

appear to them to tend towards the welfare of their readers.

In most Colleges, McGill included, there are always certain vague notions regarding customs which should be followed. These are more in the form of general principles, as, for example, the feeling, prompted by a natural *esprit de corps*, that, if on any occasion disputes should arise between the undergraduates, such disagreements should be kept strictly within the College walls, and not aired for the benefit of the public. We might extend this further and say that a justifiable pride should cause our undergraduates to endeavour invariably, as far as possible to present to the public an unbroken front, and to keep all symptoms of internal dissension out of sight of the public. This idea, we think, has a hazy existence among us, but it unfortunately happens that it is frequently overlooked.

Almost as sure as any trouble or cause of disagreement arises between the students of the different Faculties, some enterprising reporter springs up, who inveigles a report from a student on one side of the dispute or the other, and this gives him matter for an amusing article which invariably puts us all in a most ridiculous light. We may blame the reporter for this, but it is not his fault; that is the way he makes his living; we and we alone are to blame for our lack of *amour propre*.

Annoying as this is, it is surely much more so to find that some of our own students, of course unthinkingly, rush at once into print and endeavour to fight the matter out before the reading public.

This appears to us to be both most impolitic and very bad "form." Surely there is no necessity for it.

It should be remembered that student-politics, which are and should be to us most important, are of little or no interest to the newspaper public; and when letters appear from the students on College matters, they are generally passed over in contempt, or read with the same amused interest which often tempts elderly gentlemen to stop and watch two small boys fighting in the street.

If any unfortunate event should cause dissension among the governing body of McGill or among the Faculties themselves, every effort would be made, we venture to say, to keep it as far away as possible from public knowledge.

We feel certain that if the students themselves think over the matter quietly they will come to the conclusion that it would be to the advantage of their College as well as themselves, if it were distinctly understood by all of us, that, when any dispute or faculty antagonism springs up, every endeavour should be made to keep it within the College gates.

If any one wishes to give expression to his opinion on college matters, the columns of the FORTNIGHTLY are open for publication of all letters which are written in moderate language.

A UNION CLUB FOR MCGILL.

We call the special attention of all students and friends of McGill to the article in this issue from the

pen of Dr. J. G. Adami, the Professor of Pathology. It comes quite *apropos*. The scheme which he advocates so heartily is one that should meet with the commendation of all lovers of the University.

Our buildings are so scattered, and there are so few opportunities for intimacy between the students of the different departments, except upon the campus, that it is difficult for them to realize that they form parts of an organic whole. This is an evil to be found in every institution where there are no College dormitories, and the students are compelled to lodge out, as is the custom in the Scottish Universities. The action and re-action of mind upon mind, the rubbing off of useless corners and the resulting polish, are after all perhaps the chief advantages to be gained from University life. The training tells in after life even more than the subject-matter taught. Men should be taught how to think. Any scheme by which our students can be brought into closer relation one with another merits the serious attention of all lovers of education. A healthy rivalry will be instituted, broader and more liberal views will be reached, and the happiest results will follow,—results which will be of far-reaching character and of lasting benefit not merely to the students but to the country at large.

STUDENTS ON THE CAMPUS.

Friday, the 20th instant, was a gala day at Old McGill, for on that day the University Athletic Association held the most successful field meeting that has ever been held by the students of our *Alma Mater*. The day was glorious; just such a day as the Committee and the Students in general had been wishing for, and had been beseeching "Steve" to send them. The sun looked down from a clear blue sky, and yet it was not so warm that even the contestants were inconvenienced. It would have been hard to have remained in-doors to study on such an ideal day, even though there had been no special attraction outside, so it was not surprising that McGill, almost to a man, spent the day on the campus. The friends of the students were present in large numbers as well. The oldest graduate does not remember when so large a crowd of spectators assembled at any time in the past on the College grounds, to watch the sports. Every spot from which the contests could be seen with advantage was taken possession of early in the afternoon, and was not vacated until the rush began for the Molson Hall after the last event. The small-boy was there in full force, and caused much trouble to the Committee and to the representatives of "the finest," who kindly favored the Committee with their valuable assistance. He mounted the fence, covered the roof of the dressing-house, climbed into the trees, and all too frequently trespassed upon the forbidden ground within the ropes. But wherever he was, he yelled like—well—like the small-boy; and that is pretty bad. Of course, everybody else did not signify their approval in whispers, we must remember. But the enthusiasm was not confined to the undergraduates and the kindergarten, for if these were interested, "so were their sisters, and their