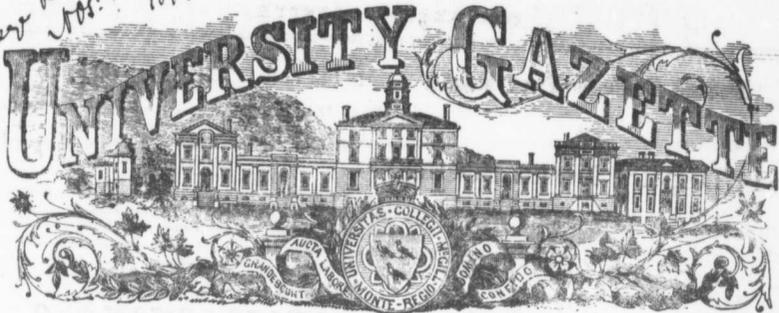


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## CLARA.

There grows a garden, Clara, where the rose  
As well in winter as in summer blows;  
If you would look upon that lovely place,  
You in a mirror must behold your face.

There blooms a paradise, an earth below—  
A paradise where angels to and fro  
Are walking; we that paradise may find,  
With angel occupants, in Clara's mind.

Her face is like a garden full of flowers,  
And angels in her mind have built their bowers;  
We, therefore, must conclude that Clara is  
At once a garden and a paradise.

## KEATS.

That the works of Keats were not as popular as the works of Shelley shows, not that the generation of Englishmen on whom the nineteenth century dawned did not appreciate Keats much, but that they appreciated his great contemporaries more. His poetry was produced at a period in the history of English literature when the works of that musical fraternity whose melodies were mingled with the wild tumult of the Revolutionary wars had taught the country not only to look for great works, and to look for great works often, but to overlook many a work which we would welcome as a literary boon. Notwithstanding the narrowness of his circumstances, by which he was prevented from marrying a lady whom he loved, by whom he was loved, and who must have monopolized the most of his thoughts, he left behind him, when his cold limbs were laid under the green grass of an Italian grave, a volume of poetry which will live in English literature as long as English literature lives.

It is one of the most remarkable peculiarities of Keats that the life of misery he led is so little reflected in his works. It is from his letters, and not from his poems, that we learn what these miseries were. Wordsworth's works are an inventory of his travels and his

toils, of his joys and his sorrows, of his thoughts and every subject that crossed his observation. Byron's poetry reflects his mind as faithfully as his face was reflected in the ocean which he loved so much to contemplate. Collins, on the other hand, who led, perhaps, the most miserable life that was ever led by a poet, has left us only a few lines in his *Oriental Eclogues*, which might be construed into a complaint that he felt the want of gold; and Keats, killed at twenty-five by a grief which poverty had planted in his heart, has confined his complaints to a couple of sonnets and an occasional line in an ode. It is to the miseries of Keats, however, and not to the misfortunes of the great-limbed gods and long-haired goddesses of Greece, that we must attribute the melancholy tone which pervades his poetry.

Many of the most illustrious Englishmen whom the muse has thought "on fame's eternal bead-roll worthy to be filed," died at a comparatively early age. Burns and Byron died at thirty-seven. Collins was only thirty-six when he died. Shelley died at thirty. Henry Kirke White was only twenty-one when he died, and Chatterton committed suicide when he was only nineteen. We could add many more, we believe, if Craik or Spalding were before us, but those we have given are sufficient to show that men do not live long when mental anxiety is added to the wear and tear of literary labor.

It was almost impossible for Keats to compose a line of poetry which was not a key to the gates of a golden world. We would gladly enter into the gorgeous panorama which *Endymion* reads before us; look upon the lofty picture of Thea's long locks making a mat for the large limbs of Saturn; weep with the maiden who watched the pot of basil till her mind left its mansion of clay; dwell with delight on the delicate music which, in many of his odes, reminds us of Spencer's hymeneal odes; linger lovingly round the beautiful sonnet which he wrote to the *Evening Star*; or gaze on

"Cortez, when with eagle eyes  
He stared at the Pacific, and all his men  
Looked at each other with a wild surmise,  
Silent upon a peak in Darien."

But were we to follow Keats in all the many wanderings through which he was led by the muse, we would find the morning star beaming upon us, and our work little more than begun.

## OUR PHILOSOPHER.

The political contagion which all classes of Canadian society have caught, is likely, we believe, to have a fatal effect on Canadian literature. The lower orders are possessed by a spirit of political curiosity; the highest intellects are inhabited by a spirit of political ambition. The barrister, whose ambition is divided between the bench on the one hand, and the House of Commons on the other, has no sooner mastered the means which would enable him to devote his undivided attention to literature, than he is heard in the House raising points of order, answering honorable members, or criticising the speech on the budget. Lawyers are so far from being alone in this respect, that, clergymen alone excepted, the members of any profession are few who do not entertain the hope of being at some time or other members of Parliament.

The chronological position of those groups of great poets who, like landmarks in the history of literature, crown with their glory the kingdoms of Greece, of Rome, of France, of Italy and of England, proves that, if their genius was not attributable to the turbulence of the times in which they lived, it is not in times of tranquility, at least, that we are likely to meet with a multitude of poets. One was contemporary with the administration of Pericles at Athens, one with the age of Augustus at Rome, one with the pontificate of Leo the Tenth in Italy, one with the reign of Louis the Fourteenth in France, and one with the reign of Queen Elizabeth in England. There may have been a group in Greece before these; there certainly was one in England after them; and it was with the wars to which the French revolution gave rise that this group of great poets was contemporary.

The constitutionality of the ballot, as practised in Canadian parliamentary elections, was, at the annual meeting of the University Literary Society, seriously called in question. It is possible, it appears, for a member to be appointed to fill any office in the gift of that society without representing a majority of its members. The society's voting capacity is, when candidates are numerous, distributed among them in such small quantities that the successful candidate frequently represents an alarmingly small fragment of the society's franchise. Mr. W. Simpson Walker questioned the constitutionality of the ballot, as practised by the University Literary Society, on the ground that it was contrary to the principle of the representation of majorities.

## MCGILL VS. HARVARD.

This annual match took place on Friday afternoon, the 26th October, at a little past three o'clock. It was played in a field usually given up to base-ball, and few spec-

tators except those directly interested were present. The weather was not of the brightest description, but damped no one's ardor, and the game went on with spirit. At first the McGill men carried the ball before them till, for a moment, it seemed as if they would have easy work; but Harvard returned the effort, and kept its players on the offensive during all the rest of the game. There were three touch-downs taken during the first half, one of them in a peculiar way. The crimson jerseys had first tried a goal kick, which fortunately failed; McGill was leisurely surveying matters within goals, when suddenly, before the ball could be kicked up by the latter, one of the former dashed through and obtained another touch-down. The second half of the game was distinguished by determined but unsuccessful attempts to force the ball towards the Harvard goals. These attempts prevented greater disasters, but the beautiful play of our opponents decided the match, and a kick by Blanchard sealed its fate.

The main causes of defeat were the following: first, the fatigue of recent travel, the team having arrived only that morning; second, the small numbers from whom our team are chosen; third, shortness of practice season; fourth, superior weight of antagonists (five of the Cambridge men weigh over one hundred and eighty pounds); fifth, difference in the game played by each college, McGill men always spending more effort in the scrimmages and less on field organization.

The Montrealers were kindly entertained by their friends, who express a desire to see them oppose Yale, which, however, is out of the question just at present.

## FRESHMEN VS. HIGH SCHOOL.

This annual match was played on the College grounds on Monday, 15th Oct, and, notwithstanding the disagreeableness of the weather, quite a large number of spectators assembled to witness it. Play commenced at 4.30, the Freshmen securing the kick off. During the first half hour the High School had the best of the game, getting one touch down, but in the second the Freshmen played harder, and weight telling, when time was called at 5.30, had obtained one goal and a try, both of which were kicked by Macpherson, thus winning the match.

The play throughout was good on both sides, the school, however, showing superior practice and knowledge of the game. On the side of the Freshmen good play was shown by Macpherson (captain), McGibbon, Austin, Hague and Falconer; and of the School by Macrae (captain), Bell, Murray, and Parkyn; Mr. J. Seriver acted as umpire for the Freshmen, while Mr. G. E. Jenkins filled that office for the school.

## FOOT-BALL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the University Foot-Ball Club was held on Monday evening, Oct. 1st, in the Reading Room, and was very largely attended. The usual report and financial statement being presented, were found to be very satisfactory. The members decided to invite those of the Montreal Club to practice on our grounds.

A challenge received from Harvard University was unanimously accepted, and a committee named to collect subscriptions in order to defray the expenses of the team to Cambridge. The time of the next annual meeting was postponed to the spring. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and after a somewhat close contest in some cases, the following were chosen:—President, R. D. McGibbon, B.A. (re-elected); Captain, Philip D. Ross, Science; Secretary, W. W. Redpath, Arts; Treasurer, Holton H. Wood, Arts, (re-elected); Committee, J. Scriver, Science, (re-elected); E. T. Taylor, Arts; W. R. Sutherland, Medicine; Fred Torrance, Arts; Harcourt J. Bull, Arts.

After a vote of thanks to the Governors of the University for their kindness in improving the grounds, the meeting adjourned.

## READING-ROOM.

On Monday, October 1st, a general meeting of the students was held in the Reading Room, to select the Reading-Room Committee for the present season, Mr. Ross being in the chair. After some little business was transacted, the following were appointed: '78, P. D. Ross, Chairman; '78, R. Dawson, Sec.; '79, H. Wood, Treas.; J. Scriver, '79, R. J. Howard, '80, H. Bull, '80, H. Davey, '80, P. Lafleur, '80, S. Huntin, and '81, A. McGibbon, Jr.

Later. At a meeting of the new committee held to-day, R. Dawson resigned, and R. J. Howard was chosen to act as Secretary.

## U. L. S. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Literary Society was held on the Friday before last, at the old rooms, Phillips Square. It was well attended. Reports were first

read by the Recording-Secretary and the Treasurer, which were highly satisfactory, and were confirmed by the Society. Afterwards scrutineers were appointed and an election held for the purpose of providing officers to act in the ensuing session. The following were returned:—President, F. J. Keller, B.C.L.; Vice-President, James N. Greenshields, B.C.L.; Second Vice-President, W. D. Lighthall, '79; Recording-Secretary, Harcourt J. Bull, '80; Corresponding-Secretary, C. S. McCorkill, B.C.L.; Treasurer, H. H. Lyman, B.A. The council consists of the following:—M. Hutchinson, B.C.L., Archibald McGoun, B.A., C. H. Stephens, B.C.L., G. T. Ross, '79, P. D. Ross, '78, Alexander Falconer, '81. A resolution of regret was passed by the Society for the death of two of its former members, Messrs Goodhue, B.C.L., and Cline, M.D.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

—Mr. E. N. Hills, who has been managing editor of the *Dartmouth*, has been compelled to resign owing to ill health. He has not, however, entirely severed his connection with the paper, but holds the post of correspondence editor. His place will be filled by Mr. E. M. Vittum.

—During the last six months no less than six suicides have taken place in American Colleges.

—Toronto University plays Rugby Union. Here is the chance for a match.

—The University of Calcutta, India, has opened its doors to females upon the same terms as to males.

—A recent hat-rush in Trinity College resulted in each Freshman being fined \$5, the two who started with the College being reduced 50 marks.

—It is now said that the Dartmouth Freshmen have repented of their resolve to wear cap and gown. We wonder how many of them have the same gown and trencher now as they commenced the year with.

—The late Coleman Blake, of Boston, left \$1,000 to Amherst College to found a scholarship for the benefit of needy students, and the rest of his private property is to be sold, and the proceeds given to the college.

At a recent election of officers, there being several candidates before the meeting, one of these was elected by less than half the votes cast. Some of those present objected that none should hold office unless chosen by the majority, and moved for a new canvass. At this juncture a graduate sprang up and said: "Well, gentlemen, if he is not elected, you must admit that he is more elected than anybody else."

# University Gazette,

MONTREAL, 1st NOVEMBER, 1877.

Editors for 1877-78.

A LIST OF EDITORS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN OUR NEXT NUMBER.

MANY CHANGES have taken place since the last GAZETTE was issued; many faces are gone; many old things have been made new. Our grounds have been improved, as all will see, by the enlargement of the campus, or rather the removal of the well-known wide ditch, whose contained stream now finds exit underground, the consequence being that we enjoy a much larger area for out-door exercises. Formerly the Foot-Ball Club found its space somewhat restricted by the ditch referred to, but now there is plenty of room. The only drawback is about filling a steeply-chase ditch for the sports, the old one having been most convenient. In the main building we notice improvements up-stairs, which Science men must welcome. We might almost call it a renewal of their quarters. A large and unusually valuable addition from the estate of Frederic Griffin, Esq., Q. C., has reached the library, supplying among other things a complete set of books on Canadian History. Many of these are rare, most of them costly, and all are useful. The task of arrangement has been proceeding quietly during the summer, and most of them are now in place. Another reference to the campus may not be irrelevant. The grounds this year were not, as formerly, allowed open to city players during the vacation, but have been kept untrod and constantly cropped, which has had the result of presenting a firmer sod and a better appearance than ever before. Freshmen have sprung up like Jason's army of dragon teeth. There is a specially large class in Arts, and what is better, the men seem stout and tall for a First Year, and display less than average cheek. The Literary Society has commenced its labours, attended by success. A report of its proceedings of late will be found in another column. But its sister, the Glee Club, lacking a conductor, has made no appearance at all. Some narrower organizations for the same purpose are, it is true, in existence, but nothing will take its place at concerts and the Festival. In writing of change, we cannot help mentioning the death of Messrs Goodhue, B.C.L., and Cline, M.D. These gentlemen, who were among the most genial of our graduates, have

both taken high places in the outside world; one of them in our midst, and the other far westward, so that their loss was felt not only by us but among the wide circles of which each was the centre. The GAZETTE itself has undergone considerable variation. Besides the appropriate heading, we are able to announce a doubled rate of issue, *i.e.*, the paper is now a semi-monthly instead of a monthly, as it was last year, when facts were always growing stale before their announcement. There is now a larger and more efficient staff than ever before, the work being rationally sub-divided so as to give each of us his own share and no more. Under these circumstances, with the same low subscription, it is easy to predict a success. And here we may refer to a certain apathy, a sort of stagnation, which prevents students from taking interest in an affair of this kind, and helping it on by contribution. The editors, who would be thankful for such help, have usually to write the whole paper themselves, without a line from outsiders. Now this is a state of things which should not exist. McGill has brain enough, energy enough, goodwill enough, if she only had *vim*. We want her to wake up and send in her lists of grievances, her essays, her opinions on college affairs, her literary flights, her jokes and everything she can, to make this the paper, not of a dozen men, but of four hundred or more.

IT HAS ALWAYS been a matter of wonder why the Foot Ball Team take no more exercise in common. They tell us, after their Harvard visit, how their American friends walk five miles at a time, bathe, dine, practice and spend their vacation together, and they tell us all this with the most innocent lack of emulation. How do they ever expect to compete with such men unless they work like them? There is nothing to prevent exactly the same things from being done in Montreal that are done in Cambridge. Sherbrooke street is a good place for the walking, the baths might be taken at home, dinners ditto, and practice on the campus. We have as fine a gymnasium as the majority of colleges, and our men are surely not so tied as to keep them apart in summer. Even supposing that *one or two* were away, the team might reasonably expect to reap improvement from the improvement of *most* of its members. There are numbers of districts to which tours might be made; there are lots of villages with good advantages for such work as would be needed. The Eastern Townships alone would fulfil every requirement, but there is quite a choice, even around Montreal. Because we cannot have a Spring Season, we always let our club decline immediately after the short autumn is over, with

out calling a single meeting, or taking any organized means to place the players under useful supervision. Each should be forced to work himself up.

A NEW PROFESSOR takes the Chair of Practical Science. The College welcomes from abroad a man of high reputation, and of attainments equally high. Professor Bovey has proved himself a favourite before a single lecture has fallen from his lips—a favourite among outsiders, among his colleagues, and, hardest of all to attain, among the undergraduates as well. His opening lecture was given on the 30th ult., and, though an opening lecture is scarcely a fair test, was accepted by all as a proof of what is to be wrought in the Department over which he is to preside. That department, though small, is of importance to the country at large. Its present system of conduction is good, but quite capable of improvement if Professor Bovey finds time to make it, which we are sure he will.

DURING THE PAST SESSION there seems to be an increasing stringency in the various courses of Arts, which we think well to exist. In Classics, the same rule seems to hold good in all years, especially the two last. In Mathematics, both lower and higher, and in Mathematical Physics, the grades have been raised during this term, and in some science branches the pressure is very strong. The number of Freshmen plucked will consequently, as last year, be large, and the number of strugglers in high classes will grow in like proportion. But the increased value of a McGill degree, already so hard to earn, will fully repay the above drawbacks.

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ITEMS.

The GAZETTE is now issued from the *Witness* office. The Team has been victorious over the Britannia Club. The game was played on Saturday, November 2nd, and was chiefly notable for the number of touches gained by University men.

"Hacking" is not the proper way to spell the well-known foot-ball term. It should be "houghing," pronounced, however, like the first.

A Hindoo student handed in the following answer in a history examination: "Oliver Cromwell was a great man. He beheaded Charles I. several times. On his death-bed he was heard to remark, 'If I had served my God as I have served my King, he would not now forsake me.'"

Mr. Houghton (79 Arts) has been appointed to the care of St. Luke's Church, east end. He preached a very eloquent sermon at the church of St. James the Apostle, on the 3rd.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

FOOT BALL.

Editors MCGILL GAZETTE:

I notice that the McGill Foot Ball men have commenced to play the "passing game." I am very glad of this, for it is the only means by which they can expect to win, especially in those matches with the Harvard team, renowned for this sort of play. Nevertheless, it is equally discouraging to the other members of the club to see a few men—first fifteneers—come up and waste not only their own time, but also that of the other players. I am happy to say only a few do this. It might be excusable if it were done by a 2nd or 3rd fifteen man, but when done by members of a first fifteen, it becomes an entirely inexcusable fault. Such men, in my opinion, as well as that of others, cannot be of any use to a team playing the "passing game;" on the contrary they are a hindrance. Passing the ball from one to another is not to be acquired in one day, but by steady, diurnal practice; foot ball players have found this out by experience. Of course when men are put on the first fifteen without practice, these men, taking note of the example given, will not exert themselves to attend the practices. Perhaps the best team in Montreal for passing the ball is the first fifteen of the Britannias, and we shall have an opportunity of seeing them play when they meet McGill on Saturday.

Expecting to see the fault referred to soon remedied by our excellent captain,

I am, yours truly,  
A STUDENT IN ARTS.

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NOTICE TO FRESHMEN.

A gentleman lately from Rugby, England, who has had considerable and successful experience in coaching students, is about to form an evening class, especially for the Christmas Examination. His terms are moderate, so that this will be a good opportunity for those requiring assistance. It will be to the advantage of such to avail themselves of this special class, as the groundwork furnished by a good passage of these examinations is indispensable to further progress in the course for B. A. Address, 22 Cathcart Street.

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ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The morning sports have been held, but the weather was so inclement that the more important display could not take place till the afternoon of the same day. It has since been postponed twice for a similar reason. We have not issued a relation of the morning proceedings because of a desire to produce both accounts in the one edition. The next GAZETTE will therefore contain a report of both proceedings. In the meantime we may hope that the third postponement will not will not prove a failure like the other two. No blame for those failures attaches, however, to the committee, as the weather alone was in the way.

## EXCHANGES.

While we have been struggling into life again, some of our contemporaries have been living merrily. However, murmuring "better late than never," we sit down to con over our exchanges. The heap has grown so large that, while we read them all with pleasure, we must confine our notices to the last issues.

The *Advocate* has an amusing article entitled "The Scientific Hen," narrating the adventures of an unhappy student who is endeavouring to obtain a scientific education. The L. S. S. might learn a lesson of the McGill Science Faculty.

The Harvard "meds" are not so enterprising as ours; they are contented with stealing a skeleton from their own museum, while our men prefer to visit a neighbouring cemetery.

*Cornell Era* celebrates the ninth anniversary of its University by a comparative sketch of the grounds and buildings in '77 and '68. To judge by these sketches the University has made great progress—may it long continue so to do. Apparently the *Era* believes sincerely in the old adage, "exchange is no robbery," for its exchange columns in the last issue are almost filled with quotations from contemporaries.

The *Crimson* has some wise advice to the Harvard foot-ball team, which we recommend to the notice of our team. It is to the effect that they must labor hard if they would be victorious; for in modern foot-ball, perfect knowledge of one another, and entire unity of action, play a far more important part than length of limb or size of muscle.

From another paragraph in the *Crimson* we learn that McGill is not the only university where rushing and crowding "is certain to please most of the members of the youngest class, and many of the class next in point of age."

The *Dartmouth* is exercised as to what is the best plan for conducting a college paper; whether it should be almost exclusively literary, or should consist mainly of information in matters of daily interest to the college. An ex-editor evidently thinks the *Dartmouth* has hit upon the happy medium. "It is my humble opinion that you are publishing by far the best college paper in the country." No wonder the *Dartmouth* is "specially pleased to hear from" former Alumni of Alma Mater.

The *Harvard Lampoon* illustrations continue to be very good—the outline cartoons of Bostonian manners especially so. *On dit* that the scene between Mr. Pious and the young maid really happened not very far from the lower St. Lawrence; but the portraits are not by Notman. We are glad to see *Lampy* advocating the rights of the

"Poor red man, whose untutored mind  
Clothes him before, but leaves him bare behind."

—Pope.

## COLLEGE WORLD.

## CORNELL.

—Cornell celebrated its ninth anniversary on Monday, October 8th.

—Over \$1,300 has been raised to send a rowing crew from Cornell to England.

—Of the one hundred and forty-seven Freshmen at Cornell, sixteen are ladies. Who does the hazing?

—The College nine received a challenge from the Elmira Female College lately. N.B.—The Theologs are practicing hard in anticipation.

—The college is striving to free itself of its "Navy Debt," and judging from the interest taken in the boating this year, is more than likely to succeed. We wish it every success.

## HARVARD.

—Harvard boasts two hundred and fifty-two Freshmen.

—Yale's challenge to Harvard for a four mile eight-oared boat race, was, at a recent meeting of the H. V. B. C. laid on the table until it could be ascertained whether or not the Yale *Courant* would apologize for having accused Professor Agassiz of coaching the Harvard crew before and during the boat race of June 1st, and if remarks of the same nature, attributed to Mr. Thompson, the captain of the Yale crew, at a recent meeting of the Y. B. C., were really as reported or not. Since then the *Courant* has made a handsome apology for having allowed the paragraph in question to appear in its columns, so it is likely that the race will be satisfactorily arranged. At the same meeting Columbia's challenge was also laid on the table.

—On the 18th ult., a complimentary dinner was given to the Harvard crew of '77, at which nearly sixty were present. In the speeches but slight allusions were made to the late unpleasantness with Yale. Songs were given by several members of the Glee Club, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. It was remarked that none of the foot-ball team were present, as they were in training.

—At the meeting of the Harvard F. B. C., W. S. Otis, '78, was elected President, and G. L. Sheldon, '79, Vice-President. Mr. Barlow still remains Sec'y-Treasurer.

—The match with Princeton is fixed for Nov. 3rd

—According to the papers, a Harvard Professor was "pitched into" by a student the other night. He was in a street car, when the student strode up to him, gave him a stunning blow, jamming his silk hat down to his shoulders, and escaped ere the bewildered professor could raise the hat to see who his assailant was.

—On Saturday, 20th ult., Harvard was victorious over Tufts by three goals and two touches.

## ITEMS.

—Motto for a Freshman: "I was a stranger and ye took me in."—*Lampoon.*

—"Mrs. Mulkahy, will ye have an onion?" "No, thank you, I never eat fruit."

—The Theological students have turned their whole attention from croquet to base ball.

—Shoving is not to be allowed this year. The janitor has positive orders to report any delinquents.

—Mr. Pigott, one of the English Rifle Team, practised with the University Foot-ball Club during his stay in the city.

—Why not have the students wear their caps and gowns through the city on the eighth November (the day of the University Lecture)?

—In the different Faculties, 119 students have been registered as Freshmen, viz.: Arts, 24; Science, 6; Law, 35; Medicine, 45; and Partial, 9.

—A Student, confined to his room by illness, is visited by a friend. "What, John!" exclaimed the visitor, "Sick, eh?" "Yes," replied John, "sic sum."

—This summer many improvements and repairs have been made about the College, chief among which is the re-planting of a greater part of the interior of the building.

—The University Literary Society meets, as usual, at eight o'clock every Friday evening in their rooms, No. 15 Phillips Square. Students and Graduates are cordially invited.

—Law Students will be glad to learn that Mr. P. J. McNaughton, whom an attack of typhoid fever compelled to leave the city last summer, is now sufficiently recovered to be able to attend to his usual avocations.

—The following periodicals have been added to the Reading Room by the new committee: *Harper's Weekly*, *Harper's Monthly*, *Canadian Illustrated News*, and *Grip*, thus supplying the want which had hitherto existed, of more illustrated papers.

—On account of the failure of the Lorne F.B.C. to put in an appearance on the day appointed for the match, a disgusted player remarked: "It seems 'tis not enough that we come down for Lorne, but we must go home forlorn as well."

—The class at the Gymnasium is being very well attended, Freshmen, as usual, mustering in force. We are happy to say that Mr. Liddel, Mr. Barnjum's able assistant, is back again with us, having entirely recovered from his late attack of typhoid fever.

—Freshmen! you will, if you do not take care, fall into two bad habits. The first is that of "sloping lectures," and the second, of not following what the

lecturer says. We advise you always to keep before your eyes the words of the poet: "Students are requested to attend."

—A Soph told a Freshman that a student is always patted on the back when he makes a joke. "My," cried the Fresh, "That *Pat* you have must be a shocking *Vice*." (N. B.—This person clearly refers to a certain vice-officer at McGill. The Freshman's funeral was paid for by subscription.—*Sde. McG. U. G.*)

—At a recent concert, a Theolog. of a critical (taken in its best sense) turn of mind, forgetting himself, cried at the conclusion of a successful piano-forte solo, "Well played—very well played!" He was put out on the fly by the first bass, who was assisted by the (ice) pitcher. *On dit*, he made a splendid home run.

—Some person has been amusing himself in the Reading Room by cutting out from the morning papers both accounts of the Harvard match. We hope that such a thing as this will not occur again. We will mention no names, but would suggest that the culprit read the rules of the Reading Room, which refer to such cases as this, and act by them.

—Two students, who were walking along Craig St. one evening, saw a policeman roughly arresting a drunkard, whereupon one of them remarked to the other, "What faculty does the bobby represent, Fred?" Fred—"Why, Law of course." "Quite right, but what other?" Fred—"None that I know of." 1st student—"Well, Medicine." Fred—"Medicine! How so?" 1st student—"Why, don't you see how he adheres to the rule, 'To be well shaken before taken.'"

—College, Monday, Oct. 29th.—Enquiring reporter to one of McGill Team:—"How was it you came to be beaten at Harvard?" F. B. P. (in no enviable mood)—"Well, you see Bull, one of our best men, turned and went over at the match." Reporter—"Impossible! Over to the Americans! Became a Yank! I must take a note of that! But how did he come to go over?" F. B. P.—"He was tripped, and became *Sitting Bull*." Reporter moves on.

—The "*Witness*" is destined to give us a name which will survive all things. In its account of our athletic sports on the 24th ult. it records the remarkable facts, that Howey jumped 36 feet in the long jump, 5 feet 11 inches in the running high jump, and that Taylor accomplished the feat of kicking the football 14 feet. We were going to say they might have given him a few inches more, but we forgot that they adhered to the saying "give the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

—The foot ball field has been enlarged, the ditch which ran across the upper part of the field having been filled in. We are glad to see that the Governors acceded to the petition of the players, "that no other club of any kind may be allowed to use the campus during the summer." In consequence of this, and the fact that the grass has been attended to during vacation, it now presents a fine condition. As will be seen

in another column, the Foot Ball Club, at their annual meeting, unanimously passed a vote of thanks to the Governors for this act of courtesy.

—Montreal Cricket Ground. Time, afternoon, during foot-ball match, Ottawa vs. Britannia. *Persona*, two freshmen in Arts. 1st Freshy (wishing to be thought a temperance man)—“What a crowd of fellows that have joined the Rine movement are present.” 2nd Freshy (quickly)—“Yes! How can you distinguish them?” 1st Freshy (scornfully)—“Why, easily enough. Don't you see them everywhere here with blue and white ribbons?” 2nd Freshy (wisely)—“Oh! those are the colors of the Britannia F. B. C.” 1st Freshy subsides; 2nd enjoys the joke.

—Latin class. Prof.—“Stop there, Me—; now you go on, A—.” A (who having translated yesterday, expected to escape to-day, and is studying some book inside his Virgil)—“Sir, I read—” Prof.—“Oh, never mind that; finish the sentence. *Dulcique*—” Student (having found the place)—“*Dulcique animos novitate tenebo*, (he knows all but ‘novitate’)—Thy taste I'll please with sweet—novitate. Sir, I didn't find that word in my dictionary.” Prof.—“Hem, to what does it refer; perhaps that will help you?” Student (to neighbor)—“What is it?” Neighbor—“Say *Doryphora decemlineata*.” Student—“*Doryphora decemlineata*,” (delight of ye joking neighbor). Prof. (who heard the prompting)—“Oh, well, you need not change it; use the same word in English, eh?” Student—“Yes!” (ye neighbour is more delighted). Prof.—“Then it will read thus: ‘O potato bug! with sweet ‘novitate’ thy taste I'll please.’ (Ye joking neighbour in ecstasies.) That is very well done. Will your right hand neighbour please read down to ‘*lucus?*’”

Oxford joke—A gentleman entered the room of Dr. Barton, Warden of Merton College, and told him that Dr. Vowel was dead. “What! Dr. Vowel dead! Well, thank heaven, it was neither you or I.”

#### MEDICAL FOOTING DINNER.

It is not yet decided where this dinner is to be held. The majority of those concerned have decided that it shall be conducted on the principles of Mr. Rine, but this may yet, it is feared, cause a split in the ranks, as some consider the vote a violation of private liberty. The matter is not likely, however, to give much trouble, and will, we are sure, be finally settled to the satisfaction of all the members of this large and important Faculty. The feeling on this point is one rather of good-humored discussion than one of strong excitement.

#### DELAY.

Several circumstances have conspired to delay our present number. The main thing has been a remissness on the part of the stereotypers to whom we entrusted the heading. Had they fulfilled their part, the paper would have reached its readers last Monday.

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