

It might be suggested to one any who may feel himself to have a mission to supply with new and original compositions any deficiencies that may exist in the quantity of available matter that nothing must be accepted without some slight literary merit. While care must be taken to secure propriety in taste and morals, it is of equal importance that nothing destitute of vigour and force should find its way into print. In music of course the Chorus is the best style.

If the readers of the GAZETTE will make an endeavour to bring this matter to a successful issue we may hope for a good college song book before next year, and one which may be enlarged at any future time as the demands for music increase.

I think that the thanks of the students are due to the Editors for the promptness with which in their last issue they inserted the notice headed "College Songs."

A. M.

#### GYMNASIUM.

DEAR GAZETTE,

Every one will admit that a certain amount of Physical Culture is necessary for a student during his College career. Now that foot ball is over, the only Exercises which remain are the Gymnastic classes, and the Snow Shoe Club. I am not aware that the Students in Arts should possess a monopoly in the former of these Exercises, and yet, the present state of affairs would seem to imply that the College authorities hold this opinion. For, the hours of Gymnastic Classes are exceedingly unsuited to the Students of Medicine and Law. I would respectfully suggest that classes be formed at such hours as will suit these Students. I might also remark that one would suppose that a University Gymnasium would be situated on the College grounds and be open at all hours to students. Most students have one or two spare hours during the day, which, were the Gymnasium convenient; might be more profitably spent than at present.

I hope that something will be done to form classes for us Students in Medicine and

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#### A COLLEGE SKATING RINK.

It has often occurred to us that the College grounds, which are the source of so much pleasure in summer and in autumn, might be made to yield quite as much enjoyment during the cold season. Few places in the City are better situated for the making of a skating rink. The students of the Jesuits' College are in the habit of making a rink every year, which has proved a great success, being patronized by a large number of the students, and by the Reverend Fathers themselves. Our own grounds are even better adapted for such a purpose, being more extensive and more easily drained. Any portion of the grounds could readily be flooded from the hydrant in rear of the College buildings. Should such a project approve itself to the College authorities, we think it might be carried out very satisfactorily and cheaply. One, man, constantly employed, would be able to keep the rink clear of snow, and in the event of any unusual fall of snow, we are sure that the students would come *en masse* and lend a ready hand. The man in charge of the rink might (*Academia consentiente*) be lodged in one of the unoccupied rooms of the College buildings, and suitable arrangements might also be made for his board. If the annual subscription were fixed at two dollars for the students, we are certain that a sufficiently large amount would be obtained from the students of the different faculties to defray all expenses. During the morning hours, when nearly all the men are attending lectures, outsiders might be admitted at the usual prices for open-air rinks. In the afternoon and evening none but the students and the ladies they might invite would be allowed to skate.

It is needless for us to dwell on the varied pleasures which a rink would afford, pleasures to which few of the students are strangers. We sincerely hope then, that steps will at once be taken for the attainment of so desirable an object.

#### UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

The meetings of the U. L. Society have so far this Session been well attended. The