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THE DEMONSTRATOR OF ANATOMY.

To the Editor of the Journal.

SIR.—When I came here last fall to enter upon the study of medicine I was very fresh indeed—I had many things to learn, and in many respects I had to be undeceived as to my preconceived notions. Let me give you an example. I saw in the calendar that there was in connection with the College a Demonstrator of Anatomy. I was told that the duties of this functionary were, to be present in the dissecting-room, to show the students how to dissect, to help them out of their difficulties, and to give them oral examinations upon what they had dissected. I was green enough to believe all this. I have been here now nearly four months, and, although I have been in the dissecting-room nearly every day, I have seen the Demonstrator there but once, and have never received any assistance or information from him. My case is the case of many others. These remarks do not apply to the student demonstrators. We all have received much kindly advice and valuable assistance from them. I suppose I am still very fresh, for I have come to the conclusion that the Demonstrator is merely an ornamental appendage to the College, whose duty and pleasure no doubt is to receive the fees of the students.

My reasons for asking you to publish this are that I may learn whether I have been correctly informed as to the Demonstrator's duties, and, if so, that he may be awakened to a sense of his duty; or that the Faculty may see the advisability of procuring another. FRESHMAN.

COLLEGE SERVICES.

THE College services, held in Convocation Hall every Sabbath afternoon, have been well tested, and though for a time they have excited considerable discussion, they now meet with the hearty approval of every student. It is scarcely worth noticing the animus manifested toward them by some of the clergy in the city and neighbourhood. Such intolerance might meet with favour in the days of the Inquisition or the Star Chamber, but cannot stand in the light of the religious liberty and Christian charity of this progressive age. The prime object of these services is to benefit the students, and in this respect they are meeting with abundant success, as the experience of scores of students will testify. The services of leading ministers in all denominations, who have sufficient Christian liberality to occupy a University platform, are being secured. In this way the pulpit talent of the land is brought before the students, and thus in a College course a student reaps all the advantages of having visited most of the leading cities and towns, and having heard distinguished preachers, without any of the expense. This system, too, prevents students who are looking forward to the

ministry themselves, from copying the style of any particular preacher. If one day a student becomes enthusiastic over the discourse and style of some eloquent speaker, and resolves to make him his model, in a short time he is presented with a totally different style of a man with whom he is equally delighted. Thus it goes on until the embryo preacher is forced to the conclusion, "*I must just be myself.*" Some have said that little spiritual benefit will accrue to the students from these sermons, inasmuch as they will listen to them as critics rather than as souls hungering for the Bread of Life. This is simply not true as a matter of fact, for students have testified over and over again to the spiritual blessings they have received through this or that or the other discourse. One can understand this who knows the Christian character of the sermons generally preached and most universally appreciated. They are not mere attempts at frothy oratory or gilded nothingness. On the contrary, they have, for the most part, been a clear and forcible exposition of the grand fundamental truths of religion—a personal God, a crucified and risen Saviour, and a life of faith. Is it any wonder, then, that students listening to such discourses should lay aside the proud spirit of criticism and assume the humble attitude of devout and earnest worshippers? These discourses, coming from men of all denominations, will do much to remove sectarian bigotry and narrowness, and thus hasten the day of universal brotherhood. We cannot have too much of that "sincere milk of the Word," by which we may grow to the fulness of the stature of Christian manhood.

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FOOT-BALL.

PERHAPS the only game that is played to any extent in our Canadian colleges and schools is foot-ball, and yet we feel that, although this is true, it is not indulged in with that vim and spirit which ought to characterize any amusement intended to develop the physique, and at the same time strengthen the bonds of friendship existing between students.

Although at this season foot-ball may appear out of place, yet is it not proper that we should endeavour, if possible, to excite more interest in the game, so that by the time the next foot-ball season opens we will feel that it is really worth while going at it in earnest, both for the physical good it may afford us, and because we have the reputation of our respective colleges to sustain.

In suggesting the following, we don't take to ourselves the credit of originating the idea of forming a "Dominion Intercollegiate Foot-Ball Association," although we may propose a somewhat different arrangement to that suggested by others who have hinted the advisability of forming such an organization. The plan we have to suggest is this, viz.: That an association be formed bearing the title mentioned above, to which all University, College and school clubs in the Dominion may be admitted on payment of an annual fee; that there be an eastern and western section of the association, the latter to include