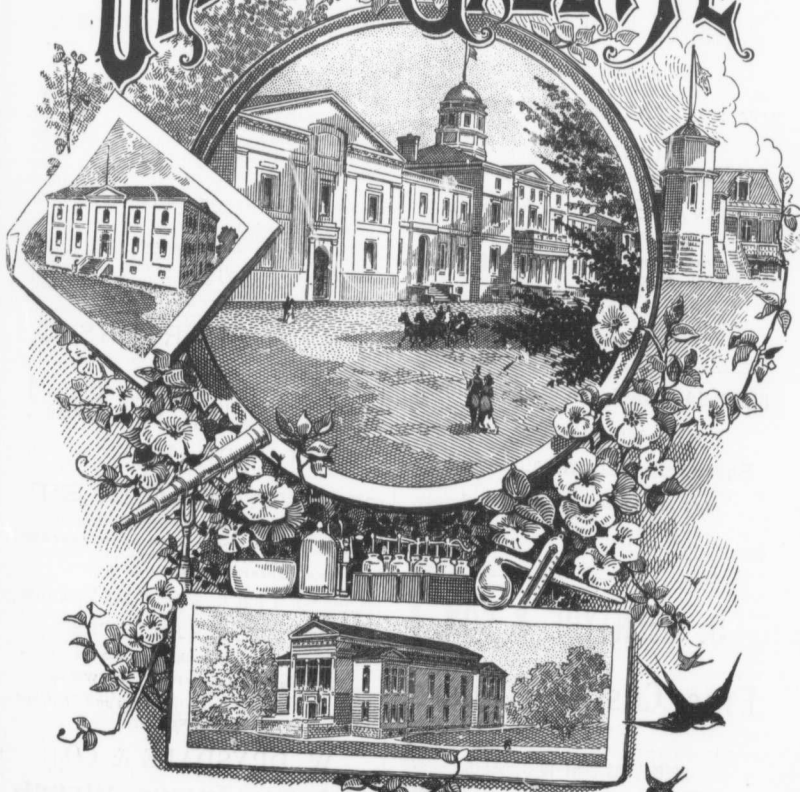


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Editorials

The University Banquet, to be held on Friday, 14th inst., is growing into shape, and if all the members of the University will only co-operate, its success as an institution in College life is assured.

The impression has gone forth that no good thing in medicine can come out of the Galilee of English speaking countries, but it is one which the Professors of McGill are doing their part to correct. Dr.

Macdonnell, in his lectures, is continually insisting that Great Britain has contributed far more than her share to the advancement of scientific medicine, and at present stands among the first in successful investigation; and Dr. Cameron recalled an instance to show that practises, which were imported over a hundred years ago, from Dublin, by Austrian obstetricians, are now taught as the Vienna method. Let our own prophets have honour in their own country and among their own kin.

We feel the necessity of a small comfortable room for a permanent abode of THE GAZETTE, when the editors from the different Faculties can drop in between lectures and read editorial matter and exchanges. In this way only can THE GAZETTE be conducted as it should. At present we rush to town on Saturday afternoon and meet in a not very inviting room, where all correspondence and editorial matter is skimmed over, and is either rejected as a whole or put in as it stands. The rest is proof-reading. We all feel that something better should be done; but it is impossible under existing circumstances.

The students of medicine look with the utmost abhorrence on the action of the man who furnishes to one of the vilest papers New York City can produce, statements dealing with the names and reputations of some of McGill's best undergraduates. Even if these statements were true, it would be mean enough, but when they are absolutely false the action of the sender entrenches on criminality, for which he should be legally punished. It is doubtless very annoying to the students and their friends who are made the victims of this coward's spite, but nothing more than annoyance need be felt, taking into account the falsity of the stories, the character of the writer and the class of paper that publishes them. We take it upon ourselves to state that the men who are assailed are those whose reputation stands highest, that no one who knows the villainy of the attack attaches any importance to the falsehoods, that; in short, the student who strikes at his fellow men whose names are above reproach is a Scoundrel with a capital S.

THE UNIVERSITY REPORT.

The annual report for 1889 shows a marked and encouraging degree of progress. All the Faculties have been on the alert. Among generous gifts to be recorded, the John Frothingham Principalship Fund of \$40,000, supplies a long-felt need; and the Thomas Workman bequest of \$17,000 has provided for a department of Mechanical Engineering in Applied Science.

The Medical Faculty has opened a subscription for a memorial fund to its late Dean, Dr. Howard, whose death was chronicled last year.

The Veterinary College has been annexed to the University, and forms a new Faculty. Some graduates in Law are endeavouring to set on foot a scheme to secure an endowment for the Law School.

Lectures in Sanitary Engineering have been added in Science, and also, though not mentioned in the report, an Examination in Canadian History in Arts.

Music is now a definite study at McGill, with Prof. Bohrer as director, Prof. C. J. Cameron and Sir Donald A. Smith defraying expenses in the men's and women's classes respectively.

A number of practical schemes for extension are on foot. The new building for the mechanical workshops will possibly be commenced in the spring. It is pretty generally known, too, that before many years the Donalds Department will have a local habitation of a more commodious character than its present rooms in the East Wing. McGill will have the honor of realizing the long-talked-of idea of Botanic Gardens. Already a portion of the grounds containing valuable shrubs and trees has been enclosed, and a pond for aquatic plants prepared. It is proposed shortly to solicit subscriptions for a conservatory to be erected in the garden.

A new Library, with capacious reading-rooms; a Gymnasium on the grounds; a Dining Hall for students; these are among McGill's greatest needs. And we believe that they will all be soon forthcoming. Our University wisely aims at concentration. Proceeding with caution, she has gradually gathered within her circumference new Faculties, additional buildings, affiliated schools. Of such a course extension is the natural outcome.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The proposed new College at McGill for the accommodation of women students is to be called "The Royal Victoria." With all due honor and respect for the Sovereign who, for more than half a century,

has ruled wisely and well over Britain and her dependencies, we cannot but utter a protest, however feeble, against the prevalent custom of calling by her name every second public institution that requires to be named. Here in Montreal are: Victoria Bridge, Victoria Square, Victoria Street, the Victoria Rifles and their Armory, Victoria University, with which, no doubt, the College will be confounded, and the Victoria Hospital in course of erection; the Victoria Lacrosse, Football, and Hockey Clubs, and Victoria Rink; not to speak of the thousand and one Victoria Laundries, Dye-works, Orchestras, and Societies of less importance. The city's great hotels are the Windsor and the Balmoral. The Queen's Hall in the Queen's Block, Prince of Wales' Terrace, and Wellington Arcade, are objects of interest.

And now another item will be added to the list: Victoria College of McGill University. It will not make the slightest difference to the Queen that her name forms one more landmark in the vast Dominion of which she knows only by hearsay. Nor will it stimulate the students to higher aims that their home bears the great and good title of Victoria; for its very familiarity has bred, if not contempt, at least indifference.

In pointing out an evil, one is supposed to suggest a remedy. Far better would it be, then, for the College to tell posterity of its generous founder, as: Sir Donald Hall or Donald Smith College (we protest against *Donalda*). Or, perhaps, as intended for women, it should have a woman's name. Then there are three centuries of women who have lived and worked for Canada, from whom to choose. It would be well to raise a memorial to some of these, which might inspire Canadian women to do as they have done. Again, there are names of places. Indian names are always euphonious and characteristic. Or, how would Royal Mount College sound? or Laurentian College? Either name is fraught with associations to McGill.

However, Royal Victoria College has its name already, if nothing else, and that it will in all likelihood retain when the more solid constituents are forthcoming. But new buildings and institutions are no rarity in Montreal or in Canada, and the question constantly arises what they shall be called. Complaints are sometimes made that the best positions in this country are given to Englishmen, while the claims of Canadians are passed by. Here is a similar case. British proper names are constantly being forced upon the Canadian public where, in most cases, a National name could be used with far more effect and individuality. And for this cause our

public institutions appear but as poor imitations of the greater and wealthier old country ones from which they are called. Some of the new towns in the North-West bear witness to a movement in the right direction. But there is room for much improvement elsewhere.

MEDICAL EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

An announcement has lately appeared in our daily papers, to the effect that the Woman's Medical College, at Kingston will not be carried on after the close of the present session. Such a report attracts the attention of the GAZETTE on general educational grounds, and also in the light of the recent agitation for Medical Instruction for Women, in connection with our own University.

One cannot but feel sorry to see the brave little city, the first of Canadian Medical schools to open its doors to women, obliged to lower its standard, and shut them fast again. But even if it is failure that Kingston has to face she may well rest on her laurels, for her college has done a noble pioneer work that will always be alive in history, and it will leave behind it a substantial reminder of its existence in every Woman's Medical school subsequently opened in the Dominion. The time has passed when on-lookers will point to the closing of this college as a mark of the undesirability of Women's Medical Education in general. The causes of the failure must be extrinsic, and perhaps lie in the fact that Kingston as a small city, must find it difficult to cope with her upper-Canadian rival. For Toronto is possessed of the facilities for study which a large city alone can offer.

But it is too soon to take the gloomiest view of affairs. Later reports have been more hopeful, and Kingston possesses, at the head of her educational matters, Principal Grant, a man said to be almost capable of resuscitating the dead.

With regard to the question of Medical Education for women in Montreal, the law of demand and supply and the city's Medical good-fame alone lead us to the conclusion that this will some day be an established fact. But there are many approvers of the abstract principle, who do not hold this opinion, not only doubting the reality of the demand, but also the possibility of the supply. Such, pointing to the critical condition of the Kingston college, will doubtless warn the supporters of the movement begun among us last spring, to take an object lesson therefrom. Kingston, they say, had its *raison d'être* as opening medicine in Canada to women; its career,

therefore, however short lived, was not in vain. But for Montreal to embark upon an enterprise that is to fail in a few short years, which will scarcely benefit even its graduates, would be a huge waste of energy and, as such, a misfortune. Therefore, society should look carefully into the causes of this failure at Kingston, that a similar undertaking may not be begun under like conditions among us.

This is very sensible. That Women's Medical Education should not be attempted if failure is a foregone conclusion, is undoubtedly true. But, on looking at the matter more carefully, it is at once seen that the cases of Medical Education in Kingston and in Montreal are not parallel, and that therefore while the object lesson may point out the safest course for such education to take, it is not close enough in its application to absolutely veto any. The failure at Kingston (if such it turns out to be) while springing directly from lack of funds, is indirectly (but really) due to the smallness of the city, the proximity of Toronto, and other like causes. Montreal, on the other hand, is a large city, with excellent hospital advantages and supporting several Medical Schools, the flourishing state of all of which testifies to the excellent conditions under which such education here prospers. Again, Montreal is the principal city in its own province—a province where no opportunity for Medical training has as yet been offered to women, and which has, consequently, been a constant feeder both of the Kingston and Toronto schools.

Thus there is to be observed at Kingston a failure, (if such it is to be), whose proximate cause—the want of a good monetary basis for a separate Medical school—would not necessarily be a source of failure here, but which nevertheless points out that a school started here on a like basis is to be regarded largely in the light of an experiment, and, as such, should be attempted, but only when other methods are unavailable.

It is seen from the case of Kingston, that it is difficult for an educational institution to be run on other than business principles laid upon a sound financial basis. For this reason the strongest hopes for medical education in Montreal lies in two sources. Either that some wealthy benefactor should see fit to undertake the full endowment of a medical college for women, or that one of the institutions in the city should throw open its doors to female students. The first of these alternatives is of course out of the hands of all but the supposed benefactor, and the second lies with the authorities; although in the latter case the initiative move might be taken by the would-be students in presenting petitions.

Thus, while the most legitimate and hopeful sources from which a medical college here could arise are, on the one hand, the endowment of a new faculty, or on the other, an old faculty's admission of women students, both these are equally out of the reach of those most interested, the women themselves. They must perforce, then, continue with the only course left open to them. An experiment in the shape of an attempt to establish an insufficiently endowed school of medicine for women in Montreal, which once in operation may attract new endowments, and, filling a sorely felt need, become also largely self-supporting. In the strong effort that was made last spring, the action of the petitioners pointed to a clear recognition of all this. For they first endeavored to throw their cause into the hands of the Medical Faculty of McGill University—(i. e., they sought admission to an old faculty)—failing there, they made a public appeal for a large endowment (the endowment of a new faculty mentioned above) and again meeting with no success, they, with those interested in their cause, followed the only remaining course, in endeavouring to form themselves and all willing to favour the movement, into a regularly organized and chartered Association preparatory to receiving sums of money for the carrying out of their scheme.

That medical education for women will ere long be established in Montreal, all who are at all far sighted will venture confidently to predict. For this Association, having right and the spirit of the times on its side; having, moreover, its *raison d'être* as working for the supply of a need felt through the Province of Quebec, must some day see its object fulfilled. But while wishing and predicting success to the endeavour of this body, one cannot but hope that its efforts may ere long be supplemented by a friendly movement from a "safer" source. Admission to women has been refused by McGill only, and there are several other educational institutions in the city. Surely one of these may perceive, with the Association, that McGill, in standing aloof and advising her petitioners to establish an incorporated medical school for women, which, when fully organized and in successful operation, might be affiliated with the University, has pursued a course marked rather by its eminent prudence than by its generosity. It might realize that a college graduating women, who are from their natural capacities calculated to do honor to certain branches of their profession, would strengthen itself by the admission of such. And it might forgive the fact that McGill has been first petitioned, remembering that the first petitioners were McGill students.

If this should happen, if one of the two other medical schools in Montreal should see fit to throw open its doors to women, the question of her medical education here is solved. If this should not be, then the "Association for the Professional Education of Women" has, in the first work it has undertaken, an enterprise requiring great expenditure of time, and thought, and labour, but which will, in its fulfilment, amply repay all that has been done, by the very success that the supply of an existing need always meets.

Contributions.

A DAY'S OUTING.

The members of the final year in App. Science after various discussions and suggestions decided, the beginning of last week, to visit the Dominion Bridge Co.'s works and the Lachine bridge, and Wednesday the 26th January was the date fixed upon, for be it known that almost "all and singular" of our trials and tribulations are to be found in the various varied forms of bridge construction.

Our plans were forthwith laid before the Dean, who not only most heartily approved thereof, but promised to facilitate our arrangements by communicating with the authorities, adding however, "he should like to meet the 4th year Wednesday morning," to give "a few" additional notes.

Wednesday morning came and at the appointed hour the class assembled for the "few" notes, but they were lengthened out, until the clock showed half-past eleven, and we had decided to leave by the twelve train; we were, however, not going to be put off by trifles, and a rush for dinner and the depot was made.

Two well known members of the class thought the proper thing to do was to take a sleigh to the station at once and dine there. Whether they had dined or not the rest of us could never ascertain, as the charms of some fair waitress was their sole theme the rest of the day. The others arrived in due time, and by twelve o'clock we were seated in the Lachine train and waiting to be off. During the twenty minutes of our journey thither we were entertained by the musings of one of the "stricken," thus, "I wonder what coal, etc. would cost to keep a house going, etc., etc."

The first object we were called upon to search for was "The Nekomis," not "Longfellow's," and after half an hour's investigation she was found snugly stowed away in winter quarters. I may add the Nekomis is a "boat."

The bridge came next, and after a walk of about three-quarters of a mile along the river shore we reached it. As we drew near frequent exclamations of admiration and surprise were heard as different points were brought out; it is truly a marvel of engineering skill.

After half an hour's discussion of the various points of construction including rollers, angle irons, rivets, etc., etc., we started for the Bridge works and were shown through the office, drafting rooms, blue print and testing rooms, and thence on to the shops proper, where we had a splendid chance to witness all the processes iron and steel are put through in order to construct those sometimes web like, yet substantial structures that span so many rivers on our continent. Piled up out side was the superstructure of an immense bridge that is to cross an arm of the sea at Cape Breton. After thoroughly examining the various manipulations in the shop we proceeded again to the testing room, where, for our benefit, several tests of shearing strength were made, and the testing apparatus, which is a most unique and complicated piece of machinery, thoroughly explained. Adjournment to the depot was next in order and Montreal reached about 4.30, all well pleased with the outing and what had been seen. The very cordial thanks of the class are due to Messrs. Duggan and others for their kindly interest and attention, and are hereby tendered.

NOKOMIS.

McBill News.

The Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science has gone to New York in connection with the New Science building.

Complaint is made by the fourth year men in Medicine of the non ventilation of No. 1 Lecture room when they go in for their nine o'clock lecture. Of course, it will be remedied.

A meeting of the student members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers was held in the Science rooms on Thursday evening, the 27th January, at which papers were read by Lea and Mattice, the subjects being "Stand pipes" and "The Cornwall Canal." Both papers were very interesting from the engineers' stand point and discussion was freely indulged in.

Mr. John Kennedy, member of council, occupied the chair, and gave the benefit of a long experience by commenting upon several disputed points. It was pleasing to notice the improved attendance and greater interest taken in the students meetings and we hope to see the numbers still augmented.

There is a report to the effect that a member of the 3rd year Arts class is doing what he can to "beat" the college; he has succeeded in already victimizing several boarding houses, and meanest of all, has borrowed money both from Professors and fellow students, and boasts he does not intend to repay it. In fact he prides himself on being smart enough to thus cheat his fellows. A word to the wise is sufficient and we hope we shall hear of no one else being duped.

On Tuesday the students of Medicine were gratified to have handed to them a pamphlet, the gift of Dr. Macdonnell, reprinted from the *Montreal Medical Journal*, and which contained condensed reports of cases in his wards of the General Hospital. The re-

ports from which these cases were condensed were made by Dr. England and Dr. Campbell, Addie, Hamilton, Bowes, Murray, McKechnie and Inksetter. The publication gives in the most concise form a resume of many of the most important cases brought under the notice of the class, and must prove of great value to the final men. Amongst the classes of disease met with and reported on are pleurisy, typhoid fever with examples of meteorism, delirium ferax, profuse rash and syncope attacks, Anterior Poliomyelitis acuta, Uraemia, Progressive Muscular Atrophy, Aortic Aneurism and acute Spinal Meningitis. Amongst disorders of the stomach are noted Gastric Ulcer and Cancer, causing secondary Cancer of the Liver and Cancer of the Pylorus. Other cases treated were Herpes Zoster, Pneumonia, Cirrhosis of the Liver, Syphilitic Gumma on the cortex of the Brain; cases of Cheyne-Stokes Respiration, Hemoptysis from Mitral Stenosis, Thoracic Aneurism, Locomotor Ataxy.

Attentions like these are much appreciated by the students, and Dr. MacDonnell has their gratitude for another instance of his desire to make the study of medicine attractive and as easy as is consistent with thoroughness.

MEDICAL GERMS.

"Bacilli Hunting" on Monday mornings is now a recognized sport for final men. No hounds necessary.

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The hospital scarcely seems the hospital, with Dr. Roddick gone. His return will be hailed with delight.

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The theorizing youth who wants a "Literary Journal," again appears in last issue. Unfortunately for his idea the students want news, first.

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Dr. Cameron, with his usual self-sacrificing devotion to the advancement of his students, is giving up an afternoon a week to instruct them in practical work.

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It is not generally known that one of our most prominent Scotch confectioners of this city, is in reality an Earl, his plebeian tendencies impelling him to discard the title.

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The reply that "six means half a dozen," was aptly illustrated in Friday's clinic by the final man, who assured the Professor, that Pil. Hydrarg was composed of Massa Hydrarg.

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There is talk of Anthony Comstock coming on to prosecute Messrs. S. & W. for the recent Football Team Photo. One of the senior members might just as well be dressed for an evening party.

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It is to be regretted that Dr. Roddick cannot find opportunity to get up some of those admirable Case Note Books and Methods of Case Taking furnished the students in Medicine by Dr. Macdonnell.

The old war horse was roused at what he considered as a gratuitous insult from the final class. His language was powerful if not exactly elegant. But Dr. Fenwick is in error if he thinks the years improve of the behaviour of a few over grown boys.

It has been suggested that much valuable additional time could be bestowed on Clinical work if courses of such theoretical subjects as Jurisprudence, Botany, Hygiene, &c., were portioned off as work to be read during summer vacation, the examination on them to be held in October.

There seems to be a growing tendency in the English colleges, to supplant Theoretical Surgery by Surgical Anatomy. Such a course in addition would be valuable, as any one who has taken Dr. Shephard's summer course will testify. A man cannot know his Anatomy too well.

"NIX FORSTAY."

FEATHERS FROM THE EAST WING.

A letter has been received by the Fourth Year Ladies, from Miss Reid, B.A., '89. Needless to say, it received a welcome such as is seldom yielded to epistolary matter by busy seniors. Indeed Miss Reid's well-deserved popularity during her student life was such as to render news of her acceptable to all inhabitants of the East Wing, and we therefore take the liberty of giving the contents of her letter a wider circulation.

The letter is dated from Geneva; it tells of a busy round of study, chiefly of French and music, prosaic perhaps in itself, but performed under the inspiration of the grand Swiss scenery. Although Miss Reid does not say much about her surroundings, she shows that she appreciates them to the full. "I am not surprised," she writes, "that the exiled Swiss nearly die of homesickness for their mountains! I will miss them dreadfully myself. The Jura range is on one side of the lake, and the Alps on the other. The Jura is long and regular, giving one an idea of a grandly rounded and finished life, while the Alpine peaks strive in emulation to overtop one another, grandly rugged but uneven. And then I wish you could see the vines,—vines everywhere, in every possible corner, and climbing the mountains 'high, high, high.' It is impossible to convey to you the beauty of it all. Let your travelled members give you a grand description of the Rockies, and if it is not thrilling enough, double and triple the grandeur, and you may arrive at the sense of awe and wonder and praise, that is to be experienced on seeing these monuments of ages past, present and to come. * * * I have been to Ferney and sat in Voltaire's arm chair, and have seen the château and park, which are wonderfully beautiful. Then 'Les Délices,' his other Swiss abode is quite near here. I have visited Mme. de Staël's poetic resting-place at Coppet, and it is so beautiful—water-lily ponds, giant trees and long shady walks, 'bosky' groves and running brooks,—

that I can hardly understand her discontent there; but after all Paris was her world—as Montreal is mine. Then Chillon, and Mont Blanc, which I can see every day if I like, eternally white and pure."

The University at Geneva seems to be about the size of McGill, though not as old. The women-students there are chiefly Russians. The library is described as being managed rather uncomfortably—at all events for foreigners—(or perhaps Miss Reid has been spoiled for other places by the uniform kindness of our own McGill Librarian). "All the men students wear little round caps, white, red or of mixed colors and a band of ribbon across the chest, the insignia of their society. It is a pretty sight to see them in the street, and I believe their dinners and entertainments are really beautiful when they are in their Sunday-best costumes." Of course, '89's President has not forgotten her Alma Mater. Comparisons are drawn between Geneva University and McGill, somewhat "odious" as far as the former is concerned. The rocky shores of the lake are never visited without a sigh for the investigating hammers of the Geology class.

The letter contains a poem of varied metre and rhythm. It ends with an exhortation to the cultivation of good health, which Freshmen as well as Seniors might lay to heart. Interspersed are groans as to the peculiar nature of the Swiss diet, and the unamusing substitution of the coffee-grinder for our early morning quiet. But we have no space for more, and enquiring Sophomores would do well to apply to the 4th year Secretary, if their thirst for information from our foreign correspondents is not yet satisfied.

Societies.

The Inter-Collegiate debate, by representatives from the four theological Colleges, was held on the evening of the 31st ult., in the Convocation Hall of the Congregational College, the Rev. D. H. MacVicar, D.D., LL.D., presiding. The subject was both interesting and appropriate: "Resolved, that the Public Schools should be secularized."

Affirmative—Geo. Clendinnen, Wesleyan College, and P. E. Judge, Diocesan College.

Negative—Jas. Daley, Congregational College, and W. L. Clay, B.A., Presbyterian College.

Decision was given in favor of the affirmative.

R. J. MacDougall, representing the McGill Undergraduates' Literary Society, read an able essay, which, we understand, is soon to appear in print, entitled—"Satan among the Poets."

An unexpected, but very enjoyable, feature of the programme was a paper on the question of debate, by a native of Japan. It was very carefully written, and showed an extensive acquaintance with European thought and familiarity in the use of English.

The musical part of the programme was well rendered, under the efficient management of Prof. Reyner, of Emmanuel Church.

Considering the large number of counter-attractions, the attendance was very good.

Poetry.

A PASTORAL.

They were two lovers in the field,
Sat folling in the shade,
He was a gallant 'p-sat deerie,'
And she a dainty maid.

They watched the branches wavering dance,
They fitted the whispering breeze;
Quoth she, "Which is your favorite
Of all the forest trees?"

His gaze roamed o'er the glowing fields,
Then sought her melting eye;
With kindling love his bosom swelled,
And straight he made reply:

"The oak is kingly in his strength;
The stately elm tall;
The graceful ash is beautiful;
But I love you best of all."

Exchanges.

The latest acquisition to Canadian College journalism is the *Sydney Academy Record*, from Sydney, Cape Breton, and we extend to it a warm welcome. It is a hopeful sign to find students initiating themselves into editorial duties during their preliminary course.

The exchange department in a College paper may be one of the most valuable if put to a right use. Exchanges are not *per se* for the exclusive use of the waste paper basket, but should be compared and studied, the weak and strong points pointed out, and both taken advantage of.

The January number of the *College Student*, published at Lancaster, Pa., is at hand. Considerable literary ability is displayed in the contributions, and the opening address by Prof. Schmidt is especially interesting. More attention should be bestowed upon the editorials and College news.

In the last number of the *Educational Record*, of the Province of Quebec, which is edited by Rev. E. I. Rexford, M.A., and J. M. Harper, LL.D., we notice a paper on "The Pronunciation of Latin," by Dr. J. C. Eaton, and one by Dr. S. P. Robins, on "The Aim and Nature of Education."

The *Atlantis*, published at Central University, Richmond, Ky., is under the management of the College Societies, and is of a distinct literary turn, containing essays read before the Societies. Speaking of THE GAZETTE it says:—

"The *University Gazette* comes to our desk from McGill College, Montreal. Its editorials are to be commended for their variety and general get up."

The *Delphic* comes to us from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, an institution boasting of 502 students, and it does them credit. It also has a word for THE GAZETTE, when it says:—

"The *University Gazette*, from McGill College, Montreal, is an interesting semi-monthly received last month. It is conducted by a stock company. The regular subscription price is one dollar, but one share can be bought, which entitles the holder to the paper for the remainder of his life."

Personals.

In a recent issue we mentioned that J. L. Hislop, '84 App.Sc., had gone on the second expedition to survey a route for a railway in the canons of Colorado, after having been on the first expedition, most of the members of which lost their lives in a number of mishaps. The second expedition has met with misfortune, but particulars are wanting.

Sporting.

The Ottawa College Football Club persists in its determination to withdraw from the Ontario-Rugby Football Union. The Championship Cup, which it forfeited this season, will be returned to the Union.

At a general meeting of the Undergraduates of the Faculty of Applied Science, held on Friday evening, the 31st January, H. T. Russell, of the third year, and W. G. Smart, second year, were elected representatives to the Athletic Association.

All lovers of football will be pleased to learn that the dispute between the English and International Rugby Unions, which has prevented England taking part in the International fixtures for the last two years, is in a fair way of being amicably settled.

Correspondence.

Editors University Gazette:—

I have been requested by Dr. J. H. Y. Grant of Buffalo, N. Y., to contradict the statement that appeared in the GAZETTE, to the effect that Dr. Frank Metcalfe was going into a rapid decline.

Dr. Metcalfe left Buffalo for Vienna about three weeks ago and was never looking better!

W. E. PATON.

[We make this correction with deep gladness, and are greatly pleased to know that the statement was incorrect, notwithstanding the good authority on which it came to us.]—ED. UN. GAZETTE.

Editors University Gazette:—

An article which appeared in the *New York Mercury* last Saturday, states that several ladies were present at the Med. Tramp to the Club House.

As chairman of the committee for that Tramp, I beg to state that no ladies were present and that only one of the gentlemen whose names are mentioned in that article took part in the Tramp.

The correspondent of the above paper has, as usual, been drawing chiefly on his imagination for items of interest in connection with McGill.

Yours faithfully,
Montreal Feb. 6, 1890.

DAVID J. EVANS,
Med. '90.

Editors University Gazette:—

Reference having been made in your issue of last week, to one of several articles concerning me, which have lately appeared in the *New York Mercury*, I desire to deny most emphatically that there is a particle of truth in any one of them.

Knowing the character of the *New York Mercury* and the nature of its productions, I should have imagined that the UNIVERSITY GAZETTE would have been the last to countenance anything derogatory to the interests of the college, or any of its students.

Who the author of those effusions is, it would be difficult to find out, as I understand that any anonymous communication will be accepted. But I think a careful perusal of the articles will convince anyone, that they were either written by, or, the material for them, supplied by one of the students of the Medical Faculty.

It has been suggested that they were written in the spirit of a joke; if so, he must be a low and mean spirited man, if he cannot find any other way of amusing himself, than by writing false and cowardly articles about his fellow students. But after reading the lying and villainous articles which appeared in Saturday's *Mercury*, I think that they were written for the purpose of injuring the students to whom reference is made—I do not suppose that this letter will have the effect of shaming him into silence, as I have no doubt but that he is so void of manliness or honesty, that it would be impossible to bring a blush of shame to his cheek.

I shall conclude by assuring him, that, if he hopes to injure by continuing his attacks, I shall willingly forfeit the esteem of anyone, who would be influenced by his scurrilous articles.

Montreal Feb. 2, 1890.

E. J. BOWES.

Editors University Gazette:—

In my opinion, if the "kickers" of the two previous issues would only stimulate themselves sufficiently to give as many lines of interesting news, as there were of senseless grumbling, the paper would benefit appreciably thereby. If they wish to find fault, why not also suggest a *reasonable* plan of improvement? We do not require long theses on abstruse subjects, by embryo journalists or would-be authors, when the best talent the world can offer may be obtained in their respective fields of labour, in the different periodicals found on every reading room table. The GAZETTE is *not* a periodical, in the sense named. Its name implies "a newspaper: a printed sheet published periodically and containing an account of transactions and events of public or private concern." (Webster). We want short articles, such as appear from time to time by "Thistle" and others.

Objection is made to "the driest of all jokes—the purely technical joke," but if the contributors of these light passes would only frame their sentences properly, there is no reason why anyone not in the fun, should fail to see the point.

With reference to the "kick" about hockey matches and foot-ball notes, they are just as good an indica-

tion of the physical culture so necessary as an antidote to the evil effects of such a sedentary occupation as that of the student necessarily is, as the learned discourses on the "Antedeluvian geological formations," are an indication of the mental culture of our sisters of the East Wing—(with all due apologies in advance).

I hope you will forgive me taking up so much of your valuable space in a final "protest against the kickers," indeed there seem to be more kicks than ha'pence, judging by the subscription list outside of the Faculty of Medicine.

Yours, OMEGA.

 Between the Lectures.

I do detest a man that's close,
And further more a day,
But when a pretty girl is close,
I feel the other way.

Some of the third year men are *dunn* with Alesia.

Be suspicious of the man you hear repeating—
"A—e—e."

Who is the Vet. that owns the talking crow? Say,
Vets., isn't that a *little too* strong?

"What's your name? Where do you live? Pro-
testant or Catholic?" etc. You all know it! Well,
another Freshman has got the "appointment," down
at the General.

We have it on undeniable authority that service in
the North-West Mounted Police is a predisposing
cause to an important class of diseases. This is a
medical fact of great importance.

During Lecture—"And any man that don't under-
stand these plates, ought to have his cortex looked
into." That's all right, but who is going to pay the
funeral expenses of the man that owned the "cor-
tex!"

A traumatic lesion is assigned as the cause of
specific disease. A patient has appeared who alleges
that the immediate cause of a suspicious rash was an
injury received by a tree falling upon him—in the
North-West.

Why is there no editor from the Veterinary Faculty
on the Board of Editors? Rumors of choice bits of
news come to us from that Faculty, but we are un-
able to write them up from an insufficient knowledge
of the matter.

At a recent performance in the New Haven opera
house, as a number of students left their seats be-
tween acts, a good lady was heard to remark—"Aint
it too bad those young fellows have to go home and
go to studying!"

Gentlemen who expectorate on the dissecting room
floor can not expect to rate very high in the spring.
If any of the dear public should find the *meat* of
these chestnuts *too strong*, will they not please bear
in mind that the boys are accustomed to that sort of
thing during their primary years.

"This is not the Theatre Royal," was the bland reuke of one of the clinical instructors to a student who addressed a patient, endeavouring to extricate himself from a crimson garment, as "Eli," and urging him to "get there."

An ingenious and much-observing Sophomore, after innumerable investigations, has discovered that the middle mesenteric artery can be felt pulsating above the temporal region. Education of the sense of touch is fast developing.

An unusual instance of the value of the faith cure came to light at Dr. Stewart's Wednesday clinic. A patient assured him that if he took water from him or Dr. Bell, it would do him more good than the best medicine from any other doctors.

In a French examination paper this question was put: "Give the gender of 'tete-a-tete,' with comments!" One of the answers given was: "Tete-a-tete is of the common gender, because it usually takes place between a man and a woman."

Schoolmistress: "Edward, give me the definition of 'excavate.'"

E.: "To hollow out."

S.: "Give me a sentence containing the word."

E.: "I hit Will, and he excavated."

A rare case was to be submitted for the instruction of the third year men, at the Hospital, the other day, namely, a *girl with toe nails*, but the more curious part is that the nurse could not find in her ward a young lady answering the description.

Dr. Woodward, F.R.S.E., about 1700, fought a duel with Dr. Mead under the gate of Gresham College. During the duel Woodward's foot slipped and he fell. "Take your life," exclaimed Dr. Mead. "Anything but your physic," replied Woodward.

Two young men, *Bilirubin* and *Biliviridin*, from the *Island of Riel*, went down to the *Main lumbar region* to obtain specimens of the *arbor vitæ*, and after making free incisions their axes become dulled, so serious a matter was it that their labour was in vein.

Dr. Shepherd has added to his list of anomalies in spelling the following:—*Bursa* for bursa, *sholder* for shoulder, *iltium* for ilium, *condyle* for condyle, *vertebra* for vertebra, *atakronen* for acromion, *calcus* for calculus, *scapoid* for scapoid, *quadriceps* and *quodroceps* for quadriceps, *phemur* for femur, *malelin* and *malelis* for maleolus.

The primary years in Medicine met their Sedan on Friday. Eighty-nine men of the second year went up for the Physiology Examination, and eight pulled through. The result in the first year was equally disastrous. In this case the Mills ground swift and exceeding small. N.B.—By referring to the files of some years back, we find that on one other occasion we were lead into making a similar joke, but it is repeated for the Freshmen's benefit.

Certain gentlemen, in their too zealous endeavours to acquire knowledge, were unfortunate enough to utterly disregard the wishes of an unassuming but mighty congregation. They were doomed to punishment, and their guilty souls required a thorough pur-

gation in the watery element, that they might be reinstated in the estimation of their class-mates. The ceremony was, of course, performed with all due solemnity.

Documentary evidence has been submitted to prove that a freshman, eager for information, asked a fourth year man why the space in front of the elbow was known as the *Tan* space? and that the answer came confidently—"Oh, after the man who described it." For the benefit of those who object to "purely technical jokes," it may be added that the space referred to contains a Tendon Artery and Nerve in the order stated, hence the tip "*Tan*." We hope this is satisfactory. Any further information will be supplied at the dissecting room, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between the hours of eight and ten.

At a recent convivial gathering the following story was told:

A group of Medical students dressed up a Stiff and made him one of their number on their evening rounds. At a late hour they escorted him into an establishment licensed to retail spirituous liquors, where he leaned heavily against the bar. The drinks were served and one by one the students sloped, leaving the Stiff to pay for the refreshments or bear the brunt of the tender's wrath.

"Are you going to pay for this?" No answer.

"Come finish your liquor, pay up, and get out." No answer.

A blow followed and the Stiff was hurled on the floor—dead.

The students rushed in and with one voice cried: "You have killed our friend."

The bar tender awoke to a realization of the fact and was equal to it. "Well I don't care if I did; it was in self-defence; he drew a knife on me."

College World.

Hereafter no student will be admitted to the University of the Pacific at San Jose, Cal., who uses tobacco in any form. Some such regulation is also in force at Amherst.

Jacob H. Schiff, of New York, has just made a gift of \$10,000 to Harvard University for the establishment of a museum for the study of the literature, history and remains of the Semitic peoples.

A short time ago a lady, the first of her sex, graduated in Medicine in Mexico. As an appropriate compliment her fellow-students of the other sex got up an amateur bull fight in honor of the occasion.

A. P. Brubaker, M.D., Demonstrator of Physiology at Jefferson Medical College; Professor of Physiology, Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, Philadelphia, publishes a volume on his subject, endorsed by the following high authority:—

"From R. L. MacDonald, M.D., formerly Demonstrator of Anatomy, now Professor of Clinical Medicine, McGill College, Montreal:

"I like the book very much, and have at once commenced the use of it."

Victoria, Australia, is mourning the death of Francis Ormond, one of that colony's greatest philanthropists. He gave \$230,000 to Ormond College, Melbourne; \$100,000 to Melbourne University for a department of music, and was one of the chief founders of the Workingmen's College, which now has 2,000 students.

In a discussion on "Defects in our Educational Process" at the University Convocation of the State of New York, we note the following:—

"It does not kindle the intellectual fire and awaken the faculties of the mind to activity. * * * Our educational process is too dogmatic and mechanical, and it does not, therefore, tend to produce the intellectual power and independence which stamp the truly disciplined mind."

"A failure to develop the emotional nature." * * *

"Darwin confessed to an atrophy of his moral nature and æsthetic sense. Goethe, in an exclusive quest for the intellectual perfection, lost some of the finer elements of complete manhood." * * *

"A failure of our education to teach self-reliance. The power of original thought is not developed." * * *

"Our teaching is too professional." * * *

"A teacher should be a companion to his pupils." * * *

"Another defect is the preponderance of lady teachers in our schools. * * * The best education can be given by corps of teachers chosen about equally from both sexes." * * *

"We are losing sight of, we are not thinking enough, of the individual soul, of the manhood of the individual. * * * At the head of every historic epoch stands a great man—Moses, Socrates, Gladstone, Cavour, Raphael, and de Vince."

"A good deal of brain gets into the teachers' profession, but comparatively little stays there. The biography of any great man is pretty sure to tell that he soon got into teaching; it is pretty sure to add that he soon got out of it—if he hadn't got out of it he never would have been a great man. As a way-side inn on the road to fame, teaching is like New Hampshire for a birth-place—capital, if you don't stay there too long." * * *

"The story is old of the schoolmaster out West who offered to teach that the earth was round or that it was flat, according to the opinion of the committee. It never was much of a joke. The teachers of New York have got to teach round or flat, according to the committee, or get bounced."

"The different classes of schools do not attend with sufficient exclusiveness to do work which they were designed to do. The grammar schools often attempt to do a part of the work of the high schools; the normal schools, to some extent, attempt to do the work of the academies. Colleges are, in part, doing the work of the high schools and academies."

Socrates is everywhere spoken of as an ideal teacher.

In Guizot's history it is stated that one third of the University students of Europe die prematurely from the effects of bad habits acquired at college; one third die prematurely from the effects of close confinement at their studies; and the other third governs Europe.

Syracuse University is rapidly becoming one of the leading educational institutions in the land. The benefactions and endowments last year reached \$400,000, thus giving it a first place among the other colleges in the amount and value of the gifts received during the twelve months just closed. The principal of these, it will be remembered, were the Von Rank library, worth \$35,000, and the new Crouse College, valued at over \$300,000. Now it has just been given one of the finest collections in the world of engravings and portraits of scientists, philosophers and distinguished men of all ages and countries. The collection could not be duplicated for \$50,000. It is the Wolff collection, and was presented by Mrs. Harriet L. Levenworth as a memorial to her late husband, Gen. L. W. Levenworth.

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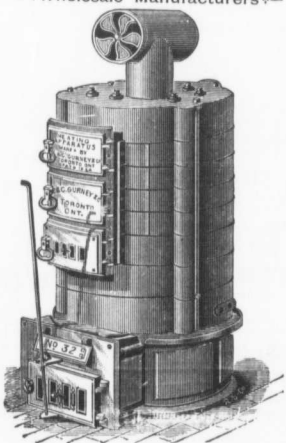
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