

TO A CANARY.

Sweet singer in the foliaged fern,
 You have no scales and chords to learn,
 No finger exercises you
 Require to make your music true;
 And yet, in all those warbled trills,
 That, rising round the rippling rills,
 Are making melodies around,
 No dull discordant notes are found.
 In spite of all Cecilia's throes,
 Our sweetest songs are sung by those
 That, warbling with melodious throats,
 Would imitate your trills and notes
 Why should I waste in silent woe!
 Angels above, and birds below,
 Are singing songs of love for me,
 Then let me sing, sweet Love, for thee.

ITEMS.

- Snow Shoe Club tramps to Prendergast's to-night.
- The Snow Shoe Club are to have a steeple-chase over the mountain.
- Messrs. Sutherland and McKenzie are to read papers at the McGill Medical Society this evening.
- An Oxford graduate thinks "Keeping ah dwam shop in Canahda just now, must be wiskey business."
- In the hockey match this morning Arts vs. Law and Science, the latter were victorious by one goal.
- The return match with the Montreal will take place some evening next week, Saturday night most likely.
- A goat gravely walked into our worthy Professor of Anatomy's Lecture room the other morning; how he came, or who brought him, has never transpired.
- The atmosphere of the College yesterday afternoon betrayed the fact that the freshman class had been initiated into the properties of hydric sulphide.
- We understand that the Committee of Reception have decided on a programme for Wednesday, but it has not as yet been posted. Mr. F. Torrance('78) is spoken of as the one who will present the bouquet to Lady Dufferin.
- The following dialogue recently took place at one of our large skating rinks between a young lady and a Freshman who was endeavoring to initiate himself into her good graces:—
 "Don't you think the ice is very soft for skating, Miss?"
 "Well, no, I can't say I find it so soft as some other things."
 The Freshman still persisted:—"But isn't the weather very warm for the season of the year?"
 "Oh yes, it seems to bring the pumpkins out wonderfully well."
 Exit Freshman in serious consideration.

—A rural Freshmen, while standing innocently over one of the registers in the corridor, was heard telling a Soph the following: "I guess I'm goin' to have a fever, I feel such hot streaks runnin' up my legs."

CLIPPINGS.

Buy not the paper of thy college when thou can'st peruse it at the public library, for otherwise it might succeed, and not die, as is the rule of college enterprises."—*Ex.*

A circus clown was overheard conversing with the proprietor of a side show. "I hear you're going to marry?" said the clown. "Yes, sir! Fine girl, too, Nifty!" "Good looking, eh?" "Well, no, not exactly—but she's got fish scales all over her, and six fingers on one hand; and that's what I call a treasure."—*Puck.*

The Freshmen of this year are wonderful fellows. That one yclept "Demosthenes" was adjacent to a Junior lately. The Junior beginneth to spout French. "Parlez-vous Français, mon ami?" Demosthenes appropriated the remark, and, ignorant of French, demanded indignantly of the Junior, "Who are you swearing at?" The junior went on with, "Mais parlez-vous Français, monsieur?" The Freshman flamed up and exclaimed, "I want no more of your fooling. You'll come to an untimely end if you don't stop. Dye hear?" The Junior was astounded and abashed, and eventually he subsided.

LITIGATION.

DECLARATION.—The students of McGill University have at least the *corpore sano*.

—*Queen's College Journal.*
 PLEA.—If we have only the *corpore sano*, we fail to find in our Kingston contemporaries either the *corpore sano* or the *mens sana*.

—*University Gazette.*
 REPLICATION.—This exhibits the urgent necessity of making a bowing acquaintance with some elementary Latin Grammar a part of the education of a *Gazette* editor, whose ideas of cases are as mixed as his article.

—*Queen's College Journal.*
 ANSWER.—The expression "*corpore sano*" was transplanted bodily from the *Queen's College Journal* into the *University Gazette*. *Mens sana* was our own. Which of the two expressions is the more correct, and which of the two editorial staffs stands most in need of a bowing acquaintance with some elementary Latin Grammar.

—*University Gazette.*
 JUDGMENT.—We await with calmness the judgment of the public, which cannot fail to be that the latinity of the *University Gazette* is always correct, except when it is copied from the *Queen's College Journal*.