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## Editorial.

He season of wet snow is upon us, and the High School boys are, we find, just as accurate at snow-ball throwing as they were last year-which is saying a good deal. Snow-balling is great fun for the boys. McGill men, however, would prefer that the nuisance be stopped. To be pelted from the rear by four or five fourteen-year-old boys is enough to "rile" even the best tempered, and occasionally a boy gets a diubbing. "Tom" does his best, but can not be in all parts of the avenue at the same time. The boys should not be pernitted to make a thoroughfare of the grounds.
i, that mud! At the time of writing the streets are all muddy, and wet, and filthy, but what worries us more than anything else is that fiftecn-foot patch of mud near the

Avenuc House on McGill Coilege avenue. To think of the hundreds of MigGill men and women who have waded through that quagmire in the past week or two, not to mention ordinary passers-by, who, we presume, also object to mud. If only some alderman had to pass that way on his way to business, then the Road Department might provide the necessary three or four planks across that obnoxious lane entrance.
10.0 INTER is almost upon us, and Christmas examinations are looming in the alarmingly near future; let us hope that the feverish cramming for the coming ordeal will not lessen the interest and assistance we give to the Skating Ciub. The campus makes an ideal rink, and the membership this year ought to be a large one; for the cost of maintaining such
rinks as ours is necessarily heavy. It is to be hoped that this year the distance between the dressing rooms and the ice will be as short as possible.

To the students, we would say "join the rink, and skate every spare minute you have; if you don't know how, you will never have a finer chance to learn; if you are a good skater, you can keep up practice and gain the health and strength which are just as needful for a successful college career as the studying of ponderous books. Moreover, the skating rink is the place to develop College spirit, and make acquaintance with other students.

Whope that the Committec of the '99 Annual is meeting with generous assistance in disposing of the remaining numbers of the finest possible sonveuir of College life. Jivery student should own one.

Whave reason to believe that the question of a new gymnasium worthy of a University like McGill is one not yet dead in College politics.
In recent years some effort has been made by those more decply intercsted to raise a fund among the students which would be supplemented from time to time by the new men en:ering the l-niversity. By this means it was hoped that the fund would swell to a sufficient magnitude to warrant the crection of a suitable
gymanasium within a few years. However, while the students heartily supported the undertaking at the time, and several hundred dollars were subscribed, yet none of these subscriptions were collected; no doubt, because no one felt himself justified in doing so.

The present moment would seem most opportune for again introducing the subject in I practical way for the consideration and sup. port of the Undergraduates. In the recent football match with 'Varsity at Toronto, newspaper critics drew attention to the fact that, while the College teans were equally matched as to weight and speed, the former team won the game through superior physical condition and training, acquired by thorough gymnasium practice.

Might we, therefore, suggest as the most likely solution of the problem, that each Faculty at an early date elect two Representatives who shall form a committec to collect moneys for a gymnasium fund, and keep the idea of a new Collcge gymnasium prominently before the students. This Committec hercafter might be elected annually in the autumn of each year, and we feel certain that, if the students show by such action and by the support which they give in the way of subscriptions to a Committee thus appointed that they really want a gymnasium, that one of our many benefactors will come to their assistance and substantially aid them in carrying out the project.

## NOTICES.

Ungergraduates' Literary Socicty.-Next meeting, liriday, Nov. 25th.

Debate: Resolved that the policy of the open door in China is to Great Britain's advantage.

## McGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Debate: That a l'rovincial Medical Licensing Board is preferable to a Dominion one.

Affirmative: J. E. Craig, IV. S. Galbraith.
Negative: J. R. O'Brien, B.A., D. M. Lineham.
The usual meeting of the Psychological Socicty has been postponed until Wednesday evening, the 30th inst.

## ContriButions.

THE BICYCLE AND RIDING IT.
Of all vertebrate land animals, except a few which are averse to travelling, man is most poorly endowed with natural means of locomotion, albeit his wishes and needs in that direction are peculiar. His brain and hand had to help his feeble legs, and his first step outward from the woods was to catch the horse, to which he has clung ever since, as if he really believed the two animals were once one, sundered by some mischievous convulsion. He swims, rows, sails, steams and does not yet abandon hopes of flying, nor has he entirely omitted to tie appendices directly to his feet. He slides on long runners in Norway, he skates in all cold climates, and it is not long since some would-be mercurial inventor produced an absurd thing called a pedo-motor, almost identical with the roller-skate, by which the user was to skate along ordinary ground. But his best achievement in extending his natural locomotive facilitics is by retaining the vehicle and letting the horse go, beconing himself freight, engine and rudder, and now that the machine by which this is effected, after having been made common in Great Britain, has grown into use here, some account of its structure and capabilities will be of interest.
John Keats, that sensitive unfortunate whom Byron had in mind in penning the couplet:
"Strange that the soul, that very fiery particle, Should let itself be suuffed out by an article,"
hardly took much note of athletic sports. Yet Milnes' "Life and Letters of John Keats" contains a paragraph of his, about ISIS, describing the new velocipede thus:
"It is a whel-carriage, to ride cock-horse upon, sitting astride and pushing it along with the toes, a rudder-whacel in the hand. They will go seren miles ant hour. A handsome gelding zuill cost eight guineas: however, they zuill soon bc cheaper, whless the army take to them."

This "cock-horse," perhaps the same that Mother Goose directs us to ride to Banbury Cross under the inadequate inducement that by so doing we "may see an old woman ride on a white horse," was called the "Draisine." It was simply two wheels tandem connected by a yoke, on which sat the rider astride, shoving himself along by his feet upon the ground. After acquiring a little momentum, he could lift his feet and go until it was spent, and he could slide swiftly down hills; this was all the gain
attained, and yet the machine was a wonderful thing in its day, nigh 70 years ago. In 1865 the velocipede appeared in France and about 1869 on this side of the Atlantic. To recall the furor it created is unnecessary, a volume then published said that "the machines now in "use are so radicaily different from those of "fifty years ago, so perfect in propelling power, "so easy to ride, so swift of motion, so useful as a "means of conveyance that it seems impossible "for history to repeat itself with regard to the "present mania."

Yet history did do precisely the thing then deemed impossible, and the machines into the limbn of past inutilities. If now the incredulous reader, whose attention is challenged by the bicycle, asks what guarantee he has that this machine is more than a temporary experiment, let him consider the force of these facts: In England more than three hundred different styles of bicycles are produced by makers who have invested thousands of pounds in machiney, paying hundreds of pounds weekly to operatives. There are over 250 clubs having over 7,000 members. In the United States the machine has won favor from Maine to Oregon, and American bicycles are shipped from Boston to Mexico. In New Zealand and, Australia the machine is making its way, and, as we know, its rapid development in Canada is marvellous. The most skeptical must accept these facts as conclusive in favor of the bicycle, or else conclude that the thousands who use it are mistaken or are banded solemnly to deceive the rest of mankind. Granting hat essential differences exist between it andthe old "bone-shaker," the question is: What are they? Each machine has two wheele of unequal size, tandem, connected by a yoke astride which the rider sits, as in the draisine, the front wheel being turned by the feet and guided by a T handle, but here the resemblances end. The old machine had ordinary wooden carriage wheels with a flat iron tire, the remaining parts being mostly of wrought iron; the bicycle has "spider" wheels, spokes of steel wire, a thick round rubber tire, is entirely of metal, is much lighter, stiffer and yet more springy than the old machine, and is much more accurately built. Its front wheel averages about 15 inches larger than the "bone-shaker's," giving about 4 fect more distance for cach revolution. These difficrences bring the rider's seat just behind the axle of the front whecl, instead of over the
front edge of the back wheel, and pactically make a new machine, the action of the legs being nearly vertical, almost as in walking, instead of being a forward thrust as in rowing.

The velocipede was found ueeless, because this forward thrust was wearisome and dangerous to health. The machine was also hard to steer, because the feet pushed directly against the wheel, tending to throw it around, so that it had to be held by each hand alternately against the feet; steering, therefore, required constant holding of the hands, whereas the bicycle may be ridden for a considerable distance by an unaccomplished ri:'cr with his arms folded or his hands in his pockets. But this was not the worst trouble for the old machine, although readily movable on any very smooth and hard surface required on any roughish or softish one, more power than resides in the human body, and hence was utterly useless on ordinary roads. This fact resulted from two causes, mainly from the rider's too-far-back position. Every oarsman knows by experience how enormously harder it is to drag after him a moderate load floating in the water than to carry a heavier one in his boat; the same principle applied to the velocipede, which carried more than one-half the rider's weight on the back wheel, this back-drag being increased by the thrust of the feet and still further increased when an attempt was made to ascend an incline. The weight was thus mainly behind, while the power was applied to the front wheel, so that the rider, in a practical sense, had to drag himself along behind himself. The other hindrance was that he could derive no help or propulsion from his own weight, Whereas, the bicycle rider is able to convert, paradoxically, his weight into a good part of the power he needs for turning the wheel under him.

The differences in construction between the abandoned and the successful machine, therefore, are not merely in such details as affect lightness. Strength, comfort and beauty, but make the latter practical and efficient where the former failed-on ordinary roads. The old one might be available on hills and special tracks; the modern one is in the thorough and useful sense a roadster.

## " OUR GERMAN IETTERR."

The difference between German schools and English schools is at least as great as between the language or the food of the two countries, and it is therefore impossible in a short letter to give a full description of a German scitool. All I can hope to
do is to pick out a few of the details in which German ideas differ from English.

The school hours in the morning are from 7 to ir in the summer, and from $S$ to 12 in the winter, and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. As to the course of work and subjects taught, 1 shall say notiing for, firstly, it would probilly not interest my readers, and in the secund phace it varies greally in different furms as in the different classes of schools.

In the middle of the morning there is an interval of a quarter of an hom, when all the boys are turaed out of the classroom to take a turn in the open air if not raining. The first few minutes are occupied with " lirulistuck" or lunch, which they bring with them from home, and which consists almost invariably of black bread and butter and slices of the inevitable "Whurof" or sausage-" Wurst " hulding in Germany the position which bacou does in the rural imas of England. The small boys help their digestion by rumming about white the elder ones stroll about in twos and theces in a dignified manner befitting their years; they have been known to stroll over the hedge into their neighbours' gardens and to find some dificulty in geting out, but this is a form of exercise not recognised by the school authorities. At the end of morning school everyone goes straight home to the $1: . j 0$ dinner, from which they return only at 2 . Afte: 4 they again disperse, but in the summer they zos:etally go off to one or other of the bathing phaces in the river, where they amuse themselves very much as English boys do in their swimming baths. The river-and in the town I was speaking of there was a good boating river-is little used except for bathing purposes; and if you ask a fellow to come out and row with you, he generally finds he has a pressing engagement.
The behaviour of masters is, in English eyes, rather eccentric at times. For instance, I have known a master stretcl) himself at full length on the desk berore the class, and weep copiously because the Latin exercises of his small boys had been badly done; whereas, the weeping in England, if any, is done by the other side! Wednesdays and Saturdays are, as with us, the regular halfholidays, but there are often at times what are known as "heat" holidays in the afternoon when the thermometer goes up to so much in the shade; and once or twice in the summer each form goes out on an expedition with its form-master for the day, or even lasting three days. Preparation takes up the greater part of the evening, and the holiday's are only about 10 weeks in the year, 4 of which form the long holidays in the summer; the rest are divided, a formight at a time. In Germany there is a law that all sloould serve in the army for three years, but those who pass a certain standard in the school, viz., into the second form from the top, receive a certificate, by holding which they have the right of serving only one year. If one has to serve three years, one does not hold any position in society. Gymnastics are compulsory for everyone two hours in the week; the details would be difficult to c.splain, but, roughly speaking, they are taught by the top fellows in the school under the supervision of the form-master. Out of school hours the beer-houses are the great
resort of the upper school, upon whom, however, there are some slight restrictions hid. Thus boys below the first and highest class are allowed to go only to certain fixed places, which are chosen, moreover, in the furthest and therefore most inconvenient parts of the town. The first class is not so restricted, but form a "Verin " or club, choosing generally some special house at which they meet to play billiards and skittles, to sing, and generally make a "good old noise," and drink numberless glasses of beer, the minimum for a sitting being about 5 pints a head; absent members, being some who have left the school, send greeting, by posteards, and their healths are drunk to an accompaniment of thumpings and " hocks" (the German "hurrah").

But, it may be asked, "When are you coming to a description of the school games and school life?" The answer to this is simple; you cannot describe
the non-existent. There are no national games of any kind, though the small boys amuse themselves with what corresponds to English "rounders," etc., but among the elder boys gymuatics, walks to the country beerhouses, swimming, billiards and skittles are the only forms of exercise, if indeed the two latter can be called exercise at all. So, too, as regards life in boarding houses; it cannot be described, for there are no boarding schoois, at least in the town I am describing, and all the boys live at home, walking or coming in by train every morning. There is another form of amusement in vogue at the Universities, but this does not exist in schools-the amusement of duelling, or cutting each other's face about, but for a description of this pastime I will only refer your readers to Mark Twain's "Tramp Abroad," or any other recognised authority on German life and customs. - The Droghciean.

## Correspondence.

Montreal, Nov. inth, i8g8.

## To the Editors,

It was with a great deal of interest that I read in the Outiook an article setting forth the advantages and disadvantages of the medal system as in vogue at McGill. In my mind, and in the minds of many Graduates, there is no doubt whatever as to the advisability, as well as the desirability, of doing away with the medals at present given in the various Honour couses at McGill. That this would be for the best interests of the College must be clear to anjone who examines the matter in an impartial way. The awarding of a medal to one member of a more or less numerous Hunour class necessarily creates an invidious comparison between the recipient of the medal and the unsuccessful candidates, which is generally not at all commensurate with their respective abilities. Then also the presence of a medal brings in an element of personal rivalry which should certainly not exist to such an extent in the University. These seem to me to be the great disadvantages of the medal system. The audvantages of it, if there are any, are of a very doubtful nature, and the ones referred to by the writer of the article in the Outlook can, I think, be shown to be fictitious ones.

1. There is no necessity whatever of a prize being given, or offered, to Students pursuing a course of special study for the B.A. degree-to obtain that degree should be sufficient incentive.
2. If a medal has to be held out, as a bribe, to Students intending to specialize, in order to make them do their best work, then the men and women who have taken, and are taking, the Honour courses at McGill must be, in great part, a race of medal hunters.
3. Tlas writer seems to me to be totally mistaken with regard to the influence the getting or not gelting a medal has one's future career. I maintain, and I speak from experience, that a graduate of McGill who has taken his or her B.A. degrec with first rank honours, whether medallist or not, will find his degree recognized and honoured in any of the great Universities in America, England or on the continent.

Obtaining a medal is after all but a passing matter, and it does not alter the current of one's life materially either for better or worse. The disadvantages of the medal system, as given by the wrlter, all have some truth in them, though I do not think thet, to a student of serious mind, the fact of not obtaining the medal would turn him from a career he had looked forward to, nor does it seem to me that strained relations need result from competition for a medal between rival candidates, though such personal rivalry is not desirable. With the writer's conclusions I cannot agree at all. The disadvantages of the medal system seems to me to far outweigh its so-called advantages.

If, therefore, the medals at present given in the various courses at McGill can by any possibility be done away with, then let them disappear, and let the funds by which they are supported be devoted to some more useful purpuse-say, for instance, to increasing the number of reference books relating to the work of the special department in which they are given. This question as to the medals should be one of very lively interest to both graduates and undergraduates, and especially to past and present Honour students, and this can form my only excuse for trespassing on your columns at such length.

Graduate.

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## OMPAWA GRADUATES

The funeral service of the late I)r. H. P. Wright was probably the largest and one of the most impressive since the death of the late Sir Iohat A. .Iacdonald. The sirects, for miles, were lined with yeople, poor and rich, and the cortege, made up of thousands of citizens of the capital and clsewhere, wended itsway to Cinist Church Cathedral, thence to Deechwood Cemetery. The lymus sung at the burial service were most appropriate and comforting.

Dr. F.G. Rodaick, M. P., Dr. Armsitrong, Dr. A. E. Garroul, Dr. C. W. Wil on and many others of Montreal were present.

The deceased's intimate rehatives who accompanied the remains to liechwood consiste of his aged father, his brother Howad, his two: migs sons. besides his uncle, Ecnator Cidal, of Sarnia. Crowds of people along the ronte of the funcral were seen in tears, showing in what affection he was held.

The Members anc Exceutice of ine Oltana Valley Graduate's Scciety ir MeGill University, fed that they have lost in the $y$ erson of Ir. Wrisht, noi only. one of its mos: prominent members and supporiers, hut also a friend and counsellor. lior two years, Dr. Wisight presidedover the Graduate's Suciety, and well.
Willis Chipman, B.a. Sc., ' 7 G, was a candidate for the position of city enginecr at the Capital. His name had been selected and recommended out of

## Cofumn.

some fifty applicants by the lasard of Worl:s of the City ol Ottawa. At a mecting of Council hast night. linuiteer Galt was chosen by a vote of the aldermen.
A. P. Low, science, 'sz. is away in Labrador exphoring and carrying feological survess. He will be absent all winter, and is expected to return in the fall of 'gg. I, w knows more alout Jabradur an. 1 its revources probably than any man living. He has published many important reports and maps upon that hitherto litule known portion of British North America.

At the last mecting of the Executive of ine Ottawa Valley Graduates' Society of the McGill University, an unamimous resolution was passed regretting the great and sad loss of Di. H. P'. Wright, and a letter of condolence was prepared for Mrs. H. P. Wright.

A Mc(ill Graduates' i)inner is to be held in Otawa this winter, probably in Jamary: There is considerable talk about it alreads, and will no donbt be a great success.

IlcGill is very popular at the Capital.
Sume thirteen or fourteen candidates for entrance into the Faculty of Medicine of McGill are already at work preparing for matriculation next June at the Ounwa Collegiate Institute. The University. under the auspices of the Graduates' Society, holds examinations at Onawa every year, aud candidates for Ants, Applied Science and Medicine who desire a practical education have an opportunity of matriculating without having to go down to Montreal.

## Sociefies.

## UNDERGRADUATE IITERAKJ SOCIETY.

The postponed mecting of the alrwe was held Friday evening, Niovenher is. In spite of lise rival attraction of the Hockey Club mecting in another part of the building, there was a very fair attendance. As the President wis to take part in the dehate, Mr. C. C. Ferguson, Arts 'on, was elected to the chair. As a rcading, IIr. W. M. Forbec, diss'oo, gave a selection from Mark Twain. Mr. C. J. Macmillan, Arts'oo, read avery cxcellent and entertaining paper on "College Atiletics," which displayed much sound, original thought. The debate was upon the following resolution :-

That iheir jiresent polict of expansion is benclicial to the Uinited States.

The speakers all did creditably. The President, Mr. I.. Robertson, irts '99, opened the debate,

While MIr. G. II. Buaker, Inaw'oo, in a maiden specel, replied for the negative. They were followed by' Messts. Elder, Arts 'oo, and duams, Arts ' $9=$, for the affirmative and Newson, Arts 'oo and Macnaughton, Arts 'or, on the negative.

A show of hand resulted in a verdict for the aflimative. Mr. lid. Nhee delivered tise whal criticism, after which the mecting adjournu.

At this meeting, the Progranme Committec was Instructed 10 submit names of representatives in the Intercollegiate debaic at the next mecting. ind as the two speakers will be chosen then, a large attendance is requested to decide this most important matter.
Next cuening's debate will be as fnllows:-
liesolved that the policy of the open doo: in China is to Great Britain's advantage.

## montreal. Veterinary medical, ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of the Society was held on Thursday, November 17, in the I.ibrary of the Faculty of Comparative Aledicine, I'rofersor Adami occupying the chair. There were present alio Dem Mctinchran, Professor Jdaker, Dr. Sugden, and a fall attendance of members.
After roll call and the reading of minutes for the previous meeting, the programme for the evening was proceeded with.
Dr. Sugden read a case report on "Intestinal Obstruction" in a dog, which he had had under his care, the animal making a rapidly and successful recovery.
Mr. Gellatly followed with a most interesting and valuable paper oa " Milk and meat of tuberculous animals as a menace to pullic healdh."

He de.alt fully with the means liy which tuberculosis can be commmicated from amimals to man by diseased foods. Mr. (iedlatly cited instances from observations recorded by various authors, who had proved that the germ of tuberculosis existed in milk. It was also shown to have lived in butter for a period of $r=0$ days, and in chesese for as long as 35 days, a lierlin bacteriologist had. Mr. Gellaly said, been successful in inoculating a serics of 250 guinea-pigs from butter purchased ai random in the market phace. Pathologists have found that at least one-fifth of the consumptive disenses prevalent among childrea can be traced to the infection of milk.

As to the danger from eatir:s meat of tuberculous animals, it is nut proved hait the disease could be readily contracted from such a source, but numerous experiments had been successful in inoculating various animals with the discase from the juice pressed out of underdone steak. Heat might destroy the vitality of the baccili if carried up to a certain point, but in low many instances was it not the case that one preferred his meat underdone.

At the close of the paper, the President complimented the essayist on the manner in which his paper had been prepared and delivered.

Dr. Adami stated that it was net necessary to have lesions of the udder in order to find the tubercle bacill. By experiments conducted by himself in the case of seven out of ten cows, he found the milk virulent without any lesion of the udder whatever, and on inoculation he casily reproduced the discase.

Dear. MeEEachran said his attertion had been called to this disease in 1567, when he found that it existed among catte on farms in the neighborhood of Montrea!. At that time lee read a paper on :uberculosis before the Medical Society, but very few at that time recognized the disease as communicable from catte to man; but a few years ago he again read a paper on the same subject; by this time the true nature of this disease was better understood, and it was lonked upm as a dangerous discase, and communicable from animals to man .

Mr. Groves was appointed essayist for our next mecting, and Mr. Hammond will report a casc.
The busincess of the evening being over, an adjournment took place.

## THE APPLIED SCIENCE SOCIETY.

A meeting of unusual interest was held in the Applied Mechanics Class room on Monday, November 21.

Mr. J. M. McCarlhy, a McGill Science graduate of 's 7 , read a papher on "Foundations," with special reference to the Bridge across the Richelieu River at Sorel.

The President in introducing the lecturer referred to the vast amount of experience that he had acquired and his ability to deal with the subject in a masterly way. The close attention paid to the speaker showed that the members realized that he was a practical and original engirecr of varied experience. The papur was followed by a discussion. In order to derive the full benefit of these papers, it would be well if the menbers would come prepared with questions bearing on the sulject.

We hope to hear from Mr. McCarthy at a future date on the subject of "Water Power Develcpment of the Jacques Cartier river near Quebec city-which he is at present investigating.

Sext Monday we are to have a paper on "Shop System in Engine Manufacture." This paper, which will be the second given by a student, will be read by W. B. McLean, Science '99.
-Fac. Arp. Scr.

## historical clujb.

The regular meeting of the above club was held Thursday evening in the MeGill Y. M. C. A. The subject under consideration was "The Rise of the Great Familics of Europe." Papers were read on the following:
" Whe House of Hapsburg," Mr. E. C. Woodley.
"The House of Hohenzollern," M. E. G. Place, 1.A.
"The Housc of Savoy," Mr. Y. S. Patch.
An interested discussion foilowes, hinging on some points raised by the papers.
The meeting was well atended, our new members turning out in full force. It is encouraging to all concerned to see the cagerness thus shown, and we feel that in so arousing interest in historical matters, the club justifics its existence as a University Society. It secks to show that history is more than a mere catalogue of facts, and to give rise to that earnest spirit of enquiry and research so necessary to the true student of the human race. This aim, we fecl, is being realized even beyond expectation. We heartiiy welcome our new men, and trust they may lons remain with us as fellow-devotees in Clio's service.

## IELTA SIGMA.

On Thursday of hast week the Delta Sigma Society incld its ussual Forinightly Mecling. Unfortunately the del ate proposed for the day had to oe postponed, yet those who may have felt any keen disappointment found, in Miss Dey's essay on Alphonse Daudet a consolation much better than the anticipated plensure of the debate. The thanks of the Socicty
are due to Miss Dey for so nobly stepping into the breach.

Daudet, as the essayist explained, is the best represemtative of modern French tiction. He is a child of tle sumby South, a writer of susceptible and artustic tenperamem, whose stories are largely rejuroductions of his own impresions and experience. Hes best work, the bouk that will live, is at collection of short stories under the title of "Le 位th Moulm." IIe is a man who has lived in the fulle:t semse, and it is because he has gone so deeply into life that he can touch it so lightly.
Miss Dey closed by giving a translation of a short humorous story writech for a young friend to show that a literary life is both dangerous and, from a business standpoim, unprofitable.

After the essay, the President announced the subject of the impromptu debate-resolved that football is clevating.

Miss Carr, B.A. and Miss Holnan $u_{r}$ held the affirmative, and Miss Bennet and Miss Potter spoke on the negative.
Both sides brought forward most convincing arguments, but the speakers on the affirmative, by their truly Skakespearian play on words, won the vote of the meeting.

## MGGILI MEIDICAL SOCIETY.

The usual Fortuighly meeting of the above Society takes place on liriday erening, the $25^{\text {th }}$ inst. and 1 :oomises to be one of great imeresi- The steniug's programme will consitt in the Debate-
Resolved: "That a Provincial Medical Licensing lloard is preferable to a Dominion one:"
Speakers on the affirmative, J. E. Craig, W. S. Gallsaith.
Epeakers on the negative, J. R. O'Brien, B.A., D. M. Lincliam.

Doctors lanlear, Garrow and Hutchism have very kindly consented to act as judges of the debate. Front the inportance of the subject under discussion and the direct bearing it has to the future of every medical studemt in Mccill, it is but natural to infer that there will be an unusually larec attendance on this occasion. The sulject being ore of general interest, the executive will be p'eased to welcome students fromotier faculies upon this occasion.
The meeting will be held in the Medical Building at $\mathrm{S} .15 \mathrm{l} . \mathrm{m}$.

> Fred. Toonf,
> L'rsident.

## skating.

The Annual General Meeting of the Skating Club which was held not long ago, heard the reports of a very successful season, binancially and otherwise. Although last winter had an exceptiomally heavy snowfill, yet the Committee were emabled to keep two large timks going, hoth of which were in constant use, the one for skating, the oiber for hockey. last year's Commiciee had more funds at their disposal, and consequently were enabled to improve much on the previous year's rink. This year, even greater support, and consequently greater improvement, are looked for.

At this meeting a commintee was elected, which sulsequently chose the fullowing ofticers:-

Fresident.-l. S. Patch, irts 'go.
I'ice-President.-F. C. Haszard, Mred. 'oo.
Secrelary.-A. I. C. (弓ilday, B.A., Med. 'co.
Trazsurer.-R. N. Hickson, Arts 'oI.
Commitlee.-Arts: Mlessrs. Yatch, Mckinnon, and Hickson; J.aw: Messrs. Baker and Meagher; Med.: Messrs. Gilday, Haszard and Maclaren; Science: Messrs. Black, MceMaster and Yuile; Vet. Science: Messrs. Humphries and Smilh.

## HOCKEY.

The Anmual Cencral Meeting of the Hockey Club was held in the Arts Building, Friday evening, Nov. 1sth. In al:c absence of last ycar's officers, Mr. Yuile was clected to the chair. The reports of the retiring secretary and treasurer were fairly satisfactory, the hater being especiatly so, there being a good balance.

The clection of officers resu:ted as fullows :-
Mon. Fresident---iprof. S. I. Capper.
I'risidint. - Con. Cartwright, Med. 'oo.
löic-Pre idiont-C. K. Russel, B. A., Med. or.
Scirchary-Trasarer.-1. H. Jones, Med. 'ol.
Commuffec.-Arts: Messrs. Grier, 'oo, and Cupeman, 'or ; Med.: Messrs. Bèlanger, 'c 1 , and W. F. 1Paterson, '01; Science : Messrs. Yuile, '99, and Mongmacry, oo; Law: Mcsirs. Baby 'og and Archibald, 'oo; V'ct. Sc. : Mesers. Humphries '99 and Smith, '0n.

Captai'.-Rupert Howard, Sci. 'oo.
The mecting expressed a decided preference to having McGill represented in an Intercollegiate Iecague than in the Quebec League, as an intermediate tean. The committe was instructed to take action with that cha in vict: It is to be hoped that the success of the Intercollegiate Foobanall Iecague will soon be equalled by thai of a Hockey Leagec cmbracing as many Canadian Colleges as practicable.

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## AR'IS.

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The class officers recently had their photos taken at Nomman's for the '00 Ammal. It is an munuestionable fact that the beauty of the production will be enhanced and the sale increased by the addition thereto of this pretentious g:oup.

An appeal has tecently been made to the Class of '99, to buy second copies of the Ammal, and thereby wipe out the deficit which still exists from the cost of publication.

While we realize the necessity of clearing this away, we cannot help but think it possible that there may be members of the Class in some of the laculties who have not yet honored themselves by purchasing a first copy. We do not know who is to blame for the deficiency, but there is no doubt that the fault in great measure lies with students whose duty it is to purchase copies, but who have not done so.

## THIRD VEAR.

Owing to the fact that our almost daily class meetings come offat i o'clot $k$, it has come to be a question of losing the Class meeting or your dirner. Here is one vote for dinner.
Rowell has been clected hockey captain. We expect to see his team do good work this winter.

Geo. Grier was elected to represent our Xearat the Science 'oo dinner on Fridaj. He did not apppear around the library on Saturday, but no doust he had a good excuse.

## SECOND IEAR.

At a recent Jotany demonstration, on Saturday morning, about five minutes after the lecture had begun, our Professor went out of the room, in order, as he said, to bring in some specimens of evergreens. These appeared in the shape of five or six belated members of the class, who trotted in merrily with the Prolessor as he re-cntered the room with an amused smile on his face.

It was only by a tremendous effort that the French Professor kept from faiming the other day, when he could not find a single man who was noi able to recite the poem for the day. Hor: it happened, we fail to comprehend, as the puzzie is usually to find a man who can recite.

## FIRST BEAR.

The Sophics surreptitiously kidnapped two of our men recently, and by stress of numbers took them into a Second Year lecture. The object was to give tone to the class of igor. With our accustomed modesty; we sefrain from stating who the two were.
I's peculiar what varicty there is in laughs. W, met a strange specimen on Friday, when that august body, the Class Executive, was being photographed

The picture man had us all posed, told us to look natural, and turned on the tap, whereupon, Ogilvie adopted a cast iron, acrimonious leer, Whyte grimned in his neck, Macdonald looked like that smiling man in Mr. Carter'slecture room, and Jack personated the dying gladiator. Tine physical intensity was about 25 lbs. to the square inch. All the aira solemin stillness held. MacDuugal was mesmerized thereby. He kicked up boih feet, and earnestly and vehemently snorted:-
"Psztchugh-kt-s•s-s.s-00p!"
That group wasn't a marked success. but some of the others were all right, and the Annual will be graced by at least one bunch of ddonises.

Mr. Shallow, LL.D., the class historian, is busy compiling a biography of Fra Diavolo, Jesse James Dempsey.

## SCIENCE.

## FOURTH YEAR.

All aboard for Peterboro' !
The electricals are going to Peterboro' to inspect the plant of the Electrical Company there. At first there Fere fond hopes of free passes over the C. P. R., but some pull failed to work, and fares must be paid. The company has very kindly offered to put up the meals for all who go, thus reducing the cost of the trip to students.

The members of the Fourth Year have been presented with copies of the pieture of the Class Athletic Team, which appeared in the ' 99 Annual. The donor was Mr. W. IV. Colpitts, to whom the Ycar tenders its thanks for a pretty souvenir of College life.

Prof.-"The uncut portion of this book is for honor students only; shall I cut your book, $B \cdot w \cdot n$ ?

Our friend, N. M. C., is attending confirmation classes preparatory to becoming a member of the Church of England.
Prof. (in designing)-"One should be as economical as possible in the use oi brass. When designing urass bushec, liken yourself to a landlady serving up steak.

## THIRD MEAK.

The Dinner given last Friday at the Hotel Carslake by the members of Nincteen Hundred was in every sense a success, and M[essrs. Hamilion, Cowrans and Byers, the Committec men, are to be congratulated upon the excellent arrangements they made. Nothing was forgotten that would contribute to the compiete enjoyment of the affair ; even the most shy and backward men of the Year were made to feel perfectly at home, and all the diners gave vent to their satisfaction in various characteristic ways as the ctening wore on. About forty persons sat down to the table, which was decorated in a manner that re-
flected credit upon mine host, Carslake, and, as the men trooped into the banquet to the tune of the Wedding March, many were the farourable comments to be heard.
The toast list was long and waried, being opened by Mr. Robertson, tic President, who, in a few appropriate words proposed "the (Gueen;" thereupon Mr. E. V. Moore sang in a very goud voice, "Soldiers of the Quecm." Messrs. Osthourne. Jonaldson and Byers also contributed songs between the toasts, but the latter's song containing local allusions and composed by Messrs. Cary and Hamilton (in alphabetical order) was the hit of the evening, and received an encore that speedily brought Archie to his feet once more.

Mr. James IIamilton and Mr. Ogilvie responded on behalf of the former members, the former having come from Peterbero' purposely to attend the dinner and was warmly welcomed back by all his old friends.

We all heard wish regret of Mr. Ogilvie's intention of leaving us, and Punch's faniliar figure will be much missed by all the men, especially in football circles, where his plucky piay comtributed in no small degree to the success of the team on different occasions. The toasts brouglt out the fact of the large amount of latent ceoquence that existed in our Year, and which required but the opportunity afforded by an after dinner speech to burst into words.

Medicine, Atrs and Law were well represented by Messss. Jardine, Grier and Mackay, while the Fourth, Second and First Y'ears' Science had men who were all right, and did their duty manfully in the persons of IIessrs. MeLeod, Askwith and Beck.

As the menu is extremely scientific and may prove of interest to Science students for the benefit of outsiders we publish it:-

## SCIENTIFIC MENU

CHEMICAL SOUPS
Chicken Broth a la Freshman
sinthetical. Consumase
Hors des Lectures
$-\sqrt{ }$ Celery
(Olives) ${ }^{3}$
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Haddock a la Glace Bay Dog Fish (Zoological I.ab.) St. Andrew's Potatocs
finteefs mathematical
Integral Cutletts of Iamb
Differentials of lieef, Sauce aux Indices Cl.ass koasts.

Cocficients of Mutton, Ampère Sauce
Vensional la 1900
Lobster Salad pour les "Blue Noses"
botanical specimens
Phanerogam Potatoes MIdes Pois
Sheared Asparagus Ionic Sauce
our just dessert
"Descriptive" Pudding I.emon II
Charione Russe on the Level
Protoplasmic Jclly
Fruits (of Our Labours)
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FIRST yEAR.
At a well attended meeting of the First Year students, held last Thursday, the vacancies of the class staff were filled, resulting in the election of the following officers:-

Caplain of Ifochey Zeam.............Mr. H. Yuite
Represchnative to ILockey Leasuc..Mr. H. Tren-
Representative to Jheckey Lasuc...Mr. H. Trenholme
Mr. A. E. Beek was chosen representative to the dinuer given by Science, Ig00, and let us hope he did justice to the meal.

Why can't the minutes of previous meetings be read at our class meetings?
We are glorying in the possession of an assistant lecturer in the person of-- (later on.)

In a recent examination of projections previous records were broken, fifty students obtaining full marks.

## MEDICINE.

tilird rear.
Mr. Jardine, who represented our class at the Science Junior's dinner, reports an excellent time as far as he can remember.
We congratulate Mr. Cartwright on his appoint$m=n t$ to the presidency of the Hockey Club.

It is surprising that so few of our Juniors are allowing beards to grow. Now, fellows, if you want to have a geod, respectable one by the time we graduate, now is the time to commence.

## COMLPARATIVE MEDICINE.

Professor Baker has kindly provided us with a subject for experimental work. Those members who are anxious to get out a new toxin for any specific disease, such as is caused by the bald-headed microbe have ample facilities at hand in which to carry out thair work.
By the great interest shown by several professional genteman at out Veterinary Medical Association mectings, we are assured that the papers read are fully up to the standard of former years.
Our Dean has reccived sufficient and satisfactory assurance that "he's all right."
Two members of the Second and Third Year had better leave their visiting of friends until the Christmas vacation, as time will be more at their disposal then.
At a recent gathering of the Students, it was decided among us that we should have nicknames. The following is an incomplecte list of some of them. The Prodigal Son, the Infant Terrible, Cupid, Allan Quartermain, Donalda S-, Snake Charmer and Scnator S-.

## LAW.

It seems to be the pre:ailing impression amongst some of the more juvenile members of the First Year that the manly art of self.defence is included in the curriculum. It is a common sight now to see two of our nembers leaving the office in which they are employed, after tidying up, and wending their way towards the M.A.A.A. Gymnasium. Would it not be a good plan for some of the offices to erect gymnasiums of their own, and in this way save much of the valuible time of such students.

According to one of our professors, the nursery has been moved downstairs, and the Second and Third Years are even sillier than the First.

Will the gentleman who thinks that a certain hat might wander away if not properly ticd to the peg kindly communicate with A. M.

At a meeting of the students hild on November 16, Messrs. Carter, Archibald and MacMaster were elected a Committec to take steps towards the formation of a Moot Court.

## DONALDA NOTES.

## Fuurth Year

There onst was two cats in Kilkenny
And aich thought there was one cat too many.
So they quarrelled and fit
And they gaughed and they bit,
Till, excepting their nails
And the tip of their tails,
Instead of two cats there warnt any.
The German word for life insurance company is lebensversicherungsgesellschaft. It has the great advantage that while the agent is pronouncing it the victim is fairly warned, and has an opportunity to climb over the fence and hide under the barn.

Our learned Latin Professor was waylaid on his way to the lecture room, and one of our members clutching an Annual in one hand and holding on to her skirt with the other in order not to lose her courage, asked him if he wouldn't like to be the
happy possessor of a 'g9 Anmual. After much examination, and a few hums and haws, he filled our hearts with gladness by asking "IVell, whom shall I send my subscription to?" Which was a matter easily arranged.
"Just as tired as you might suppose the little bubble which has been jumping up and down without ceasing for the last million or so of years in the vacuum of granite rocks" is the latest expression of the geologists.

Third Year.
The Third Year are to have a five o'clock tea on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Arrangements are in the hands of a very energetic committee consisting of the Misses McGregor, Garlic and Jackson; its success is ensured.

We have heard passersby give various explanations of the use and object of the new Royal Victoria College far Women, as being a hospital, a training school for nurses, or a medical college for women. But a French Canadian last week gave an entirely new view of the subject. He pointed the building out to some friends and said "Where is the building given by Lady Abairdeen to teach women to be missionaries.

## Second Year.

In spite of the absence of his class on Wednesday morning, M. Ingres remained to give the usual lec-ture-to empty benches.

We do not know by whose authority a Guard of Honour has been appointed for the Botanical Students of this year. It fails to fulfil its dutics, however, as on one cicasion a locked door obstructed their royal progress.

The depravity of the Second Year Donaldas is well known. Even they themselves will grant that they utterly fail to comprehend the class jokes whether in English or in Latin.

It is feared that one of our professors will be considerably out of pocket if he persists in giving prizes.

Be it known to McGill students, all and sundry, that the hitherto jealously guarded "Strasburger" is at their service in the evening on payment of a small fee, ten cents (roc).

## Exchanges.

THE TOWN OF NOGOOD.

My friend, have you heard of the town of Nogood. On the banks of the river Slow,
Where blooms the Waitawhile flower fair,
Where the Sometimeorother seents the air, And the soft Goeasys gron"

It lies in the valley of Whatstheuse, In the province of I.ctherslide;
Thatived feeling is native there,
It's the home of the reckless Idon'teare, Where the Giveitnps abide.

It stands at the boltom of Lazy Hill, And is easy to reach, I declare;
You've only to foli up your hands and glide Down the slope of Weakwill's toboggan slide To be landed quiekly there.

The town is as oldas the human race, And it grows with the flight of years. It is wrapped in the fog of iderers' dreanss, Its streets are pave ! with discarded selemes And sprinkled with uscless tears.

The town of Nogoo:l is all helged about By the mountains of Despair;
No semtincl stands on its gloomy walls,
No trumpel to battle and tiumphe calls, For cowards alone are there.

My friema from the deat-alive town Nogood, If you would keep far away,
Jut follow your duty through good and ill,
Take this for your motto, "I can, I will," And live up to it each day.

The Lantern.

IUE OPTMMIST.
The pessimist looks to the West And sees the lengthening shatows fall, Withapurehensive doubrs distressed
lic finds the fruits of loss in all
Earth's growths; nor deems thelagonism
Repaid by the resulting prize:
The optimist looks thro' a prism
And infuite beauties meet his cyes;
He, only he, is blest amd wise,
For all is right, save sin, that is.
The Ow.


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The samese twins mother knorbley their heads together. "lake that? she observed.
"That's a poor rule," they remarised. "akout two heals being letter than one."

They hat nover foll their posithon so actutels.

First Tramp: "It waz an honi an: it half dis mornin' before I cllal and anybody datid give me some brsatifast." Sccond Tramp) (sympathetically): "It's awful to have yer lelsurn time broke up like dat."

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fionll the llanlat fanimit.
Wor an to k on with amsiont evo. When fither warres the durli. Amd menher ahmest always shols When hather ratres: the duek. ilatn atl of lls propare to lise And bold our hitis betone our eges. And be prepatad for some sulpmise When father carres the durk.

He brates up and grabs a fork Whene:a he raves a thek. . find wont allow a siml to tall l'ntil he's earved the sluck. The fork is jahted into the sides. leross the breast the knife he slides. And every careful person hides from liyiar chips of duck.

The phathe always seons io shp When father carves a duck. Amilhow it makes th. dishes skip. Potatoes fly amuck-
labe squash and cablage luap in space, live sel some sravy in our face, Ind father mutters Ilimdu sinder Whenery be carves a deris.

IVe 1!nis have larned to wall aromma Thue dining room and pluck
from off the windowsills and walls
Our share of father's duck.
While father growls and blows and jaws.
And swears the knife was full of thas.
Ind mother jaws ate him becaus: 114. ،mbln't carve a ducls.

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lirs. 1': "1 dold that girl jus: what (t) do, and she hasa't dume is at: all."

Mr: P:"I pretime youm orders wohi in cure ar and out iha other.:

Ifrs. I': "Oh, no, inderd! She uever gets anything through hor hoad as a asily ats that."

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