

Latin, Greek, and Mathematics he may acquire if he never saw or heard what was transpiring beyond the college walls; but to become master of a practical education it is necessary for him to keep pace with the times, to know what is going on around him, to examine the opinions and principles which influence the actions of the great men of to-day, and thus to lay a foundation for the views he may adopt on the various burning questions of the hour. Book-lore is of course an essential, in fact the fundamental element of an education; but book-lore alone will prove of little value in after life. It is a powerful motive force, but in order to be properly used must be conjoined with a directive force—with a knowledge of the world, of men, of their principles and actions,—and this knowledge can be had only through the columns of current magazines and newspapers. Boys, reflect on these notions; patronize the Reading-Room; devote part of each day to a perusal of the papers, not of the "sporting page" alone, but of articles of graver import, and in after years you will look back upon the hours thus spent as among the most profitable and enjoyable of your college life.

The officers of the Reading-Room for the season 1897-98 are as follows:—

President, J. T. Hanley; Secy.-Treas., E. Doyle; Librarians, M. A. Foley, T. Morin; Curators, R. Lafond, J. A. Meehan, J. W. Dulin.

The Dramatic Club, under the direction of Rev. Fr. Gervais is already at work. The first play to be produced is a French comedy, entitled "The Vivacities of Captain Tic," which will be staged on December 8th. It is needless for us to point out that this Society is pro-

ductive of abundant beneficial results to its members, as well as of agreeable entertainments to us all; and its well-wishers can no better express themselves than by hoping that the Dramatic Club may this year maintain the high standard it has already attained.



### AMONG THE MAGAZINES.

The Catholic World for November is filled with choice papers on various topics. "The Church in Britain before the coming of St. Augustine" is an historical sketch of Christianity in England before the landing of the Saxons. Those who wish to know the stand taken by eminent Catholic scientists with regard to the theory of Evolution, would do well to read the article entitled "The Hypothesis of Evolution" by William Seton, L.L.D. Dr. Horr  ssey's papers—"Disease in Modern Fiction" will be of great interest to readers as being a subject very seldom treated by essayists. The writer takes all the prominent writers of modern fiction and shows how in their works they have introduced disease to fulfil definite purposes. About the time Kingsley wrote his "Two Years Ago" cholera was prevalent, and in this book he gives an account of an epidemic not surpassed in accuracy of description by any medical work. Thackeray in describing the illness of Arthur Pendennis shows a deep knowledge of typhoid fever. Dickens has many of his youthful characters die of consumption, although his descriptions, because of his dislike of the medical profession are very faulty. On the contrary George Elliott had a great love for that profession.