

MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

On November 7th, the McGill Medical Society met at 14 Phillips Square. The President Dr. Stewart, in the chair. After the appointment of committees to procure keys for reading room and to order journals, periodicals, dailies etc, for the same, twenty one new members were elected.

Mr. A. Campbell then read a very interesting and carefully prepared paper on vaccination, which elicited some interesting and humorous discussion. It is highly desirable that more of the final year take a livelier interest in the society than is manifested at present. The society has a very large membership this year.

In future the fortnightly meetings will be held in the Reading Room of the society.

THE MARITIME ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the Maritime Association of McGill University was held on the evening of Wednesday, the 4th inst. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of members, among whom were not a few new faces. The chief business of the evening, the election of officers for the ensuing year, resulted in the appointment of the following: President, A. D. MacDonald; First Vice-President, E. A. Kirkpatrick; Second Vice President, R. E. Palmer; Secretary, H. D. Fritz; Treasurer, W. B. Taylor. The General Committee was also appointed, consisting of the following five members: C. P. Ball, H. E. Kendall, J. A. Nicholson, F. J. Desmond, P. H. Warneford.

After a discussion of some length, in which a number of the members participated, it was resolved that the Association hold an annual dinner. The Secretary was requested to send a report of this, the annual meeting, to the leading papers of the Maritime Provinces.

MOOT COURT.

A session of the Moot Court was held on the 29th ult. M. Hutchinson, Esq. B. C. L. presiding. *In re John Jones vs Thomas Brown*, a petition was presented by Messrs Murchison and Bourgeois, Atty's. for Defendant, to quash a *capias* issued at the instance of Plaintiff.

The grounds upon which the petition was based were these:—That the wife of plaintiff was legally incompetent to make an affidavit upon which to issue a writ of *capias*; that the affidavit did not allege the domicile of plaintiff; that the statement of the cause of indebtedness is insufficient; that it is not stated that the note mentioned in the affidavit is now due; that the affidavit does not declare where the debt was contracted, and that the grounds for believing the debtor about to leave the Province with intent to defraud are insufficient.

Messrs. Wright and McKay, Atty's. for Plaintiff, opposed the petition.

The learned judge in rendering judgement highly complimented the Attorneys on both sides for the ability with which they had conducted the case, re-

marking that their speeches would compare favourably with those heard every day in our courts.

Held that points 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 raised in Defendant's petition were ill-founded; but that the grounds for believing the debtor about to leave the Province with intent to defraud, as stated in the affidavit, were insufficient, and that therefore the *capias* must be quashed.

UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

A meeting of this society was held on the evening of Friday the 6th inst. Mr. McGoun, the President, in the chair.

Mr. Dunton was elected a member of the society. The President explained the reasons which induced the general committee to change the place of meeting; and also intimated that the Council was considering the advisability of asking the society to hold a dinner this year.

The debate upon,—“Should a degree in Arts be a necessary qualification for admission to the study of the learned professions?” then followed. Messrs. Francis McLennan and A. McGoun jr., spoke on the affirmative, and Messrs C. J. Brooke and J. K. Unsworth on the negative. Mr. McLennan is one of the most pleasing speakers the society possesses: he reasons well, speaks fluently, uses well-chosen language, and has a fund of very enjoyable good-natured humour, which he contrives to weave into his speeches. Mr. Unsworth's speech was an exceedingly good one. His arguments were practical and were handled in an effective manner. This gentleman is to be congratulated upon his *debit* in the society, and the society upon the ability *evident*ly possessed by some of its newly elected members. Messrs Brooke and McGoun both spoke without previous preparation.

The decision of the meeting was in favour of the negative. The following members were present:—Messrs. Fry, Brooke, F. McLennan, Mackie, Elliot, Wright, Smith, Oughtred, Murray, Dunton, Unsworth, and Colquhoun.

UNDERGRADUATES' LITERARY SOCIETY.

The meeting of this society on the evening of Nov. 6th, was called to order by the President, Mr. N. P. Yates. Mr. Mason's motion to amend the constitution was taken up, and, after Mr. Topp had withdrawn his amendment, the meeting decided to let the constitution remain unaltered.

Messrs. F. Pedley, Topp and Hibbard gave notices of motion.

Mr. Chalmers opened the programme with an essay on “Small-pox.” This proved very interesting, as one might well suppose. The reader of the evening was Mr. A. Bryan, who sought to benefit the morals of the Society by “A Modern Sermon.”

“Resolved, that the first year entrance examinations of McGill University should be made equivalent to the present matriculation into the second year,” was the subject under discussion. Messrs. H. Goff, H. Curtis and A. MacArthur were eloquent enough to obtain a verdict in favour of the affirmative, although the nega-