

means of cultivating true oratory as can be found. Be this as it may, we must say we feel considerably relieved at learning, on the undoubted authority of the *Nation*, that what we had been led to believe by the eulogies of our contemporaries as oratory of a high class, is nothing else than silly twaddle and inane gesticulation, and we have come to the conclusion that the modest efforts of our own debaters are perhaps infinitely more perfect specimens of the art persuasive than the spread-eagleism of the class of American colleges to which we have referred.

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THE Clinical class in the Montreal General Hospital is under many obligations to Dr. Molson, who has for some time past been out-door physician. Dr. Molson has many opportunities of seeing valuable cases while visiting the out-door patients, and these he invariably preserves for examination by the clinical class. It is not his especial duty to do anything for the students, who usually go through the wards themselves; but nevertheless, such is his generosity and his desire for the good of others, that he keeps a wary eye for all curiosities which fall in his way. During the last month this gentleman has put himself to no little inconvenience for the students, and we are sure that his efforts in their behalf have not been unnoticed by them.

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THERE is a certain practice in which the students of McGill indulge when in class which we think only worthy of boys in a High School. We allude to the extravagant manner in which they testify their appreciation, or otherwise, of anything that is not in the regular routine. If a Professor makes, or even attempts the mildest of jokes, or if he makes any remark out of the ordinary, he is greeted with a storm of applause, most of the students making as much disturbance as they possibly can with their feet and books.

It is excusable to some extent in the Freshmen, as they are not expected to be able to behave themselves as they should, and an allowance may be made for their verdancy, but it is a sad sight to see a "grave and reverent Senior" hammering away with the heel of his boots, simply because the Professor has said something which bears a distant resemblance to a joke. It would be some consolation to observe some small improvement in the students in this respect as the class grows older, but we fail to detect any, and declare that the Seniors are as bad as the Freshmen, and make somewhat more row on account of their three years' practice in the art. Cannot some more gentlemanly way be devised by the students in which to make known their feelings than this? We certainly think there can, but if not, it would be better to have no demonstration at all, rather than act in the way they usually do.

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As yet nothing seems to have been done by the committee appointed to arrange for the Founder's Festival, and so far as appearances go, their delinquency is being kindly looked over by the students generally. Save the enquiries of a few wondering Freshmen, whose minds, before they came among us, were filled with stories of the exquisite music and bounteous repast to be found at this annual event, nothing is heard which would seem to show a universal wish for its speedy celebration. We do not think, however, that it is the intention of the committee to let this institution fall, like the Glee Club, into abeyance. The reason given for its postponement from the beginning of November until after Christmas was, that if this were done, our new Governor-General, the Visitor of the University, and his royal bride, would be able to honour it with their presence. The death of the Princess Alice prevents their Excellencies from accepting such an invitation until next month at the earliest,