

The speeches were by no means the least interesting part of the programme. We must congratulate the members of the First Year upon their powers of oratory. Several of the toasts were decidedly original, among them:—"The Calendar,"—"I am Sir Oracle, and when I ope my lips let no dog bark," proposed by Miss Shaw in a most amusing manner. Miss Holden responded with witty remarks at the expense of the calendar. Miss Young proposed a toast to the Queen:—"I would applaud thee to the very echo that should applaud again." Miss Cameron replied in a patriotic speech, and in an equally loyal manner, to "McGill." The representatives from the other Years were Miss Ogilvy, Miss Watson and Miss Hammond, who expressed the good wishes of their classmates, and wished Arts '97 every success throughout their college career. "The benevolent junior" gave some good advice, which we hope was appreciated. Great amusement was caused by the following quotations:—"What man dares I dare," for the Second Year, and "How fresh and green we are," First Year.

After a toast to the President, all gathered round the piano, and a pleasant half-hour was spent in singing college songs, closing with God Save the Queen, as the inexorable gong demanded our attention elsewhere.

LEAVES FROM A FRESHMAN'S DIARY.

MONDAY.

Work very pressing, but a due regard for that precious jewel Health has always restrained me from excesses, and I trust ever shall. Moreover, I was not made for the drudgery of tasks. The poetic fire burns within me.

Mem.—To tell my mathematical professor that I do not possess the geometric faculty. He seems to expect deductions of me. How little discernment have these men whose brains are but masses of fact!

TUESDAY.

Have been told that I lack accuracy. Never. Let me transcribe what I have even now been studying. It has been a blow to my childish belief—but truth, truth before all—"Siren,—a genus of pennibranchiate batrachia, of eel like form, but having two small weak limbs on the fore part of the body. Each foot has four toes. The vertebræ of the tail are compressed and gradually diminish in size to its tip."

Wonderful light does science shed on Mythology.

FRIDAY.

To make a speech in public:—How shall I ever do it? Away my books. How bring the thoughts to ordinary work at such a time?

MONDAY.

The great day is over. Our luncheon has been called a success and my speech was applauded! Back now to the commonplaces of Virgil and Molière.

WEDNESDAY.

Resolved to work more steadily. Frivolities must be given up. Four afternoon teas a week, Saturdays excepted, shall be my meagre allowance. Two hours daily at the rink will hardly keep this body in health; but what of that, the mind is the gainer.

THURSDAY.

Did I write the above? Oh, fond and foolish dreamer! Let me regret such words and cheat the ready physician. This night let my phrase-book languish while my feet tap waxed floor. The hour is here. Away!

ARTS NOTES.

Those who had entertained the most sanguine expectations respecting the Arts Conversazione were wholly satisfied with the result. The experiment was in every respect a decided success, such a success, indeed, that it looks as though the Faculty Dinner of the Artsmen were a thing of the past. Everybody, even the Freshmen, notwithstanding the fact that some of the young ladies were cruel enough to refuse to accept their apologies for failing to "turn up" for the first promenade, passed a most enjoyable evening. The greatest praise is due to the committee who labored so faithfully and so successfully to have the arrangements perfect.

We have received a note asking us to warn the fair damsels, who greeted the class in Elocution with a shower of chalk the other day, of the danger of such an act of hostility.

The following advice may be taken to heart by some of our Freshmen: Honor thy professor in the days of thy youth, that thou mayest be solid in thy Senior year.

At a meeting held on Wednesday, Feb. 21st, the Artsmen passed a resolution endorsing the memo, submitted to the Students in the different Faculties by the Athletic Association. There is every prospect that the new basis of government suggested by the Association will be adopted by the University next session.

Who says the fashions are not changing? Why! a Freshy was seen actually parading our classic halls with his lily-white hands in a muff.

Notman took a photograph of the reading-room committee on Saturday last.

The men attending the classes at the Gymnasium who are going to compete for the medals at the end of the session have been formed into a special class. It is expected that the contest will be exceptionally close, as the class includes some of the best trained men McGill has turned out for years.

Several of the Class of '95 made collections of plants during last summer's vacation. Three or four of these collections have been entered for the prize offered for such work. The announcement of the award will be awaited with much interest, for all the collections entered are unusually large and have been prepared with special care.

The Literary Society expect a treat on the 2nd inst. No one should fail to hear Prof. Lafleur's lecture.

The Students of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Years at a recent meeting passed a resolution, in which they declared their hearty approval of the stand taken by the 4th Year in the Valedictory affair.

The annual scrap between Arts and Science of '97 was nothing to that of the past week. It is to be deplored that these scraps have been somewhat frequent of late, for much valuable time is thus lost.

We are pleased to hear very gratifying reports from another of our affiliated colleges. St. Francis College, Richmond, under the wise rule of its able and popular Principal, Rev. Mr. Tanner, is having a very prosperous session this year. There are no less than nineteen undergraduates—three in the second year and sixteen in the first year—besides a large number of students in