

Societies.

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of this Society, in April last, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. Stewart; 1st Vice-President, M. C. McGannon; 2nd Vice-President, D. Corsan; Secretary, G. C. Stephens; Treasurer, T. A. D. Baird; Pathologist, R. H. Arthur. There has been a decided improvement in the meetings this year, both in point of numbers and the interest taken in them; and a large number of new members have joined the Society during the present term. The Society began its work this year under considerable financial difficulties, but it has again been placed on a good footing by the efforts of its members.

The following papers have been read before the Society: Gunshot Wounds; Mr. Darcy; Stricture of Urethra, Mr. McGannon; Complications of Typhoid Fever, Mr. Corsan. The following reports of cases: Case of Aortic Disease, Mr. McGannon; Case of Eryenia, Mr. Harkin; Case of Aortic Aneurism, Mr. Allan; Case of Rheumatism, Mr. Boggs.

THE HOCKEY CLUB.

The annual meeting of the McGill University Hockey Club was held in No. 1 Class room, Arts Building, on Monday, Nov. 24th at 8 p.m. There was a large attendance and the meeting was called to order by Mr. J. R. Roy, who occupied the presidential chair *en grande tenue*. After Mr. Cowie (3rd Sec.) had been elected secretary pro tem. Mr. Kerry as representing the old regime was called upon to read the general report for last year. The treasurer's report showed a total receipt of \$26.00, an expenditure of \$24.37 and a consequent surplus of \$1.63. With regard to matches the club played eight, winning six and losing two, one of which latter, as our readers will doubtless remember, was the disputed match with the Victorias. The report having been adopted the meeting proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year with the following result:—President, J. R. Roy; Sec. Treasurer, O. P. Brown, 3rd Science; Committee, Chalmers, 1st Med., Weir, 3rd Science. It was then decided to increase the number of the Committee by one, and Mr. Budden (4th Arts) was elected to fill the position. The meeting then adjourned. The new committee seems to be an enterprising one and the issue of a very artistic ticket appears to have had a good effect in attracting subscribers. The subscriptions are coming in rapidly and already \$10.00 more than the total of last year has been paid up. The Crystal Rink, whose width has been increased by four feet has been engaged for two practices a week and although the vacancies caused by the withdrawal of Craven, Ogilvie and Hutchison from college life will not easily be filled it must be remembered that Kinloch, an ex-captain, and one of McGill's most brilliant players, intends resuming play this year and that Elder is not the man to desert his college in extremity. Altogether, the McGill team runs no slight chance of winning a companion cup to that of 1883.

UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

There were several things about the meeting of this society, held on the 28th ult., which call for sharp criticism. In the first place, the number of members present was small—no unusual, but certainly a deplorable circumstance. The majority of the members have a pleasant habit of only presenting themselves when they are appointed to take part in the programme, and not always then. A little more consideration on the part of these gentlemen would not be out of place. On this occasion their absence was altogether too bad, for Mr. Brookes had gone to much trouble in preparing the carefully and agreeably written essay on "Mrs. Carlyle," which he read to the society. Here and there it betrayed some traces of conventionality, and the writer never attempted any very daring flights of style; but the whole essay was eminently pleasant and entertaining. Alas! that our praise must end here. The members appointed to lead the discussion upon the subject came up wholly unprepared, and made speeches which convinced the society of nothing so much as their ignorance of both the life and character of "Mrs. Carlyle." Being lawyers, their knowledge of this fact did not prevent them from speaking—very little about the subject, and much about various trifling side-issues that had been touched upon by the essayist. When the ramblings of these gentlemen were brought to a close, the chairman called upon a member who is noted in the society for his playful eccentricities, one consisting in his inability to speak to the point. On this occasion he entertained the society with a lengthy oration upon anti-nuptial contracts, some slight allusion to which had been made in the essay. Another pleasant peculiarity of this speaker is that soon after he has unburdened himself, he invariably remembers a most important engagement, and is obliged to leave the room—while some other member is speaking. This charming habit was not discarded at the meeting in question. Fortunately his exit was the last disagreeable incident of the evening, the remaining speakers adhering more or less to the main topic, and all having some knowledge whereof they spoke.

Lawt's of the Laval students have dis-gown-ted an old habit.

Why is the Undergraduates Literary Society like a clock nearly run down? Because Leither can evolve *poly-ticks*."

Why are McGill medical students like youthful camels? Because they *harken* not to the voice of their *elders* and *chew* another master of the feast.

Who was master in Shakespeare's house when the poet could exclaim to his spouse:—"Alas! *Ann hath a way of her own!*" While she could retort: "Yea, and a *Will* of her own too!"

MANY more students have given up *painting* for knickerbockers and no longer disguise their calves. This accounts for their *stocking* around tailor shops lately. The *breeches* in the party who dislike the costume are becoming greater.