

been skating. They served us with most delectable refreshments—doubly welcome after our evening's sport. After a pleasant social hour, we sang "Toronto" with all the zest of an evening's skate, capped with delicious coffee. "Auld Lang Syne" followed, bringing to an end the first skating party in the annals of '08, it being, in the general verdict, such a success that a new adjective, denoting the highest excellence, must necessarily be coined, to be used in the superlative degree, in order adequately to describe it.

If the most creditable deeds of a class is to make good precedents, '08 may well smile the broad smile of self complacency.



### QUEEN'S HALL NOTES

A system of post boxes has been installed in Queen's Hall for the use of the students. They are ample for the most robust letter, and with oaken strength to resist the weightiest literary matter. At present they have not been assigned, and one resident undergraduate is still, they say, trying to make arrangements to rent a second box as an over-flow annex.

The members of a certain table in the dining hall, the other day toasted the senior at the head with the following ditty:

There was a young lady named Kate,  
At the head of the table she sate,  
And when she came late,  
Some one else had to do the carving.

Of course just now, the dance is the vital question at the Residence, and the daily increasing pile of regrets and acceptances a live issue. In our case it would not take a prophet's eye to describe the costumes of many of the ladies who will be present.



### EXCHANGES

In Glasgow University the students are beginning to work, in fact have been working for some time. Scotland is unfortunate in not having a study body consisting principally of geniuses in disguise. No respectable attendant at Toronto University can ever be surprised into admitting that he has, has had, or will have any intention of plugging. Our method is simple. We "are out every night," "seldom read a thing," or "have not started yet." Before the exams the muses reveal their knowledge to us by inspiration. Coffee time has not yet begun. Then the weary student may be seen posing before a still more weary audience (who understand him perfectly), narrating various stunts in the plugging and drinking hot coffee line. This period usually begins two or three weeks before exams, continues through them, when the coffee is changed for another beverage still more stimulating. In the library, he assumes a jaunty, indifferent air, talks considerably to his friends, and if he has occasion to need a book from the desk, he sneaks out with it, as though he had done something to be ashamed of.

"Plugging" is the most heinous offence in the student code. Here is a field of legislation for

the new Board of Control. The most severe penalties that could be inflicted on delinquents would meet with universal approval. Yet strange to say, in spite of this obvious neglect, most of us get through exams. Some even take first class. Perhaps our bracing climate makes our mental faculties nimble, or perhaps it has the same effect on our inventive powers. In plainer words either we are "deucedly clevah" or the unfortunate Ananias of Biblical fame has many imitators in the student body.

The "Manitoba College Journal" comes to hand well written, and interesting. To Eastern minds it is surprising that on the spot, where thirty years ago stood a few log huts, may now be seen a city with the nucleus of a great university. Manitoba College, like the whole Western country, has developed with remarkable rapidity. Already the most important faculties have a reputation, and the number of students in attendance shows that the Westerner is alive to the value of a good education.



VARSIITY, 9; MCGILL, 3

This score tells how Toronto brought the championship home with their third straight win. This is the first time since the formation of the League that the cup has left the East, McGill and Queen's holding it in turn. If our team wins on Saturday night here against Queen's, as they probably will, they will go through the season without a defeat.

McGill's team was weakened by Waugh's absence, who is sick, but was strengthened by Gilmour's presence on the forward line. Varsity played its regular team.

In the first half, the teams seemed about even. Neither was very strong on combination, trusting largely to individual rushes, which were not effective. It was in the second half that the Varsity team found itself, and put up a splendid exhibition, that simply paralyzed their opponents. Herb. Clarke and Davidson were particularly strong on their combined rushes. The play was hard and fast and not very rough, though at one time Hal Clarke, Martin and Southam were all off together. The team presented a funny appearance with Toms at point, Davidson at cover, and Herb. Clarke the whole forward line. Yet the McGill men could not score for they trusted to individual work.

The following account is from the "Montreal Star:"