

## CONCERTS.

The Banjo Club's concert, on Friday the 20th inst., will be an innovation for McGill in more ways than one. Not only is it the first time that a McGill Banjo Club has called for the support of fellow-students and city friends in so large an undertaking, but also are we now first afforded an opportunity to show our hospitality and good fellowship to delegates from a sister university in the United States. There will be thirty or more in the party from the University of Vermont, who furnish half the programme on Friday evening, and they will be entitled to judge of Canadian universities and Canadian hospitality by the reception they receive at the hands of McGill, so the Banjo Club hopes that the Faculties will all turn out in force to give them a genuine Canadian welcome.

The programme, which came out at the beginning of the week, shows a most attractive list of items, comprising solos, duetts, glees and concerted instrumental music to be rendered by the Vermont and McGill men in turn; and it promises a pleasant evening's enjoyment to all who attend the concert at the Windsor Hall, on Friday evening.

Our sister university of Bishop's College has resolved to enter the college world of journalism with the advent of the new year, and our editor has been communicated with by Mr. A. Henry Moore of that institution with the purpose of obtaining information as to a certain amount of the detail connected with the running of a college paper, a knowledge of which is most necessary to the proper inception of such an effort, and the detail of which is only to be obtained by a large amount of that process known as "rubbing elbows with old Dame Experience." We have gladly given this information to the best of our ability, and hope that our worthy friends will not be deterred from carrying out their projected enterprise by the apparent difficulties which may at first seem insurmountable.

We in McGill can perhaps be but considered as again at the "experimental stage;" but still we confidently hope and have reason to expect that our stability has been firmly established.

Good luck, Bishops, in this (as far as we are aware) your first really important journalistic enterprise. You have our sympathy and, if necessary, our support in all your endeavors; and should the paper become as the politicians say—a *real live issue*—kindly accept the FORTNIGHTLY as one of your home list of exchanges.

The winter months succeed each other in rapid succession; Christmas examinations are things of the past, and the sessional troubles are still events of the future, so that the energy of the University should and undoubtedly does direct itself into the channels of out door sport and in-door recreation. In this connection we would claim the attention of all to the opportunities which are afforded by the Athletic Club House, at the back of the mountain, where in the past so many delightful evenings have been spent by the men of the University. Science leads the van, and is,

we believe, to have a steeple-chase with this old snow-shoers, retreat as a *rendez vous*. Well done, Science! A move in the right direction! Some winters ago the opportunity to take full advantage of membership to this hospitable institution was given us by the kindness and thought of private individuals. This year arrangements can surely be made by the Students to procure for themselves the advantages which such membership affords, and a repetition of the jolly evenings which some of us remember will probably be enjoyed by numbers of the newer members of the different Faculties who have not as yet enjoyed the pleasures which the Montreal Athletic Club House offers to those who care to pay it a visit.

## A GERMAN UNIVERSITY.

## HEIDELBERG.

Volumes might be written and have been written on the great universities of Germany, which though by no means free from faults, have so many and great excellencies that year after year they continue to attract to them great numbers of students from all parts of the civilized world.

The task of presenting a general review of these excellencies and defects I shall have to leave to another, and endeavor here to confine my remarks more particularly to one of these great seats of learning—the University of Heidelberg.

Heidelberg may be considered as a typical German University—not so large as Berlin or Munich on the one hand, with 8,340 or 3,350 students respectively, nor so small as Jena or Freiburg on the other, with only 610 and 585 respectively—it had last summer 1,076 students with a teaching staff of 120. Like most of the twenty-one German Universities, Heidelberg has five faculties—Theology (Protestant), Law, Medicine, Philosophy and the faculty of Natural Science and Mathematics. Of the total number of students last summer 73 were studying theology, about 250 were matriculated in the faculty of Law, and an equal number in Medicine, while the rest were attending lectures in the faculties of Philosophy, Natural Science and Mathematics.

Situated in the northern portion of the Grand Duchy of Baden, where the beautiful little Neckar, after winding its way through the romantic forests of the mountainous district known as the Odenwald, suddenly enters the wide and fruitful plain constituting the valley of the Rhine, encircled in part by the precipitous cliff lying on either side of the Neckar, but in recent years commencing to spread out into the Rhine valley, surrounded on all sides by verdure, the heights above the city crowned by the castle, one of the most imposing and magnificent ruins in all Europe, Heidelberg in summer can compare in beauty with any spot in the whole world. The town is also of great historic interest. It was formerly the seat of the Electors of the Palatinate, and the emblem of the Palatinate, the lion, is still to be seen surmounting the fountain in the University Square. To Englishmen it has the further interest that one of these electors, Frederick V, married Elizabeth daughter of James I of England,