

In the time of the Kings, Ficana, situated at the mouth of the Tiber, was the seaport of Rome. But now the delta of the river has caused such an extension of the coast seaward that Ficana is at a considerable distance from the sea. Even Ostia, which later took the place of Ficana as the seaport, is now at some distance from the mouth of the Tiber.

The lecturer described the aqueducts of Rome at considerable length. The lime light views afforded the audience a clear conception of these gigantic works. By these aqueducts an enormous quantity of water was conducted into the city, and the numerous public baths, fountains and reservoirs were abundantly supplied.

The Roman fora were next described. The forum, *par excellence*, was comparatively of very small dimensions, and, as it was employed as a market place as well as for public assembly, it became inadequate for these requirements, as the city grew in population. Accordingly new fora and additions to the original one were constructed at different times, so that the growth of the fora may be said to correspond to the growth of the Roman Empire.

Professor Capper finished his lecture with a brief description of the public buildings and temples, which surrounded the forum. A vote of thanks was then proposed by Mr. Irving, and

seconded by Mr. DeWitt. It was of course carried unanimously.

These lectures have been a source of much pleasure and profit to the members of the Classical Club and its friends. It is to be hoped that the course will be maintained during next session, and that a larger number of lectures will be delivered. C. C. F.

The Annual General Meeting of the McGill Lawn Tennis Club was held in the Arts' Building, Wednesday, March 16th, the President, Mr. S. G. Archibald, in the chair. Owing to unavoidable absence of both the secretary, Mr. Saxe, and the treasurer, Dr. Grafton, there were no reports read. However, the President stated that financially the Club was all right. The following officers and committeemen were elected for the ensuing season:

Hon. President, Prof. Callendar (re-elected).

President, J. K. Kennedy, Law.

Vice President, J. A. Fairie, Med.

Secretary, F. T. H. Bacon, Sci.

Treasurer, Dr. Grafton (re-elected).

Rept. on Grounds' Com., N. M. McLeod (Sci.)

Rept. from Fac. App. Sci., G. T. Hyde.

do do *Medicine*, A. C. P. Howard.

do do *Arts*, M. N. Burke.

do do *Law*, E. Burke.

do do *Comp. Med.*, Humphries.

Class Reports.

MEDICAL NEWS.

The class of '98 realize that they owe a great deal to Dr. D. J. Evans for the keen interest he has taken in them, and particularly for the series of lectures and demonstrations on the management of labor, with special reference to difficult cases. The ward classes have also been appreciated, and it is felt that both his lectures and his bedside instructions have not been in anywise inferior in interest and usefulness to anything in the course of obstetrics.

What is von Graefe's sign? It is a condition where the upper lid lags behind when the eyeball is rotated down—in other words, it a "lagophthalmos."

Next year, oh! where will the old boys of '98 be if they are not at McGill? Will Dr. W. be tucked up in some lady's gigantic sleeve; will Dr. J. raid Transvaal; will Dr. B—l recuperate his health under the sky of California; will Dr. B—c be on the Atlantic service;

will Dr. Mc—y continue his researches on lead; who will give orders to the nurses next year; who will relieve the monotony of maternity attendance when we are not there?

Mr. J. W. Blackett of '98 is the happy winner of the silver medal offered for physical culture. Medicine has not heretofore been very successful in winning the medal.

Mr. C. P. Higgins of '97 has been elected Medical Editor for the FORTNIGHTLY for the session of '98-'99. Our new editor has an acknowledged penchant for the lighter literature, and has, in this line, a talent only equalled by his modesty.

Our FORTNIGHTLY may perhaps at last become a Weekly college paper. Much can be said, and is said, in favor of such a change by many, and the dying year of this century should no go by without this needed metamorphosis. The class of '99 ought to be equal to the occasion, and be true to the motto "*nulli secundus*."