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*The report of the registrar of the university of
Halifax for 1879 states that seven examinations
were held during the year, attended by 25 candi-
dates, of whom 17 passed and 8 were rejected. Up
to this time 57 candidates have been examined, 40
of whom have passed, the nature of the examina-
tion and the standard of attainment required of
candidates accounting for the number of rejections.
Every one of the affiliated colleges, with the single
exception of Acadia, have sent up candidates to
one or more of the examinations.*

*The proceedings of the senates of the univer-
sities of Halifax and Manitoba are open to press
and public.*

HARVARD'S NEW GYMNASIUM.

*The gymnasium which was built at Yale in 1859
at an expense of \$12,000, though an unpretentious
structure, was the best one of the kind then belong-
ing to an American college, and it did not lose its
pre-eminence when Harvard next year erected a
gymnasium by the aid of \$8,000 from an individual
whose name has never been made public. Almost
immediately, however, the Barrett gymnasium at
Amherst claimed recognition as the best; after-
wards a gift of \$24,000 from George H. Bessell, of
this city secured a better one for Dartmouth, and
the Bonner and Marquand gymnasium at Prince-
ton in turn took rank as 'the most expensive and
complete.'*

*But at last Harvard has come to the front, for on
the 12th of January her undergraduates began
exercising themselves in 'the first gymnasium on
this continent,' the same having been erected and
furnished at a cost of \$100,000, which sum was con-
tributed by Augustus Hemenway, a Bostonian.
The building is built of brick, in the colonial style
of architecture, with trimmings of sandstone, and
is a great ornament to the city of Cambridge. It
is 125 feet long and 113 feet wide, and the top of
the cupola, which surmounts the roof, is 98 feet
above the ground. Over the main window front-
ing on Kirkland street, the coat-of-arms of the col-
lege is carved in freestone. The main entrance is
by the way of an elaborate porch. There is an
outer and an inner vestibule. On the right of the
latter is a reception-room finished with enamel-
t bricks, and beyond this is a dressing-room 103 feet
long and 20 feet wide, containing 474 lockers,
through which steam pipes pass for drying the
clothing. On the same side of the building there
are two large bath and toilet rooms, and between
these is a room arranged for vapor and needle
baths, with appliances for giving a lateral, vertical
and descending shower. Three doors open from
the dressing-room into the main hall, over which
extends an iron framework arranged with sliding
eyebolts and beams, so that the swinging apparatus
can be suspended from any point. On the left is
an apartment containing a great variety of pulley
apparatus, and a semi-circular room intended for
an armory, which may also be approached by a
door from without. The main hall is very elegant,
the walls being of red and yellow bricks and the
wood-work of hard pine. It is 115 feet long and
in the widest part 84 feet wide, and the ridge of
the roof is 54 feet above the floor. The second
story contains a room for the exhibition of trophies
and for committee meetings, and also the rowing-
room, with sixteen rowing machines. The director's
office, the janitor's room, the measuring room, and
others are upon this floor. Around the hall is a
gallery which can be used as a running track. In
the basement are eight bowling alleys, and the
whole north end of the basement under the main-
hall is reserved for base-ball, lacrosse, and tennis
practice, and is inclosed by heavy wire netting.
The basement also contains rooms for sparring and
fencing, a boiler-room, and a store-room. The
whole building is heated by steam and thoroughly
ventilated. The main hall contains 10,000 square
feet of flooring available for exercise, and the run-
ning track is 324 feet long, making 17 laps to the mile.*

*It was the purpose of the corporation, in appoint-
ing Dr. Dudley A. Sargent assistant professor of
physical training and director of the gymnasium, to
put the department in the hands of a man of
medical education, who was also practically fami-
liar with every kind of bodily exercise and athletic
sport.*

AN HONORABLE ORDER.

We have been hearing of late a great deal about the altered position which passmen occupy in our university. The air has been full of sarcastic insinuations against them, and belittling charges; and as a member of the honorable order of passmen, I deem it only proper that I should take up the cudgel in my own and their behalf, and as far as in my power refute the base allegations that have been hurled against us, and to place our order in its proper light before the college public. Heretofore we have endeavoured to maintain a dignified silence, and have pursued the even tenor of our ways, quite uninfluenced by outside opinion, however sarcastic and biting that opinion may have been. (And to judge from the glimpses we have recently caught of the unfettered and illimitable intellects of the 'Museum Owl' and some others, it would seem to argue that those individuals thought that they could, from their lofty pedestal, scowl wrathfully upon humanity and wretched passmen, when once they had the goose quill in hand, and a flood of ink hard by to cool their burning indignation.) But the contumely heaped upon us of late has originated from so many different quarters that silence any longer would seem to give consent to these contemptuous utterances, and it is for this reason that we at length break forth, and send out what some one of our friends promised a short time ago to furnish to the columns of the college paper, a 'Defensio Passorum,' or, as I would rather say, a 'Eulogy on the Honorable Order of Passmen'; for that we are *blameable* in any respect I don't intend to admit or argue. And first of all, Mr. Editor, as to our being dubbed *Passi*, I think the term is by no means appropriate, if you mean to convey by it that passmen are distinguished from other students by the fact that they are content if they secure just enough marks as will enable them to *pass* their examinations. Under the Senate's new regime passmen, in the literal sense of the word, are done away with, and an honor man whose objective point is pitched at 50 per cent. is as much a passman as any one else. Otherwise, the term *Passi* seems harmless enough, and if a classical equivalent is absolutely required to designate them, I would earnestly advise the men in our course to accept that, or adopt some other at once, before that our learned Italian and Hellenic scholars of the various years deliberate on the question, and by their *ipse dixit* denominate them for all time to come as *ordinarii*, *communes*, *profanum vulgus*, *hoi polloi*, or something of that sort. For what more apt terms do you suppose the above-mentioned scholars could find for 'passmen,' supposing they came across that word in a piece for translation? Such a translation indeed would be considered excellent all round. 'Most appropriate,' would exclaim the worm-investigating naturalist; and our other honor men would take their brother classical-in-honors by the hand and congratulate him on having so nicely hit the nail on the head. The venerable Senate, too, would shout assent, and award full marks; and take inward delight at the progress of its new-fangled specialists in accurate and discriminating scholarship. In our college world here passmen are

indeed of little account. They are dabblers, muddlers, hacks, jacks, wheels, slugs, or whatever else you please. Don't be particular, gentlemen; any name will do. For them no distinctions, no honors; not even is a *leather* medal offered as an encouragement. Let no one imagine that the two scholarships open to passmen in the second year are offered as an *honor*. Look down the column, compare them with the others, and conclude with me that the venerable Senate has placed them there to announce officially the contempt it has for any one who is low-spirited enough to enter the lists and compete for such paltry and invidious rewards. The venerable Senate has adopted this plan, among others, for the purpose of driving the whole herd of passmen into special departments, & to again how the wretched passman is assailed on a public platform, and with what specious arguments the spokesmen of the venerable Senate cry down a general education, and how they are enthusiastically praise special and limited application among students. Nay, golden bribes are held up to the view of unsuspecting freshmen, and by these and other means many a good natured and promising young man has been roped into the meshes, and irrevocably lost. Gentlemen, I am not speaking at random. A young man comes down to our university desirous of brightening up his natural parts, and of becoming somewhat refined and a little polished; of being able in fact to talk and think about things in a reasonable and intelligent manner. For a university education is *supposed* to render one more or less *cultured*. The object which this fair-minded youth has in view is very likely, is almost certain, to be defeated as soon as he enters the portals of our great seat of learning. Bribes and invidious distinctions lead him astray; and finally he leaves the institution with his cranium in an abnormal condition, bulging out as it does in some particular spot, while it remains quite undeveloped elsewhere. One can talk only about star-reaching tangents and indeterminate cosines; while another is together taken up with mites, king-crabs, jack-crabs, and other beasts, and is so enslaved in the study of them that he *hah* never had time to think that he might much better be employed with what a distinguished poet has rightly called the study of mankind, to wit, man himself, and the qualities which distinguish and separate men, and which render some noble and others ignoble. To speak boldly, gentlemen, I would ask, to what culture can a science man, for instance, lay claim? The little he is obliged to take outside of strict science is easily dealt with; and I think it is no exaggeration to say that in his story, literature, or in the elements of metaphysics, he has received no instruction during his collegiate course. What? He has not even opened the pages of our own Shakespeare or Milton? Hide, O Shame! hide thy blushing face! And then again, take our deep-visaged metaphysicians. They, on the other hand, rise above mankind, and would pry into the secrets of the gods while yet on earth. And yet, I guess, they don't know many secrets of any worth which ordinary men do not also know. These fellows are two precipitate, and want to know things which, with all their striving, they will never know until each of them shall have lived his three score

years and ten. They would fain take no active part in the affairs of humanity; and some of them become haunted at a very early age with strange hallucinations, one, as I am told, being steadfast in his belief that he was King David, singing the praises of the universe to the strains of a golden harp. As regards our classical friends, I have no further time to spare than to remark that it pleases us to see that the lofty pedestal on which they once were seated, is now being lowered, and will continue to be lowered till its proper level will be reached. Men in this age are not going to praise any difficult undertaking, if it is not at the same time proportionately useful. Passmen can laugh with Horace at the follies of mankind just as heartily as honor men can, although, perhaps they do not know how many *hapax legomena* there are in each particular satire; or if they cannot scan every line in a Greek play, they can take in all the same what the dramatist wanted to make known. Of all the departments, the one most nearly allied to our own pass course is that of *Möders*; and it is almost unnecessary to say that the venerable Senate has consequently discriminated against it, as *Gef* has already pointed out. But here, too, the vein produces too much ore of the one kind, and the metal in that ore is not always of the highest value. Now, gentlemen, what do I argue from all this? I argue that your much-bellittled passman who steers his ship in the golden mean, is the only one of us who carries an evenly balanced mind and a level head; who has imbibed a little of the cream of ancient learning, and knows somewhat of the history and thought of modern times; and who has expended a sufficient length of time to become acquainted with the nature of some of the abstract truths of mathematics; nor has political economy been forgotten and many other useful studies, the sources of strength and the embellishments and ornaments of a well-developed intellect. He has undergone just such a training as will fit him to pursue, with pleasure and profit, whatever calling in life he may choose to pursue. Your much bellittled passman, in fine, is the nearest approach to an *educated* man that the university turns out; if only Prof. Fanning could be secured to give a short course of lectures on the telegraphic art, he would be in truth the Canadian gentleman.

X. Y. Z.

COLLEGE CHEERS.

Let us now tabulate all the college cheers that I have considered in these papers. They may be found at times convenient for future reference:—

Columbia... Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! Co-la-m-bi-a!
 Cornell... Cor-Cor-Cor-nell! I yell! Cor-nell!
 Harvard... Rah! Rah! Rah! (with a strong, full sound)
 Princeton... Rah! Rah! Rah! S-s-s-t! Boom!
 Ab-h-h!
 Penn. Univ... Oo-rah! Oo-rah! Oo-rah! Penn-syl-van-i-a!
 Yale... Rah! Rah! Rah! (sharply)
 Wesleyan... Rah! Rah! Wes-ley-an!
 Amherst... Rah! Rah! Rah! Am-her-est-i-a-t!
 Bowdoin... Rah! Rah! Rah! Bow-doin!
 Brown... Rah-rah! Rah-rah! Rah-rah! Tiger!
 Dartmouth... Rah! Rah! Rah! Wah-too-wah!
 College of the city of New York.
 Rah! Rah! Rah! C! C! N! Y!
 Hamilton... Ham-il-ton! Z-z-zip-rab-boom!
 Racine... Ra-Ra! Ra-CINE!
 Rutgers... Rah! Rah! Rah! Bow-wow-wow!
 Trinity... Trin-i-ty! Trin-i-ty!
 Union... Rah! Rau! U-n-i-o-n! N-o-i-n-a!
 Williams.
 Rah! Rah! Rah! Will-yums! yams! yums!
 University of New York,
 N! Y! U! S-s-s-t! Boom-m! Ah-h-h!
 —Acta Columbiana

COLLEGE ITEMS.

MR. GEORGE ACHESON of the fourth year has been ordered home by his doctor.

The football (Rugby) club will probably make arrangements with one of the leading college clubs of the Eastern States for a match here next fall.

Why don't the curator of the reading room see that the leaves of the books and papers are properly cut before being put on the tables.

The students of this college and of the medical schools formed a large portion of the 'gods' at the theatre this week.

One of the latest stories is that the Senate hereafter will not pluck honor men who score forty per cent. But don't let any faltering brother in honors put too much trust in this report.

A PANE of glass in the doors of the library reading rooms would do away with the disturbance caused by students opening and shutting the doors when looking for some of their friends.

The *School Journal* for this month contains the concluding portion of a lecture on 'The Schools of Ancient Greece and Rome' delivered to the students of Pickering colleges by J. A. Culham, B.A., '79.

There is to be a meeting of the fourth year men some day next week. Matters of importance will be brought up, and it is hoped that there will be a full attendance. The day and hour will be placed on the board.

It is rumored that a motion will be introduced in the Legislature this session to so amend the University Act that all bachelors of arts may be included in convocation. At present, they have to be of three years standing before they can vote; while bachelors of medicine have the franchise as soon as they graduate.

Mr. Goldwin Smith is to preside at the public meeting of the Society on the 27th. The reader will be Mr. T. E. Inglis and the essayist Mr. D. B. Kerr. The question for debate—'Is life worth living'—will be supported by Messrs T. Gilmour and W. F. Maclean, and the negative by Messrs. J. B. Jackson and E. P. Davis.

The manner in which the benches have been mutilated in the large classical lecture room is simply disgraceful. As a great part of the cutting has been done this session, the inference is that it was the work of freshmen. Stringy gowns and and ready jack-knives are always indicative of cheekie freshies.

THERE are altogether fourteen students in the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School, two of whom F. W. Kerr, M. A., '75, and O. G. Dobbs, M.A., '77, are graduates of this university; one is a graduate of Trinity, C. W. Ball, B.A.; one an undergraduate of King's College, Nova Scotia, and all the rest with one exception, non-matriculated students of University College.

LET our students read the account in another column of Harvard's new gymnasium, and then say whether their's is not a modest plan, which proposes fitting up our gymnasium with \$350. But it doesn't seem that we can raise even this amount. We don't expect any of our grads are going to squander \$100,000 on building a gymnasium, though some might be willing to give a hundred cents if they were seen. Start a subscription list.

F. E. HAYTER, B.A., '78 (gold medalist, mathematics), has received a permanent appointment in the Auditor-General's office, Ottawa. At least two other of our gold medalists in mathematics are actuaries in the Government service, viz: John Lorn McDougall, B.A., '59, Auditor-General of the Dominion, and A. K. Blackadar, B.A., '76, of the Insurance branch (over which Prof. Cherriman presides) of the Finance department.

COMPANY K is drilling in anticipation of a field-day on the Queen's Birthday. They were put through manual exercise yesterday afternoon. Why has not the company a bugler? The handsome uniform of him of the horn should attract the ambition of nobby first-year men. But if the captain sees fit to appoint one, it is suggested that he be requested to take up his residence in Seaton Village or some other suburb. A freshman with a bugle and a lusty pair of lungs could soon depopulate a ward.

The following is the programme of the organ recital of Mr. Fisher in Convocation Hall this afternoon:—

1. FANTASIE AND FUGUE, in G minor (Book 2, No. 4). Bach.
2. THEME AND VARIATIONS, Op. 47. Hesse.
3. ARIA—"Angels ever bright and fair," Handel.
(Miss Brokrovski)
4. SKIZZEN, Op. 58, No. 1. Schumann.
5. COMMUNION, in G major. Hatiste.
6. PART SONG, "EVENING" L. DeCail.
(University College Glee Club).
7. FANFARE Lemmens.
8. ARIA, "With Verdure clad," from "The Creation." Haydn.
(Miss Brokrovski)
9. FIFTH GIGAN CONCERTO. Handel.

The regular meeting of the Natural Science Association was held on Wednesday evening Feb. 11th, Mr. Davidson in the chair. The question of a motto for the association was discussed, but none of those proposed being considered suitable, the matter was referred to a committee. A paper was read by Mr. Wood on the development of the puff-ball; one by Mr. McKenzie on Arctic and Alpine plants; and one by Mr. Dolsen on the vertebrate paleontology of the Dominion. The reading and discussing of these occupied the evening, and the remainder of the programme had to be postponed. Mr. A. B. Davidson was elected to fill the vacancy in the general committee.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The attendance of the regular weekly meeting last night was fair, but a number of students were conspicuous by their absence. The President, Mr. VanderSmisssen was in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. There was no business out of the minutes, but Mr. Loudon gave notice of motion, viz.: that at next meeting he would move for the appointment of a committee to revise the constitution. Order of business F was changed so as to read 'business from committees,' no essayist nor readers having been appointed. The next part of the programme was the debate, subject: 'would the removal of the belief in future punishment be prejudicial to public morality.' The affirmative was sustained by Messrs. Milner, Macgillivray, Herridge and Gilmour; the negative by Messrs. D. B. Kerr and Davis. The great number of students seen to have come prepared to speak upon the affirmative, pre-supposing that the negative was going to be difficult to handle. In summing up the arguments the president said that owing to the fluency of the speakers, and the able way in which the several debaters handled their arguments, together with the all-absorbing nature of the subject, he had for once forgotten to take notes of each speech. He also eulogized the debate as the best of the season, and especially complimented Mr. Davis on his speech. For next Friday evening the programme is as follows:—Essayist, W. H. Doel; readers, Messrs Ames, Macdonald; debate, 'Should the study of classics form part of a university education'; leaders, Herridge and Courtice.

COLLEGE WORLD.

SWEDEN has two universities. Norway has one.

THERE are 425 colleges in the United States.

ONLY six and two-thirds per cent. of Columbians take active part in athletics.

SIX hundred and eighteen dollars is the balance in the treasury of the Yale football association.

The marking system is to be abolished at Columbia.

PROF. KO KUN HUN, of Harvard, receives a salary of \$200 per month. He has seven little, ko-ku-nuts in his family.

NINETEEN per cent. of the boys at Oberlin profess religion. If these figures are correct she takes the lead.—*Argus*.

ONLY five colleges of the United States require an entrance examination in trigonometry—Cornell, Harvard, John Hopkins, Yale and Wesleyan.

DURING the present college year the endowment fund of Wesleyan University has been increased by \$140,000, the gift of two of its friends. This makes the total amount \$350,000.

The current numbers of the *Dalhousie Gazette* (Halifax), and of the *Queen's College Journal*, are in mourning, the former for the late Prof. DeMille, the latter for the late Prof. McKerras.

GLASGOW, Scotland, has the best ventilated university in the world. The central steeple rises to a height of 200 feet, 1,000,000 cubic feet of pure air are forced into the building every hour.

SIXTEEN Harvard men are at work for the freshman crew. The exercise consists in 500 strokes on machines, an hour's work running, besides some general work. They are to row with the freshmen of Columbia.

HE was a plain old granger, and when his son informed him that he had determined to go to college and learn something, the old gentleman looked straight at him and said: 'Now, look-a-here, John, you may learn readin', 'ritin', and a little jography, but if you grapple with any o' them dead land-widges, I'll kill you when you come home, so's they'll do you some good.'

'BRACING for the Gym, Ex. has begun,' reports the *Amherst Student* of January 31: '83 is enthusiastic, '82 is confident, '81 is indifferent, and '80 is having a good time.' The condition of affairs at Cornell was thus presented by the *Era* of January 23: 'Before this term there were good reasons for not taking exercise in the building used as a gymnasium, but now no excuses are valid. Through the efforts of Major Burbank the building has been completely remodelled, additions have been made to the apparatus and the facilities for exercise greatly increased. But as this department is not endowed it has to be supported by the members and more of them are needed.' Reform at Hamilton was urged by the *October Lit.* in terms following: 'We have a building adapted in every way to our wants, and the apparatus is good as far as it goes, but it needs replenishing. We have \$200 worth of boats at the boat-house that are of no benefit to ourselves. Why not dispose of them and apply the proceeds to the purpose of refitting the gymnasium? The good that will result from such a change in our dead capital will be manifested in many ways. As it is at present there is no return for our outlays. Change it into such a form that it may be utilized by the students, and the outlays needed to keep it in necessary repair will be more promptly and cheerfully met. Let us consider this matter fully and fairly, for it is of direct interest to the students. The gymnasium ought at least to be put into such a condition that gymnastic exercise may be had during the winter months.'

CRITICISM.

At the present time university matters are receiving a good deal of attention in various quarters. The affairs of University College and of the University of Toronto have been up twice before the Ontario Legislature already this session; the question of university consolidation is still discussed in the press; and considerable interest is being already manifested in the coming election of three members to the University Senate.

This disposition to discuss these questions must be taken as a healthy sign; it shows that increased interest is being manifested in the University and College; and that more than ever they are regarded as the crown of our educational system. Nearly all of the critics profess to be or really are friendly to these institutions; what they wish to see, they say, is an extension of their usefulness. And to this end they are suggesting changes in the Senate, an increase of the endowment fund, and the like, devoting all their attention to the question of management. No one has called the standard of scholarship, maintained in either of these institutions, into question. The positions our graduates have taken in the country, and the rapidly increasing numbers who are flocking to the College and the University are the best of guarantees on this score.

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE.

Last Monday, Mr. Badgerow (East York), moved in the Ontario Assembly for a return of the expenditures of the University of Toronto and of University College, and of the amount and condition of the endowment fund of these institutions. This motion, as also another one by the same gentleman for a return of the minutes of the Senate for 1878-9, was carried. In speaking to the latter motion, Hon. Mr. Crooks, after alluding to the important place occupied by the University in our educational system, said the records of the Senate for 1877 and 1878 laid before the house last session must prove to any unprejudiced person that the functions of that body had been well performed. The hon. mover of this resolution was doing an injustice to gentlemen who performed an honorable service gratuitously by appearing in any way to raise a question against the manner of their performing it. Twenty-two meetings had been held, all of which had been largely attended, the Vice-Chancellor having been present at all but one. The proceedings as published showed the questions which had been raised, and the divisions proved the struggles between the different schools of thought. If there was any presumption that the Senate was doing anything inimical to the public, let it be exposed. So far as the principle of this motion was concerned, the Law Society was in exactly the same position as the Senate of the University, and there was no good reason to show why either of them should be looked upon as a common enemy. Within my charge, whatever it should keep the confidence not only of the members of the University, but of the whole people of Ontario. He had no objection to the resolution being put in the hands of the public, and he thought it might not be misunderstood.

THE UNIVERSITY QUESTION.

Much has been said and written on this vexed question, and the subject is by no means exhausted. The very reverse, indeed, is the truth, for it is becoming more and more complicated with the lapse of time.

That university consolidation, or one provincial degree-granting body would be a great boon to Canadian education few would deny, yet the difficulties besetting the attainment of such a change seems almost insuperable. On careful consideration, however, they are not. One of the first points that must be met and dealt with is, which university should remain and absorb the minor lights? Another and more difficult one is what is to be done with all the graduates from the suppressed institutions. No one would wish to be a graduate of that university which was, but is not.

The various new regulations adopted by different universities point not to consolidation but rather to self-preservation. It is true that Queen's and Cobourg have the same entrance examination as Toronto, yet this is evidently to secure a fair share of the students preparing for a college career, knowing well that the majority of high schools prepare for only one university, and that one Toronto. Nevertheless this is a good change, and one which should be made by all, as it certainly would improve high school teaching by commencing a uniform system.

One way of reaching an agreement is to have a provincial university, with free affiliation of all the colleges, and which would admit the graduates and undergraduates of the suppressed universities to a corresponding standing in the provincial one. This would certainly raise some to a higher stand than they might be entitled to; yet to attain a good reform some concessions might be required; and further, this could only be needed once, and so would not be a lasting source of trouble.

If ever such a change shall be effected, it must be very largely by the influence of graduates and undergraduates. Many advantages would accrue from such a change such as a higher status of degrees, uniformity in the system of education in the province throughout college as well as school, and greater stimulus to more efficient teaching, due to a hearty spirit of rivalry among the colleges. Important though these may appear they must be realized by extending certain privileges rather than by taking them away, by extending rather than by retrenching rights, and by concessions rather than by inroads.

Year by year it is becoming more difficult to establish a really provincial university as the number of graduates from each one now in existence increases. It is not yet impossible, however, and I hope to see its consummation. F.

FOR AULD LANG SYNE.

I gladly concur in the remarks made in the last two issues, concerning a re-union dinner of the present fourth year, ten years after graduation. It would be an object to which we would look forward with eager expectation. Why should we not? To meet again after such a lapse of time to bring to our remembrance old times and reminiscences of

the past, would undoubtedly be a pleasure to all. Arguments are not needed to prove that this would be an event in each of our lives, and I feel confident that 'our year' will respond with alacrity to the proposal. Next to the love and loyalty which binds us to our Alma Mater, should be a heartfelt regard for the Boys of '80.

'May their memories be ever green.'

Another thing which would tend to keep up and sustain through life the 'esprit de corps' of our year, would be for the whole fourth year to have their photos taken and exchange. These faces would bring pleasing incidents and college remembrances to mind when the originals are widely separated, and in after years, we may be able to point out the photos of certain celebrated judges, ministers, Q.C.'s and M.D.'s, etc., just as they appeared when they graduated with us in '80.

If thirty or forty can be found willing to acquiesce in this proposal, Messrs. Notman & Fraser will photograph them in their best style for a very reasonable sum. SINCERITAS.

READING ROOM CHARACTERS.

The men who sit in the north-east corner of the old reading-room with their feet on the steam pipes and Kant on their knees, are fourth year metaphysicians, sometimes called 'immortals.' They appear to be profoundly engaged in their task, that of sleeping. When not so engaged, they are 'discussing' after the manner of the park disputants. They deem it the correct thing to have disorganized attire, and it is quite common to see a green and a blue sock flowing down the sides of their boots.

The men who are hid behind 36 x 40 books, and whose faces when seen present a haggard appearance, are classicals also of the fourth year. They are struggling with epigraphy. They are said to die young.

The men who are counting the spots on the ceiling of the genus passmen. They are very numerous, wear good clothes and often display a large breastpin.

THE NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

Notice is taken in the last issue of the limitation placed on the membership of this association. Almost every student in University College takes one examination in natural science, and if these were admitted the association would really become a rival of the Literary and Scientific Society. The college authorities, when their approval of its formation was asked, were particular to inquire whether it would interfere with the other society. I understand further, that the use of a room in the School of Science was granted on the understanding that the membership should be limited to those taking honors in natural science. Any member, however, may introduce a visitor, and those who come will be cordially welcomed.

I think that passmen as a rule are not reliable authorities on what they know nothing about; and last week had been seen it is probable that further search for the required animal would have been considered unnecessary. Some science men, however, are of the opinion that his great overbearing capabilities point to a still greater development of the members, as the members are always anxious to secure specimens. This is a matter that if he presents himself the guards will pass him on to the