

J. W. H. MILNE will probably be back in Divinity Hall by the time this reaches the public eye. J. W. H. has had his sheepskin framed and intimated that he intends to hang it on the wall of his room immediately over his trunk so as to sort of tone down the battered appearance thereof. Another advantage of this arrangement will be that he can at all times have convenient access to his parchment whenever he desires to peruse it without the use of a step-ladder, for, as we all know, Jacobus is not much as to stature.

MALCOLME MCKENZIE has, since the close of last session, hidden himself completely from our ken. Where he is and what he is doing we know not, but would imagine that he is chiefly with his books, trying to solve a statement from Kant which not even Kant himself understood. Malcome will probably take a post-graduate course in Philosophy, and next session will see him walking away with the gold medal in that subject as evidence that he knows how to think.

J. W. McLEAN, one of the philosophers of the class of '87, has probably gone off on an expedition to the North Pole, as since May last he has been lost to all human ken. Like all philosophers Mac is eccentric, and anything unusual he says or does need not be looked upon with astonishment; we hope in time to bring him down from the seventh heaven in which he usually soars and make him feel at home on our own humble sphere. Divinity Hall is to be the scene of his winter's work, and we will depend on Mac upholding '87 in the Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of Queen's College Journal :

A LATE NUMBER of the *Varsity* contains an editorial notice of the important announcement, that henceforth the degree of Master of Arts from Toronto University is to be conferred as a matter of course, upon the payment of certain fees. This change is considered as radical, so the editorial says. Nevertheless the writer proceeds to make his Alma Mater's apology, though evidently he has little sympathy with the change himself. Surely this was an ill-advised step on the part of the Provincial University authorities. One reason given, namely, that the thesis-writing formerly required was not a proper means of testing scholarship, is most untenable. The other reason, that Cambridge and Oxford afford a precedent, is also weak. It is to be hoped that in this country we are not all imitators of customs for which we see no reason, and for which there can be none. Why give a man a second degree when he has done nothing to deserve the honour? If the first is worth anything, is it not sufficient? Does not this look like an attempt to construct a royal road to learning? The only practical reason there can be for such a course is that it affords revenue. In plain words it is this: Here is a degree if you want to buy it.—POLLUX.

THE THANKS OF HER MAJESTY.

THE following has been received in reply to the address forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen by the students of Queen's University :

OTTAWA, 5th Aug., 1887.

To the President Queen's University, Kingston, Ont. :

SIR,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor-General to convey to you, on behalf of the students of Queen's University, the Queen's thanks for the good wishes expressed in the address from the students of the Universities of Canada, and an expression of the pleasure with which she has observed the great progress which education has made in her Canadian Dominion.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES J. JONES,

For the Governor-General's Secretary.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

The annual sports in connection with Queen's University were held this year in the city park. The citizens and students turned out in good numbers to witness the games, which were interesting and well contested. The following is a list of the games and successful competitors :

Throwing Heavy Hammer—1st, A. Gandier ; 2nd, M. E. McGrath.

Throwing Light Hammer—1st, D. D. McDonald ; 2nd, A. Gandier.

Putting Heavy Shot—1st, M. E. McGrath ; 2nd, A. Gray.

Putting Light Shot—1st, A. Gray ; 2nd, M. E. McGrath.

Half-Mile Walk—1st, H. Buchanan ; 2nd, A. Gandier.

Vaulting with Pole—1st, J. Binnie ; 2nd, Tommy O'Neil.

120 Yards Hurdle Race—1st, E. Sliter ; 2nd, H. Buchanan.

100 Yards Dash—1st, E. Sliter ; 2nd, A. Ross.

Standing Broad Jump—1st, A. Gandier ; 2nd, A. L. Campbell.

Three Quick Standing Jumps—1st, A. Gandier ; 2nd, H. Buchanan.

Hop, Step and Jump (standing)—1st, A. Gandier ; 2nd, H. Buchanan.

Hop, Step and Jump (running)—1st, A. Gandier ; 2nd, John Edwards.

High Jump (standing)—1st, A. Gandier ; 2nd, H. Buchanan.

High Jump (running)—1st, A. Gandier ; 2nd, Buchanan ; 3rd, Edwards and Campbell, equal.

Half-Mile Race—1st, S. Robinson ; 2nd, A. Ross.

Quarter-Mile Race—1st, S. Robinson ; 2nd, A. Ross.

Three-legged Race—1st, Ross and Robinson ; 2nd, Campbell and McGrath.

Mile Race—1st, S. Robinson ; 2nd, H. Buchanan.