

place, a gross inuendo, and is, in the next place, a charge of ingratitude.

Notwithstanding the numerous reprehensions which we are constantly receiving for devoting so much of our space to the discussion of University sports, we propose, on the present occasion, to call the attention of the students to the fact that a mass-meeting of students is to be held on the 30th of January, for the purpose of organizing a snow-shoe club. If there is among the multitude of students who crowd our College halls, a man or a boy who can snatch from his laborious hours the necessary time, he will, we trust, make it a point of honor to participate in the meeting. In no recreation with which we are acquainted are health, innocence, and happiness so happily united as in a snow-shoe tramp on a sharp winter evening.

On Friday, the 1st of February, begins, in the University Literary Society, a debate which promises to be one of unusual interest, because it will certainly be one of more than ordinary importance. "Does the Dominion government deserve the confidence of the people?" is, in effect, the subject of debate, which is to be supported on the one side, and opposed on the other, by many of the ablest debaters who have, up to this time, taken part in the literary entertainments of the University Literary Society. The debate, it is expected, will be continued from the 1st to the 2nd, and, perhaps, from the 2nd to the 3rd, Friday of February. All who are, all who ever were, and all who propose to be, members of the Society, will, we trust, make themselves masters of the subject, in order that, should they be called upon to speak, they may be able to acquit themselves like orators; in order also that, when called upon to vote, they may do so without what the judges call "fear, favor, or partiality."

We never understood the extent to which the jury system interfered in the affairs of the public till we were ourselves made the victims of its officious intermeddling. That men should be taken from manufactories, from mercantile establishments, from penitentiaries, or from prisons, is a matter of no consequence to us, but that from the office of the *University Gazette* should be taken, the only individual who was capable of supervising the practical affairs of the paper is a matter of no small importance, not only to us, but to all our subscribers.

From a pamphlet which lies before us we learn that a grand musical and educational excursion is leaving New York on the 29th of next June, and returning to the same place on or about the 1st of the following September, to visit England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, the Rhine District, Northern Prussia, Switzerland and Italy. The party is to embark on board the "Devonia," the largest steamer afloat except the Great Eastern. The ticket for the trip is to cost \$400 in gold. The usual number of laudatory epithets is, of course, applied to the steamer, to the trip, and to everything connected with the great undertaking. The tourists are to be supplied with musical instruments, with musical masters, with flowers, with books, with promenades and with professors. We can imagine a number of tourists standing on a celebrated battle-field, gazing at some great cathedral, perambulating a vast museum, or clattering along the corridors of a Gallery of Arts, while every maneuver that was made on the battle-field, every person who participated in the building of the great cathedral, every curiosity in the Museum, and every picture in the Gallery of Arts, was depicted, biographed or described by the able professor. We are left to imagine a multitude of tourists listening to the learned lucubrations of these able professors in the lighted saloon of the steamer, while the winds and waves are vainly endeavoring to disturb his equanimity, or to deprive him of his rectitude. MCGILL UNIVERSITY will, we trust, be represented in some way or other among the listeners to those learned lectures.

This is the proper place to announce that the editors of the *UNIVERSITY GAZETTE* are obliged to complain of the isolation in which they have been left by their fellow-students. It is, we think, the duty of every undergraduate to render some assistance to those who are endeavoring, unsuccessfully perhaps, but by no means unfaithfully, to contribute to the entertainment of the University. There are many among the students who are ready to find fault; there are few among the students who are ready to render assistance to those who, though much maligned, would, were they to make themselves remarkable by their disappearance, be unquestionably missed. Though our subscribers persist in refusing to become our correspondents, they will, we trust, have the honor and the honesty to pay up their subscriptions.