

health was one woman to three men. The President declares that the girls improve in health while at the university. He adds: "A young woman who withdraws herself from society, and gives herself judiciously to a college course, is far better circumstanced in reference to health than the majority of her sex."

At other co-educational institutions the records of the health of the young women compare favorably with those of the young men. Indeed, I believe that college life presents fewer risks to the girl than to the boy, inasmuch as in her case there is not the danger of being led into dissipation which so often with the latter prove disastrous to health as well as to morals and intellectual growth. With her, freedom from social exactions, regular habits, and enforced exercise (out-of-doors and in gymnasium), improved modes of dress, simple diet, the mental stimulus of her work, all tend to produce the combination, "a woman physically strong and mentally well balanced"—the kind of woman needed, wished for, hoped for, in every department of life.

### Correspondence.

*To the Editors University Gazette.*

DEAR SIRS,—Possibly the slight delay in the matter of the proposed Y.M.C.A. building has led some to think that the project has been dropped. This is not the case, however, as such arrangements have been made by the Building Committee, with the Committee of the Board of Governors, that the scheme can now be pushed rapidly forward. The Y.M.C.A. Hall will be built in connection with other buildings, such as a dining hall and a gymnasium, which will be placed on the ground lying between the east wing of the main building and the reservoir, and west of the medical college. It will be at the south end of this large combined building, separated from it by a wall, as in a terrace, and having its own entrance and basement. In the basement will be a good athletic dressing room, with baths: on the first floor a parlor and reading room; on the second floor a general meeting hall, and one or two small rooms for Bible classes and prayer meetings. The use of these rooms will not by any means be confined to members of the Association, but will be open to every member of the University; and will attempt to meet several of our wants, such as that of a proper dressing room for football and other sports, a pleasant social room for recreation, and a headquarters of Christian activity in the College.

This building will cost about ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). One thousand of this has been already subscribed by students. The ground waits for us, while we are getting the remaining nine thousand. If students will during the summer represent to their friends the claims of this effort, another thousand can easily be raised by them. As this project has been so enthusiastically taken hold of by the students themselves, the sympathy and support of graduates and friends of the University may reasonably be expected. Let a friend of McGill give a round ten thousand, and not only commemorate his generosity, but also help many a generation of McGill men in the years to come.

If a larger sum, such as \$25,000 can be raised, a finer and more serviceable building can be erected, probably on a better site.

Men in the junior years, if they do their duty, may expect to enjoy the advantages of this College fireside during their course. Some of us who will not be so fortunate commit our share to their hands, that they may carry the idea to its complete realization.

As the session is now well advanced, little more can be done than to make every preparation for a thorough canvass next fall.

Hoping that we shall receive the cordial support of the GAZETTE,

I am, yours sincerely,

JOS. K. UNSWORTH.

MONTREAL, March 9th, 1887.

## NOTICE.

### Graduates' Society

—OF—

MCGILL UNIVERSITY.



### Prize Competition for the Best Poem on the Queen's Jubilee.

A Prize of Fifty Dollars will be given by the Graduates' Society of McGill University for the best Poem on the Queen's Jubilee, to be read at the annual University Dinner on the 30th April, 1887.

The following Rules will govern:

1. The competition shall be open to any British Subject residing in Canada or elsewhere.
2. All manuscripts are to be addressed to the Secretary of the Graduates' Society, University Club, 8 University Street, and must be in his hands on or before the 15th April, 1887.
3. The writer's name must not appear on any part of the manuscript. Each manuscript must have a motto, which must also appear on the outside of a sealed envelope containing the writer's name and address.
4. The Judges will be Professor Moyse, Samuel E. Dawson, Esq., and Rev. Canon Norman, and their decision shall be final. The prize will be given only in case the Judges report that some one of the poems submitted is of sufficient merit to justify its being awarded.
5. All manuscripts shall belong to the Society, which reserves the right, besides that of reading the successful poem at the Annual University Dinner, of publishing the successful or any or all of the poems. No manuscript will therefore be returned.

ARCH. MCGOUN, JR.,

President.

WILFRID SKIFF,

Acting Secretary.

MONTREAL, 26th February, 1887.