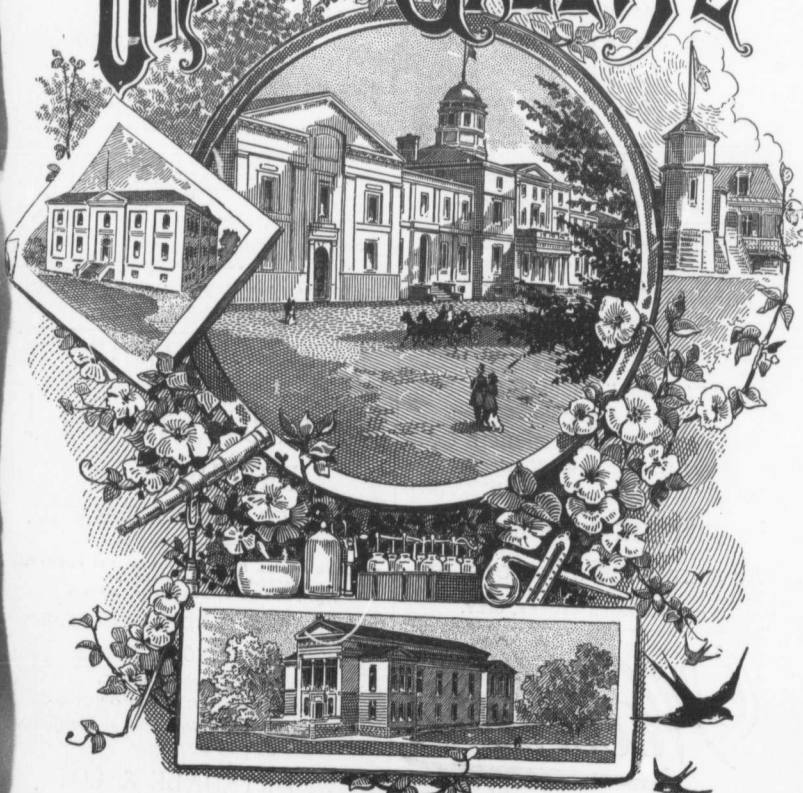


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### ANNOUNCEMENT.

The third number of the "University Gazette" will contain Mr. John Reade's article on the "Range of Greek and Roman Literature."

### Editorials.

We take great pleasure in publishing the address of Professor Watson, delivered at the meeting on University Day of Queen's College, Kingston.

Professor Watson is a man well fitted to write upon the subject he has chosen, "The Future of Canadian Universities," and our excuse for publication will be found in the title. The address is one which may be read with profit by all connected with university life, whether they be in authority or under it, or graduates.

The lesson which he draws from the studious life of Dante is one which all students should take to heart. Not merely no great poet, but no other great man has climbed to fame but by toiling while his companions slept. "If thou wouldst pierce the Infinite," Professor Watson says, using the words of Goethe, "Press on every side into the Finite."

That our Canadian universities somewhat disappoint Professor Watson is not to be wondered at, and his suggestion of post-graduate courses is one which all connected with university life, will consider well made. A mere training for a degree, even in the best colleges, is a minor matter. No one should be satisfied with his college training; and few have been. "I learnt nothing at college," says Voltaire, "but Latin and nonsense." "I am sorry that I ever was sent to college," says Ralph Bernal Osbourne, the brilliant parliamentary orator, "for I learnt nothing there but vices and bad habits." "It is good to go through college," says Emerson, "to see how little there is in it;" and Hazlitt, going further, says that "Any man who has passed through the regular gradation of a classical education, and is not made a fool by it, may consider himself as having had a narrow escape."

While these men were peculiar men, men whose minds had one chief inclination, and were, therefore, men for whom it is impossible for a college to adapt itself, without, at any rate, sacrificing the good of the majority, there is no doubt that they show forth by their words a great underlying truth. This truth is that universities, even the best of them, are mere training schools for students. It is not so much what we have learned, as the fact that we have learned how to seek knowledge, that makes our university career of use to us.

Our degree, once obtained, is useless parchment if we do not go forward with our studies. All of us take a post-graduate course, and if in the future we are enabled to do so under the fostering eyes of our *Alma Mater*, so much the better for us.

### SPORTS AT McGILL.

There is a football club at McGill which manages to get tolerably well thrashed whenever it tackles any club of first-class standing; a hockey club which scarcely meets with the success to which it is entitled

by the devotion of its members; and an annual field meeting where the feats are not of the most heroic description. This is the natural outcome of many disadvantages under which our students labor, and which are absent in other American colleges. In the first place, our Arts men are younger than in most schools, and the older men in Medicine and Science have no time to spare to sport. The session here is shorter than elsewhere, and the term breaks up before the snow is off the ground. Again, there is wanting to a great extent that interest in the *Alma Mater* which only a common residence for the students can confer. Furthermore, if there were a residence on the college grounds, the proximity of the campus would be a constant incentive to exercise thereon. So long as sport in McGill finds its main expression in a field meeting, for which there is a desultory preparation of a couple of weeks, and in which only our own men are allowed to take part, we cannot expect any astonishing results. In time, however, as the college enlarges, and the long-hoped-for boarding-house makes its appearance, we may hope for a field day much more worthy of the name than we have at present.

#### MEDICOS AND "THE GAZETTE."

Hitherto the students have not taken that active interest in THE GAZETTE, which it is necessary they should, in order to make it interesting to the great mass of its readers—namely, the students themselves.

It should be borne in mind that THE GAZETTE is the organ of the University; and through its columns all discussions touching the interests of the student, or the general welfare of the college should take place. Seeing, then, that this is its particular function, it should receive from the students that support which it certainly merits.

More particularly are these considerations submitted to the students of Medicine. In the words of Sir Wm. Dawson, "the faculty of Medicine has always been the *strong* faculty in McGill;" and yet it is a noted fact that the students of Medicine furnish no more to its support in the way of literary and other contributions than even the weakest faculty in the University.

This should not be. There is sufficient talent in this faculty to make THE GAZETTE a far more acceptable treat, to the medical students at least, than it at present appears to be. However, beginning with the present issue, it is hoped that some able support from the "strong" faculty will be given.

#### IN LOVE'S BOWERS.

I am a bee in the bowers of love,  
Buzzing from red rose to lily,  
Since woman is false, why should I not rove?  
The love that is constant is silly.  
Who loves only one,  
Of love may taste none;  
He who will rove  
Is never undone.

The sparkle that brightens the eye of Cerise,  
The folds of fair Alice's wimple,  
And Lucy's lithe figure, my roving heart please  
As well as Kate's mouth or Belle's dimple.  
Who loves only one,  
Of love may taste none;  
He who will rove  
Is never undone.

One cheers me when sad with a flash of her eyes,  
One speaks like a learned professor,  
One strengthens my soul, and another but cries  
"Fie, sir!" when I wish to caress her.  
Who loves only one,  
Of love may taste none;  
He who will rove  
Is never undone.

Who loves only one may win beauty. I know,  
And a soul that is worth his possessing,  
But if she's a blonde, why the brunettes meet go,  
If brunette, the blondes miss his caressing.  
Who loves only one,  
Of love may taste none;  
He who will rove  
Is never undone.

It gives me no pang that my Alice in pain  
Sees Cerise have a share of my kisses,  
And Lucy may pout, and sweet Kate in disdain  
Turn away when my worship she misses.  
Who loves only one,  
Of love may taste none;  
He who will rove  
Is never undone.

I care not a whit; there are maidens fair as they—  
I leave reconciliation to Joe—  
The honey I've sipped, so I wander away—  
Oh! happy is life to the rovers.  
Who loves only one,  
Of love may taste none;  
He who will rove  
Is never undone.

Montreal.

ARTHUR WEIR.

#### Contributions.

#### THE FUTURE OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES.

BY JOHN WATSON, LL.D.

Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Queen's College, Kingston, and author of "Kant and his English critics," and of "Selections from Kant."

No sympathetic critic would say of the Canadian people that they are wanting in practical ideas or in energy. That cannot fairly be said of a people who have boldly drawn on the future, and bound ocean to ocean by a gigantic line of railway: who have sought to weld into a whole a number of scattered provinces, differing in language, religion, customs and sentiment, and who, in commercial enterprise, combine boldness with caution, and energy with thrift. But, perhaps, it might be said that the Canadian people have not yet grasped the full meaning of political unity, and that they are not altogether conscious of the importance to national welfare of devotion to political unity, the critic may say, still remains for them too much a "mere idea." Each province, each county, each city, is apt to set up for itself as an independent unit, and to forget the universal in what seems the

particular good. Even our universities, or at least some of their weaker representatives, have shown a tendency to view one another as rivals, not as fellow-workers in a common cause; and in some cases city and university have confronted each other as antagonists, as when, but the other day, our Provincial University was under the necessity of wresting from the wealthy city for which it has done so much a sum which might well have been surrendered spontaneously, and even doubled or trebled. This weak grasp of the idea of unity is, no doubt, due to a variety of causes; but it is, I think, to be referred partly to our inadequate conception of the importance of the higher culture which a university should seek to foster, and an inadequate conception of the special function which the university, as a member of the social organism, is called upon to discharge. Broadly speaking, the university is the mediator between the past and the future, the life of thought and the life of action, the individual and the race. There is, and can be, no "self-made" man. Any one left to struggle single-handed with the forces of nature would soon find nature all too powerful for him. Without association and mutual helpfulness there could be no progress in the arts or in civilization. So, without our schools and colleges we should all be condemned to a narrow, monotonous existence, unilluminated by any higher interests, and all scientific discovery, artistic creation and deeper comprehension of life would be cut off at their source. How stagnant would that society be in which each child had laboriously to discover for itself those elementary truths, which it now learns without effort and almost without consciousness! It would be, as Plato says, a "society of pigs." I by no means say that even the highest culture may not be obtained outside of our universities, but it is safe to say, that such culture will be won only by a useless expenditure of energy. I am aware that many men of genius have owed nothing to the direct teaching of the universities. Genius surmounts all obstacles, and is a law to itself. But I think it is wise in most of us not to handicap ourselves at the start, but rather to assume that, having no claim to the rank of genius, we have no claim to be a law to ourselves. The universities are, or ought to be, the custodians and interpreters of the best thought of all time. The narrow experience of the individual needs to be supplemented by the wider experience of the race, and only he who has taken pains to enter sympathetically into this wider experience can hope to live a complete life. By a study of the masterpieces of literature, a man comes to see the world "with other, larger eyes;" in history he learns how nationalities take shape, flourish and decay; in the record of philosophic systems he is carried back to the insignificant springs of human thought and forward as they deepen and widen into a noble river that flows on with ever-increasing volume and energy; in the study of science he makes acquaintance with those eternal laws which make the infinite mind visible to us. The result of this wide culture, if it is pursued in the right spirit, is to make a man look at things from a large and unselfish point of view, and to call up in him a passion for all that makes for a higher, national, social and individual life. The work of the university

is not simply to supply men with useful information, or to provide them with a durable intellectual gymnastic, or even to make them skilful in their vocation. A university of the proper type cannot fail to do all these things, but it will do so because it aims at something more and higher. Just as it has been said that to seek for pleasure is the surest way not to find it, so we may say, that a university that merely aims at being a sort of living encyclopædia, or seeks to prepare men for a special vocation, or tries to discipline their minds to strength and pliancy, will fail, even in this limited object. The aim of the university is to produce noble, intelligent, unselfish men, and, if it fails in that, it has failed of its high vocation. The true ideal is to lift men to an altitude where they shall be able to contemplate human life as an organic whole, ruled by the idea of order and law, and where they shall be moved, as by a Divine constraint, to consecrate their life to the common weal. With this comprehensive idea and this far-reaching enthusiasm, the true university will inspire all who submit to its influence; and for the realization of such a university, almost no labor and no sacrifice can be too great. But I must try to put these general statements into a more concrete shape. Perhaps this cannot be better done than by reminding you of the life of a typical student, "who followed his star" with a faithful persistence that enabled him to enrich the world with the undying products of his genius. I purposely select a man of the first rank, because I desire to emphasize the truth that even with the highest natural endowment a man can do little for his kind without much hard labor. I refer to the great poet, who has expressed in what Tieck calls "mystic, unfathomable song" the whole spirit of the middle ages. Why does Dante continue to exercise over the best minds so powerful a fascination? Is it not because, obsolete as are the forms into which his thought is thrown, his conception of life is so true in its essence that it affords the richest spiritual nourishment? We reject the imagery by which, in the *Inferno*, the *Purgatorio* and the *Paradiso*, the three ideas of retribution, repentance and blessedness are bodied forth; but, after all reservations, the truth remains untouched, that evil brings its own punishment, and can be expiated only by a repentance that leads to a new birth. Thus Dante built upon a foundation that stands firm for all time, high above the ebb and flow of our changing creeds; and his great poem rises before us as a stately world-wide edifice. He was no "idle singer of an empty day," no manufacturer of smooth and polished conceits, but a man of ideas, who "saw life steadily and saw it whole." He was a thinker of wide and varied experience, who took his work seriously, and was determined to see things as in reality they are. "This book of mine," he says, "has made me learn for many years." Boccaccio tells us that, in his boyhood, Dante was a hard student, and had had the most intimate acquaintance with all the famous poets. "Taken by the sweetness of knowing the truth of the things concealed in heaven, and finding no other pleasure dearer to him in life, he left all other worldly care and gave himself to this alone."

(Concluded in next issue.)

## McGill News.

## FEATHERS FROM THE EAST WING.

## LOST, STRAYED, OR SOLENN.

## I.

There's a notice on the glass ;  
 (We can see it as we pass,  
 And turn for one brief moment to  
     Adjust our hair or gown) ;  
 Reading—Lost, on Friday night,  
 An umbrella with a white  
 Bone handle ; will the finder please  
     Return to Miss K. Brown.

## II.

The falling leaves foreshow  
 The coming of the snow,  
 And still the little notice stands,  
     Till Kate thus woful speaks :  
 " I wish the thief who stole  
 My black silk parasol  
 Would hurry and return it, for  
     She's had it now four weeks."

## III.

" Oh ! Kate," says Mary White,  
 " I do not think that's right ;  
 I'm sure no girl would purposely  
     Your property abstract."  
 But Kate, the while she rips  
 Her notice into strips,  
 Declares that if she only knew  
     The wretch she'd have her tracked.

## IV.

That night, when Mary goes  
 To put by the week's clean clothes,  
 Something shining in a corner  
     Causes her to start and groan ;  
 It is bony, long, and white,  
 And its skirts are black as night,  
 It is Katie's black umbrella  
     With the handle of white bone.

## V.

Now, students all, who see  
 This little history,  
 Take warning by the trouble into  
     Which these maidens fell.  
 If you're hasty-tempered, muse  
 Ere you anyone accuse,  
 And if you're careless steal your  
     Own, and not your friend's *ombrelle*.

A meeting of the lady students, of all years, was held on Friday, Oct. 19th. In spite of the attractions out of doors, in the shape of the sports, a goodly number of dutiful students filled the 2nd year classroom.

Miss Reid, as president of the fourth year, seized the opportunity offered to make an earnest appeal to all students—both Freshmen and those who had already left that verdant stage behind them—to exhibit, and also to cultivate, a spirit of unflagging zeal and interest in their college life—its societies as well as its lectures.

The President of the Reading-room gave a satisfactory account of the manner in which the funds of

last year had been disposed of, namely, in subscribing to the following magazines:—*Scribner, Popular Science Monthly, Century, Illustrated London News*. Besides these, there are as many more given to the Reading-room by outsiders. The following committee was elected:—Pres., Miss Wilson; sec.-treas., Miss Inez Bottrell; committee, Misses Hall, Leach, and Evans. The next business on hand, the election of an editor for the *UNIVERSITY GAZETTE*, was duly proceeded with. Miss Reid was chosen for the position in the room of Miss Evans, whose efficient services have already been acknowledged.

At this meeting a movement to organize a glee club was set on foot, and will, if carried out, greatly add to the sociability of the students.

All endeavours at scientific observation of the internal economy of the East Wing have hitherto met with little or no success, owing to a premature deposit of hoar-frost upon the Reading-room camera.

The bell (c) boy, or rather the active Joe of the East Wing, has taken unto himself a better half. Whether this will increase his zeal in the Donalds Department remains to be seen.

ERRATA.—An alteration in the officers of the 4th year gives the following:—Miss Reid, president; Miss Wilson, vice-president; Miss Squire, secretary.

The number of students in the East Wing has increased from 75 to 94.

The summer essays in the Science Faculty have been handed in; the prizes will be awarded in November.

Mr. A. S. Taylor's lectures in free-hand drawing are meeting with much acceptance among the Science students.

The next meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers will be held on Thursday, 8th November, when a paper will be read on the "Sewerage System of Toronto."

Professor Penhallow has added another attraction to the Museum—two beautiful specimens of the *Agave Americana*, or century plant, which were obtained from the conservatory of Mr. Molson.

The Saturday geological outings have been unfortunate again this year; the wet weather has prevented the students enjoying many a valuable lesson, and the pleasantness of mingling with Nature and McGill's teachers of geology.

Mr. W. J. Sproule's prizes for levelling and chaining in the third and second year, were to have been competed for on Saturday. On account of the badness of the day the trials were postponed, and are taking place every afternoon this week.

Professors Penhallow and McLeod have been taking levels in the ravine, on the College grounds, to find out the amount of excavation and filling necessary for a pond for the cultivation of aquatic plants in connection with the Department of Botany.

A familiar figure on the field sports day was one that might easily be mistaken for the Mikado, Shah

of Persia, or King of the Feejee Islands; and how could Medicine but win in the tug of war, when Japan incarnate filled the rôle of "Anchor" on the Esculapian team.

Medicine has taken even more than her usually large share of prizes in the recent athletic games. The events, including presentation of prizes, passed off with decorum worthy of the gentlemen who participated, and were it not for the vileness, bordering on blackguardism, which characterized the actions of one man only in Molson hall, no fault could be found by even the most exacting.

Mr. F. N. Gisborne delivered a lecture, before the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, in the new Science rooms, on Thursday week, on the subject of the "Electric Telegraph." Mr. Gisborne has been engaged in electrical operations for forty years, and is really the father of the telegraphic system in Canada. Proof is not wanting that he is the originator of the scheme for laying an Atlantic cable. The lecture will be published in the next volume of the Transactions of the Society. Mr. Gisborne intends delivering a lecture in the Molson Hall, from which any boy or girl can go away with a clear notion of the transmission of telegraphic messages.

An addition has been made to the College Library by the presentation of some ninety-seven volumes by Mr. Peter Redpath, who has, for some time past, been munificently adding to his already large and valuable collection of books on the Library shelves. The most notable ones are—Twenty-three volumes of Baraude's "Système Silurien;" three volumes issued by the Paleogeographical Society, containing full page photographs of ancient MSS. and inscriptions, including a representation of the famous Rosetta Stone, now in the British Museum; and also a very handsome volume, bound in parchment, and bearing in letters of gold the title—"The Massorah," by Dr. Ginsburg. A number of volumes are donated with the intention of completing partial sets already placed in the Library by the same donor.

The following is a list of officers elected in the Faculty of Medicine for the ensuing year:—

FOURTH YEAR.  
President..... E. W. Gemmill.  
Secretary..... D. Lowe.

THIRD YEAR.  
Secretary..... H. D. Hamilton.

SECOND YEAR.  
President..... J. D. Harrison.  
Secretary..... W. A. Brown.

FIRST YEAR.  
President..... C. F. Martin.  
Secretary..... W. Jamieson.

Third Year Clinical Medicine is taught by Prof. Stewart. This class was formerly conducted by Dr. Macdonnell, who is at present in Europe owing to ill health.

### MEETING OF CORPORATION.

At a meeting held on Wednesday, the new regulations, for the election of fellows, were laid on the table in printed form.

A resolution was passed recognizing the long services to the University of the late Prof. Markgraf.

The number of students in the several faculties was entered as follows:—

Law.....	Regular.....	11
".....	Partial.....	9
Medicine.....	Men.....	194*
Arts.....	Men.....	159
".....	Women.....	94
Applied Science.....		—283
		67

A report was read from the Faculty of Law, referring to its new classrooms in the Fraser Institute, and to the improved arrangements made for the lectures in the present session. Reference was also made to the failure to obtain an amendment of the Bar Act at last session of the Legislature, and it was decided to make a further effort at Quebec before finally carrying the matter in appeal to Ottawa.

The Library Committee reported numerous donations, especially that of ninety-seven volumes of very valuable books on history and science, from Mr. Peter Redpath, to whom the thanks of the University were given.

The Museum Committee reported several donations, and also the issue of two numbers of "Notes on Specimens" in the Peter Redpath Museum, to be followed by others.

The report of the Normal School was presented by Dr. Robins, and showed an attendance of ninety-three students, of whom a large proportion were from the country; that under the new regulations eight female students from the Normal School were pursuing their studies in the college; that important repairs to the building had been completed, and the foundation of a workshop, for the boys of the Model School, laid.

Exemptions were granted to theological students in Morrin College, Quebec, to the same extent as in the affiliated Theological Colleges in Montreal.

Returns were presented by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, showing the relative number of failures in the matriculation examinations, and the number of students who failed in the several years of the course, from which the difficulty of raising the standard of matriculation was apparent, owing to the imperfect preparation of many of the candidates. Various suggestions were made as to the means of raising the standard, and the matter was referred to the Faculty of Arts for further investigation.

A report was also made as to the progress of negotiations with reference to assimilating matriculation examinations in Quebec with those in Ontario.

It was announced that Dr. Wickstead, of Ottawa, had renewed his gift of gold, silver, and bronze medals for physical culture, and the thanks of the University were voted to him.

The Principal read papers relating to the registra-

\* 69 are freshmen.

tion of Canadian graduates in medicine in Great Britain, and on the steps now being taken to secure this privilege for Canadian graduates under the liberal provisions of the British Medical Act of 1886.

Arrangements were made for the publication of a triennial list of graduates, and the accounts of the University and a report of the auditor were submitted.

### A BATCH OF DEFINITIONS.

#### III.

- ALCHEMY.**—An Eastern Tale of Wonder, told to Science in its infancy.
- AMUSEMENT.**—A toy helping to teach us how to organize labour.
- BALL-ROOM.**—A hot-house for growing exotic manners.
- BANK.**—A gilt barge on the river Credit, in which grandees are carried forward by the labour of the horses on the towing-path.
- BEE.**—A labourer, partner, and out-door collector in an extensive sugar factory.
- CHARACTER.**—Personal property which everybody looks after for you.
- CHARITY.**—Sunshine in Iceland.
- CITY.**—The palace of Wealth, and the hiding-place of Poverty.
- CLOCK.**—The sentinel who notes the transit of every passenger through the gate of Time's citadel.
- COMMERCE.**—A cord that binds bodies of nations together, but which often slips on to their necks and strangles them.
- CONTENTMENT.**—The mask under which people conceal their dissatisfaction.
- COQUETTE.**—A child playing with fire.
- CROMWELL.**—A chess-player who struck the King from the board, instead of checking him.
- DEBT.**—The example set by a Government to its people.
- DINNER.**—Mind's daily homage to Body.
- DUEL.**—Folly tampering with murder.
- EMIGRATION.**—One country's draft upon another.
- METAPHYSICS.**—Words to stray the appetite till facts are ready.

Q.

### Societies.

#### McGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of the McGill Medical Society, for the Winter Session 1888-89, was held on Oct. 5th, at 8 p.m., in the Upper Reading-room. The revision of the by-laws formed the chief business, and when the proposed amendments had been read and adopted, it was decided to have a requisite number of copies printed, so that each member of the society might be presented with one. Future meetings are to be held fortnightly, on Saturday evenings.

The second regular meeting of the McGill Medical Society was held on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 7.30 p.m., in the Upper Reading-room, the president, Mr. Campbell, in the chair. After miscellaneous business, the paper for the evening was read by Mr. Delaney, the subject being "Medical Hunbug," and Mr. Garrow gave a case report. Both subjects were debated by the society, and well appreciated.

The secretary of the society is Mr. H. D. Hamilton.

#### DELTA SIGMA SOCIETY.

On Friday, Oct. 5th, the fourth annual meeting of the Delta Sigma Society was held in the 2nd year class-room, and was opened by Miss Squire, the vice-president, with a few well-chosen words. After reading the constitution, the secretary, Miss Botterell, proceeded to give a report of the society's doings during the past year. Among the many improvements introduced, that of impromptu debates was, perhaps, most noteworthy as having so strongly assisted in giving fluency and confidence to the speakers. This innovation, and the open discussions after the debates, together with the untiring energies of the committee, especially of the president, increased the interest of the students and added to the number of names in the roll-book. The secretary intimated that, although the competitors for the prize given to the best essay on "The Higher Education of Women in Relation to her Social and Domestic Functions," were not many, still the character of work sent in was excellent, and in all probability this competition would become annual. While welcoming all new students in the name of the society, the secretary gave expression to the regret felt by its old members at the absence of those who have had the honour and also the ability to originate what is now a flourishing institution. The new members were then enrolled, after which Miss Derick took the chair while the officers for the coming year were elected. Their names are as follows:—Miss Maude Squire, pres.; Miss Botterell, vice-pres.; Miss Smith, sec.-treas.; committee, Misses Reid, Derick, Finley, and Pitcher. Thanks are hereby tendered to Dr. Murray and Dr. Eaton, for having so kindly altered certain lecture hours to suit the convenience of the Delta Sigma.

The first regular meeting of the Delta Sigma Society was held Thursday, Oct. 25th. A stirring debate—"Resolved, that private life is preferable to public," was opened by Miss Binmore, on the affirmative, who spoke with great ease and scored some good points for her side. Miss M. N. Evans answered Miss Binmore with a few well-chosen words, and was ably followed by Miss Smith (affirmative), and Miss Hull (negative), Miss Binmore closing the debate. The vote was taken and resulted in a victory for the negative by a majority of six.

The president then spoke of the advisability of having a critic at the meetings, and, after some discussion, the votes were taken, resulting in favor of having a critic. Several new members sent in their names and subscriptions, after which the meeting was adjourned.



## Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

The annual reception tendered to incoming students was held on the evening of the 6th of October, in the Molson Hall. Twenty-six years ago that day the hall had been opened, so that with the reception was combined the element of an anniversary celebration. It was also founder's day. The library, lecture-rooms and laboratories of the college were thrown open for the inspection of visitors. Refreshments were provided by the kindness of the lady friends of the society. During the evening short addresses were given by Sir Wm. Dawson and the President, Mr. Evans (Med.) Music mingled with the conversation, and the time passed quickly and enjoyably, in spite of gloomy memories which hung about the grim room, so wonderfully transformed.

The books of the Y.M.C.A. show a splendid increase in membership this year. In Arts, nearly all have connected themselves with the society, either as active or associate members; in Science and Medicine, also, the lists are greatly enlarged.

The usual weekly meetings continue to be held in the city Y.M.C.A. rooms on Victoria square, and the prayer meeting in lecture-room No. 7, Arts building, on Tuesday evening, at 7-7.30 p.m.

On the evening of Saturday, Oct. 20, Sir Wm. Dawson invited the members of the College Y.M.C.A. and their friends to spend a social hour with him at his residence. Sir William, in his genial manner, showed how science could be made interesting to all, both in his conversation and in the short informal address which he delivered on Eastern Travel. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the students returned well pleased with the first of the social talks which our Principal intends delivering.

Invitations have been issued by Sir Wm. Dawson for a second and third evening similar to this one, on Nov. 17 and Dec. 9, when his entertaining addresses will be continued.

The week of prayer for colleges and college young men has been appointed for next week.

Mr. R. P. Wilder, a graduate last year of Princeton, is to be present with us for Nov. 4, 5, and 6, when he will address the students. He is an intending missionary, and in his subject, "Foreign Missions," his words will carry conviction with them.

On Nov. 10 and 11, Mr. A. A. Stagg, Yale's athlete and base-ball pitcher, will visit the Y.M.C.A. and address the meeting on Sunday. His colleague, R. P. Reynolds, is expected to accompany him.

## UNDERGRADUATES' LITERARY SOCIETY.

The first meeting of this society, held on Friday, September 28th, was only for the election of officers, resulting, as stated in our previous number:—President, Mr. Truell; 1st Vice-President, Mr. Davidson; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Ellenwood; Treasurer, Mr. Mattice, Sc.; Secretary, Mr. Hall (A.R.); Assistant Secretary, Mr. Oliver. Special Committee:—Messrs. Rogers, Elliott, Mack, Walsh and Smith.

The second meeting, on the following Friday, in spite of the fact that the performers had short notice, was a good omen for the coming year. The numbers present and the interest shown were very encouraging.

After an essay by Mr. Gibson, Messrs. Mack and Craik read very good selections.

The debate—"Resolved, that all societies, having for their object mental culture, should have perfect freedom of speech," was opened by Mr. Macdougall for the affirmative, Messrs. Bryson and Ryan supporting him; while Messrs. Mack and Carmichael, led by Mr. LeRossignol, upheld the negative.

The meeting decided in favor of the affirmative. At the beginning of the meeting Mr. Kinghorn, and at the close, Mr. Carmichael, sang.

The third meeting, held on October 12th, was, on account of the rain, not equal to its predecessor in numbers, yet it was quite as successful, since the debaters had more time for preparation.

Mr. Cameron was the reader.

The debate—"Resolved, that the administration of public affairs under Cromwell was a wise and just one," was carried for the affirmative by Messrs. Rogers, Warne and Davidson, who were opposed by Messrs. Garth and Tory.

Three old members, Messrs. Topp, Hibbard and England, were received with storms of applause, as each rose to address the meeting. Messrs. Davidson and Jamieson supplied the music.

The programme of the regular meeting on Friday, the 26th of October, was a successful one, notwithstanding the absence of the reader and one of the singers.

The absence of the reader, Mr. Warne, necessitated the opening of the programme by the essayist, Mr. Elliott, who read an eloquent paper on the Gift of Speech.

Mr. Kinghorn gave the popular song "Dashing through the snow," after which the debate on the question, "Resolved, that pursuit is productive of more happiness than possession," was opened by Mr. Deeks, for the affirmative, supported by Messrs. Robertson (3rd yr.) and Reeves. The negative was upheld by Mr. Davidson, under the leadership of Mr. Fraser (3rd yr.) Decision was given in favor of the negative.

Mr. Gibson acted as Critic for the evening, and with his address the meeting was brought to a close.

## COUNT TOLSTOI.

What a strange personality is that of Count Leo Tolstoi! A wild youth, according to his own confessions, the founder of the realistic school which Zola has disgraced, the country magistrate and educationist, and finally the religionist, he was peculiar in all phases. His school was a bedlam, for he held that there should be no rewards or punishments, and that the children should learn whatever they choose. His religion led him to abandon his luxuries and become a day laborer among the peasantry.

Such a person cannot but create interest, if he have any intelligence whatever, and Tolstoi is by no means lacking in brain.

He was born at the maternal estate of Jasnaja Poljana, near Toulva, in 1829. He attended the University of Kazen, entering the faculty of foreign languages in 1843. Two years after he left the University, and entered the army in 1851, having occupied the interval in home studies. He began to write shortly after entering the army. He was serving under Gortschakoff on the Danube in 1853, and took part in the defence of Sebastopol.

At the close of the war he left the army and devoted himself to literature, spending the summer at Moscow and the winter at St. Petersburg, until 1861, when he became a magistrate and retired into the country. Here he devoted himself to education and the improvement of the peasantry. His greatest work, "Anna Karenina," was written in 1875-77, since which time his beliefs have undergone a change and led to his renunciation of the life of his own class and the adoption of that of the working classes.

He is at present at work upon his autobiography, which, there is little doubt, will prove one of the most interesting works ever published.

ARTHUR WEIR.

## Sporting.

### ANNUAL FIELD MEETING OF THE MCG. U. A. A.

Friday, the 19th October, dawned cloudy but rainless. At an early hour the college grounds were filled with participants in the sports and their more intimate friends. The ladies, as usual, did not appear till the afternoon. The utmost good humour prevailed, and with the exception of Conolly's unfortunate accident, and the slight jealousy of Hughes incautiously expressed by some, peace and good-will reigned throughout. None of the records were extraordinary, but Martin's hammer throw and Murray's performance with the heavy weight were extremely good for totally untrained men. In the mile run, Morrow was not very fast, but extremely pretty. McKenzie's jumping was another graceful feat. The walking match, always an ungainly show, was gamely contested and caused admiration as well as amusement. The extraordinary success of the medical students culminated in their winning the tug-of-war, which provoked a tremendous storm of enthusiasm. The Arts men have proffered numerous explanations of their defeat, the most scientific being the difficulty of raising Mr. Wheeler from the recumbent posture, once he has assumed it.

Pool selling on a small scale was indulged in to a considerable extent, but no one suffered severely. An immense number of pretty girls were present, and made up for the lack of sunshine. Their illogical comments on the various events were received with submission by our notoriously courteous students. The rain, which came on about 3.30 o'clock, thinned them out somewhat.

The band of the Victoria Rifles furnished music, which added considerably to the pleasure of the day. The prizes were distributed in the Molson Hall by Mrs. Molson amid the usual contributions, musical and ribald, from the back benches.

Following is a complete list of the results :

Kicking football—J. M. Hughes, 123 ft.  
 Throwing hammer (16 lbs.)—1st. M. Martin, 67 ft. 5 in.; 2nd. H. McKeown, 61 ft. 7 in.  
 Running broad jump—1st. J. M. Hughes, 18 ft.; 2nd. J. Moore, 16 ft. 8 1/2 in.  
 Putting shot (16 lbs.)—1st. M. W. Murray, 32 ft. 3 1/2 in.; 2nd. F. S. Yorston, 29 ft. 2 1/2 in.  
 Hurdle race—1st. J. M. Hughes; 2nd. E. E. W. Whyte; 3rd. M. J. Conolly; time 20 1/2 sec.  
 Throwing cricket ball—C. A. Ault, 107 ft. 11 in.  
 Standing broad jump—1st. B. T. Mackenzie, 8 ft. 11 1/2 in.; 2nd. J. Moore, 8 ft. 7 1/2 in.  
 Throwing heavy weight (56 lbs.)—1st. W. M. Murray, 18 ft. 5 1/2 in.; 2nd. H. McKeown, 17 ft. 10 in.  
 Tug-of-war (1st pull)—Arts vs. Vets, won by Arts by 5 in.  
 2nd pull (final)—Arts vs. Medicos, won by Medicos by 1 inch.  
 High jump—1st. R. S. McKenzie, 5 ft. 6 in.; 2nd. W. McGill, 4 ft. 11 in.; 3rd. A. J. Conolly, 4 ft. 8 in.  
 440-yards run—1st. J. M. Hughes, 55 1/2 sec.; 2nd. W. L. Jamieson, 56 sec.  
 Pole leap—1st. J. D. Harrison, 8 ft.; 2nd. A. Lamb, 8 ft.  
 440-yards run—1st. J. M. Hughes, 55 1/2 sec.; 2nd. W. L. Jamieson, 56 sec.  
 One-mile run—1st. W. Morrow, 5 min. 1 sec.; 2nd. A. Lamb, 5 min. 1 1/4 sec.  
 One-mile walk—1st. D. D. White, 8 min. 56 sec.; 2nd. W. Beattie, 8 min. 56 sec.  
 850-yards run—1st. A. Lamb, 2 min. 18 sec.; 2nd. D. St. Louis, 2 min. 22 sec.  
 Three-legged race—1st. J. M. Hughes and J. Moore.  
 One-mile bicycle race—1st. H. M. Ramsay, 3 min. 34 1/2 sec.; 2nd. M. L. Williams.  
 220-yards run—1st. W. L. Jamieson; 2nd. J. M. Hughes. Time, 25 1/2 sec.

### 'VARSITY VS. MCGILL.

Saturday, the 27th inst., was the day chosen for this annual event, the event, one might say, of Toronto-McGill football circles. The day was not the most favorable in the world, but "the man on the hill" was good enough to stop the rain long enough to allow the match to be played in semi-fine weather. This, however, did not better the ground, which was in a beastly state. Despite the weather, however, quite a number of spectators, including many ladies, turned out to see the collegians at play.

The following men lined up for their respective colleges at the call of play. Both teams looked very well, and are a remarkably well-developed set of fellows:

'Varsity.	Position.	McGill.
Johnston	Back	Hamilton (D.) Graham
Senkler (H.), Capt.	Half-backs	Hamilton (H.) Smart
Boyd	Quarter backs	Mulligan
Mackay		Hughes
Moss		Walsh
Senkler (W. J.)	Wings	Jamieson (Capt.) Webster Whyte
Moran	Forwards	Rexford McMillan Robertson McLean Richards
Smith		
Symes		
Badgeron		
Sullivan		
Watt		
Moss		
Cross		
Bursan		

Referee—C. H. MacNutt, B.A.Sc., '88, Ottawa F.B.C.  
 Umpires—G. McLean, 'Varsity F.B.C. P. M. Robertson, B.A., McGill F.B.C.

"Varsity won the toss, and decided to defend the southern end of the field. McGill then kicking off against the wind, the ball was returned to centre and scrimmaged. From this scrimmage, the ball was passed to H. Senkler, who, however, was gamely tackled by H. Hamilton, before he could get in his kick. Here followed in succession, tight scrimmages, from which 'Varsity got in a long kick into the home team's territory. This was well returned by Graham. The sphere now travelled rapidly from one end of the field to the other, McGill at one time nearly scoring. At the call of half-time, the ball was just about mid-field, no points as yet being taken.

On play being resumed, Senkler kicked off for 'Varsity, the ball was rather poorly returned, and a scrimmage in McGill's territory was the result; however, the latter slowly worked the ball up field, and carried it "out of play" near centre-field; the throw-out was secured by a Torontonian, who, however, failed to do anything with it, and there was a scrimmage. The ball then travelled to D. Hamilton, who secured a free kick. 'Varsity blocked the kick, and rushed it down in good style, gaining a safety-touch. The kick-out was caught by Senkler, who, however, failed to return it. A scrimmage resulted, 'Varsity, as usual, tried to pass back, but McGill's wings were too quick for them and prevented much kicking. The ball was now gradually worked into 'Varsity ground, and Smart, who throughout played a fine game, by a well-placed kick sent the leather up the field. 'Varsity attempted to return it, was smartly blocked by Hughes, who kicked the ball behind Toronto's goal-posts, and a safety-touch resulted for McGill. Time was shortly afterwards called, and the match declared a draw, the score being two to two.

Both teams cannot be too highly complimented on their good and gentlemanly play throughout. It was just such a match as one would expect from two such universities as Toronto and McGill. The visitors played an excellent game throughout, and fought hard for every inch of ground, while McGill played first-class football.

#### THE DINNER.

In the evening, the visitors were entertained royally at the Balmoral.

The chair was filled by D. W. McLean, the President of the McG. F.B.C., in his usual happy manner.

After the good things were dispensed by the hands of some colored gentlemen, who kindly offered to assist in this little demonstration, and heartily enjoyed by both guests and hosts alike, the toast of the University College F.B.C. was drunk with much enthusiasm. This called forth a neat reply, and a hearty counter-toast from our good friends of the 'Varsity. The proceedings were then relieved by several songs. The usual toast of the referee was then proposed, and that gentleman, in the course of a few remarks, complimented the Toronto boys on their excellent and gentlemanly play. Mr. Delaney then favored the assembled multitude with a song and an impromptu valse-dance, one of the features of the evening.

The dinner broke up at an early hour in the usual

manner. Before going out, one of the aforesaid colored gentlemen was called on for a speech. Accordingly, he mounted a chair and opened by "Friends and fellow-citizens." He then proceeded, with a great deal of natural ease and eloquence, to give his views on things in general, and nothing in particular. Unfortunately, the flow of his conversation was abruptly stopped by the boys summarily knocking him off the chair, and forthwith elevating him, and thus the world's history lost one of its brightest pages.

#### GRADUATES VS. UNDERGRADUATES.

This match, according to a custom which is still kept up, was played on the college grounds on Wednesday afternoon, the 24th inst.

It did one good to see the "old boys," all of whom have played on the college first during different years of its existence, file out upon the old battlefield. A complete collection of McGill's many changes of uniform might have been obtained here, from the old chocolate and cream, to the new white jerseys.

Neither side was fully represented, but the following is the list of players:

*Grads*—A. W. Smith, B.C.L.; H. Cockfield, B.A.; E. H. Hamilton, B.A.Sc., (Capt.); J. Naismith, B.A.; H. A. Budden, B.A., B.C.L.; P. M. Robertson, B.A.; C. Claxton, B.A., C. H. Macnutt, B.A.Sc.; A. Drummond, B.A.Sc.; C. Kingston, B.A.; H. M. Patton, B.A.

*Undergrads*—W. Jamieson, (Capt.); Rexford, Walsh, Webster, Mulligan, Hughes, Smart, D. Hamilton, McMillan, Matheson, Kinghorn, McDougall, Halliday, Rankin.

After a great deal of unnecessary delay on the part of the Undergrads, the ball was faced about 4.30, Drummond kicking off for the Grads. A determined rush on the part of the old boys, led by MacNutt, followed, and by a neat piece of combination play, a free kick was secured by Hamilton, which Budden converted into a goal, by a very fine kick indeed. The play then became much tighter, and scrimmages followed each other in rapid succession. At the end of the half the "grads" were still to the fore. In the second half, the superior training of the college soon showed itself, and the points were slowly piled up against the "old uns," who, by this time, were in a nicely pumped state. Toward the end of the game Walsh made a fine run in, and got his touch, which McLean lifted over the bar. The game was then called owing to the darkness, the score standing 19 to 7 in favor of the college.

On Saturday, a match will be played between McGill and Queen's Football Clubs on the McGill grounds.

#### HOCKEY.

The annual meeting of the Hockey Club has already been held. The reports were read, and found satisfactory. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, D. B. Holden, 4th Arts; secretary-treasurer, H. Kinghorn, 3rd Arts; committee, J. F. Walsh, Med.; A. H. Hawkins, Science; A. Walsh, Arts. The members of the above committee were appointed delegates to the Canadian Hockey Association.

### TORONTO UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

The Varsity sports of University College, Toronto, took place on the 24th. There was considerable delay in starting the competitors, and the track was too heavy, owing to rain, for records to be broken. The times of the principal events were as follows: Putting the shot, 31 ft. 11½ in.; running broad jump 19 feet; 220 yards, 25½ sec.; half-mile run, 2 min. 26 sec.; 100 yards, 11 sec.; high jump, 5 ft. 2 in.; 440 yards, 57 3-5ths sec.; mile run, 5 min. 14 sec.

By comparing these records with those made at our own sports, it can be seen how athletics stand at the other universities.

### Personals.

F. W. Hibbard, B.A., '87, who has been teaching in Lincoln College, Sorel, is looking round the University and Law Courts.

It is a matter of pleasure to every student and frequenter of the Library to know that Mr. Mott's position has been made permanent by the Corporation.

Dr. Macdonell has, from late accounts, gained ten pounds in flesh, and is walking five miles a day. This is gratifying to everyone who has ever met this genial and gentlemanly physician and teacher.

C. H. MacNutt, B. Ap. Sc., '88, has returned from his summer voyage of exploration to the Hudson Bay, where he was first assistant in the party under the charge of Mr. A. P. Lowe, B. Ap. Sc. He came down to stripe the town, and it was like a gleam from the old days to see his muscular form commanding the old haunts.

### Exchanges.

The *Almaflitan* for October, published in the interests of young women, and devoted to religion, temperance, moral and social reform, education, music, fine arts, and literature, at Alma College, St. Thomas, Ont., is a good number, and largely fills the place it is meant to occupy.

The *Tuistonian* is a strong, well-arranged number, with a good editorial department. Like most American College journals, it deals largely with questions apart from college life.

The *Knox College Monthly*, for October, may rank almost apart from college literature in the standard value of its articles on ecclesiastical and literary subjects; it is a magazine worthy of a place on any thoughtful man's table.

The *Presbyterian College Journal* deserves the same remark, in the strength and weight of its articles. Periodicals issued by Theological Colleges stand in a class by themselves, and may not be fairly blamed for reflecting too dimly the life and world in which the students move, for they are at the beginning of a serious work which sheds a light backward not favorable to a reproduction of the lighter phases of college life.

We have at hand a number of *Our School Times*, from Foyle College, Londonderry, and it is always welcome. Old country college journals are interesting in the view they give of contemporary students' life, but they partake more of the nature of professional school papers, and do not appear to take so deep root in student interest as those edited in American colleges.

The *Censor*, published by St. Mary's Collegiate Institute, marks an encouraging tendency to an increased appreciation of sound, wholesome English, and the necessity for its study.

The *College Student*, from Lancaster, Pa., is one of our fullest and freshest exchanges; it is rich in everything pertaining to college life, and has an eye for literary culture beyond the class-room.

The following is from an exchange:—

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead, but fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving and cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them. The kind things you will say after they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, bestow now, and so brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them.

If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them now in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered, while I need them and can enjoy them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, and a funeral without an eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial.

Post-mortem kindness cannot cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin shed no fragrance backward over the weary way by which the loved ones have travelled.

### College World.

President Carter, of Williams College, has received a gift of \$20,000 to found a library fund in honour of James Ruthven Adriance of the Class of '78, who died a year after graduation.

The *magnum opus* of Dr. Moore, the learned Principal of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, is now approaching completion, and will soon be issued—curiously enough—by the Cambridge University press. It is an exhaustive work on the textual criticism of Dante's "Commedia."

The new wing of the Alma College at St. Thomas, Ont., was opened on the 16th with befitting ceremonies. The wing will be known as McLachlin Hall, in honour of the late Archibald McLachlin, Registrar of Elgin, who took a prominent part in the erection of Alma College and its welfare, and at the time of his death occupied a seat on the board.

The Japanese students at Cornell University have a way of cooking the English sparrows so that they make a very palatable dish, and the Japs like them so much that they make a standing offer of three cents each for all the sparrows brought to them.

The Harvard College Faculty Committee on athletics have made an exhaustive report on Athletics at Harvard and their effect on students. The committee have reported as follows:—"The average strength of students and the perfection of their physical development have greatly increased during ten years. At present there are about one hundred men in college stronger than the strongest man in 1880. The regularity and moderation of life necessary for men in training have a very favourable effect on health." As to the effect on scholarship, the report says that participation in athletics does not seriously interfere with college attendance, and lowers neither the standing of those who take part in them (except freshmen) nor the general standing of the college. On the contrary, the standard of scholarship has risen with the increase of athletics. While athletes have won college honours, the fourteen men who take no exercise are reported below the average of scholarship. The statistics collected from 1,021 men are interesting, and it is pleasing to note that, of special sports, bicycling ranks in popularity below base-ball, foot-ball, horse-back riding, rowing, and running; and is above bowling, canoeing, coasting, cricket, driving, hand-ball, lacrosse, polo, domestic calisthenics, shooting, skating, sparring, swimming, and track athletics. Of the 1,021 students at Harvard 84 use wheels.

A startling advance in surgical science has been made by Dr. Maximilian Klein, a German military surgeon. The particulars are given by the professional journal *Memorabilien*. A man accidentally cut off his left foot in the middle of the first joint. The severed piece remained hanging to the foot, but the connecting skin was scarcely thicker than a thread. Dr. Klein sewed on the fragment, dressed it with iodoform, and had the satisfaction, in twenty-two days, of finding the wound healed and the toe perfectly sound and flexible. Encouraged by the unexpected result in this case, Dr. Klein was induced to apply the same treatment again. A recruit, in order to disable himself and so escape from military service, deliberately cut off his forefinger with an axe at the second joint. The finger end was lost, and could not be found until half-an-hour had elapsed. It was then cold and blue. Nevertheless Dr. Klein sewed it to the stump and applied a bandage of iodoform gauze. As early as the second day it was evident that circulation had been partly re-established throughout the finger, and in six weeks the man had not only left hospital, but was doing the very rifle drill which he had hoped to shirk. The finger was, in fact, as serviceable as it had ever been. These stories read almost like extracts from the exploits of Baron Münchhausen. That they are chronicled in *Memorabilien* is, however, evidence of their truth. English surgeons will not be so unwilling to credit them as they would have been in the days before the discovery of the marvellous properties of iodoform.

## Between the Lectures.

A little walk,  
A little talk,  
A little word well spoken;  
A little ring,  
A tiny thing,  
But true love's dearest token.

A little house,  
A little spouse,  
A little while in clover;  
A little joy,  
A little boy,  
And the honeymoon is over.

Padlocks for sale—apply East Wing.

Question in Surgery Class—What has become of Dr. Fenwick's specimens?

Still does ENGLAND's aggressive policy continue, and Cook is the next to suffer.

The class of '90 boasts of a profound pathologist and an erudite diagnostician! Next.

"Man, proud man, dressed in a little *brief* authority"—a lawyer. This is a joke for the Law Faculty.

Prof. H. T. Bovey, A.M.I.C.E., may appropriately be styled "a form with *a.m.l.c.e.* wrapped around," may he not?

"Have a drop?" said the sheriff to the prisoner, as they started for the scaffold. "Don't care if I do," replied the prisoner; "I'll take a sling."

Freshie—How do you say the patient's tongue was secured?

Junior (gravely)—They fastened it to his toes.

"Fortune brings in some boats that are not steered." Shakespeare must have been thinking of courtship, which has two mates, and neither captain or pilot.

Student in Physiology—"All the tract's a stage, and all the juices merely players; they have their exits and their entrances, and each in its time plays many parts.

Professor of Chemistry—"Gentlemen, I hold in my hand a vial of soda. What chemical shall I combine with it to produce a valuable article of commerce?" Goodbye (waking up)—"Br-r-randy!"

"There is very little difference, indeed," as a new-fledged Junior was heard to remark, "between a Third Year man and a Sophomore; the one is a sophomore, the other a soph-30-more—that's all, see!"

In referring to the Tichborne case during a lecture on jurisprudence, it was stated that a fish accidentally passed through Sir Roger's eye-lid, on the trip to Australia. The boys from Upper Canada regard the story as a "fishy" one.

"I wouldn't cry, little boy," said a kind old gentleman, consolingly; "you may be unhappy for the moment, but it will soon pass away. You wouldn't expect me to cry, would you, every time I'm a little

unhappy!" "No, sir," responded the tearful little lad, "you'd prob'ly go an' get drunk."

Countryman (to passenger *en route* for Sing Sing)—"What's them thim-i-jigs you've got on your wrists, friend!" Sing Sing passenger—"That's a little device of my own, stranger. I'm a very popular candidate for office, an' I put them on so I won't be shaking hands with every Tom, Dick, an' Harry." Countryman—"Gosh!"

### Correspondence.

#### PRIVATE CLASSES, AND THAT SORT OF THING.

When an intending student examines the calendar of a college with which he purposes connecting himself, he usually makes his calculations as to cost, etc., according to the scale of fees charged for classes, advertised and authorized by the faculty.

Frequently, however, it is discovered that a system of private classes, technically called "grinds," is in vogue, offering advantages far superior to what might be hoped for by taking the regular course; and I am sorry to say, that the Faculty of Medicine is not behind in this respect—the whole being highly suggestive of a circus, in which you pay fifty cents for admittance to the big tent, and twenty-five to the side shows.

The usual fee for such classes is from ten to twelve dollars, so that it not unfrequently occurs that students, who happen not to be in opulent circumstances, are for this reason unable to fight the battle of competition on an equal footing with more fortunate neighbours.

The whole tendency is evil. It serves to cause a lack of attention in the regularly authorized lectures, because students are apt to rely on being coached up in the so-called "grinds." In addition to this, it is unfair to some of the students that want of cold cash should act as a handicap to them in the struggle for "survival of the fittest."

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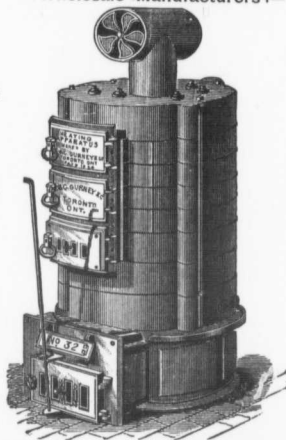
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