

increasing burden falling upon you as the results of an enlargement of the building, to appoint an assistant to the janitor, and then to give you a better opportunity of keeping a comprehensive eye over the workings of the whole establishment, having been relieved of some of the more commonplace duties attached to your post. We would likewise express the hope that you will so initiate your assistant into the mysteries of the art of injection that if in time to come you should be pleased to retire into more private life, you will have no unworthy successor in that part of the official work upon which so much of the pleasure, as well as profit, of dissecting depends. With these few words we beg that you will accept the more tangible proof of the high esteem in which we hold our most excellent janitor.

#### COOK'S REPLY

GENTLEMEN.—I thank you very heartily for your kindness, not only on this occasion, but also on the many other in which you have so generously shown your appreciation of my services in connection with this College. I esteem this favour all the more because it is the sudden and spontaneous offering of that inborn generosity which is peculiar to medical students, and which makes them ever ready to reward any efforts made on behalf of their intellectual, material, and spiritual interests.

When I left a lucrative situation in the Grand Trunk Works to undertake the responsibilities of the position I now occupy, I did so with the firm conviction that I could make myself more useful in this sphere of work, and in my capacity would do what I could to further the interests of medical education and of medical students, particularly in Montreal.

I have always tried to do the best I could for the student, not only as regards the facilities for prosecuting their studies, but also as regards their personal comfort and convenience.

I have done, and always shall do, my best to make this College a home for medical students.

It at times I may have appeared to you rather strict in the fulfilment of my duties, please remember that order and discipline are essential elements in the management of any institution, and that I try to do what is best for the interests of the College and yourselves. The truth of this is obvious when you reflect that but a short time ago our beautiful new building, with all its magnificent laboratories and class-rooms, was nearly burnt down, and but for watchfulness and constant attention to my duties as janitor, would have been reduced to ashes.

The addition of a new wing to the College has greatly increased the task of keeping the College in order, which devolves on the Dean and myself, but with the goodwill and co-operation of the students, I am sure that my efforts will be crowned with success.

In conclusion, gentlemen, while thanking you once more for your kindness, I wish you every success in your examinations and in the profession you have chosen, hoping that you may long live to look back upon the days you spent at McGill as among the brightest and happiest of your lives.

#### ONE OPINION OF "THE GAZETTE."

(FROM THE TUTORIAN)

It is indeed refreshing to the Exchange Editor to meet, in the midst of the multitude of college periodicals which cover his table, some journals which seem to be written not in a more or less violent paroxysm of journalistic effort, but in that happy ease which is present with those who have something to say and are able to say it. Few are the distinctively literary college journals which do not give evidence of the uneasiness of the editors under the weight of their obligation to fill a half-dozen pages or more per issue. It is rather noticeable that the only two Canadian journals which we receive are among this very small number of unforced utterances. We have previously classified here *Varsity* of the University of Toronto; and now in the MCGILL UNIVERSITY GAZETTE, the first five numbers of which have lately come to us from

Montreal, we are glad to notice similar excellent characteristics. Nothing would please us more, as a test of criticism, than to draw a comparison between these two journals. But such a comparison would necessitate more careful reading than we have time to make; and would be hardly interesting enough to our readers to warrant us in bringing it into these columns. We are content to read and enjoy; and shall take care that others may have opportunity to do the same in the reading room.

## Societies.

### MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The tenth and last meeting of the winter session was held on March 6th. The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Stewart, the President. It was entitled "Hints to those about to Graduate."

The paper was masterly in every respect. It was the product of close observation and careful thought. If the students who heard it but carry away the sentiments of the paper, they will not often transgress Medical Ethics, they will ever remain students, and be an honor to their profession. The paper was an index of the man who gave it.

There were 25 members present. The meetings of the society are adjourned till the first Thursday of the summer session.

### McG. U. A. A. A.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the McG. U. A. A. A., held in No. 1 Class Room, Arts Building, on the evening of Monday, the 1st inst., it was decided to adopt the scheme of affiliation as presented by the joint committees of the Association, Football and Hockey Clubs, represented respectively by Messrs. Springrie and Weir, Palmer and Patton, and Swaby and Hamilton.

The main points of the agreement are, that the Association shall have the power to collect the subscriptions of the various clubs, assuring them a certain yearly amount, with a contingent addition, and that a Finance Committee is to have charge of the disbursement of funds. Some of the minor points evoked discussion, but the feeling of the meeting was evidently in favor of a move which is clearly for the advancement of the athletic interests of the University.

### UNDERGRADUATES' LITERARY SOCIETY.

The last meeting for the session of this society was held on Friday, March 5th, Mr. N. P. Yates, President, in the chair. Mr. McQuat was appointed critic for the evening. Mr. F. Topp, seconded by Mr. McQuat, moved that a notice of the society, together with a list of its present officers, be sent to the authorities for insertion in the calendar. It was moved to amend this by striking out the list of officers;—lost. The motion was put and carried.

The essayist of the evening, Mr. J. Naismith, was unfortunately compelled to be absent, but Mr. Lindsay