

account of the boys,' who are also described as being 'always dead broke in a most delicate manner.' The *Berkeleyan* says the co-eds will be delighted by this outsider's opinion of their power. Against the existence in College of such power much may be said; on the other hand, it is a vast improvement upon the mooning adoration offered up in the Residence before huge photos. of Neilson and Mary Anderson.

THE following novel and valuable 'points' are from the *Sunbeam* (Whitby College). After going over them, all of us in the Firm declared ourselves much fortified:

And may we call this a really enlightened age? It is true our scientists and philosophers have made many discoveries of inestimable value, and have unravelled hundreds of the mysteries of past centuries; but we fathom one mystery only to plunge into others still more intricate and obscure.

Sooner or later we become conscious of the unanswered. Thousands have been wrecked on the hidden rocks of 'Spiritualism,' 'Fatalism,' etc.

There are, however, fewer atheists than sceptics.

We cannot pierce the thick clouds lying between us and futurity.

No analysis of the soul, however subtle, can contradict our consciousness.

The idealist in philosophy never acted upon his principles.

Whatever man may have reasoned himself into, his consciousness, like an Ithuriel spear, can put to flight the whole paraphernalia of doubt that touches his actual position and relations in life.

Strangers in visiting a college or school, are very apt to form their opinion of its general tone by the one or two heedless girls who may perhaps place themselves in a conspicuous position, or who may even so far forget themselves as to endeavor to attract attention.

And now *Acta Victor* and *Queen's College Journal*, you are not going to bully over us any longer. Next time you are hard upon us, we'll throw one of the above things at you; and then where will you be?

Spot has an idea. He wants to know why, if, as usually conceded, the fast undergraduate does not deserve much credit, he gets it.

THE Dean visiting a student's room, and seeing a beer-keg in a corner, was enraged, and demanded why it was there, with the evident intention of dispensing with both student and beer-keg; and on being informed that the young man got it to exercise with, and that when he first began to use it he couldn't lift it, but now could carry it all round the room, he went his way in peace.

THEY say a pretty girl never graduates at Cornell. Then why don't the Toronto boys brace up and insist that the College Council accede, or else —?

I MUST not forget to mention the fact that in an American College exchange, I lately came across an item of news, in which figured a young gentleman whose name is Canada. He is no doubt a son of Old Canada, and in the natural course of events the young man will leave the paternal roof and set up an independent establishment of his own. Or if he continue in partnership with the old man, it is probable Young Canada will soon be demanding a voice in the direction of their common business. The young man may prove to have an elastic and intensely utilitarian disposition, and form a partnership with aliens. There is no telling what a young man will do who is just getting out of college.

A WESLEYAN Female College lass wrote the other day, to announce her father's death, "At the last poor pa's gout flew to his shoulders; there it formed itself into wings, and flew away with him." After this don't—no, don't—insinuate in my hearing that poetry has faded from the face of the earth.

"THE soft soothing sound of the far distant mill," quoted Miss Dimpsey. And Spot (who can't bear any poetry but his own being quoted) wanted to know if she referred to the mill's tone.

## UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS.

BROWN UNIVERSITY. The freshmen of Brown University, in Providence, ordered their annual dinner of a caterer, and prepared to have an elaborately good time, including speeches and songs. At the time appointed, they marched in procession to the dining hall, with banners flying and appetites sharp. They found the tables littered with scant remnants of the feast, which had been eaten by the sophomores, who had imposed themselves on the caterer, and induced him to get the dinner ready an hour earlier.

PRINCETON. There are 537 students at this University. The number has increased one-half since 1868.

ILLINOIS COLLEGE. Four Egyptian students have matriculated here this year, and at Roanoke, are four Choctaws.

YALE. At Yale are 1,042 students, and the largest college orchestra in the world.

HARVARD. Greek readings are popular at Harvard.

MCGILL COLLEGE. The Christmas examinations at McGill came to a close on Wednesday, 21st ult., when many of the students left town, not to return until the 4th January. A fortnight is too short a time to allow for Christmas vacation, for one is only commencing to recuperate when he has to return to the dreariest and most difficult work of the whole session; so that I think we shall have to follow the example of our friends in Kingston, and strike for another week. Such a movement would afford, too, a valuable opportunity for practice in the new science of Boycotting.

The last meeting of the Undergraduates Literary Society before Christmas, held on Friday, 25th November—Mr. T. C. Wright, Vice-President, in the chair—was the worst attended of the whole season. The question discussed was that of Imperial Confederation, Mr. J. R. Murray leading the supporters of the scheme and Mr. Turner the negative. The subject was treated in an original and eloquent style, the decision being for the negative by the casting vote of the chairman. It may not be inappropriate here to give you a short history of this Society and to explain to you briefly its *raison d'être*. It was founded in September, 1880, by the Class of '82 in Arts and Applied Science under the name of the "Literary Society of the Class of '82." The students in the previous year had felt the want of some such society, in which they might meet together at certain times in order to become better acquainted with one another, and at the same time practise the noble art of speaking. This is more especially necessary in McGill, where the students do not live together nor even dine together. True, the University Literary Society existed, but how many of the students attended the meetings, or how many of them cared or knew about them at all? But I shall not tire your readers with a discussion on points which cannot interest them. At all events, whether it was the fault of the students or not that the University Literary Society was managed and attended exclusively by lawyers, the fact remains that the students did not attend the meetings, nor indeed could we expect that freshmen would have the nerve to confront our learned friends of the bar on some delicate question culled from the criminal code. Besides, something of the nature of Home Rule was desired, a society which would hold its meetings in the College, and in every point be distinctively of a college character. To return, the Class of '83 soon joined the Society, the name being changed to suit the addition. A month or so afterwards a motion was carried that the Society be opened to all students in Arts and Applied Science, and that it take the name "McGill College Undergraduates Literary Society." During the present session the meetings have been well attended by the students in Arts excepting those of the Senior Year. The organization of the Society is perfect, and the way in which it is being carried out is steadily improving. The originators of the idea and those that carried it out deserve great credit, and will have their reward in seeing permanently established an institution, which, in the words of one of our dailies, "is rapidly becoming a recognized part of the Arts course."

The auction of periodicals in the Reading Room came off last month, and was a tolerable success. On the whole, the condition of the institution this year is very good, the number of subscribers being unusually large, a fact which is owing in no small degree to the excellent administrative ability exhibited by the officers of the committee.

There is a rumor afloat that a University Lawn Tennis Club is to be formed here in the spring. Indeed I have reason to believe that the ground has already been granted by the Governors on the request of a prominent student in Arts, who takes a great interest in the game. The scheme is one which ought certainly to be supported, and the only wonder is that a club was not started before. At the Universities in the Old Country the lawn tennis court is a favorite resort, and is not found in any way to interfere with the older games. Perhaps next year an inter-University tournament might be brought about.

The portrait of Cardinal Newman, by Mr. Niless, has been presented to Oriel College.

The past and present boys of Bradford College, near Reading, propose to produce the *Alkestis* early this year.

It is said that Prince Albert Edward of Wales will in time join the Military College at Sandhurst, and that Prince George will remain in the navy. The latter is much attached to seafaring life, and is better qualified for it, physically, than his brother.

The first college paper was published in 1800, in Dartmouth, and called the *Gazette*, and contained in 1802 articles by Daniel Webster, signed "Icarus."

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. Lectures re-commenced on the ninth.

A deputation of students from Toronto attended the annual convention of the Zeta Psi fraternity, at Syracuse, last week.