

plete failure and must be abandoned. Even the students most interested are not willing to spend money every year in procuring apparatus for others to destroy. One suggests that we appeal for State Aid, and have our gymnasium under the control of the State. But in all earnestness, we believe that the students are willing to pay for the maintenance of a gymnasium, if it only were under the control of a governing body, having power to make regulations and to have them executed. We suggest therefore a plan similar to that adopted at McGill and other colleges, viz; that the Senate, before the beginning of next session, fit up a first-class gymnasium, provide an instructor, and then make each student pay a yearly fee of one or two dollars to be collected at the time of registration.

This plan would not only provide a good gymnasium for the boys who want one, but would do more than anything else to induce all the students to take regular healthful exercise, for each would say, "It's too bad for me to pay towards the support of this gymnasium every year, and get no good from it." We have stated the case thus fully, because we believe this to be a matter of very great importance.

**T**RAVELLERS, novelists and poets have found a theme for moralizing in the perpetual dash of the ocean's waves against the granite cliffs of certain sea coasts. To many of them such a scene is a picture which tells of energy that is fruitless and of mighty force that only ended in foam. But some, who have sailed along at the base of these rocks, and have noticed the many caverns which are seen above the water's edge, have found that the billows are doing a work which is as sure as it is slow. Give them a few centuries and the face of the cliff will be entirely changed. Those who persist in maintaining that Queen's is denomi-

national (and they are as numerous and as noisy as Mark Twain's Blue-jays,) are represented by the rocks. It is our duty to convince them of their error. If it is an error of ignorance, the task is easy; if it is an error of wilfulness, the task is appalling. But give us as you have given the waves a few centuries and in that time even upon those whose heads could easily crack a grindstone, some impression may possibly be made.

A woodpecker can tell with a single tap of his beak whether or not the tree is sound. When the tree is discovered to be sound the bird at once looks elsewhere for its meal. Unlike the woodpecker those who say we are denominational, when baffled at one point, with a spleen that is unaccountable turn to another. We would say to them, "Go to the woodpecker." Because an astronomer has a keen eye and a fine glass, it does not follow that he will discover a comet. There may be no comet. Because a dog is a good racer and has a keen scent, it does not follow that he will trace to its den a green-tailed fox. Granting that some of those who are opposed to Queen's are possessed of great ability, it does not follow that with all their ability they will be enabled to discover that Queen's is denominational. It may be that the Arts College of this University is entirely free from church control. The Marquis of Lorne has said that he was more of a Canadian than many who had never been out of Ontario. He certainly knows more of Queen's than many of the people of Ontario, not to say Quebec. When visiting Kingston and replying to the address presented to him by the College authorities, he said, "Gentlemen, I have one other cause for feeling a fellowship with you, and that is that I had the advantage for some time of being a student at a Scottish University, and in very much I trace points of resemblance between the system of your university and that which obtained at home, and especially