

interdependent laws. The passing breeze is governed by law, and to break that law would be to cause infinite confusion. Yet we are told to pray for what we need. What is it, then, that we ask for when we pray for a change of weather? Do we ask God to change the laws of nature? Such a change would be disastrous to the present state of the universe, and we would not wish Him to do that. Is it a miracle we ask? It is true we seldom ask for anything that is not a miracle—a miracle in so far that it is an effect produced by a method different from any that man is able to use. Let us take an instance. I am walking on the edge of a precipice and lose my footing. I am told it is folly to pray that I may not be dashed to pieces below. God will not destroy the force of gravitation to save me. Very well, I answer, I will not ask God. I will ask you. You stretch out your hand and save me. Yet you did not violate any force; you interposed a stronger force; and that is what we ask God to do—to interpose a stronger force—His will.

Therefore, if we believe in a God who has promised aid to them that ask Him, there is the strongest reason for believing that our prayers will be granted.

PERSONALS.

Rev. Robert Harris is about to move from Buffalo, and take a charge in Dunkirk.

The Rev. G. E. Haslam is now in Lunenburg, N. S., where he will stay till Easter on trial as incumbent.

Rev. H. Symonds, '86 has been appointed the Fellow in Divinity. We are glad to have him once more among us.

F. Carroll Macdonald '84 has moved from Edmonton, N. W., and is now in the Post Office department at Ottawa.

The Rev. Provost Boddy preached the ordination sermon at Napanee, on Dec. 21st. At this service Rev. J. M. Snowden, '85, and Rev. C. O'Dell Baylee, took priest's orders.

C. B. Beck, '85, has joined the North West mounted police, with the intention of serving a couple of years for the purpose of benefitting his constitution. We wish him good health and prosperity.

J. O'Connor, M.A., gold medallist of Queen's University, Belfast, and late head master of Lindsay High School, has been appointed to the vacant Fellowship of Science. He is expected to begin lectures shortly.

ABOUT COLLEGE.

The fond tobogganist at play
Disported himself in the snows,
He plied the shovel and spade all day
But alas, the night wind rose.

We beg to extend our congratulations to the successful, and our condolences to the unsuccessful candidates in the last Examination.

The next number of the Episcopen is announced for the last Friday of this term, and the Scribe is reported to expect a more than ordinarily good number. We hope he is not too sanguine.

We are glad to see that gymnasium matters are being agitated with so much successful response in general, from the men; still there are a few pieces of gymnastic apparatus which we fondly anticipated to have seen by this time, still hanging dimly in the future.

There is much discussion among our Literary Students over the revised Constitution which its able Committee of Revision has tendered the Society; let us hope that when the storm cloud of discussion has passed the air will be cleared of some of its present ambiguities.

About this time last year the Pow-Wow Club was in successful operation, and now not a freshman in College knows of its past existence. Was it useless, then, and has the Undergraduate palate grown weary of its frequent suppers?

Men seem to be tired of tobogganing already, and the slide has a deserted appearance. Perhaps some small parties, such as we all enjoyed so much last year, might prove a great incentive to the now sluggish tobogganist.

It might not be out of place now, at the beginning of a long term, for the authorities to put into our hands a copy of the Constitution or Rules of the College so that in future when we are fined, we may at least have the satisfaction of knowing what rule we have broken and why we have incurred punishment, which else might seem tyrannical and unjust.

Once again we have had a change in our Editorial Staff. After much discussion and not a few College Meetings Mr. Mackenzie has been elected to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Haslam's resignation. We welcome this addition to our staff but take the present opportunity of expressing our sincere regret at the resignation of Mr. Haslam. The latter gentleman has been, in spite of very much other work, an able and willing director of this paper during his entire year of office, and now that his resignation has taken a strong hand from our paper and applied it to strengthen his collegiate course we extend him our sincere hopes for a very successful year.

It is with much pleasure that we mark the arrival of some new volumes for the University Library. Such works as those of Ruskin and Parkman should have been there long ago, but we welcome them perhaps the more for their tardy appearance. Some of the under-graduates we believe, look upon themselves as the donators of these books, on the ground that the subscriptions came from them at the earnest request of the court of paternal guidance.

We are indeed glad to see that a repetition of the public lectures, which last year were so much appreciated, has been announced, and that Prof. Boys has been prevailed upon to entertain an audience whose expectations of hear-