

Law Class History.

The class of "Law '99" came as a benediction on "Old McGill." Since its entrance into the University fortune has not ceased to smile upon her. "Blessings follow in its train." It seems to be favored with the "golden touch" of king Midas for during our term princely endowments have been bestowed upon our Alma Mater. Progress and advancement have become the watchword of our faculty and changes long desired, but much delayed, have taken place.

We have seen the reorganization of the Faculty and the rearrangement of the classes. We have seen the introduction of a new system of examinations; we await, with feelings that need no description, the results of this latter change. These are events that shall be written in the history of the University, but there are those to follow which are sacred to the pages of class history and may only be chronicled there.

Almost immediately following the entrance of our class was the formation of our faculty society, which, formed on a constitutional basis so firm that it can never be "moved" (though the constitution may be suspended) shall remain a lasting monument to and a cause of gratitude towards all those who were instrumental in the formation of this society. While creating a fellow-feeling among our men, it has also been invaluable to us as a means of acquiring a knowledge of "Constitutional" law and Parliamentary (?) procedure.

A precedent was established — the class of "'99" is noted for the precedents which it establishes — in that for the first time a freshman, one of our number, was chosen as a representative to a sister-faculty dinner.

Her Most Gracious Majesty, in her wisdom, saw fit to make such arrangements that Her Diamond Jubilee should take place during our freshman year.

This was a compliment which we most thoroughly appreciated; the more so because we, in our modesty, had never looked for any such public acknowledgement of the esteem in which we were held. There is only one way in which this can be accounted for and that is that for years we have had "Sinn" in our midst, but since "Sinn" has been taken away all honors have been conferred upon us.

During the present year we have had the privilege of returning Her Majesty's most considerate compliment, by unveiling, with the most elaborate ceremony and patriotic addresses, the statue of our noble Queen which has been placed at the entrance of the Royal Victoria College; an act which afforded the participants therein the greatest of pleasure, because it is always a pleasure for a McGill student to take part in any ceremony which is intended as a mark of respect to our Queen.

We have had a new Dean appointed for our special benefit and edification. And while we believe that it was the fame of the class of "'99" which caused him to accept the appointment, yet we are content that others shall share with us the pleasure of sitting at his feet while he expounds to us, in most minute detail, those laws which governed the citizens of the greatest country of ancient times.

Now, while we have been looking at the past from the standpoint of compliments to ourselves, we do not overlook that which we owe to the University and to our faculty. These are debts which can never be paid except in kind and which if we attempt to pay we shall, in doing so, make ourselves richer rather than poorer.