

A NEW VERSION OF AN OLD SONG.

Dedicated to the Graduating (Medical) Class of '77

Nigh to the sexton, who sang his song,
 Stood an old M.D., with locks hoary and long.
 His work was done; but he thoughtfully stayed
 Till his patient's remains in the grave were laid.
 He had heard the sexton, with lips so thin,
 Exultingly cry: "I gather them in!"
 And the doctor answered, in accents strong:
 "I send them along! I send them along!"

"I send them along! For though you build
 The beds they lie in, I get them filled,
 The pills I've made and the physic I've found,
 That's sent them at last to this burial ground.
 Mother and daughter, father and son,
 Come to my surgery one by one;
 But come they weakly, or come they strong,
 I send them along! I send them along!"

"No monarch's laws are obeyed like my own;
 I'm king of the sick; and I make my throne
 On a chair by the side of the wavering life;
 And for sword of state I've my surgeon's knife.
 When they ask my opinion, with anxious face,
 I gravely reply: 'Tis a serious case.'
 Then, to show my opinion is never wrong,
 I send them along! I send them along!"

"I send them along! So thank me, my friend,
 That you've so many funerals now to attend."
 Here the doctor paused, for a message had come
 That another new patient awaited him home.
 So he smiled as he bade the old sexton good bye,
 And he whispered 'im, twinkling his jovial eye,
 "Prepare for more work with those arms so strong;
 I'll send him along! I'll send him along."

EXCHANGES.

—The *Nassau Literary Magazine* is very fair as regards its purely literary part; but what pleasure we experienced in reading it was totally destroyed by such vulgarisms in its account of football matches, as "bucked the ball"; "Princeton did herself proud." These are particularly inexcusable in a University magazine, wherein a high standard is supposed and ought to be maintained.

—The last number of the *Crismon* is before us, and is, as usual, excellent. Particularly noteworthy are two articles, "Provincialisms at Harvard" and the "Novel of To-day." The usual report of the crew gives us to understand that they are hard at work training for the Annual Yale Race. The writer of "A Sang o' the Spring" has, we think, attempted too much, but deserves to be complimented for his success in such a difficult task.

—We have lately received the first issues of the *Colby Echo*, on whose present promise we have no hesitation in congratulating it. The first thing which struck us was the beauty of a sonnet in the opening number; but, as we read on, we found with satisfaction that no less a treat awaited us in the ensuing articles. The second copy contains a piece of pithy advice to subscribers, which we would rather quote than criticize had we space. All we can say is, that if the *Echo* will always re-echo in the same style, it will rank as one of our most interesting exchanges.

—We have a word or two to say to our fellow students in the United States on the subject of football, and we would ask as many of our contemporaries as possible to lay the matter before them. Football seems at the present time to be becoming very popular among American Colleges. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, and many others have taken it up, and we doubt not, in a few years

it will be universally played. What we wish to enforce is the desirability of our American cousins securing complete unanimity in the matter of rules of the game. The advantages of this are so obvious that it is needless for us to refer to them here. Many of the leading colleges have already adopted Rugby Union, and these rules will undoubtedly prove the best code extant, so we trust that all colleges which play the game will endeavour to conform to these rules. Inter-collegiate and international matches will be rendered much more practicable and satisfactory than at present, and in fact, in every way would be the more desirable. Copies of these rules may be had from the Secretary of the Canadian Football Association, Mr. R. M. Esdaile, Montreal, who will only be too happy to send copies to any College Club which may desire them, and also any other information required.

—Which is it?—*Vide Globe* Editorial for March 19th.

—The juniors are groaning under a great amount of mathematics.

—The faces of the graduating classes are

"Sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought."

—The annual meeting of the Graduates' Society will be held on Monday, May 3rd.

—Many students study very late the night before an Exam. This is a mistake;—a good night's rest is invaluable.

—The football team are not going to Toronto this spring, as previously supposed; they now think of trying to arrange a match in Ottawa or Hamilton.

—It is currently reported that an assistant to the worthy Professor of English is to be appointed, and that several important changes will be made in the course.

—Hamilton's Xmas present is not yet presented.—A freshman has calculated that in seventeen years the present will be made on time.—It is three weeks later every year.

—We would suggest to the learned Professor who has charge of the editing of the Annual Calendar, that several passages, hitherto ambiguous, be altered and simplified this year. The article on "Exemptions" requires improvement.

—Two of the graduating class in Arts intend to study law, six adopt theology, one goes into business, and three are on "the rugged edge" of uncertainty and doubt. Those who are to study abroad have promised us correspondence next year.

—Our representative on the Committee of the Football Association has made a proposal to the effect that a Challenge Cup be given for competition among the various Clubs in the Dominion. We hope to see this agreed to; and feel confident that McGill will have a good chance for the championship.

—It may be interesting to our classical students to learn that Dr. Schliemann, writing from Athens, states that, "the Mycenaean antiquities can leave no doubt in the mind of anyone, that the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone was perfectly right in maintaining that Homer was an Achaean."

—A Canadian Football Annual, on the model of those published in England and Scotland, will shortly be issued. The book will contain reports of the various matches played, lists of Clubs, and best players, and also articles by prominent Football men on points connected with the game. McGill is represented on the Editorial Committee.

—The following is an extract from a letter addressed by Sir Hugh Allan to Dr. G. W. Campbell, Dean of the Medical Faculty, dated March 16th:—

"Our Liverpool letter-to-day advises us that the Board of Trade have rescinded the regulation respecting Canadian surgeons, who are now at liberty to sign articles on their own 'diplomas.'"

—It has long been a subject of remark that comparatively few graduates interest themselves in the annual election of representative fellows—of course the Graduates' Society will make its influence felt in this matter, but all, whether members of the Graduates' Society or not, should exercise their franchise. The question as to Theological Degrees may again come up, and the opinion of candidates on this point should be elicited.