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THE MCGILL GAZETTE.

MONTREAL, SATURDAY, NOV. 16, 1878.

EDITORIAL.

IF we may assume, from the exceptional interest manifested in the recent contest for the Presidency of the University Literary Society, that graduates and under-graduates generally have awakened to a sense of their duties toward this association, we can only regard the effects of the struggle as beneficial and wholesome. Of course, much of the excitement exhibited is ephemeral—much of the interest displayed evanescent. Men attended the annual meeting, to record their votes, who in all probability will never be seen again within the Society's rooms; and so far as the election of officers is taken out of the control of the really active members of the Society, we cannot but regret the importation of an irresponsible, unthinking element into the electorate of an organization whose success depends so much upon its office-bearers. We do not desire to reflect upon one side more than upon another as regards the late election. Both candidates had their friends who canvassed energetically and good-naturedly, and the result was evidenced by the large audience present on polling night. We only wish to declare our conviction that an occasion may arise when—by the introduction of a large number of new members, who know nothing of the merits of the candidates for office, and who care little for the prosperity of the Society—an inefficient staff of officers may be chosen. It might, then, be proper to consider whether it would not be wise to limit the suffrage to members of at least one year's standing. We have not, however, the space to refer to this subject at the present time.

The Society may be congratulated upon the excellent staff of office-bearers for the present session. In the President—upon whom mainly rests the progress of the Society—the mem-

bers have a gentleman of considerable ability, and one whose record as a member proves that he takes a real interest in its affairs. The remainder of the Committee consists of representative men from the different faculties, and altogether it may be affirmed that the governing body of the Society is at once able and sagacious. And now a word as to the work of the Society during the coming winter. A proposal to institute a course of lectures has, we believe, already been laid before the Society, and will no doubt be sanctioned. But it must not be forgotten that the real object of the Society is to encourage literary and scientific pursuits among its members. A political debate is well enough now and again, but it is to be hoped that purely literary and scientific subjects will be proposed by the committee for discussion. Nor should essays be as rare a component part of the evening's programme as formerly: members who can contribute a paper should not wait to be coaxed into acceptance of an appointment, but should rather volunteer. There is but one other matter to which we would advert, and that is that we sincerely trust that those who receive cards from the Secretary notifying them of an appointment should, in the event of inability to accept, *at once* notify the proper officer. Nothing is more disagreeable than to observe three or four debaters announced as absent, as was the case at a recent meeting. In conclusion, we look for an unusually interesting session for the Society, and if the members will only attend the meetings regularly, they will soon discover that a more useful and instructive institution does not exist in McGill than the University Literary Society.

WE regret to state that, owing to the pressure of important matter, we have been obliged to leave over for our next number the report of the McGill Medical Society's meetings, as well as the list of Freshmen.

THE majority of the second year men in Medicine are going up for their Primary examination in the spring, thus making the second year their primary, instead of the third year, which was formerly the case. We believe in the wisdom of this undertaking, which, if successfully carried out, will enable them to devote two consecutive sessions to the important final branches. Fellow-sufferers, we wish you success!

WE take pleasure in congratulating Messrs. Drummond, Cuzner, and K. McKenzie, members of the Soph. class in medicine, on the creditable manner in which they acquitted themselves at the University sports. Mr. Drummond claims the championship of the Dominion in the mile walk, and Mr. Cuzner not only claims the championship of the Dominion, but that of America, having made the best throw on record in this country in putting the weight, while it is hardly necessary to state that the victory for the Meds. in the tug of war, was decided by Drummond and K. McKenzie, assisted, of course, by the "end man."

The final students in medicine have much to complain of in regard to the manner in which they are treated in the hospital. It is supposed that the graduating class of each year should have precedence in the clinical instructions at the bedside. Two professors are devoted entirely to them, and when the examination comes, they alone will have to render an account of themselves. Now, we think the junior students should give them every opportunity of study possible. They will expect to be treated with consideration during their final year; and, if they do, why not grant the same boon to those who are about to graduate? There is an attending physician who gives a very good clinic, and is intended for junior students, and to him they should go; while, in addition, the out-door patients are available.

We hope that the hints here offered may find a response favourable to the final students.

THE Governors of the University have appointed to the Professorship of History, and Associate Professorship of English Language and Literature, Mr. Charles E. Moyse, B. A., of London, late head master of St. Mary's College, Peckham, and an Associate Examiner of the University of London. Mr. Moyse was a distinguished student of University College, having obtained the University Scholarship in English, with high honours in Anglo-Saxon and other subjects, and has the strongest recommendations from Prof. Morley and other eminent men as to his attainments and capacity as a teacher. This appointment, we hope, will not only afford a relief much needed by the Professor of English Literature, but will stimulate and extend the study of this important subject, and will introduce for the first time, in a definite and permanent manner, the study of history into our University course. Prof. Moyse entered upon his duties last week, and we have no doubt but that he will be appreciated by all the students as much as he is at present by the Freshmen.

OWING to the careful disbursement of the finances at the control of the last year's management, and the increased subscriptions of the students in Arts and Sciences of this session, the Committee have been enabled to make several decided improvements in the general appearance of the Reading room, as well as to add materially to the already numerous list of periodicals to be found upon its table. At present there are some thirty-five journals, daily, weekly and monthly, at the service of the students, whose wishes and tastes have been consulted in their selection, and they include all magazines and illustrated papers of recognised high standing. From the time that this institution was first given into

the hands of the students by the faculty, there has been a steady increase in the interest taken by them in its affairs, and the fortunate choice in the *personnel* of the several Committees of Management which have had charge of it since its commencement has done much to aid this increase. The duties of a committee-man are varied and at times unpleasant, yet all those who have been appointed to that position by the franchise of the students, have performed the labours required of them with great forethought and forbearance.

It has always been a wonder to us, in view of the evident benefits to be derived from the perusal of such periodicals as may be found in the room, and the very small sum asked from each student for such a privilege, that all do not subscribe—and gladly subscribe—towards its maintenance. At present, however, such is not the case, and we would suggest that everyone whose name is not yet down upon the subscription list will place it there immediately, or show by his continued absence from the room, that he at least has the honour to tell the truth, when he makes the oft repeated excuse for not subscribing.—“I never take advantage of the reading-room, and therefore ought not to be asked to subscribe to it.”

To say that the students of McGill learnt with sorrow of the decease of Mr. E. A. A. Evans, but faintly conveys an idea of the feelings of his confrères on hearing the startling intelligence of the death of one so amiable, so popular, and so talented. Although unable—on account of ill health—to attend the courses for some time past, few of those who were at College two years ago can forget the manly figure and kindly countenance of Eddie Evans, and we can assure his sorrowing relatives that, in their sad bereavement, they have the sincere sympathy of every student of McGill.

It is with much regret we learn the death of Mrs. Hannah, who, for the last eight years, has been the matron of the University Lying-in Hospital. Her illness, which was somewhat protracted, she bore with Christian patience and fortitude. As a mark of respect, the students in Medicine attended her funeral in a body, and also purchased a number of beautiful bouquets of choice flowers to decorate her remains. It will be difficult for the Faculty to find another who will fill her position with the same efficiency as did Mrs. Hannah, and the students will long have to regret her untimely removal from amongst us.

MEDICAL FOOTING DINNER.

The preparations for the footing dinner, this year, were characterized by unusual quietness. In former years, and even up to last session, the uproar and clamour which accompanied these annual festivities were very marked indeed. Some of the students were wont to agitate the question of cold water dinners, while the majority were very strongly opposed to what they considered a sentimental innovation, contrary to the instincts of men who were capable of drawing a line of demarcation between a moderate use of the “flowing bowl” and riotous intemperance. We have known the discussion of the question kept up till every one was disgusted, and the consequence was that the greater part of the students took very little part in what should be looked upon by all as something to be encouraged, especially as its primary object is to initiate those who have come to the University as strangers, and are anxious to be introduced officially, as it were, to their co-labourers in study. It is therefore with much satisfaction that we have to say this year that all the preliminaries were so arranged that not a single hitch took place in the whole order of proceedings.

The dinner took place in the Carlton on Friday evening, Oct. 13th. The Committee of Management had not been idle for some days previous, and as a result of their exertions the guests of the evening sat down around the long tables as if they were accustomed to meet

in the place every day in the week. Mr. Inksetter superintended everything relating to the comfort of those present, and it is needless to say that under his direction all went well.

Over sixty students were present, which is considerably beyond the number usually present on those occasions. Besides the students of medicine attending the University, several invited guests were present. Among the latter were Dr. Burland and Dr. Bell, surgeon and assistant surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital; Mr. Nelson from Bishop's College, and Mr. Wood from the Faculty of Arts. Mr. Sutherland was chairman, and Mr. Ross occupied the vice-chair. The bill-of-fare was very lengthy, its contents beginning with the oyster soup and concluding with grapes and almonds, or, as Horace would have it, *ab ovo ad malum*. An idea of what a variety of good things was placed on the festive board may be gathered from the fact that it took almost two hours to do justice to everything.

When everything had been partaken of, and the cravings of the inner-man satisfied, the chairman in a few very appropriate remarks explained the object of the gathering. It was to introduce the Freshmen to the older students, and to place them on a footing of equality with their predecessors in the college. This was the first time we had the pleasure of meeting them and shaking them by the hand in a spirit of fraternal salutation. He hoped that the good feelings of this evening, which he saw in the faces of all about him, would not end on the threshold of the Carlton, but would accompany them to the college halls, and light up a glow of warm friendship. He need scarcely, however, urge this, for indeed students as a class were well known to entertain towards each other an affection which might almost be called brotherly in its manifestations and results. He concluded his remarks by proposing the first toast of the evening, "The Queen." This was followed by a song, "England's Queen" by Mr. Denier who accompanied himself on the piano. Mr. Denier played and sang in very good taste and received a hearty *encore*. The next toast, "The Governor-General" was responded to by Mr. McEvenue, who, as an Irishman, represented Lord Dufferin, and Mr. McEachren, being a Macallum More, replied for the Marquis of Lorne. Both these gentlemen made very good speeches, and were ap-

plauded to the echo. *Alma Mater* elicited a brilliant reply from Mr. R. T. E. McDonald. He sketched the history of the late Mr. James McGill, the founder of the University, giving all the salient points in his character; and paid a high tribute to his many virtues both of head and heart. "The President of the United States," was responded to by Dr. Jackson, and was listened to with profound attention throughout. Dr. Jackson spoke feelingly of the President, and held him up as an example to be followed by young men entering life. We are sorry we cannot allow space for some of the speeches, as many were of intrinsic value, and full of much useful information and practical hints for everybody, and particularly for students. The toast of "The Freshmen" was followed by a few remarks from Mr. Howar-I, son of Dr. Howard, Professor of Medicine in McGill. His maiden speech, as a Medical student, was well received, and was honoured by the usual outburst of applause. Mr. J. L. Brown made quite a humorous reply to the "Dean and Professors;" and, if we are not mistaken, expressed a wish that at future dinners our worthy tutors would find it convenient to be present, as he had no doubt, in the language of newspaper advertisements, they would hear something to their advantage.

Dr. Burland, the good-natured house surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital, responded to the toast for that institution. He gave the audience a short historical sketch of the Footing Dinner, how it originated, together with its gradual growth and development till the present time, when it may be said to have come almost to maturity. As is usual with everything, it was conducted at first on a small scale; but in process of time it had attained its present magnificence. He wished success to all future footing dinners, and hoped the shadows of the students of McGill would never grow less. Then followed speeches from Mr. McCulley and Dr. Bell, in reply to "Sister Universities" and "Our Graduates."

The toast for "The Ladies" was drunk with much enthusiasm. Mr. Henderson advocated their claims in a speech of some length. He said that Medical students, *par excellence*, were the champions of the ladies. He said that the days of chivalry were not yet extinct, although declared to be so some time ago by a great orator and statesman. He referred to the interest always shown by the ladies in every-

thing pertaining to the students of McGill University. Their smiling faces were always seen at our annual sports, and on graduation day the successful students were repaid for their many hours of patient toil by the presence in the academic halls of the cheering countenance of the gentler sex. Mr. Henderson's remarks found response in the bosoms of his audience, for the thunders of applause which greeted him at every comma, semicolon, and full stop, were so loud and powerful that it was with much difficulty that he could keep the thread of his discourse during the time he was speaking.

"The Press" was represented by Mr. McGuigan. He made a few remarks on the influence which the art of printing had exercised on civilization, and the immense moral power which the press wielded in the nineteenth century. He then went on to show what the tone and character of the press should be, and concluded by wishing success to all well-conducted journals in general, and the *McGill Gazette* in particular.

The remainder of the evening was occupied by speeches from Messrs. Nelson and Wood, and Messrs. Sutherland, Lloyd, Gray and Mignault.

During the evening music and song were interspersed through the different toasts, and contributed not a little to the amusement of the night. Indeed the occasion may well be denominated a "feast of reason and a flow of soul." It was one of those pleasant reunions which will be long looked back upon by those present as one of happiness and hilarity. It was just such an occasion of which only one thing can be said of them, and that is that they occur only too seldom. When old age steals fire from the mind and vigour from the limb, we can look back with fond recollections of the days of our youth when in company with our fellows we drank the cup of happiness to the brim.

The meeting broke up about the "wee sma' hours" after the singing of the National Anthem, and each one found his way to his own abode.

Vassar College girls have a secret society, called "The Vassarians," and any member who forgets her dignity and slides down the stair-railing is fined thirty-one peanuts and a stick of gum.

AD THALIARCHUM.

HORACE, BK. I, ODE IX, 1-17.

Behold how, whitened high with snow,
Soraete stands, and now no more
The labouring woods their burden's show,
Stiffened by frost the rivers' hoar.

Stand firm! O Thaliarchus now
Dispel the cold, and on the hearth
Lay the wood plenteous, high and low,
And the more generous wine bring forth.

Wine four years old from Sabine jar,
And to the gods the rest confide:
Who, when they once have stilled the war
Of wind with fervid ocean tide,

Cypress nor ancient ash is stirred,
Nor what the morrow's fate may be
Seek thou to know, but zealous guard
As gain each day now granted thee

By fortune, nor whilst hoary age
Still spares thy blooming youth, disdain
In pleasant dances to engage,
And Love's dominion still maintain.

J. S. B.

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FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE MCGILL GAZETTE:—

DEAR SIRS.—A few days ago I had the very great pleasure of receiving and reading the first number of the *McGill Gazette* for the session 78-79, and knowing the friendly interest taken by McGill students in University College, an interest heartily reciprocated by us, I have ventured to write you a few lines on our own affairs. On the Commencement of term great curiosity naturally prevailed as to the Freshman year, for knowing it to be the largest ever welcomed to our halls, we Seniors were a little afraid it might not exhibit the proper spirit of submission and self-abnegation which should characterize the Freshman nor readily submit to those time-honoured institutions, which, in every well regulated college, tradition has handed down for the guidance of their simple minds. Before lectures actually began, accordingly, a meeting of the senior year was held, these

traditional rules and regulations codified, and a committee appointed to have them printed and distributed to the Freshmen. The whole scheme was an entire success; and a "cheeky" Freshman draws in his horns at once, when he receives a gentle hint about his larval condition, and the expediency of keeping his undesired opinions within his own skull.

The Freshman proving docile we next turned our attention to football, and the two clubs were at once organized. Of the old College Club playing Rugby rules, Mr. C. C. McCaul was elected Captain; Mr. W. Gwynne, Secretary; while of the "Association" club, Mr. Cummings was elected President; Mr. W. Freeman, Secretary. Fortunately, the greatest harmony exists between the two clubs, and, recognizing the fact that there are plenty of men in College to support both, the members of the one no longer consider those of the other their mortal foes. The Rugby men for some time indulged in the fond hope of a match with McGill; but the long, expensive journey to or from Montreal, the lateness of the season, &c., are obstacles almost insurmountable. The fact of the matter is the students have to subscribe to so many different objects that it is almost impossible to get fifteen good men willing to go to the necessary expense, and I suppose, things are pretty much the same at McGill. A Rugby match takes place to-morrow against Trinity, and the club expects to play before the season ends A. C. College, Trin. College School (Port Hope), Toronto club, and possibly Hamilton. McCaul has certainly excellent *matériel* in his team, and we expect him to do wonders with it.

The "Association" men are at present deep in the "tie" matches for the Dominion challenge cup, and seem to have a very good chance of winning it.

As most of your readers have doubtless already seen the account of our annual sports, as reported in the "Mail" and "Globe," though by-the-by the latter pitched into the arrangements of the committee very unfairly, I will only call attention to a few especially good events.

High jump (Haultain, J. A.) 5 ft. 2 in.; place kick (McCaul) 151 ft. 7 in.; steeplechase, very rough, 1 mile (Congdon) 6 m. 10 secs.; 220 yds. in Heavy marching order (Gwynne) 29 secs.; Half-mile (McMorely) 2 m. 17½

secs.; Mile (Congdon) 5 m. 10 secs.; 100 yds. (Pratt) 10½ secs.; Half-mile (open to all Universities) (Strickland, Univ. College) 2 m. 19½ secs.

The most flourishing and best-supported institution in the College, the Literary and Scientific Society, is about to commence a new era in its existence: for the College authorities, requiring for other purposes the rooms at present occupied by the Society, have determined to hand over a large brick building in the Queen's Park, the old medical school, for the sole use of the Society. Not only will they put its deserted halls and lecture-rooms into thorough repair as Meeting Hall, reading-rooms, &c., and pay the expense of heating, lighting, and a caretaker, but they have also generously offered to fit out the largest and loftiest room in the building as a first-class gymnasium, the students guaranteeing to keep the apparatus, &c., whence once supplied with it, in thorough repair. Of course the undergraduates thoroughly appreciate this sort of thing, and I have no doubt that in the course of time billiard, bowling, and smoking rooms will be established; in fact a regular College club. The Literary Society itself is in a most flourishing condition, plenty of funds, large membership, reading-room supplied with all the papers and periodicals of the day, meetings crowded, and the debates, readings, and essays often excellent. The highest honour that can be conferred upon any graduate by the undergraduates is to elect him to the position of President of the Literary and Scientific Society and "Election-night" is generally a scene of the wildest excitement, men coming up from all parts of the country, possibly not as much out of partizanship, as to join in the "spree," which invariably takes place in "Residence" on that occasion.

There are several other points I would like to touch upon but I am afraid I have already trespassed too much upon your valuable space. I must, however, express my admiration of the spirit shown by McGill in publishing and conducting such an able periodical as the "Gazette."

I remain,

Yours truly,

SENIOR.

Univ. Coll., Toronto,
Nov., 1878.

SPORTING.

M. U. A. S.

The sports came off on Thursday, Oct. 24th, instead of Wednesday, 23rd, as first intended, the day being unusually fine. Those students who took a last anxious look at the sky before they retired Wednesday night had their minds relieved as they looked out on Thursday morning. The air was refreshing—the sky was clear, and the sun shone brightly. At ten o'clock a large crowd of students, professors and friends of the college were on the ground, where the following programme was carried out with great success:—

MORNING.

No. 1. Kicking the Foot-ball.—Campbell 1st, 164 ft. 1 in. One of the best kicks on record at McGill.

No. 2. Running Broad Jump.—Carman 1st, 17 ft. 11½ in.; Austin 2nd, 17 ft. 2 in.

No. 3. Putting Heavy Weight (17lbs.).—1st, Cuzner, 37 ft. 10 in.; 2nd, Drummond, 30 ft. 8 in. The latter is a good throw, but the former is one of the best amateur throws we have on record. At the Toronto University Sports, 32 feet was the best throw, and then a 15-pound weight was used.

No. 4. Running Hop, Step and Jump.—Carman 1st, having made 40 ft. 3 in.; 2nd, Cuzner, 36 ft. 11 in.

No. 5. Throwing Cricket Ball.—1st, Cuzner, 100 yds. 3 in.

No. 6. Running High Jump.—Austin 1st, 3 ft. 3 in.

This ended the morning's programme, and being noon, the students dispersed for lunch.

AFTERNOON.

The spectators began to assemble at half-past one, and at a quarter past two the grounds presented an exceedingly gay appearance, the beautiful playing of the City Band having attracted a large crowd, among whom were many ladies, who seemed to enjoy these competitions. Promptly at 2.30 the bell rang for the

No. 1. Half-mile race, Klock first in 2:21½; Waddell second.

No. 2. Hurdle Race, 120 yds.—Won by Austin in 19 4-5 sec.; Church second.

No. 3. One Mile Walk.—Drummond first, 8 minutes 28½ seconds; Hurdman second, 9 min. 10 sec.

No. 4. 440 yds. (championship of University).—Scrifer 1st, 57 4-5 sec.; Austin second, beating Cuzner and Rutherford. This race caused great excitement, and Mr. Scrifer is to be congratulated on his success, this being the second year he has obtained the cup.

No. 5. Relief Race (50 yds. and return).—Messrs. Weir and Waddell first, 18 4-7 seconds.

No. 6. One hundred yards (1st heat).—Won by Austin, 11 4-5 sec.

No. 7. One mile.—Klock first in 5 min. 36½ sec.; Cook second; T. Drummond third, beating two others.

No. 8. 100 yds. (2nd heat).—1st, Austin, 11 sec.

No. 9. Tug of War. Theology, Law and Medicine were presented. The latter came off victorious.

No. 10. Steeple Chase.—Won by L. Campbell—Church coming in second.

This ended the afternoon's programme, and, while the band was playing the National Anthem, the guests and students repaired to the Molson Hall, where the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Day. Chancellor Day being called upon, made a few remarks, which were greeted with applause by the students and all present. After cheers for the Chancellor and Mrs. Day, the Principal and the ladies, the M. U. A. S. Meeting of '78 was brought to a conclusion.

We need hardly express—in fact we cannot—our gratification that the sports were so successfully carried out. The arrangements of the Committee were excellent, and there was no delay between events. It would be well if those who have the sports in hand next year, and in years to come, would follow the example of this year's Committee, to whom the success of the sports is due.

The Judges were Prof. Osler, M.D., Prof. Bovey, C.E., and D. E. Bowie, Esq., B.C.I.; Starter, P. D. Ross, Esq., B.A., Se.; Time-keeper, C. H. McLeod, B.A., Se.

FOOTBALL.

The annual match with the Montrealers was played on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 2nd, in the midst of a drizzling rain, the grounds being in parts muddy and disagreeably slippery. Owing to the uninviting aspect of the weather, several of the players did not turn up, and the Montrealers played lacking four of their number, while of the College one was absent. Throughout the game was a very good exhibition of skill, and, barring a few hot words, was free from anything of an unpleasant nature. The first half hour ended to the advantage of the College men, they having obtained a try at goal and four touches, as against one touch obtained by the Montrealers. The lightness of the College team was shown, however, in the next, which ended with two goals to the credit of the Montrealers, thus giving them the game. We cannot but express our admiration of the pluck shown by the Club in contending against the Montrealers with the team they were able to get up, and although they were unable to keep up the prestige of the club in this match, the only match of the season, we do not doubt but that in the spring or autumn at farthest, a team will be found capable of bringing back their lost laurels, as well as of winning new ones.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[This column is open to those students who have questions to ask, or grievances to air. The Editors, however, disclaim all responsibility.]

TO THE EDITORS OF THE MCGILL GAZETTE:—

GENTLEMEN,—It is very pleasing and encouraging to notice that there is this year in the Faculties of Arts and Science, a class of Freshmen who seem to take more than ordinary interest in everything connected with the University. Heretofore, it has always been a very difficult thing to get the Freshmen to support any association connected with the College, but this year we find them taking a very active interest in our Football Club, our Reading Room, our Literary Society and Athletic sports.

There is one club they have not yet had an opportunity of supporting, and that is the McGill Snow Shoe Club. This club was re-organized last year, and considering that the season was well advanced when the club was organized, succeeded admirably in every respect but one.

The only point in which it did not succeed was in drawing a greater number of Freshmen. Instead of having more Freshmen than students of any other year, I am sorry to say, it had less. Among the names of those who attended the "tramps," I noticed the names of only one Freshman from Arts and two from Science. Now, gentlemen, I think if one considers the benefits that are to be derived from a club such as this, he cannot but wonder how it was that the Freshmen took so little interest in it. As every one knows, snowshoeing is one of the most healthy exercises a person can take, and if this were the only benefit to be derived from it, it is, according to my opinion, sufficient to command the attention and patronage of every student.

As we cannot play football, baseball, or croquet in winter, the best way we can exercise our physical body is by attending the Snow Shoe Club or the Hockey Club. The latter club, although very good in its way, and perhaps as beneficial to the physical body as snowshoeing, must be confined more strictly to the Arts students. It is customary to play Hockey on Saturday mornings. Now, how can the great body of Law students attend these practices? It is impossible for them to do so, as

most of them are at work in their respective offices. The Medical students also find great difficulty in attending them. Now, the Snow Shoe Club is not restricted to any Faculty, but one student has just the same facilities of attending the "tramps" as another, and in this the club accomplishes what, perhaps, no other association connected with the College can do. I refer to the bringing together of the students of the different faculties, and in this way forming a bond of friendship between the students, which, in so large and so divided a University, ought to exist.

As the University is at present, the students of one faculty are entirely separated from those of the other faculties, which is the cause of the petty jealousies which so often arise between the students of the different faculties. It was to remedy this that the club was re-organized, and, as it is the only way in which it can be done, every student should give it his hearty support.

The Literary Society does a very great deal to bring about this desired effect, but is a means of bringing into contact the students in Arts with those of Law. Whatever is left undone by the Literary Society is fully accomplished by the Snow Shoe Club.

From the above few remarks I think I have clearly shown the advisability of keeping this club in existence, and, whether it is to live or to die, is for the Freshmen to say, as it is to them it looks for support, and I have no doubt but that they will reply in the affirmative, and that we shall have many a good song and many a lively dance during the coming winter at mine host's Prendergast's.

Hoping, then, some further steps will soon be taken in the matter,

I remain, sirs,
Yours sincerely,
SNOW SHOE.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE MCGILL GAZETTE:—

DEAR SIRS,—In the recent contest between the McGill and Montreal Foot Ball Clubs there are two things to be deeply regretted. The first is that we should prove to have fallen from that standard which we have so long held, and, secondly, one of the causes of that degeneration. Were our defeat owing solely to insufficient training or want of raw material in our club, such a failure would be regarded rather in the light of a misfortune than a fault.

By this I do not mean to impeach the officers or the team of carelessness or bad play; for, on the contrary the playing on both sides was very good. But it is deeply to be deplored that among the students should be found men who neglected to come forward in the hour of need, and, above all, that two of them should prove themselves willing to sacrifice the glory of their *alma mater* to their private feelings of pique or jealousy. These two gentlemen (?) withdrew from the College Club, and one of them resigned his official position therein on the plea of "want of time" (considering their intentions this shows great good sense), but they found time to belong to the Montreal Club, and to play on their side in the recent match against McGill; and one of them on that occasion showed such a want of taste as to wear a heterogeneous mixture of old and new college colours. The result of this match is a forewarning of the inevitable result of this childish, churlish, party spirit which is unhappily arising in the club, and, unless speedily stopped, will eventually cause its ruin and the loss of its present (and even now I might say *past*) position. We may congratulate ourselves, however, that the Harvard team did not come to Montreal this autumn, as it would hardly have raised their estimation of our good sense to see us divided by such petty quarrels. Doubtless, our two deserters, actuated by the same sentiments of generosity which they have displayed on this occasion, would have offered their most valuable assistance to the Harvards in case of a match. However, we may have this satisfaction, that as both desired the same office in the club they will probably quarrel with each other. As they have deservedly lost the confidence of the students, they will follow my advice if they resign any official position which they at present hold in any of the college societies, and will perhaps save both themselves and others much annoyance. In conclusion, allow me to congratulate them in the success of their well conceived plan, as doubtless they imagine that the success of the Montrealers was entirely owing to their noble and strenuous efforts, and I would humour their fancies, "*Dear little Children!*"

In these remarks I am but expressing,—and that in but a very feeble manner—the just indignation and contempt with which all the students regard such traitors to their college interests.

UNDERGRADUATE.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE MCGILL GAZETTE.

DEAR SIRS,—I noticed in the October number of your valuable paper a letter signed by "Graduate," having reference to the Founder's Festival. This gentleman, with a candour of opinion which should be attributed solely to that class of men quoted by himself, viz: "conceited graduates," makes sundry disparaging remarks as to the college festival, and certainly some of a very uncomplimentary nature about the ladies who honour us on that occasion. Observe his language: "When it is gotten up, nobody enjoys it save a few fossilized old maids and sundry conceited graduates, proud to display their robes." What a quaint, elegant sentence! How plainly it indicates a superior familiarity with the infancy of the tongue of our forefathers to that of the ordinary writer! How admirably it brings before the mind that period in the history of the world anterior to the days of the geologists, when women, after a few short years of empty existence, unrealized conquests and disappointments, &c., gently, and with meek submission, stood while with chalky deposits they were encrusted or inhumed by ever-increasing layers of *shale*, slate, coal or sandstone! How delicately it touches upon a change of things in regard to dress! 'Tis cause for wonder that the last mentioned were not accused of pride as to display of "hood," and the former as to robe; but "Graduate" no doubt has deeply studied humanity, both from a physiological and a psychological point of view. He states further that "the students as a rule do not patronize the show," and refers with characteristic good nature to third class music. "What show? display of fossilized old maids, ice cream, coffee and third class music? Surely, sir, there is a peculiar, choice of language here for one who has the privilege and honour to be a graduate of our University. Surely this kind of phraseology will not tend to elevate the standard of the Festival for the future, or introduce within our festive halls a more "modern formation" of the fair sex, but, on the contrary, will keep many away who otherwise might favour us, and will prevent those who do so favour us, from just motives of suspicion, from making a pleasant and enjoyable evening, out of the ingredients at hand, for any or all who may lawfully subscribe themselves graduates.

ANOTHER GRADUATE,

THE FRESHMAN'S NOBLE RESOLVE.

Lonely and sad the Freshman sat,
And he thought of his dull future lot :
And wondered what "the old folks" would be at,
Whilst he was full hard at the "swoat."

He thought of his Pater, he thought of his Mater,
And he thought of his sisters three,
And he queried, "Tho' now I'm away o'er the water,
Will the Gov. and the kids think of me?"

But oh ! soon his thoughts took a tenderer strain,
And his face shone like bright yellow plaster,
As the thought of his "She" mounted high in his brain,
And her "phiz" of most pure alabaster.

By a mental process his mind he sent forth,
And its eye on a scene he did feast it,
To a time when he'd lay every "red" of his worth
At her feet and implore her 't accept it.

But ah ! deeply he sighed contemplating his state,
And new strength the resolve did impart :
That he first would endeavour to fill up his pate,
Then regard the concerns of his heart.

F. J.

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NOTES AND EXCHANGES.

The Glimpse has an amusing article on "The Well Informed Man," who, "whether he knows anything about the subject or not, will do his best to impress his hearers with the breadth and depth of his information." Also a pretty poem, "The Brook."

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"I look down in your clear bright stream,
And of my radiant love I dream ;
I listen to her whispered sigh,
Or hear her laughter rippling by.

When all at once, you saucy knave,
Mussel you mirror in your wave !
You needn't wink your liquid eye,
Whose blue you've stolen from the sky."

The constitution of the H. A. A. is also given and is very complete.

"Indian Summer," in the *Advocate*, is very graceful, and ends,

"We see the fleecy crystals with a sigh
Of strange, sweet sorrow, knowing that no more
For weary months, and, may be, nevermore
For us, shall light of Indian Summer cast
Upon the mellow earth, its magic spell.

A rondel from Villon is skillfully handled and the last thing in this number is a

"Scene :— Recitation Room.— Freshman, Division in French.—Tutor—" Mr. O, what is six times six in French ?" Mr. O. (promptly and innocently),—" Thirty-six, sir."

The poetry in No. 3 of the *Yale Record* is particularly good. The sonnet "Old Friendship" is pretty, and also "The Church in the Wild Wood," and "The College Editor" will touch a chord in the hearts of all who have ever worked on, or contributed to a college paper. No. 4 (page 39) says, "It is strange that the arrangements for football can never be settled without endless discussions and "tiresome negotiations," and then (page 46), "Harvard plays All Canada at football to-day in Montreal." Probably the first quotation supplies the answer to the query "Why did *not* Harvard, &c., &c. ?" In looking over the programme for the Athletics we notice a Trial Tug of War and then a Final. Might not this be a good idea for 1879 ?

The Hamilton Literary Monthly commences with a "Prize Oration," followed by an article on "Our Civil Service," and winds up with a list of marriages, the first of which took place on January 30th. In an article headed "From Paris to Genoa," there are several strangely used words, such as, "in the long ago," "way back in 1600," &c.; and this sentence is certainly worthy of a place in Miss Edgeworth's famous "Essay,"—"The huts of the peasants attracted cur attention. They were made entirely of stone roof and all ; even the windows were made by the removal of a single stone."

The students of Middlebury College, Vt., have been talking over the adoption of the Oxford cap (and we suppose gown too). A majority of votes was obtained in favour of it.

The Bowdoin Orient proposes playing lacrosse ; and worse than that, gets off the

archaic "In God we trust" joke on the 92c dollar.

The *Rochester Campus* also speaks in favour of lacrosse—"a favourite game among college students, especially among Canadian colleges," and does a little book-reviewing.

"Midnight," by James Russell Lowell, is the first poem in *The Richmond College Messenger*. "Oh, Shades of Poe!" There is a very interesting article on "Richmond's Early History," and "Society Notes" fill most of the remainder of this number.

Two "Prize Orations," the Bryant article, a story about a girl and a mill called "Marianne," with a generous touch of "Folle Farine" in it, and a "Body Snatching" song, in which the two following lines occur:

"First, I spend my all upon the *spirits*, sirs,
And the rest upon the *craytor*,"

are the most readable in the *Nassau Literary Magazine*.

The *Beacon* gives its valuable testimony to the quality of Kinney's cigarettes, and rejoices over the marriage of their janitor, an important occasion on which we feel somewhat doubtful on the propriety of sending our congratulations.

The *Central Collegian* (Fayette, Mo.) gives us the following insight into "the manners and customs of the inhabitants thereof": "The first thing a young man does on seeing a friend with a new hat on is to take it off and serenely try it on his own head. When a young lady sees an acquaintance with her new hat on she just lifts her nose and serenely wonders "where the thing got that fright."

We also acknowledge the receipt of *The College Mercury*, *Dartmouth*, *Vilette*, *Tablet Undergraduate*, *Rochester Campus*, *Trinity Tablet*, *Syracusian*, *Queen's College Journal*, *Tripod C. itic*, *College Herald*, and *Kottabos*.

PERSONALS.

Robert Robertson, B.A., Valedictorian of the class of '77, has been admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia.

Dr. Oakley, house apothecary in the Montreal General Hospital has obtained leave of absence for six months. He now occupies the position of surgeon on the Allan steamer "Sardinian."

We are pleased to notice that Dr. John McCrimmon, who graduated here last spring, has passed a very creditable examination before the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh, obtaining the degree of L. R. C. P. and L. R. C. S.

H. H. GARDNER, M. D. C. M. McGill, '78, after an extended tour of the continent, has returned to St. Thomas Hospital, London, to pursue his studies in that institution. We wish him all the honours and success possible, and in which we are joined by his many friends at present in our *alma mater*.

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ITEMS.

The formation of a legal glee club is on the tapis.

Prof. Moyses entered upon his duties on the 7th inst.

The Arts Class of '81 commence their mathematics on Tuesday.

Smoking has been prohibited in the Lecture Rooms of the Faculty of Law.

A miniature case of ballot-stuffing occurred in a recent election in the Law School.

On dit one of our younger Professors is soon to be joined in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The students have been provided with more comfortable seats in the Library Reading-room.

Several Lecture-room doors had their key-holes stopped up with plaster of Paris on Halloween.

The Law students passed resolutions of condolence with the family of the late Mr. E. A. A. Evans.

A repetition of the now famous "Horse vs Man" controversy may be expected on the arrival of the Marquis of Lorne.

Singing is becoming all the rage among the Arts and Science students, and they entertain the hope of soon outstripping the Meds.

Dr. Dawson delivered the annual University Lecture on the 7th inst., the subject being "A Visit to Harvard," which greatly interested the students.

The Soph. Class in Arts have petitioned Prof. Moyses to deliver a course in English Literature and Anglo-Saxon, and their petition is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Faculty.

Students in Arts complain bitterly of the action of the Reading Room Committee in locking the door going out to the spring, which is the only place where one can quench his thirst about the building.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Singing Club, held on Saturday evening, the following were elected officers: President, H. H. Wood, '79; Secretary-Treasurer, H. J. Bull, '80; Musical Director, J. T. Morkill, '80, Sc.

Scene.—The Literary Society's rooms. Time.—Friday evening, Nov. 1st. Verbose young man, (loquaciously).—"Mr. Chairman, I have nothing to say on this subject, but—" Chairman (interrupting him).—"Just so, nothing to say; then please don't attempt to say it." (Applause.)

"Snow" fell on the College grounds on the evening of the 25th inst., to the depth of 8 inches. The area of ground covered was 5 ft. 7 inches in length by 1 ft. 3½ inches in breadth. We would like to note the emanations of some philosophic and scientific mind on this remarkable phenomenon.

The proposed "Moot Court" has not yet been established, but will, in all probability, be in working order soon. A committee consisting of Messrs. Trudel, McGibbon and Atwater was elected, and letters explanatory of the *modus operandi* of similar institutions in the United States have been received.

A question is being discussed as to the eligibility of students of the McGill N. S. for membership of the Literary Society, and in the course of his remarks the chairman said that "he wishes to embrace within the Society as many as possible."

Law Student (gravely).—"May I ask if the chairman's remarks apply to the lady pupils?" (Sensation.)

An old lady entered the out-door department of the hospital recently, presenting on the "*tabium superior*," a very exuberant and unnatural keratinous growth. She was handed over by the attending physician to a "Shaver," who has the reputation of being especially skilful in manipulating this particular region. His favourite operation being performed, she retired, looking much younger, promising to return for a repetition of the process. Bob thinks she'll live.

At the annual meeting of the University Literary Society, the following gentlemen were appointed office-bearers for the present session: President, J. N. Greenshields, B. C. L.; 1st Vice-Pres., M. Hutchison, B. C. L.; 2nd Vice-Pres., Campbell Lane, '79 (Arts); Treasurer, H. H. Lyman, B. A.; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Atwater, B. A.; Recording Secretary, A. Falconer, '81 (Arts); Council, J. S. Hall, B. C. L., R. D. McGibbon, B. A., C. J. Doherty, B. C. L., E. B. Busted, '79 (Law), H. H. Wood, '79 (Arts), and F. D. Monk, B. C. L.

Very seldom has there been such a large and enthusiastic gathering of the students in Arts and Science as that which met in the Reading-room on the evening after the University Lecture. The chief object of the meeting was to march around and serenade the professors, (not to mention the young ladies' boarding-schools), and this was accomplished to the satisfaction of all, though it was afterwards discovered that the professors were all at Dr. Dawson's, and consequently could not appreciate the intended compliment. The Principal, Dr. Johnson, Prof. Moyses and Prof. Bovey spoke a few words from the steps of Dr. Dawson's house, and the students then adjourned to the Reading-room, where it was determined to start a society for the improvement of the College singing. The Committee of Arrangements were Messrs. Wood, '79, Bull, '80, and McGibbon, '81.

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