

D. G. S. Connery, B.A., of Manitoba college, has been appointed tutor in elocution. General satisfaction is expressed among the boys.

A valuable donation to the library, from the will of the late Alex. Morris, has been received by the Librarian. The works are principally on the history of Canada.

We are pleased to see the genial countenance of J. A. Sinclair, M.A., behind the railing in the library. He is newly appointed to the position of postmaster.

The boys have looked and looked and yet are looking for the promised catalogue of the library. It is to be regretted that the authorities have not seen fit to carry out the plans of the Librarian.

We are pleased to receive a subscription from the Rev. D. H. Hodges, Oak Lake, Man., brother of our well-known fellow-student. He is doing good work in his field.

We congratulate Prof. Fowler on his elevation to the chair of Natural Science. We feel sure that the choice of the university could have fallen on no one more deserving of or better qualified for the position.

We are pleased to learn that "a starry night for a ramble" is appreciated by not the medical student alone. It comes to our ears that two Arts students went out "botanizing" one night this session and returned home in the "wee sma' hours." Imagine their chagrin, however, on learning when light dawned that their melon was a pumpkin.

During the last few weeks a serious epidemic has been rapidly spreading amongst us. As it has been assuming great dimensions, we have considered it our duty to inquire into the origin. The result of a careful diagnosis of some of the worst cases is that it is *une maladie française et allemande* which has followed in the track of "La Grippe," and which is greatly aggravated by over-study, especially of the French and German authors.

COLLEGE YELLS.

At the recent match one of our new professors was heard to ask, "What is the meaning of that hideous cry?" We give it up, and pass, Sis-Booh-Yah on to the Professor of Philology. The only explanation proffered thus far is that every American College has its distinctive "Yell," and why should not we? It is not the first innovation that has reached us from "over the line." But it is most likely to remain, so let us make the best of it. And here arises the question, must we simply accept some old cast-off "yell" of Harvard or Yale and modify it to suit Queen's? By no means! Let us have something distinctive and appropriate. The nearest approach to this that we have yet heard is 'Rah, 'Rah, 'Rah, Re-gi-na QUEEN'S. Underlying this there is a gleam of meaning which at least the honor student in classics may grasp and pass down to the Freshmen. Failing a better, let us have it.

RUGBY.

Queen's team played Ottawa College on November 15, for championship of Canada. Queen's won. Score, 7-6. Full account will appear later.

ROYAL COLLEGE NOTES.

"How are things going on at the Royal," is the question often asked by our graduates who have not been long enough out in practice to forget their student days. As the best means of obtaining an answer to this loyal inquiry we would suggest a visit to the old familiar Halls. We promise a hearty welcome. Even though the faces are mostly those of strangers yet they index kindly feelings towards students of other years.

But a word to those who cannot come may not be out of place. Of the building we can say in words familiar in days of yore: "The old school house is altered now, the benches are replaced." The old ones "our pen-knives had defaced" have been supplanted by others at once comely and convenient. The pledge given to the Faculty when the proposition was made to refurnish the classrooms is loyally kept, and the whittling of seats no longer distracts the attention of the lecturer. The improvement in the internal arrangement of the building has had its effect on the students. The spirit of wanton destruction of college property is replaced by a healthy desire to make it still more pleasant and convenient. With this in view a medium of communication between the students and the Faculty has been established in the form of a college society mentioned elsewhere.

This, though newly organized, has already borne good fruit. Suggestions have been kindly received by the Faculty from this source in reference to lectures and lecturers. By request of this society a telephone is to be placed in the college, so that hours hitherto lost through the non-appearance of lecturers, detained by the exigencies of practice, may now be reclaimed.

The Reading Room, where "no smoking is allowed," by order of the Concurus, and where a cosy fire is kept up by genial old "Tom," affords an opportunity for a short grind or a short read between lectures. But do not think that College life has become prosy by any means. The "den" is still the scene of the usual festivities. The violin still lies in the window, always in tune, and the failure of co-education has proved no barrier in the way of an old-fashioned "hoeing match."

Here hourly contributions are offered to maintain the "ethereal blue" of the atmosphere, and the "Chinese Alphabet," printed on pieces of cardboard, is assiduously studied by groups of four.

The Y. M. C. A. has its friends and supporters, and so has that old institution, the annual "At Home in the Den." At the latter the old song "Here's to good old Queen's, drink her down," is followed by a friendly race "round the stove" or a short practice at Rugby scrimmage.

The Concurus, as of old, holds the rod over the head and purse of those, who, uninfluenced by moral suasion, refuse to go in the "good old way."

Last of all our old friend Charlie Counter, C.O.O., year by year delivers an address. Suiting his theme to the times he has substituted for "Woman's Rights" in the days of co-education, "The new Science of Maternity Mediky," or, latest of all, "The effect on the Royal of the McKinley Bill."