we believe he coached, for an English University, a son of Major de Winton, of the Government House, Ottawa.

MR. MORRICE has given an annual scholarship of \$100 to the Faculty of Medicine in McGill.

DR. DAWSON is always ready to put in a good word for the "theos." At the last convocation of the Faculty of Arts, he mentioned the fact that forty *per centum* of our graduates had taken their degree at McGill and that half of them were gold medallists.

THE Gaelic Congregation in this city presented a purse of \$77 to D. McLean, who during the summer preached in "the language of Paradise" to appreciative assemblies every Sabbath afternoon. Mr. McLean did a good work distributing tracts from time to time to the workmen engaged on the Morrice Hall and Redpath Museum.

W. MCKENZIE'S valedictory in Arts was received by "the boys" with tremendous applause. Congratulations, Mac!

LAST April, D. Mackay met with a pleasant surprise on the evening before his departure from the city to his mission field in Manitoba. The members of his class in Saint Paul's Church Sunday School assembled in the college reading room, and presented him with a very encouraging address and several valuable books.

THE comely countenance of our esteemed Principal beamed from the Moderator's Chair at the last General Assembly. Speaking of this, a leading church organ said:—"None of the seven moderators the Assembly has seen were more prompt in deciding difficulties, or more successful in saving the time of the Assembly than Dr. MacVicar, who holds the reins with a firm hand and drives judiciously."

J. T. DONALD, B. A., our popular "science-man," has been, and is now, editing an excellent scientific department in the *Educational Record* for the Province of Quebec.

WE *must* say it! There's no use trying to conceal it. What? Why, that our athletics are going to the dogs! We need a gymnasium badly; who'll build one for us? A suitable brick structure might be erected at little cost, behind the *old* library. In the meantime those students who feel so inclined may stretch their limbs on that magnificent gymnastic bar—save the mark!—tottering in the mud of the "back-yard," always taking the precaution, however, to insure their lives beforehand, as the affair is somewhat rickety!

By the way, there has been some talk of appropriating the present dining room as a gymnasium. The idea is absurd. The ceiling is far too low, and the room would hardly do even if the floor were sunk several feet. As it is, a man can almost touch the ceiling with his hand! True, it would be better than nothing, but in the name of common sense stick to the truth, and don't call it a "Gymnasium;" rather let it be known as the "NURSERY."

SEVERAL important changes (most decided improvements!) are noticeable in the arrangement and typography of our calendar for this session.

THE Wesleyan Congregational and Diocesan Theological Colleges in this city have each accepted a bursary of \$500 from one Major Mills, which is to be spent in bribing students from the use of tobacco. It will be remembered that our board (very properly we think) declined to accept this "gift." We are afraid that some of our brethren may cause it to end in smoke.