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THE Editorial Board of the JOURNAL for the present session, as appointed last spring, has undergone considerable transformation owing to the retirement of leading members of the staff. The changes were ratified at the meeting of the Alma Mater Society on the 28th October and are as follows:

Mr. W. J. Shanks retires from the Managing Editorship, his place being supplied by Mr. Alexander McLachlan, '84, of the Editing Committee.

Mr. E. H. Britton retires from the Editing Committee—the two vacancies resulting in the latter Committee being filled by the appointment of Messrs. Roderick McKay, B.A., '81, and J. J. Wright, '85.

GYMNASIUM stock appears rather below par as yet this session. We trust,

however, that before the football season is over the newly appointed officers will make a determined effort to have all necessary improvements made, and additional apparatus put in, so that we may have a properly equipped gym.

IT is to be hoped that the Alma Mater Society will, in its wisdom, see fit to give a series of literary entertainments this year. In the days of the old Elocution Association these entertainments formed one of the features of the College session. The programmes were varied and not too long. The admission fee was only ten cents, and while both citizens and students were afforded a means of spending an enjoyable evening, the Association netted a considerable profit. We would like very much to see the custom revived.

WE understand that "Queen's" is to be made the recipient of a large and well executed oil painting by the Rev. Thos. Fenwick, of Metis, Que., being a portrait of the eighth Earl of Argyle, who headed the Covenanters in 1638, and who was afterwards beheaded at the Cross of Edinburgh in 1661. We will be glad to see it occupy a conspicuous place in Convocation Hall, as doubtless the painting will prove a valuable acquisition to the College, but we will defer further comment until we are in a position to speak more decidedly of its merits. In the meantime we shall anxiously await its arrival.

THERE are two College Societies, if Societies we may call them, which we would like to strongly recommend to mem-

bers of the Freshman year. These are the Rifle Company and the Glee Club. Football practice cannot last very much longer, and when it is done nothing better can be obtained in the way of exercise than rifle drill. An effort is being made to attach the company to the 14th Battalion, and if this be arranged it will no doubt have the effect of adding much more interest to the drill. The Glee Club is a standard college institution, and though, if we are to judge from its success last year, it is not yet in need of support, yet the larger the membership the better, and we are sure Mr. Heath and his associates will cordially welcome any who wish to become members. Students need an occasional evening of diversion from their studies, and they can combine amusement with instruction by attending the practices of the Glee Club.

IN one of our exchanges we notice an innovation at one of the American Colleges. Those students who obtain a certain percentage in daily recitations are excused from final examinations. It is stated that the plan works well, and other Colleges are advised to try it. In connection with the introduction of such a system at any University, we think the objections are almost innumerable and the difficulties insurmountable. Few students would be willing to accept a standing on their daily recitations, and we imagine the professors would be quite as unwilling to undertake such a task as this would impose on them. There would also be, too, ample room for the favoritism so often found among tutors. While we cannot support such a plan we are still willing, even anxious to advocate any system which would reduce cramming to a minimum. In the stead of daily recitations there might be substituted the regular monthly examinations at our own University. It would not be difficult to adopt such a method

at Queen's and thus do away with cramming to a great extent. The average percentage on the monthlies should be made high, say 60 at least, and the Final optional for those attaining that standpoint. Of course it would be understood, all who wished to compete for rank or honors would require to take the Final. Perhaps some would even find, in such a system, an inducement to take an honour course. If this were introduced there would certainly be more application to class-work from day to day. Many students do not at present attend monthly exams, and with no prospect of anything important to do for five or six months, naturally allow work to accumulate on their hands, and at last endeavor by very great pressure to reduce six months to one. Any regulation which would have a tendency to diminish such disproportionate study would receive the hearty support of many attending Queen's. The idea is well worth serious consideration. We trust the matter will not be allowed to drop and invite discussion upon it through our columns.

WE are more than pleased, in the interest of College pastime, to note the vigorous stride that has been taken since the close of last session in the direction of fostering the only game, perhaps, which is peculiarly suited to our Canadian Colleges, where the only time for outdoor sport is the few weeks of open weather after the opening of the College session early in October.

The want of organized effort to excite an interest in football and to place it upon such a footing as it rightly deserves, has been long felt, and to supply this want the JOURNAL was earnest in its efforts both last session and in previous years in advocating the formation of a football association—such as that formed in July last at Whitby, which includes all clubs playing Association rules in the district, bounded by Toronto on the west

and Kingston on the east, both cities included.

We are confident that the effort of those who were immediately interested in organizing "The Central Football Association," will stimulate an interest in the game which it would otherwise lack, and thus serve as an incentive, not only to promote a friendly sympathy among the students of the different schools and colleges, but also, by bringing together in friendly rivalry their representative "kicks," induce a like sympathy between sister institutions.

We believe this is one object the Association has in view, and the fact of so many clubs from the leading colleges handing in their applications to compete for the championship cup which is offered for competition augurs well for the accomplishment of this end, and must be gratifying to those who are interested in the welfare of the Association.

We heartily approve of the scheme adopted by the managing committee in their meeting at Whitby a few weeks ago for all matches to be played under the auspices of the Association, and would here offer our congratulations for their successful effort to supply a long felt want.

We are pleased to know that Queen's College Football Club has added its name to the list and would bespeak for our boys a hard push in the struggle for first place.

We will have occasion in a following number of the JOURNAL to refer to a few of the details connected with the plan that has been adopted for the two series of contests which are to take place in October and November respectively.

#### ADDITIONS TO THE FACULTY.

THE recent additions to the staff of Queen's show that the energy of its splendid Board of Trustees is by no means exhausted. The Scientific department is now very well equipped. Dr. Williamson resigns the teaching of Physics to younger hands,

but he has no intention of severing his connection with an institution at whose cradle he stood, and whose growth he has watched and helped to foster. As Vice-Principal and Professor of Astronomy we hope that his kindly presence may be long familiar to students of Queen's. The successor of Dr. Williamson is Professor D. H. Marshall, M.A., F.R.S.E., a man of rare scientific attainments and of considerable experience as a teacher. The choice made by Principal Grant, with whom were associated Dr. Snodgrass, the former esteemed Principal of the University, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., cannot fail to be justified by Professor Marshall's success here. In the Edinburgh University the highest prize open to students of Mathematics and Physics is an appointment to the office of assistant to the Professor in either of those departments—a system, by the way, that might, one would think, be followed, to some extent at least, in Queen's. That prize Mr. Marshall obtained on graduating in his appointment as assistant to Prof. Tait, and the grateful words of his pupils show how well the choice was justified. Such men as John Murray, Esq., F.R.S.E., Chief of the Challenger Expedition Commission, Professor Balfour, D.Sc., of Edinburgh University, and Prof. Macgregor, D.Sc., of Dalhousie, came under his teaching, and they speak in the warmest terms of his ability, enthusiasm and success. Mr. Marshall's next post was that of Professor of Mathematics in the Imperial College, Tokio, Japan. The Japanese Government only make appointments for short terms, a native Professor being substituted as soon as there is one qualified for the office. Professor Marshall, however, gave so much satisfaction that on the expiry of his term of service he was asked to continue his connexion with the College as Professor of Physics, and this chair he filled for three years, to the very great satisfaction of the authorities. Mr. Marshall is therefore no novice; he enters upon his duties here, not

only with exceptional knowledge of his subject, but with that practical acquaintance with the work of teaching that only experience can give. And as he is still quite a young man, there is no doubt that he will do much to extend the growing reputation of our Alma Mater. Professor Marshall will find the students of Queen's forward to profit to the best of their ability by his lectures. By the appointment of Mr. George McGowan, F.R.S.E., another step has been made towards the ideal of a complete scientific staff. Mr. McGowan, who has studied in Germany under Fresenius, perhaps the greatest master of analytical methods in Europe, has agreed to superintend the studies of the students of Chemistry for this Session, and it is to be hoped that his appointment may become a permanent one. While we regret the loss of Professor Dupuis' teaching in Chemistry, we may congratulate ourselves on the fact that he is now free to carry the teaching of Mathematics to the high point which he has evidently set before himself as the goal of his labors. With Prof. Williamson in Astronomy, Prof. Dupuis in Mathematics, Prof. Marshall in Physics, Mr. Fowler in Natural Science and Mr. McGowan in Chemistry, Queen's may fairly challenge comparison in its scientific department with any College in Canada. The appointment of Rev. George Bell, LL.D., to the office of Registrar and Co-Librarian will also be of great advantage to the University, especially as it leaves Prof. Mowat more leisure to devote to his own department. It would be a mark of narrowness to look upon the teaching staff as incapable of further additions, especially in the departments of Literature and Civil Polity, but it must be a source of heartfelt satisfaction to all the friends of Queen's to know that she is so much better equipped than she has ever been before. Evidently the only limit to her expansion lies in a lack of the sinews of war, and that want will no

doubt be supplied more and more fully as her graduates and friends grow in number.

#### LADY MACBETH.

THERE is not, probably, in all fiction a female character more fiercely cruel and boundlessly ambitious than that of Lady Macbeth. Such characteristics as hers in a man would excite at once hatred against his cruelty and admiration for his courage, but towards a woman exhibiting such traits we feel nothing but loathing.

She is first introduced to us as she reads her husband's letter relating to the prophecies of the witches. From her very first words after the reading of the letter, we learn her strong resolution and far-reading ambition:

"Glamis thou art and Cawdor, and *shalt* be what thou art promised."

Not *wilt* be; the matter is not to depend upon his will, but her own. Then, in her further soliloquy she expresses the fear that Macbeth, although sufficiently ambitious, does not possess the 'illness' and falseness necessary for a great act, and longs for his arrival that she may incite him to whatever is necessary to secure the throne.

Just at this point she gets the message that the King is to spend the night at the castle. At once she forms a bloody resolve, and in the soliloquy that follows she seems entirely to lose sight of her lord, and speaks as if she herself is to be the sole actor in her own bloody plot:

"Come thou spirits that tend on mortal thought, unsex me here,

And fill me from the crown to the toe topfull  
Of direst cruelty." . . . . . "Come, thick night,  
And pall me in the dunnest smoke of hell,  
That my keen knife see not the wound it makes."

In these lines Lady Macbeth shows the self-consciousness that her will is superior to that of her husband; for, although she speaks as if she meant to do the murder herself, her subsequent action shows that she intended to use Macbeth as an instrument.

Upon the arrival of her husband, she at once boldly avows her horrible resolution, and requests that 'that night's great business may be put into her despatch.' Duncan comes, and, with her heart filled with murderous purposes, she receives him with humble courtesy and feigned loyalty. What can afford stronger evidence of depravity than the inconsistency between the outward show and inner feeling. "False face must hide what the false heart doth know."

In the scene which follows, she fires the cooling resolution of Macbeth, displaying a cruelty seldom equalled. She at length succeeds and her husband makes his final resolution to carry out her deadly plans. To murder Duncan with the daggers of his grooms, smear both grooms and daggers with the gore of the murdered King, and then leave them. In Lady Macbeth's soliloquy, whilst her husband is engaged at the murderous deed, there occurs a sentence from which some attempt to show a redeeming feature in her character:

"Had he not resembled my father as he slept, I had done 't."

We fail to see the redeeming feature, unless every character which is not so bad as it possibly might be has redeeming traits. To us the expression seems the most inhuman of all her speeches. Alone with the sleeping, she could have stabbed her King while a guest under her roof. And what stayed her? Womanly woman indeed! Redeeming trait surely! She could not stab her own father's image as it appeared in the person of the King.

On the return of Macbeth after the murder, she mocks his fears as he meditates on the deed he has done; and then, when he refuses to go back to the scene of the murder, goes herself, and places the blood-stained daggers beside the sleeping grooms, whom she smears with gore, thus completing the horrid act.

The fainting of Lady Macbeth at the subsequent announcement of the murder, some consider real, others feigned. It seems to us one of those convenient faints which women are said to be able to assume at pleasure. There seems little probability of a faint overcoming her who planned the murder, visited its scene and upbraided her husband with brainsickness when he seemed to show signs of remorse.

In her latter days, however, Lady Macbeth begins to be affected with that feeling which almost maddened her husband—remorse for the crimes which she had instigated. Yet this takes place only when her mind and body become weak with age, and only during sleep. The blood of Duncan, which stains her soul, she sees upon her hands, and tries to wash away. And natural was it that, since her horrible crime remained unrepented and unpardoned, she should in semi-conscious sleep, see on her hands 'such black and grained spots as would not leave their tinct.' And thus despairing, she died, a fitting end to such a life.

#### THE CAMPUS.

HOW is it that the ground in front of your College buildings is not levelled off and fixed up as a University Lawn?" This conundrum was propounded by a student of a sister University to a member of the JOURNAL staff a day or two since. Our scribe was obliged to give it up. True it is, the southwest corner of our campus if properly rolled and sown would make a really fine ground for football or cricket. We see no reason whatever why it could not be managed, if somebody would take action in the matter. A good football ground is needed at Queen's in the worst way, as the upper part of the campus, although good enough for practice, is altogether too uneven for a match. The Cricket Club, moreover, seem to be using their ground more than usual this year, and besides it is hardly fair to ask them to give up their practice to accommodate the Football Club. The part of the campus in question, if improved as suggested, would add much to the appearance of the University buildings, and the air of desolation which now pervades that corner of the College property would be removed. The cost would

be comparatively little, and if the College authorities will not take action, we would suggest that the Football Club set the ball rolling. Let us see something done at once, before the weather gets colder.

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#### CLASSICAL EDUCATION.

THE opening of another session of the University suggests a few considerations on the subject of a classical education, a topic on which there have been many fierce discussions during the past decade. The great hold which the ancient classics have upon the learned world at the present day is due to the continuance of a prestige which they acquired at the time of the revival of learning in Europe and maintained during succeeding centuries. The human mind, freed from the bewildering entanglements of scholastic subtlety, and casting about for a literature, found in the masterpieces of ancient Greece and Rome a splendid intellectual heritage, unrivalled by the productions of any other races or times. This circumstance, combined with the fact that Latin was the language of the church, resulted in establishing the ancient tongues in unquestionable ascendancy. But the intrinsic worth of the poems, plays and histories written in these languages justified the high estimation in which they were held, and cast a halo about them which shall never depart. Let us talk as we will, no modern tongue affords such an exquisite instrument for the expression of thought as the classic Greek; no modern tongue has been reduced to such wonderful perfection; no modern tongue contains works of such rounded and matchless beauty. Indeed, the literatures of ancient Greece and modern Europe bear about the same relation towards each other as their statuary; the ancients, in the joyous youthfulness of intellectual effort, seem to have leaped to perfection at a bound—they have been succeeded by a race of imitators. Those who know how useful the study of the classics is found in the discipline of the mind feel no surprise that for centuries they almost monopolised the attention of those who aspired to a liberal education. In the nature of things, however, classical literature could not retain this disproportionate importance forever. Men have to earn their living by the sweat of their brow, in accordance with the primal curse, and to do this requires an apprenticeship to a practical calling. Handicrafts do not come to a man intuitively; they require to be studied and practised, leaving periods of leisure more or less varied for the cultivation of intellect and manners. And the material well-being of man, affecting to such a wide extent his intellectual and moral well-being, demands the attention of the learned and ingenious for its improvement. Finally, the structure and laws of the universe, the nature of the physical world, the constitution of the mind, the relation of mind to matter, and of the finite to the infinite, embracing vital and eternal interests of humanity, could not continue to be neglected for the study of any

literature, however beautiful. The old order changeth and giveth place to the new. A learned and educated man need not necessarily at the present day have the Greek grammar and the theogony of Homer and Hesiod at his finger ends; the classics in many universities have been made optional; and students are now impressed with the importance of mathematics, physics, English literature, mental and moral philosophy, just as deeply as with the merits of the classics. The latter, however, will never cease to afford delight and instruction to refined minds. Those, who have the taste and leisure to pursue them without interfering with the practical business and ordinary avocations of life, will be amply rewarded in the fascinations of their exquisite beauty, the pathetic interest of the communion of primitive peoples with the Gods, the profound identity of human nature discovered beyond the waste of centuries, and in the strength, subtlety, and polish which the studies under consideration impart to the mind. No tribute to their value could be greater than the results of the modern system of education in Berlin University, The Faculty of that institution, after careful investigation, have come to the conclusion that the classical students are very much superior in intellectual achievement to their competitors trained in so-called practical studies.

R. W. S.

#### SERENADE.

(REPORTED BY A SOPH.)

"WHAT the deuce is the row?" "Sounds like a students' serenade." These and similar remarks might have been heard on all sides on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 7th, as the sweet-sounding melodies of the fog horn and tin whistle were wafted by the gentle breezes to the ears of the citizens of Kingston. Yes, it was a students' serenade, and we will try briefly to follow the boys on their tramp that evening. When Parliament had been prorogued and the Alma Mater meeting was over on the evening in question, a procession was formed at the rear door of the College buildings, and off it marched to Union street, headed by a special serenade orchestra, the members of which were all provided with fine new instruments for the occasion. Through the different streets it wended its way, while the inspiring melodies of the orchestra were joined by the harmonious mingling of the different College songs, each section of a dozen students or so apparently deeming it its privilege to sing a different tune from the next. On such an occasion, however, any two tunes whatsoever seem to blend harmoniously, so that when the military gentleman who led the van struck up "The Son of a Gambolier," and a theological junior, a few files behind, joined in with "Saw my leg off," the effect was truly pleasing. One by one the different Professors were visited at their residences, and each greeted with three cheers and a tiger, and "He's a jolly good fellow." But for one incident all would have passed off as merrily as a marriage-bell. Alas! we cannot please everybody, and, judging from the reception accorded the procession at the upper part of Brock street, all the antiquated hens in that vicinity must have been storing up instruments of revenge against the students for some time past. Here hen-fruit of questionable age began to fly around promiscuously, nor did the bombardment cease before several of the students had been disabled, among others the basso-profundo fog-hornist, whose left organ of vision collided with an egg just as the orchestra was about to

commence a new selection dedicated to Dr. Stewart, whose residence the procession was then approaching. Owing to bodily indisposition, the "students' candidate" was unable to give his usual song and dance. Had Armstrong been on hand with his pipes their strains might have had the effect of eliciting at least a stave of "Green grow the rushes," but the fates had ordered otherwise. Nothing else worthy of particular mention occurred along the route, and the procession broke up after making all the visits on the programme, the students being well satisfied with the result of the first serenade of the session.

### → CORRESPONDENCE. ←

#### THE PRINTING OF LECTURES.

To the Editor of the Journal:

AS the opinion was expressed in the closing number of the JOURNAL of last session the present mode of lecturing in the College is the cause of a great and unnecessary waste of precious time. I would again venture to bring the matter before your readers. From forty minutes to an hour each day is occupied by a Professor in lecturing, and at such a rate, that, unless the members of his class can write shorthand, which is the exception with them, they can at least get but a synopsis of the subject. Generally it is an imperfect one, from which the student often gets erroneous ideas, because he is unconscious that such errors exist. This is not all, most students to get this imperfect synopsis, are compelled to occupy another hour in filling up the many *blanks* in the pages of their lecture-books, from the notes of other students, who are similarly situated. Then as a cap-sheaf to the whole, a considerable length of extra time is required to decipher the pages of hieroglyphics before the lecture can be studied. Fully two hours and a half are taken up in this preparatory work. It may be thought, that in thus going over the lecture the student ought to get some knowledge of the subject, but it is hardly so, as the Professor reads so fast, and it is necessary that he should, if a proper amount of work is to be gone over in a session, that the student has to give his whole attention to the mere copying of it, and cannot, in the majority of cases, apply his mind to the subject beyond this. Then in its correction it is much the same and not much better during the time taken for its translation. It will then be generally conceded that if the lectures were printed it would be a great gain to the student, a saving of time, that with the present shortness of the session, means so much. It would be a gain of time, not only as to time, but in knowledge, as the matter of the lecture would then itself be correct, and would also give the Professor all the time that is now wasted in lecturing, to examine the students, orally, testing their knowledge, so that he could correct any wrong ideas they may have taken up, and he would at the same be able to give a fuller explanation of the subject where he thought it necessary. Some steps have been taken in this matter this session. It is to be hoped that they will soon be extended to the other classes. In the class of Junior Mathematics, the Professor has had the work that is to be gone over in algebra printed, and part of the course taken in Senior Philosophy has been like treated. These are a gain to the student in the points I have already referred to in time, in accuracy and in knowledge. The lecture system, in the hands of an able Professor, is rightly acknowledged on all sides to be the best method of imparting knowledge, but we are of opinion if the lectures were printed it would add much to its usefulness.

GRAY.

To the Editor of the Journal:

DEAR SIR:—Will you allow me to ask through your columns why it is that the Museum is never open? We read in the *Calendar* that the collections are "Extensive and valuable," and that "occasional demonstrations are given to students," yet to my certain knowledge no such demonstration has been given within the last four years. I venture to hope, sir, that this state of affairs will be remedied as soon as possible. If the collections are extensive and valuable—as we are bound to believe—an occasional demonstration would be of the greatest benefit to the students of Natural Science, Chemistry, and in a lesser degree to others, while in any case no harm would be done by leaving the doors open either during certain hours of the day, or on certain days of the week.

Yours,

UNDERGRAD.

→ ROYAL & COLLEGE. ←

TO THE LADIES OF KINGSTON:

WE the Medical Students are back again, and rejoice that it is so. During our long absence we have missed you very much, but hope by assiduous attention and redoubled exertions to revive the flame of friendship, but smouldering the past summer. How often during the lingering summer months have we looked back on the happy hours we have spent in your society, and in memory (*i.e.* in our mind) lived them over again. We think that the pleasure has been shared by you (?), and now that we think so, we are confident of it; for, ladies, medical students are the only specimens of originality existing. Plain, unassuming, unpresumptuous, modest, "child-like and bland," the victims of a hopeless passion, they, carrying in their breast, wrapped up in tinfoil, a mighty volume of love which cruel destiny ordained they should ever feel for you, still proudly hold themselves aloof from that contemptible and insignificant wasp, whom society calls an Arts Student (!!!!) We do not talk learnedly of the subtle sciences. We do not discourse on abstruse Metaphysical problems. We do not bore you with the dull edge of biological accumulations of mystification, destitute alike of back-bone, solidity and common sense. We confess our inability to manufacture original extemporaneous perorations which the flourishing embryonic disciples of Don John Knox with graceful gesticulations and saintly expression launch from the ecclesiastical foot-stool upon the intent ears of the limestone sinners. We have profound respect for *the Bar* and were it not that we are hopelessly in love with our own profession we would aspire no higher than to minister to the wants of the legal fraternity and Fenian Brotherhood from behind the Bar and *barring* all accidents could guarantee to hold the fort against all comers. We are not barbarous, for we have infinite pity in our hearts for the noble, patriotic and lion-hearted followers of the Government dinner-horn beyond the bridge. If we cannot calculate with accuracy how fast and far an 80 ton gun will hurl a red hot projectile, we can determine to a nicety the exact spot on which it will not pause to rest. Oh! no, ladies, impossible it is for ordinary or average human intellect to comprehend those various sciences, but we are not ordinary. In our super-ordination exists our originality; as children we toyed with those scientific pursuits. As youths we disregard playthings to fathom the proofs and mysteries originating in ourselves. As men we believe in our own superiority and refer with pride to the exalted position and high local standing of the medical profession throughout the world. Having thus, ladies, enumerated our virtues and having established (to our own satisfaction) our

claim to your highest regard, and most profound admiration for our mental endowments (our physical perfections speak for themselves), we "the lords of creation" are here again to delight and dazzle your eyes for another six months. Alas! for poor we!

WE regret to announce the illness of Mr. W. G. Anglin, Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy, resulting from blood poisoning, contracted from a suppurating wound in the Hospital. He is improving, and hopes to be able to resume classes this week.

ANOTHER addition to the Freshman class in the person of Mr. G. Miller, of Cape Vincent, N.Y., is hailed with gratification as a proof that the merits of the Royal have extended across the border.

MR. JAMES BROWN, of the Freshman class, who was hurt at football, is gradually convalescing. We are glad to have him back again.

WHERE is the lost Charley Ross?

AN epidemic has broken out among the boys. Many plates of oysters are up on the result of a competition in a new field of agriculture, viz., the production of sideboards.

WE regret to record the death of Dr. Telgmann, a resident of the city and a graduate of the Royal, from an overdose of choral hydrate. Medical aid was tried in vain to counteract the deadly effects which this drug produces. The deceased gentleman was a victim to neuralgia and was in the habit of taking the drug to relieve the torturing pain of this affection. We extend our sympathies to the afflicted family.

NEW DEPARTURE IN CHEMISTRY.—Heretofore students in Medicine attended lectures in Practical Chemistry once a week. The instruction received was by lecture. It has been proposed that the course should be made more practical. The subject being a purely practical one a theoretical knowledge of the subject fails to impart as clear and as comprehensive an idea of it as its importance demands. The change proposed is, that every student should spend two or three hours in the Laboratory, under the supervision of Prof. McGowan, performing for himself those experiments which were formerly exhibited before him. Such a change would prove acceptable and no doubt beneficial.

NUMEROUS petitions have been circulating throughout the College. We hope the prayers of the boys will be granted.

GRIND.—Professor having exhausted the front ranks turns to the gods upon the upper benches. Which of you four gentlemen up there will tell me another remedy applicable to the treatment of inflammation? Silence in the upper house. Prof.—In the whole range of Therapeutics do you not remember one medicine which may be used advantageously? (Continued silence.) Prof.—From all the works on *Materia Medica* with which you are intimately acquainted can you not mention one? Upper B.—No, not one. Prof.—What about blood-letting? Can you tell me something about that? Well, *let it go*? That will do gentlemen. I will not detain you any longer. Applause from the learned finals.

THE dancing class this year is attended by an unusually large number of our dandy boys. Very close rivalry exists among the lads, but we hear that Belleville and Kingston head the list.

DR. R. S. ANGLIN, '82, presided at a Woman's Suffrage meeting recently in Springfield, Neb. We always suspected the gallant Doctor of a certain amount of susceptibility for the fair sex, but really did not imagine that the cause had such a champion as our friend promises to be.

OUR old friend Al. Grange, 79-83, he with the countenance mellow and bland, is leading the life of a Dakota sinner in Grand Forks. We understand he is prospering in his business, which, by the way, is that of an Agent in Real Estate. Al. should certainly understand his business, and from his digging experience here, ought to be well acquainted with certain spots of light and sandy soil, which to the future medical schools of the far west would prove a veritable gold mine.

THERE are some very interesting cases in the Kingston General Hospital just now. Besides the two cases of locomotor ataxia, there are patients suffering from heart disease, lung disease and brain disease. These affections are presented to the student very vividly, and better examples of special diseases are but seldom seen. The final student who neglects to study these will certainly neglect his own interest.

THE annual Medical Dinner ought very soon to excite the attention of our energetic friend G. Already he has secured the Freshmen's footing fee. Now let him carry the war into the tents of the Sophs and Primaries, but let him beware the mighty Seniors. Power dwells in their arm and bankruptcy in their pocket.

SUBS are not so scarce as the outside world imagines. We have them within the College, so bury your dead in peace.

QUERY.—Who can tell why our Janitor should exult in the possession of an enlarged and highly colored nasal protuberance?"

## FOOTBALL.

### QUEENS VS. BROCKVILLE.

ON Saturday morning about 5 A.M. a van containing the Rugby team from the College drove out to the G.T.R. depot. Although the air was bitterly cold and the comet in full bloom the party was a jolly one and in the best of spirits. The heavy man of the team was the last to appear on the scene, but he arrived all right at a 2:40 gait, and explained that he had overslept himself. The day promised to be a fine one for the game, and when the train was boarded and the party fairly off everyone determined to enjoy himself as much as possible. Accordingly, to start with, some of the familiar College songs were sung with a will and a gusto that made the uninitiated passengers stare. It was soon seen that some hours would elapse before the "dashing mixed" reached Brockville, and stories, speeches and songs were employed to wile away the time, and the prospects of victory or defeat were eagerly discussed. At every way-station a general stampede was made for the platform, and there was always plenty of time to see everything before the train moved on again. At Brockville, Mr. J. Hutcheson, B.A., an old Queen's boy, was found waiting to welcome the team, with the Captain of the Brockville club, Mr. Wanklyn, both of whom did all in their power to make the Kingston boys' visit a pleasant one. After the team had been registered at the Revere House, and some anxious inquiries made about the dinner hour, the party separated and each one amused himself as best he could until the welcome stroke of twelve sounded, when a very good dinner was partaken of at the hotel. After dinner the jerseys and knickerbockers were donned and a few of the vainer members of the team got tin-types taken which were a source of great admiration to themselves.

#### THE GAME.

At three o'clock sharp the two teams took their positions on the field as follows:

#### QUEENS COLLEGE.

*Rushers*—T. G. Marquir, F. Montgomery, F. Strange, A. D. Cartwright, Æ. J. Macdonnell, H. B. Rathbun, H. R. Duff, H. E. Young and R. M. Dennistoun.

*Quarter-backs*—A. Gordon (captain), and W. Coy.

*Half-backs*—F. Booth and Max Hamilton.

*Backs*—J. Booth and J. Foxton.

#### BROCKVILLE.

*Forwards*—Wanklyn (captain), Jarvis, Hamilton, Koyle, Fairbairn, Chaffey, McCullough, Booth, Turner, Hutcheson.

*Quarter-backs* Angus, Murray, Taylor.

*Half-backs*—Clouston, Murray.

Average weight, 153 lbs.

The College boys wore their neat uniform—blue jerseys, white knickerbockers, and black stockings, while the opposing team wore no particular uniform. Queen's won the toss, and decided to play with the slight rise and a three-quarters' wind in their favor. The ball was immediately, when kicked off, rushed down the field and touched behind the goal line by Strange, who carried it in after a good run. A punt out followed, and another good run was made by H. E. Young, who succeeded in touching the ball behind the posts, over which Gordon sent it with a good place kick. Thus the first goal was taken by the students in about 5 minutes. The second game was also very well played and showed that the lessons which the "gowns" have been receiving from the cadets have not been in vain. The ball was rapidly passed from a scrimmage near goal-line back to Hamilton, and then to Booth who dropped it over with a beautiful kick. The third game was immediately proceeded with and a touch was secured by Marquis, who made a splendid run and was greeted with loud applause. Booth again by his unerring kicking took the third goal for the visitors. These rapid and well played games roused the Brockvillites to some fine play and they carried the ball by a grand rush over the Queen's goal-line where, however, it was rouged and kicked of at 25 paces. At this juncture Cartwright secured the ball and made a very pretty run securing a well-merited touch down which was converted into a goal by Booth. Several disputes occurred concerning the decisions of the referee, Mr A. Ferguson, who knowing he was in the right would not yield to the objections raised by the Brockville players, accordingly the college boys rather than have any ill-feeling in the matter asked their opponents to choose a referee from their own club which was done, and Mr S. O. Richards appointed. Just before half time was called Mr F. Booth was forced to retire from the field, as his shoulder had been hurt while doing some very good tackling, and Mr A. Ferguson took his place. As the game had now been in progress 45 minutes, half-time was called. The second half of the match was much more stoutly contested, and Brockville having the inclination of the field and the wind with them, prevented the students from taking any more goals. A touch-down was, however, made by Mr F. Strange, and Brockville was forced to rouge several times. The playing of Gordon was well sustained during the entire game, while Hamilton, despite his painful leg, which seriously impeded his running, worked hard. The playing of Freer, Murray, Clouston and Wanklyn for the Brockville side was frequently and deservedly applauded by the spectators. The match was ended with cheers for the teams and the umpire, and also with the greatest of good feeling on both sides. The University boys were entertained by the Brockville club at supper at the Revere House in the evening, when songs, speeches, and toasts were indulged in. The boys returned to Kingston on the night express, much pleased with themselves, and loud in the praises of the Brockville clubs. It is unfortunate that the teams who played this match

cannot meet again this season as a very good game would certainly result, but it was decided on Saturday evening to try and bring about the return match next spring.

While our Rugby Union rooster has made his throat sore by his victorious crowing over the match at Brockville on Saturday, our Association bird is rather despondent. Though the boys were beaten two to nothing at Cobourg, they make no attempt to excuse their defeat, but all join in the highest praise of the hospitality as well as the skill in football of their victors. We will in our next issue give an account of the trip up and the match, We expect the Victoria's to come down to Queen's shortly, and our club will do their utmost to do as they were done by, and to send our friends from Cobourg home, feeling exactly as they themselves felt on their return here.

**READING ROOM.**

ON the 14th October a meeting of the students was held to elect the Curators of the reading-room for the ensuing year, when the following were were appointed for the several years:

- Divinity—P. M. Pollock, B.A.
- Fourth Year—J. McLeod.
- Third Year—A. McLachlan.
- Third Year—A. E. McColl.
- First Year—T. W. R. McRae.

The usual subscription of 25 cents was solicited from each student, and as a result the committee have been able to stock the files with all leading newspapers in the Dominion as well as the best illustrated and scientific publications which are to be had. All the leading magazines and periodicals are kindly furnished by the Professors, also quite a number of local and other papers have been kindly contributed by some of the students, to whom the committee desire to express their hearty thanks.

On account of the painful accident which happened to the permanent Curator, Mr. C. I. Herald, it will be necessary for the Senate to appoint one to fill his place temporarily.

→ **POETRY.** ←

**EPIMETHEUS.**

THE months fly by; November  
Is present with us now;  
And why should I remember  
That early April vow?  
Why longer should I long for,  
With tears and vain regret,  
Or why still sigh in song for  
The days *thou* dost forget?

The season wanes; the flowers  
I placed upon thy head  
Are withered with the hours,  
Are with them ever dead.  
And how should tender blossom  
Upon thee fresh remain,  
When winter in thy bosom  
Doth hold eternal reign?

Or, now the year is dying,  
Why not, ere it be done,  
Let all old love go flying  
After the old year's sun?

Why not give laugh for laughter,  
Shake hands and part with thought,  
And love being asked for after,  
Make answer—*Love was not.*

I will! no more I sorrow  
For that bright, brief, dear dream;  
I launch my boat to-morrow  
Anew upon life's stream.  
And let the breeze blow kindly,  
And let the tide run true,  
Or let them both work blindly  
Their work, as weavers do.

And let my bark move quickly,  
Or be it slowly sped,  
And let the stars gleam thickly,  
Or be they hid o'er head—  
I shall no more abandon  
My chart, but onward move,  
No more, to strike or strand on  
The rock of April love.

No, No! My soul's November  
Is here and with me now,  
And I must not remember  
Again that sweet Spring-vow;  
I must no longer long for,  
With tears and vain regret,  
Nor sigh again in song for  
The days thou dost forget.

GEO. F. CAMERON, '86.

**MAXIMS FOR FRESHMEN.**

**A**CT with the dignity of an undergraduate.

Be careful not to overrate you own importance.

Carry no canes; these are the exclusive right of juniors and seniors.

Don't manifest any undue preference for the fair sex.

Endure *Trials* (Concursus Inquitatis) patiently.

Fix your mind on your studies. It will repay you at the final.

Good manners are one of the first requisites for a Freshman.

Hold no protracted meetings "at the gate." We won't say what gate.

If you do, be careful you are not noticed by a senior.

Join the College Societies and interest yourself in them.

Keep company only with those whose actions will never shame you.

Lie not for any consideration; it don't pay in the end.

Make few acquaintances apart from your College associates.

Never try to appear what you are not. You'll be found out sooner or later.

Observe what is required of you and do it.

Pay as you go, but if you have nothing to pay with then don't go.

Question not the veracity of a fellow student.

Respect the council of your seniors.

Sacrifice money rather than principle, if you have either to sacrifice.

Touch not, taste not, handle not intoxicating drinks. They are not healthy.

Venture to offer your opinion only when it is called for.

Wait until you have attained the rank of juniors before before you indulge in the delicacies of kid gloves.

Examinations are a necessary evil, so prepare to face them manfully.

Your frequent attendance at operas will be considered a capital offence in the venerable C. I.

Zealously regard the above maxims and your success is beyond question.

We have felt constrained to offer this word of advice, observing the conduct of certain members of the class of '86, to whom we would say, beware!

### → PERSONAL. ←

**A**LFRID GANDIER, '84, has been gaining well-earned ecomiums for himself, and through him, for his Alma Mater, by his preaching this summer.

D. B. RUTHERFORD, M.D., '82, who graduated with distinction, is, as his friends will be glad to hear, meeting with success in his profession at Morrisburg, Ont.

A. P. CORNELL, M.D., who also graduated last spring, has taken up his residence with his wife, one of Kingston's fair daughter's, at Gravenhurst, Muskoka.

Colin Scott, '84, has been appointed assistant to the Principal of the Kingston Model School.

In a recent publication of the *News* we read that Dr. W. H. Henderson, '79, received a communication from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, offering him the position of Lecturer in Histology and Dermatology, showing that his abilities are appreciated abroad as well as at home.

ROBERT FERGUSON, B.A., a graduate last year and gold medallist in History and English Literature, has been appointed English master in the Cobourg High School.

WILLIAM A. LAVELL, M.D., '80, concluded this spring to locate at Merrickville, Ont., and has already succeeded in working up a good practice. The ladies of the place say that he is a great addition to society. John Hay, B.A., '82, comes in for part of that approbation. He has been making Merrickville the headquarters of his mission stations during the summer.

THOS. MCGUIRL, '84, has received the appointment of Principal of Catarqui School, Kingston.

SEVERAL of our undergraduates have entered for other Universities. A. W. Thomson, '83, has gone to the College of Manitoba, John G. Hooper, '84, will attend the divinity classes of Trinity College, Toronto, and Nutting Fraser, '85, has selected Edinburgh University as his future Alma Mater.

ALLEN McROSSIE, '84, has been preaching since the spring at a place near Watertown, N.Y., and intends spending a year there.

MR. RODERICK MACKAY, B.A., '81, has been appointed a sub-examiner in the approaching civil service examinations.

MR. RICHARD IRVINE of the class of '82 is acting as a colporteur for the Bible Society in this district.

MR. W. G. BROWN, B.A., '81, who is at present on the staff of the Galt Collegiate Institute, seems to remember the football he learned at Queen's, as he is now considered one of the strongest players on the Galt team, which contests with Berlin the championship of Western Ontario.

### → DE & NOBIS & NOBILIBUS. ←

**P**ROFESSOR in English, criticizing essay: Sarcas- tically—"I didn't know that people translated with their hand before, but was always of the opinion that it was with their minds." Junior aside to members of the class—"Professor evidently don't know that most students at least *translate with their horses.*"

NOW THAT all the officers of the Rifle Company have returned it is expected some movement will be made at once to complete the arrangements for uniting the Company to the P. W. O. Rifles.

BOTANY CLASS.—Ignorant Soph to Professor—"What would be the best way for me to tell a mushroom from a toadstool?" Prof.—"By eating it. If you live it is a mushroom; if you die it is a toadstool."

It is seldom the football practice has been attended with such unfortunate results as it has been this year. Already no less than four have been more or less seriously injured, and in each case the victim has been unable to attend classes for nearly a fortnight. All have, however, been mere accidents and cannot be attributed to rough playing. The most serious case among the four is that of Mr. C. I. Herald, '84, who, while practising on the campus on Monday afternoon, had his leg broken near the ankle. It is needless to add that "Charlie" has the sympathies of all the boys and especially of his own class. It is to be hoped there will be no more such mishaps this season.

ONE of the lady students the other evening when asked her opinion of a certain gushing freshman, said "he is just like a telescope, you can draw him out, see through him, and then shut him up again."

THE Professor in Philosophy appears to regard the frequent expression, "I don't quite understand the question," as being a euphemism for "I don't understand the answer," and passes on to "next."

FRESHMEN! join the Glee Club. Its members have a fine time during the winter.

A SOPHOMORE, who thinks his year's experience at College almost equal to an eternity, is proposing to write a text-book for the sophomore and junior years, entitled, "Kickupthunder, or how to plague a Prof.," by the author of "the Arkansas Glazier, or the Bloody Putty Knife."

A FRESHMAN and a Sophomore were up a few evenings ago looking at the comet. The fresh was particularly

struck by the beauty of the heavenly visitor, so to speak, and passionately exclaimed, "Oh! but I wish I'd studied botany!" (Pass this around, it's not ours.)

WE would suggest the advisability of the Snow Shoe Club organizing at an early date so as to be ready for a tramp over the first snow.

SOME members of the senior French and German classes want to form a "French and German Conversation Club." Oh-h-h-hhh!!!!

HISTORY CLASS-ROOM—Prof. (questioning) — "Has Queen Victoria any reputation as a scholar." Soph.— "Yes, sir, we read that she translated Archbishop Trail from Durham to Canterbury, and—and— (Sensation.)

CERTAIN members of the classes in Mental and Moral Philosophy are considering the advisability of forming a Society for the discussion of philosophical questions. The proposed Society would hold fortnightly meetings, at which essays would be read, metaphysical or psychological questions debated upon. In Toronto the "Owl Club," conducted on this plan, has met with very marked success, the result of a series of these meetings being shown in increased percentages at the sessional examinations. There is no reason why similar organization would not succeed at Queen's.

WITH a few exceptions the Theologues have all returned to Divinity Hall. The matriculation examinations in Theology and Medicine were held on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 1st and 2nd, the result of which will be announced in the next JOURNAL.

AN error was made in the last number of the JOURNAL in stating that the city booksellers had not ordered a full stock of students text-books. It has since been ascertained that some of them are able to supply all demands in that line.

Professor McGowan, the newly appointed Professor in Chemistry delivered his first lecture to his class in that subject on Monday, Oct. 30th.

THE University services were re-commenced on Sunday last, Dr. Williamson preaching the sermon. Rev. Jas. Carmichael, of King, will preach next Sunday.

DIVINITY HALL is at present convulsed over some T(h)omfoolery about a reported wedding.

SENIOR PHILOSOPHY.—Junior—who in answer to a question has just read a passage from a text-book, but is doubtful as to the meaning— "That's what this author says, anyway." Prof.— "But I want you, not the author." Junior—"Well, I guess you've got me." (Usual applause.)

THE Freshman who occupies the prominent seat in Junior English no doubt considers himself lucky. He may be induced to change his opinion before long, however.

→ ITEMS. ←

PROF. (looking at his watch)— "As we have a few moments left I should like to have any one ask a question if so disposed." Student—"What time is it, please?"—*Ex.*

THE Harvard *Daily Echo* is defunct.

THE first letter sent home by a gushing Freshman: "Pater, cani ha veso memore stamps sento me? Ego spenthe last cent. Tuus studiosus heres, Johannes."—*Ex.*

"YOU are as full of airs as a music box," is what a Soph. said to a girl who refused to let him see her home. "That may be," was the reply, "but I don't go with a *crank*."—*Ex.*

PROF. in Physics, "what is Boyle's Law?" Diligent Junior—"Never trump your partner's ace."

PROFESSOR to sleepy student—"If you wish I will send out for a bed." Sleepy student with great *sang froid*—"Don't go to that trouble sir, I have a *crib* with me."—*Yale Record.*

A senior, with a very serious face, was observed to be very thoughtfully dishing out the butter; and when asked what he was studying, he seriously replied that he was studying Ancient Greece.—*Ex.*

OF the 1058 students in the Universities of Switzerland, only 113 study theology and 158 law. The growing tendency to avoid these professions is noticeable in all the Universities of Europe.—*Ex.*

CHARLES PRATT, ESQ., a graduate of Amherst College, has given \$25,000 to his *Alma Mater* for a gymnasium. We would be satisfied at present with one year's interest on that amount to put our Gym into running order.

HARVARD has a Freshman class of 275—the largest known in the history of the University.—*Ex.*

BOSTON University has received the substantial sum of two million dollars, the gift of Mr. Rich of that city. Where will the lightning strike next?—*Ex.*

"Did you hear my last speech?" said a Sophomore to Freshman, who was not present on the occasion. "I sincerely hope so," said the Freshman.

THE ladies are wearing little gold tuning forks for hair pins, which indicate that "There's music in the h-air."

An exchange says with great felicity of expression: "These moonlight nights! Ah! by how many vine-embowered gates soft eyes-look love to eyes that speak again, and the pressure of a tiny hand in a masculine wakes to ecstasy the living liar."

Two new Canadian monthlies greet us this session. The *University Monthly* from the University of New Brunswick, and the *University Gazette* from McGill College. The *Gazette* has not been dead, but sleeping; and now, like old Rip, shakes its limbs and makes a sturdy re-entrance into the College world. The *Gazette* is gentlemanly in tone and cleverly conducted, while a noticeable freshness which pervades its columns does not make it less agreeable. It is to be hoped that the staff of the *Gazette* will not find the presence of a Professor in their sanctum irksome.

THE Fredericton *Monthly* is also a sensible and interesting journal, and will always be a welcome friend on our table.

THE *Argosy*, another New Brunswick paper, though vivacious, is lacking in the dignity which should attend a University journal and in this respect is not up to the *Monthly*. The *Argosy* is justly proud of Mr. Tweed, the young gentleman who carried off the Gilchrist Scholarship this year, and who is a graduate of Mt. Allison. The successful competitor was made the recipient of a testimonial in the shape of a banquet, at which an array of steaming fowls and rich pastry, interspersed with bouquets tastefully arranged by ladies' hands, led captive the senses.

THE *Presbyterian College Journal*, Montreal, would have a greater hold on the attention of its readers, if it would hold in greater restraint the strong tendency to gush, which bids fair to become its chief characteristic.

THE *Portfolio* (Hamilton) and *Sunbeam* (Whitby) maintain their reputation. They are as usual bright, cheerful and refined.

*Acta Columbiana* is in good hands this year, and the same may be said of the *Varsity* (Toronto University.)

At the Bordentown Female College, the other day, a rap was heard at one of the doors, upon opening which, a seedy-looking tramp was brought to view. "Is this the College?" "Yes;" "what would you like?" "Have the students any old pants they would like to dispose of?" The interview was abruptly terminated by a speedy closing of the door. Fact.—*Ex.*

SCENE, Chapel: Professor praying and certain Preps studying.—"Bless, we pray Thee, the students now studying here." Sensation among the Preps.—*Argo.*

THIRTEEN Freshmen were not long since expelled from Williams College, for an indiscriminate use of the "horse."

H. H. BOYSEN has been appointed Professor of the German Language and Literature at Columbia College.

THE exchange column of the *Oberlin Review* is to be edited by a lady this year. We will accordingly always be on the lookout for the *Review*, as some how or other, though, perhaps, we should not be the ones to say it, we generally manage to please the ladies very well, and we will not be afraid of any adverse criticisms from the pen of the fair editress.

THE Cincinnati Wesleyan Female College has been sold at sheriff's sale.

CORNELL students have petitioned for a course in Phonography. We suppose this is for convenience in annotating cuffs.—*Review.*

AT the boat race held on Lake George by the crews of Pennsylvania, Wesleyan, Princeton, Cornell and Bowdoin, the last named crew, greatly to the surprise of Bowdoin students, came in behind all the others. The positions were in the order of the Colleges mentioned.

*Acta Columbiana* wants the students of Columbia College to give up boating and devote all their attention to football.

LONGFELLOW memorial services appropriately formed a part of the Commencement exercises at Bowdoin last July. An address of two hours was followed by the singing of "The Bridge," which closed the services.

THE word of Dr. Woolsey, ex-President of Yale College, on International Law, is the text book adopted at Oxford. The Yale papers consider this an exceptional honor to American scholarship.

VICTORIA COLLEGE is reported as having an incoming class numbering thirty.

LAVAL UNIVERSITY having got over the troubles in connection with the establishment of a branch in Montreal, has purchased an eligible site and will at once begin the erection of buildings—but this they will do slowly—proceeding as their means allow.

THE 50th anniversary of the establishment of the McGill Medical College was celebrated by a banquet at the Windsor. Lieut.-Governor Robitaille, a graduate, was the chief guest.

A RECENT graduate of Victoria has obtained a Fellowship in John Hopkins University worth \$600 a year. This University affords a great advantage to those wishing to take a post graduate course.

#### ROBBERY.

In childhood days, ere yet she knew  
The words of gifts, she'd freely take  
The presents—sweetmeats, toys and such—  
He offered her, for friendship's sake.

In later years when older grown,  
Quite different things she took, like this;  
His arm at parties—hat and stick  
Whene'r he called—perhaps, a kiss.

In turn, she took his purse, his time,  
His love, this thievish dame,  
Not then, it seems, was she content:  
For last of all she took—his name.—*Lampoon.*

HARVARD adds a veterinary department to its curriculum this year.—*Ex.* We thought it would come some time. The student's best friend is at last to receive official attention.—*Northwestern.*