

GENERAL.

We congratulate Queen's College upon the accession which they have received in the person of Prof. D. H. Marshall, M.A., F.R.S.C. He succeeds Dr. Williamson as teacher of Physics. We thank the *Journal* for its kindly notice of our reappearance in the College World.

The Faculty of Arts in Dalhousie College also welcomes a new professor this year, J. G. Schurman, M.A.

We were surprised to see by the *College Times* that the *Varsity* has now passed from the control of the Undergraduates, and is being managed mainly by graduates of Toronto University. This accounts in some sort for the rather one-sided report of the football match with McGill, which appeared in the issue of that paper of 11th November, to which, however, we do not think it worth our while to refer at greater length.

Harvard. It has been decided to establish a department of Veterinary Surgery soon. The Co-operative Society now has a membership of more than seven hundred. In the game with Dartmouth, Harvard won by a score of 4 goals and 19 touchdowns to 0. Harvard also defeated Columbia by 2 goals and 4 touchdowns to 0.

"At Yale College the other morning, while Professor Barbour was writing in his room in North College, a pistol ball whizzed through the window and close to his head, striking a large Hebrew Bible on the shelves opposite him. It had been fired by some students who were pursuing an escaped squirrel across the campus." A close shave, Prof. Barbour.

The donations to American Colleges amounted in 1877 to \$1,274,000; in 1878 to \$3,103,289; in 1879 to \$5,149,810; while in 1880 it is estimated that the amount has reached \$20,000,000.

Professor Virchow, Professor in Pathological Anatomy in the University of Berlin, and Director of the Pathological Institute, is reported dangerously ill.

We have received the following:—*The Varsity, The Dalhousie Gazette, Rouge & Noir, The Crimian, The College Times, The Harvard Advocate, The Queen's College Journal, The Spectator, The Educational Record, The Presbyterian College Journal.*

Between the Lectures.

"Come and take tea at the Warley."

The Freshman Med now mutters in his sleep, Pent-and-dria Mono-gaenia. The Czar of Russia attempted to negotiate a loan, but it was a failure. He could offer no personal security.

The Freshman O'Rafferty thinks that much of the destitution in Ireland is due partly to the poverty-stricken condition of the people. This is an entirely new view of the Irish situation.

THE NEWEST ARITHMETIC.—A smart Freshman going up for Xmas examinations, writes trigonometrical formulæ on his finger nails, and puts a solid geometry up his sleeve. He is caught by his Professor and "plucked" for "cribbing." Is his "smartness" a success? And what does he tell the old man when he goes home for the Xmas holidays?

A STUDENT hires a room for ten dollars per month and burns sixteen dollars worth of gas. What profit does his landlady make, and where does the student go, when, on account of his "gas" his landlady puts him out?

A MEDICAL STUDENT caused the death of two men by prescribing perchloride of mercury instead of calomel. Find the "med's" chances of getting to Heaven, and if he does get it, what proportion of law students does he find there?

THE AVERAGE BANK CLERK is five feet six inches in height, his coat is three inches longer than his vest. Find what proportion of his stature is above and what below his coat; and how much does his tailor gain by the absurd coat being cut on the "Seymour" pattern, sold on credit with poor prospects of pay?

A MAX pays fifteen dollars for a shot gun, one dollar and forty cents for powder and sixty cents for shot, he goes a hunting and spends two days' time alls into the river and loses his hat and pocket book, and on his way home buys a brace of ducks at the market for fifty cents. Find what ducks are worth per brace, and how many lies does he tell his friends about his expedition?

It would appear that the prize offered by the *University Gazette* for the best poem is likely to call forth quite an array of competitors. A well known Freshman in the Science of Æsculapius thirsting for fame in the literary world, and with an eye to the ten dollars, has evolved a poem entitled "The Freshman's Lament," of which the following is one of the stanzas. The author writes over the *nom de plume* of Moses V., and is confident that his effusion will secure both of the above named objects:—

Next Dr. Osler lectures on the Institutes*

Of Medicine from the head right down to the boots.

He illustrates his words with a bloody sheep's head.

To the Student of Medicine, the Med, the Med.

* We presume this is meant to be pronounced after the American fashion in order to rhyme with boots.—Eds.

Dr. Dosem, an Austin physician, was called on to attend old Uncle Moses, who drives a dray "You have been gorging yourself with green water-melons for dinner," said the physician, feeling the patient's pulse. "How de debil did yer find dat out—by feelin' my puluses?" "No, but by

seeing the watermelon rinds under the bed." Said the old man, raising himself up in bed, "You am de knowinist man in Austin. Heah, old 'oman, take dat ole harness from under de bed, or dis heah medicinal gem-man am gwine to treat me for eatin' a mule for dessert to settle my stomach. I ain't teched a watermillin in foah weeks."—*Tex-is Siftings.*

OSCULATION.

Our reporter having in view the Medico-legal difficulty which crops up occasionally in breach of promise cases, has been interviewing some of the highest medical authorities in McGill on this important question. What constitutes a kiss? Among the many varied answers received to the question what is a kiss, we select the following as of probable interest to some of our undergraduate readers:

"Only a contraction of the orbicularis oris muscle."

"The union of two bold incisions by first intention."

"A facial presentation."

"Cataplasma labii rubri." "An excellent rubefacient stimulant, contra-indicated in pyralism and Chydophobia."

"I'll leave that question to homoeopathy."

"An experiment for bus-muth that with an incautious experimenter is apt to bring ire-on."

"Another capit-l gross mistake."

"Includes inspection, palpitation and bin-oral osculation."

"An operation best performed antiseptically."

"The most ancient method of demonstrating the surface marking for the incision of the facial artery."

"The nicest method for extracting an amyolytic ferment I ever tried."

A well-known practitioner surprised us with the following poetical effusion, which, however, is useless for our purpose, as it is not sufficiently technical:

"There is something in a kiss, though we cannot quite reveal it,

It seldom comes amiss, though we often steal it;

We cannot taste a kiss, and I'm sure we cannot view it,

And yet there is a bliss communicated through it."

Finally Cook was asked the question, and said: "It is nothing but tickle-r."

Personals.

BENJ. W. BURLAND, M. D., '82, has his shingle out in Mineville, N. Y. DR. A. R. McDONALD (Texas) '82, has opened his valise in Edson Centre, Wisconsin.

MCLEAN, medicine, '83, who has been confined to his room for some days with erysipelas, is better, and able to be about again.

KENNETH A. J. MCKENZIE and H. E. HEYD, both '81, medicine, have returned from Europe and intend practising in the Western States.

ALAS !!! HALDIMAND has gone! Farewell to the hopes of the medical tug of war team for '83. Porteous is in his tears, and will not be comforted. The Glee Club bids a natural death. Locks of his hair may be had from the janitor.

MCKENZIE CATTANACH, M.D., '82, was in the city the other day. He has been at his home in Glengarry since his return from Edinburgh where he received the degree of L. R. C. P. He will take Horace Greeley's advice "go West, young man," after the holidays.

We deeply sympathize with two of our students, MESSRS. J. W. MOFFAT, of the Gazette Editorial Committee, and J. MCKENZIE, who have for some time been rostrated with typhoid fever. The disease in both cases has turned for the better. We trust they will soon be entirely restored to health and enabled to resume their studies.

We have received from MR. H. M. AMI, B.A. '83, a neat pamphlet on "The Utica Slate Formation," which he has lately published in Ottawa. It is short but well written, and cannot fail to be interesting to students of geology. We congratulate Mr. Ami, who is at present engaged in the Geological Survey of Canada, upon his early entrance into the literary arena.

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WHAT WAS IT?

To the Editors of the MCGILL GAZETTE.

SIRS,—

At Dr. Dawson's lecture on the "Geology of Bible Lands," given on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 15th, there appeared, in one of the back benches of the lecture-room, a strange and uncouth creature. This being, whether human, beast, or ghou, seemed to be possessed of a certain kind of boldness; for it sauntered carelessly into the room, and took up its position in the end of one of the seats, to the evident discomfort of those who were unfortunate enough to be in that vicinity. The thing was hideous to behold. It seemed to have the power of drawing its body into extremely ugly and contorted shapes; while from a huge cavernous opening, evidently intended for a mouth, on one side of its shapeless head, there issued volumes of dense black poisonous smoke, which seemed to suggest the Plutonic regions as the place of its origin. What it was, how it came, and what inclined it towards the Redpath Museum on that day, are questions which, in all likelihood, will ever remain unanswered. But it may be imagined that, could the creature be captured, science, as now understood,