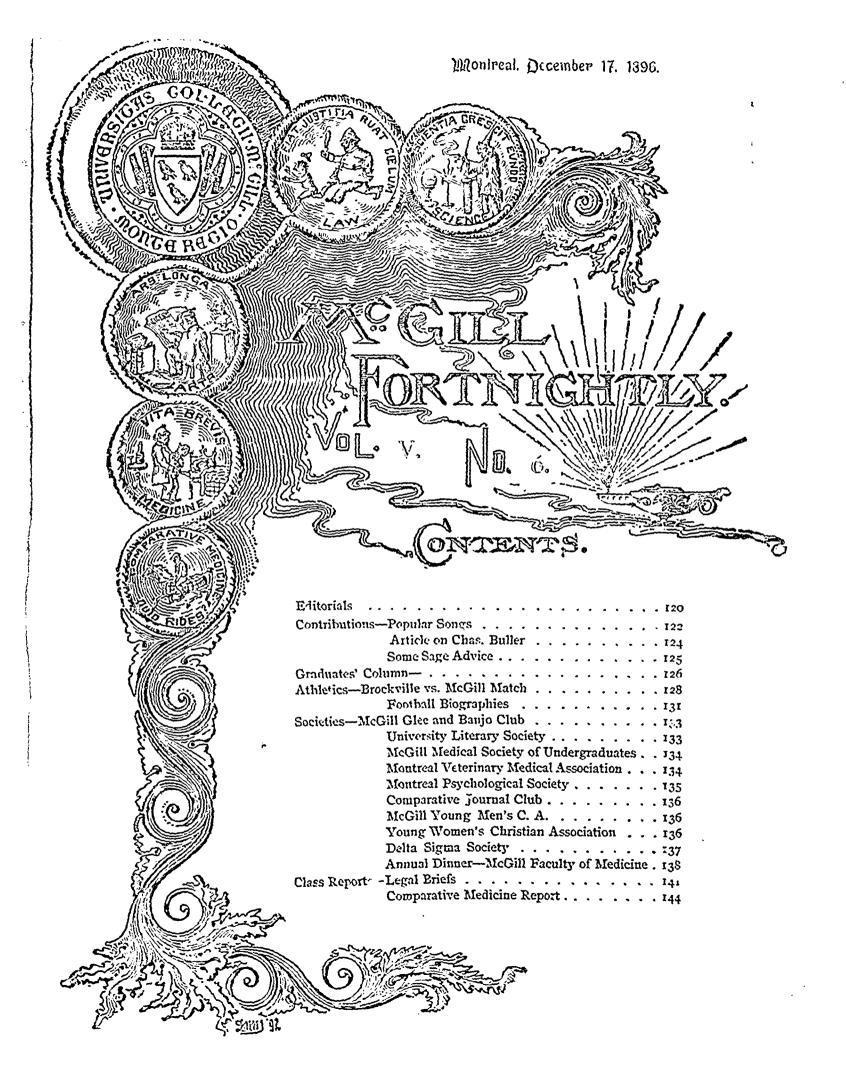
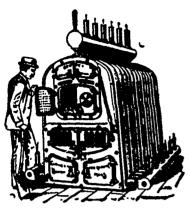
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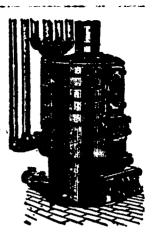
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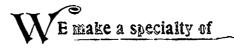
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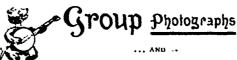
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Editorial.

THE term "Athletics in the University" is not often seen in the university calendars. It certainly does not appear in that of McGill -vet there is no subject more closely allied to the heart of the great ungraduate body-nor does interest in the matter cease with them. It is a specially note worthy fact that when the student in England becomes the graduate and then the professor, the memory of the healthy stimulus of university sport, of the fields pluckily fought and won, impel him to continue in the sport so long as he may be physically capable. Conscious of the power and vigour for the battle of life which he has attained from the cricket and football fields and from the river, he sympathizes with the student in their sport, joins them in it and gives them such opportunity of indulging in it as may be consistent with his duties. In England, at the great public schools. at least, athletics are compulsory. While in both school and college the captain of the eleven is the idol of his schoolfellows and has the respect and admiration of his masters. Defeat on the cricket and football fields and on the river is felt as keenly by the teaching staff as by the students. Success in sport is an honor-

able distinction of an institution; and in England, at least, it is not unfrequently the deciding motive for both boys and parents in the selection of a university or school, other considerations being of course fairly equal.

One cannot but feel that the healthy, manly spirit of English educational life is largely due to the patronage and sympathy which the elder men give to the athletic institutions of their juniors. In no university can athletic games flourish without the kindly and friendly support of those who may control the daily routine of its men. No university will ever be worthy of the name, in which professors and students are not bound together in one desire for her honour and success on the athletic fields as well as in the class room, without this union her sports will ever remain sluggish, half-hearted, and unsuccessful. At McGill athletics do not run as smoothly as they should. There is a want of sympathy, not only amongst many of the professors but also amongst a large number of the students. Besides lack of funds, there is a want of time. There are few men in the University who can afford to slope lectures as they have to, when they want to play football. This lack of

time on the part of students to attend practices accounts for McGill's want of success for many years past and it will remain thus until some satisfactory arrangement can be made, so that the men can be exempted from lectures, two afternoons a week between the hours of four and six. McGill, in the intellectual domain, may fairly be said to stand at the head of Canadian universities. There is no intrinsic reason, why she should not occupy the same position on the athletic field, and yet she is very far indeed from holding such a position. She has not even a gymnasium worthy of the name. It is a mistake to say that men don't come to college for football and other games. They come to be made good all round men and not mere lecture machines.

Football this year at the college has shown a marked improvement not only in the game but in the material. The class competition for the Gunn cup has brought out many new men who have done valuable work in our college teams. This, with the erection of dressing-rooms and shower baths have been steps in the right direction and their advantages have been fully realized and appreciated. The past season has shown that we have the material, if we only had the opportunity of working it, and we ask those whom it may concern that they give us that opportunity.

IT is now some time since the question of a Latin Play was first mooted in McGill. A great deal of quiet work however, has been going on until at the present time everything seems in readiness for a most successful presentation.

Daily rehearsals are now being held and the play will without doubt be presented during the present session. We are not at liberty to make any definite announcement as to the date, but we may say that Dr. Eaton intends giving a lecture on Latin Plays, under the auspices of the Classical Club, immediately after the Christmas

vacation, when this and other matters of interest will be announced to the public.

The various Academic bodies have formally given their approval. It is therefore to be a *University* play—every faculty is represented in its cast—and the friends of the University are invited to assist in making it a success.

The effort is an ambitious one, and in spite of many difficulties, both promoters and actors are determined to leave nothing undone to make it a scholarly performance—one that will reflect credit on the University.

The amount of preparation, thought, and enterprize on the part of the promoters, necessary to a successful performance of an ancient play, and the sacrifice the actors are compelled to make are for greater than can well be imagined.

RARTHER on in our columns will be found a short account of the proposed law of the Glee and Banjo Club.

The club is now twice as large as any previous year, and we cannot insist too much on the good that it is doing in developing the musical talent, latent in the University. The club deserves the support of each and every student, and the boys, we understand, will have a chance to show their appreciation of the hard work done by the Glee and Banjo Club, by turning out "en masse" to their concert in this city, and so making it an assured success in every way. We are pleased to note the widespread interest which is being taken in the tour which they intend making during the Christmas holidays.

It is their intention, we understand, to leave here on Dec. 28th and to return home on Jan. 5th, giving seven concerts, en route. All the boys who are all able to do so, ought to accompany them, both for the good time which they themselves are sure to have and for the encouragement which they will thus give to the club.



Contributions.

POPULAR SONGS.

"Let me write the songs of a people, and I care not who makes the laws." There is sound philosophy in that saying, but I am afraid we cannot accept it from the mouth of the popular song-writer of the present day.

The minstrels of old, sang the glorious deeds of heroes, the troubadours and minnesingers warbled of the loves of fair ladies and gallant knights, the Celtic bands kept alive patriotism and nationality among their countrymen with thoughts that breathed and words that burned Singers of softer age in the lisping verse. celebrated the beauty of Phyllis and Chloe prettily enough, the sturdier ballad-makers of the last century tuned their harps to the roar of the sea. and glorified Britannia, Nelson, and hearts of oak. The song-writer of the present recounts. in shambling doggerel the kitchen cupboard-love of the cook and the policeman. The decline and fall of the popular song has been sudden and rapid. A generation ago we were still singing My Pretty Jane, the Maids of Merry Enggland, and Phyllis is my only Joy. We rarely hear songs of this character sung now, and there are no new songs of the same class to take their place.

"My Pretty Jane" was a foolish thing, to be sure, and if we did press her to meet us-Meet us in the evening when the bloom was on the rye, she did not outrage our feelings by taking too much to drink and running away with a chap that drives an ugly donkey-cart. Phyllis was a very different young woman from Jemima Brown. The pretty, pleasing (though foolish) sentimental ballad has almost entirely disappeared, and instead of celebrating woman's loveliness and grace, we sing of her ugliness and disgrace with, "Now, then, altogether," and she stabbed herself with a carving-knife, and a "right-fol-de-riddle-lol-de ray." Murder and suicide have become exceedingly comic in these days. The carving-knife and the water-butt are the modern dagger and bowl, and their mortal

effects are invariably celebrated in a chorus of jubilation.

The earliest so-called negro songs which initiated the present comic era were inoffensive enough, and some of them were united to very pretty music. Uncle Ned was a stupid old nigger, and scarcely worthy the attention of the white folks; yet there was pathos in his little history. It was truly pitiful to hear that the old man musical had got no teeth to eat the oatcake, and got no eyes for to see. And there was a touch of poetry in his fiddle hanging up silent for evermore, because old Uncle Ned was dead, and

"Gone where the good niggers go."

"The old folks at home," originating in the streets, found an echo in many a drawing-room, and genteel young ladies, singing in unison, brought tears into the eyes of their auditors with

> "Way down upon the Swance river, Far, far away, There's where my heart is turning ever, There's where the old folks stay."

Even old Joe, with that idiotic propensity of his for kicking up behind and before, when he went with his old banjo to court Dinah, was a decent sort of nigger and might be heard of in the best society, while Sally's only fault was that she would "twist her head around," and come up and down the middle when her master's back was turned.

Managers of theatres still act upon the faith that the lower classes like something deep and sentimental, but the managers of the music-halls, which are now the academies of popular music, take an opposite view of their likings and give them the broadest comicalities. The popular comic singer who sings such songs as "Slapbang." "The Cure." "Costermonger Joe." "The Old Kent Road," etc., is better paid than many of the artistes at the Opera. He is the idol of the audiences at the music halls, though in most cases he cannot sing a note, and is utterly devoid of humour. How is it that this noisy unartistic performer has suddenly become

such a favourite to the utter banishment of all appeals to the heart and sentiment?

Let us glance at what there is in his songs to excite so much delight and enthusiasm. One of the most popular of them some time ago was "The German Band," in the course of five long verses we learn that the name of the faithless woman was Susannah, that she could knit, sing or dance, parley-voo-frans'ay, and, of course, play on the "pianner"; but with all these accomplishments she had an incurable passion for a man who blew a flageolet in the middle of a German band.

The comic song-writer and the comic singer, who are in many cases one and the same person, have taken a fancy to make fun of the name of the sacred city, and as one downward step in the path of impropriety tends to another, he is generally driven to rhyme it with "Methusalem." Nothing on earth beneath or in heaven above is sacred to the popular song-writer when he wants to adorn his lyrical tale with a rhyme.

A comic singer who is said to have made a fortune in singing "Slap-bang," introduced another song which he called "Costermonger Joe." He imitated the voice and manner of a London costermonger calling his wares in the streets, and at the end of each verse proudly invited the audience to say with him in chorus:

"I'm Costermonger Joe."

Think for a moment of a hall full of respectable people of both sexes, all declaring at the top of their voices that they were "Costermonger Joe,"

Another famous song is "Jog along, Boys," and the singer tells his audience that he composed the chorus expressly for them, and begging them to join in. Perhaps in this may be found the answer to my query, "Whence comes the popularity of these absurd songs"? They all have choruses, in which the audience may join with some catch-line which catches the ear without penetrating to the understanding.

I have been told of a gentlemanly-looking youth at a first-class music hall in London singing about a man with a carpet bag; personating the character, the singer boasted of his rogueries, how he had swindled an hotel-keeper, and leav-

ing his carpet bag stuffed with bricks. When he is brought before the magistrate he tells that functionary "if there warn't such chaps as us there would be nothing for you to do." This retort was received with great applause.

This same young man sang a vulgar song which was hissed by two or three decent persons. On returning to the platform he had the impudence to rebuke them with the retort, "There are only two things that hiss, a goose and a serpent." As he had this so ready on his tongue I opine he must have been used to hissing.

Some of the best of our old popular songs contain silly lines and bad rhymes; and some of them—for example, "The Death of Nelson," are ungrammatical; but very many of the songs of the present day are destitute of sentiment, destitute of sense, destitute of humour. They are only tolerable because their vulgarly nonsensical words are smothered in pleasing music. We need not search far in order to discover that the public to whom they are addressed tolerate them because they have no choice.

In all matters of art the people are very easygoing. They are content to take what they can get. But that is not to say that the people cannot appreciate better things than they have. "A very good song and very well sung," is still the popular sentiment; and if the people are content with a very bad song very ill sung, it is simply because they have no choice.

H. M.

GOLF IN THE TYROL.

"Dear Pop."-Thus writes my only boy, Now traveling in Europe. "This weather brings me back to life, You see me now a 'cure up.' "Here every bit of air is fine, And pure and rarified; I'd like to have some more in mine. When I reach the other side. But the funny thing here round, methinks, Is the way that golf is spreading. The churches draw no more; the links Are now their lustre shedding. And every peasant takes it up. Each cow-herding Tyrolian Claims he can cross the Alps in less Strokes than the great Napoleon. --CLIPS.

CHARLES BULLER,

In the October number of the Canadian Magazine—a publication by the way that is rapidly improving—Mr. Martin J. Griffin asks the question, "Did Lord Durham write his own report?" and replies in the affirmative. It has been very frequently asserted that the report was the work of Lord Durham's secretary, Charles Buller, Mr. Griffin first impugns the good faith of the two chief witnesses against Lord Durham, namely, Lord Brougham and Mr. Charles Greville, and maintains that the former launched the charge (when walking one day with Lord Macaulay) from spite, and that Greville also was "inimical" when he repeated the assertion. The belief that Charles Buller wrote "Lord Durham's Report" is certainly very common, and if an historical injustice has been done to Lord Durham in that regard it should be righted. And to that end, it is perfectly legitimate to question the first witnesses against him and to weigh their evidence. This Mr. Griffin does in a judicial and convincing way. But he goes a step farther in his argument, and in this does not carry forward, for the reader at any rate, the same spirit of conviction. He endeavors to show that Charles Buller, although a man of "ability" had too much "levity" in his composition to have written the report. For such an extensive student of nineteenth century memoirs as Mr. Griffin not to have known that Charles Buller had also his intensely serious side is somewhat surprising. The best insight into both sides of his character is given in Froude's " Carlyle." Shrewd Edward Irving saw his possibilities as a boy. In 1822, Carlyle was to become Charles Buller's tutor, and Irving wrote to Carlyle as follows:-

"... My opinion is that in the mother you will meet a most pleasant, elegant and sensible woman. In the eldest boy, whom I conversed with, you will meet a rather difficult subject; clever and acute, and not ill-informed for his age; but his tas. s are all given to Boxiana, Bond Street, and pleasure gathered out of the speculations and ambitions of Harrow School. But while he argued for that style of life against his mother and me, he displayed a soul far above it,

and sporting with it, and easily to be dislodged from it; and he confessed, when his mother was gone, that he could apply himself with great good will for several years to study, and would delight to travel. I told him and his mother that I should like myself to be his tutor, and I spoke bonâ fide, fer nothing I perceive is wanting but a superior mind to give him higher tastes and to breed admiration of excellence. You could soon master him and easily direct him, though at the outset it might be a trial of your patience. But I think you ought to submit to such a trial. You would be no worse by it. You labour upon a good subject, for most accomplished, quite a gallant and noble woman, and gracious withal and willing to recompense your labours."

Carlyle did "submit to such a trial" and was "no worse by it." His earnest judgment confirmed the judgment of earnest Edward Irving. "From the first," he says, "I found my Charles a most manageable, intelligent, cheery, and altogether welcome and agreeable phenomenon -quite a bit of sunshine in my dreary Edinburgh element." And again, "The two youths took to me with unhesitating liking, and I to them, and we never had anything of quarrel, or even a weariness and dreariness between ussuch teaching as I never had in any sphere before or since. Charles, by his qualities, his ingenuous curiosities, his brilliancy of faculty and character, was actually an entertainment to me rather than a labour In Greek and Latin, in the former in every respect, he was far my superior, and I had to prepare my lessons by way of keeping him to his work at Dunbar's."

Carlyle's high estimate of Charles Buller might be quoted by pages, and still prove interesting. If Buller had been endowed with fatal levity—fatal that is to solid work and high seriousness of purpose—is it likely that the defect would have escaped Carlyle's keen eye? Hardly. But Mr. Griffin appears to have discovered in the literary history of the century nothing more than a few paltry evidences of flippancy on the part of Buller.

Naturally this is not the place to discuss Buller's political *opinions*, but whether they were right or wrong, he held them most earnestly.

The evidence on this point is abundant. He was a follower, in general philosophy, of James Mill and a letter of Buller's to Carlyle in 1831 shows the strong hold that the stern philosopher had upon him, Whatever evidence may be forthcoming, therefore, to prove that Charles Buller did not write Lord Durham's Report cannot be buttressed by any assumption of excessive and disqualitying "levity" on Charles Buller's part,

J. C. SUHHRIAND,

SOME SAGL ADVICE.

The following sage advice is attributed to Robert J. Burdette, and might be taken serrously to heart by some of our freshmen.

"Remember, son, that the world is older than you are by several years; that for thousands of years it has been so full of smarter, better and youngermen than yourself that their feet stuck out of the dermer windows, but when they died the oid globe went jogging along, and not one person in ten millions went to the funeral, or even heard of Be as smart as you can, of course. Know as much as you can without blowing the packing out of your cylinder head. Shed the light of your wisdom abroad, but don't dazzle people with it, and don't imagine a thing is so because you say it is so. Don't be too sorry for your father because he knows so much less than you do. The world has great need of young men, but no greater need than the young men have of it. Your clothes fit you better than your father's fit him -they cost more money; they are more stylish; your mustache is neater, the cut of your hair is better and you are prettier, oh, far prettier than 'pa.' But stop a moment, young man and reflect. The old gentleman gets the bigger salary and his homely, scrambling signature on the business end of a check will drain more money out of the bank in five minutes than perhaps your handsome autograph can do during the balance of your mortal life. Young men are useful and they are also ornamental, and we all like them but they are no novelties, son oh, no, nothing of the kind, they have been here before. Don't be so modest as to shut yourself out, but don't be so fresh that you will have

to be put away in a cooler to keep from spoiling. Don't be afraid that your merit will not be discovered, people all over the world are looking for you, and if you are worth finding they will find you."

TO LACHUTE.

May succeeding generations
Explorize Lachute,
May they have the time that we did
For we had a "beaut."

All our tickets cost two dollars And the trip was fine; But we broke all records, when we Got arout d to dine : We had beef and ham, and pickels, And we ate pie right. Were it not for Dr Adams Doubtless we'd still bite: But he thought we'd better wander E'er it came on night. May the stuff that has no fossils Go right up the spout; Likewise may the harder gueisses Which will not break out. May the fences to to pots (dam) Which now stand so high; For Donaldas do not like to Climb up to the sky. But, then, Mr Evan's stories Brightened up our walk. And we'd Moore to ploy the fiddle

When Ed saw the train a coming He did wave a light And by seven-fourty, we were Home again, all right.

And we'd Rly to talk.

s. r. q.

AN IDLE.

A tramp was sitting 'neath a tree,
It proved to be a peach;
A fuscious one upon a bough
Was just beyord his reach.
Upon his back he laid himdown,
His forehead he did mop.
He said, "By gosh, I guess I'll wait,
Until the fruit doth drop," —W.H.G.

Graduate's Column,

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES.

We are sorry to announce the death of Dr. J. T. McLaren '94, which sad event occurred at Armstrong, B.C., about the middle of October. The cause of his death was typhoid fever. Dr. McLaren was universally liked by all who came in contact with him. He had only been in the province about a year. His remains were brought back to his old home, Belle Creek, P. E. I.

A comparatively recent arrival in Vancouver is the Rev. J. S. Gordon, B.A., '94. Mr. Gordon has taken pastoral charge of Mt Pleasant Presbyterian church. He has already allied himself with the Graduates' Society and will make a valued addition thereto.

One of our m dicine graduates has created no little stir in society generally by recently sending a challenge to a brother medico in Victoria to fight a duel with pistols at twelve pace. The challenge was accepted only under conditions that would make the affair ridiculous. It is no trifling matter to tread on the coat tails of a McGill graduate when he has his war paint on.

GRAND FORKS B.C., Nov. 7th. '90.

DEAR EDITOR.—A copy of the Fortnightly has just come to hand, and I need not say with what pleasure we grads, in the west, read of the steady march of old McGill to the front rank of American universities.

I would like to congratulate the editorial and business boards on the high standard of the Fortnightly and hope ere long to see a weekly issue.

McGill is well represented in B.C., there being over fifty grads, in the province. In this immediate vicinity there are three of us, Dr. Jakes, Mcd. '92, who is located at Greenwood City, and Dr. Hepworth, Mcd. '94, and myself here. Needless to say none of us have made our fortunes as yet, but we are all helping to develope this great province. Yours resp.,

J. H. FEATHERSON.

THOSE IN NEW-YORK MEET AND ELECT THEIR OFFICERS.

Dr. W. Ferguson, Secretary of the New York Graduates Society of McGill University, sends us the following account of their annual meetings, which was held on November 10th:

At the residence of Dr. H. U. Vineberg. It was one of the most enthusiastic and successful meetings in the history of the Society, both in spirit and in numbers, the following gentlemen being present: Rev. Dr. E. H. Kraus, Rev. J. J. Rowan Spong, Dr. Wolfred Nelson, Dr. H. U. Vineberg, Dr. R. L. Pritchard, Dr. George C. Becket, Dr. Miller, Mr. Wm. De C. Harnett, Mr. J. A. Stevenson, Mr. Thomas Nivin, and the Secretary.

The Treasurer, Dr. H. U. Vineberg, presented his annual report, showing a creditable balance in the bank, which was abundant proof of the prosperous condition of the Society.

The annual election of officers took place, and by the unanimous vote of the Society all the present officers returned to office and also six non-resident councillors were elected to form part of the Executive Committee.

The officers for the present year are as follows:

President—Rev. Dr. E. H. Kraus, M.A., rector of St. Anne's Church, New York.

Vice-Presidents—Dr. Wolfred Nelson, F. R. G. S., Dr. Junes A. Meek, Wm. De Courcey Harne t, le kl...

Secretary - r. W. Ferguson.

Treasurer-Dr. H. U. Vineberg.

Executive Committee—Rev. J. J. Rowan Spong, M.A., B.C.L., LL.B., Dr. George C Becket, J. A. Stevenson, B. Ap. Sc.

Non-Resident Councillors—Right Rev. J. D. Morrison, M.A., D.D., Bishop of Duluth: Rev. Charles Bancroft, M.A., New Hampshire; Dr. William Osler, Baltimore, Md.: Dr. Thomas

Kelly, Omaha, Neb.; Rev. J. C. Bracy, Vasar College, N.Y.; H. Holton Wood, A.A., Derby, Conn.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved—That the congratulations of the Society be extended to the Right Rev. Dr. J. D. Morrison, one of its members, upon his election to the Episcopate, news of which we have heard with pride and pleasure.

Three new members were elected to the Society, Dr. Miller, Mr. Thomas Navin and Mr. Fred M. Becket.

The meeting continued late and all present showed very deep interest in the welfare of the Society.

At the recent examinations in Edinburgh for the triple degree in medicine and surgery, one hundred and twelve candidates presented themselves. Among the successful ones we notice the name of Dr. A. J. Grant, '66, who stands high. We heartily congratulate Dr. Grant on his success.

The officers of the Nova Scotia Graduates' Society at Halifax for this year are as follows

Hon, President, John McMillan, M.D. President, Rev. Robt, Laing, M.A.

First Vice-Pres., A. P. Reid, M.D.

Second Vice-Pres., A. A. Mackay, B.A.

Sec.-Treas., W. H. Hattie, M.D.

Executive Com., E. A. Kirkpatrick, M.D., Prof. Geo. T. Kennedy, M.A., E. V. Hogan, M.D., S. Bonnell, M.D.

We would like to make the graduates column a permanent and regular part of the reortnightly. We invite any of our graduates who fell disposed to do so to send us any notes of incress that they can give.

BALLAD OF YE MAIDENS OF '99.

Let them sing their lays of the golden days, When the knights were brave and bold. When maidens fair listened everywhere To the story sweet and old.

When Robin Hood and his rollicking brood, Drank their nut-brown ale so mellow, And roundly swore as they paid their score

With the cash of some other fellow,

When warlike wight in armor bright West forth to doughty deeds.

And eyes flashed bright at the matial sight Of the wild careering steeds.

When the Lion Heart played a noble part, 'Neath the burning eastern sun,

When the Hermit's ire set the land on fire At the dee is that the Turk had done.

Of the rippling rills that from storied hi is Adown to the ocean run,

Of fabled strands when golden sands Smile back to the laughing sun

Of turtle doves that coo their loves

To their mates 'neath the gabled eaves, Of the soft sweet breeze, that stirs the trees And whispers alow to the leaves.

Of the houris sweet that wait to greet Mohomet's faithful flock,

Of the sirens three that sang in glee
From their home on the sea kissed rock.

Of the heaven-born maids that in sylvar shades Proclaimed the birth of day,

Of the fairy queen that on meadows green Strewed the flowers of the laughing May.

But all these themes are as troubled dreams.

To the theme on my muse that calls,

The maide divine that in pinety-nine.

'Tis the maids divine that in ninety-nine Will leave these classic halls.

But an Orphean lyre, with Delphic fire, Alone can tell the story;

For my muse is tame and her flight is lame, As the tries to sing their glory.

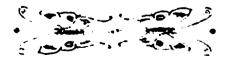
Then hail to the year, without a peer In Varsity's noble four.

And the ladies fair, by them we'll swear Henceforth and forever more.

And when at last, our labors past, We out in the big world shine,

We'll sing their praise to endless days, Sweet marners of ninety-nine.

-I. M. KNON. '99, Varsity.



Athletics.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS OF CANADA.

M'GILL VS. BROCKVILLE



The game on Thanks-giving day amply demonstrated the absurdity of the remarks made by the Brockville press. The Brockville players are personally a very gentlemanly and sportsmanlike lot of men, and we are sure that they are not responsible for what appeared in their daily papers.

Ontario men hereafter will have toacknowledge that even in poor, benighted old Quebec, a little is known about the grand old game of football. Montreal and

McGill, as well as Ottawa College, we are convinced, can put teams on the field which would win from Varsity. In future the Toronto Globe will have, perhaps, more than a six line notice of a senior match in the Quebec Rugby Union-

The field was in a bad condition, and it is indeed fortunate that so few men were hurt. The game was started about 11:15 a.m., and the teams lined up as follows:

Brockville.		McGill.
Clark	Half-back	Glasco
Wilkison	do	Drinkwater
McLaren	do	Gillies
Richardson	Quarter-back .	. Davidson
Loosemore	Scrimmage	McMaster
Watson	do	McLennan
Ritchie	do	Bond
Riddle	Wings	P. Sisc
Sheriff		Austin
Graham	do	Whitton
l'akenham		Robertson
Dr. Bowie	do	C. Sise
McDougall	do	Trenholme
McGuire		M Robertson
Referee-A. Ma		

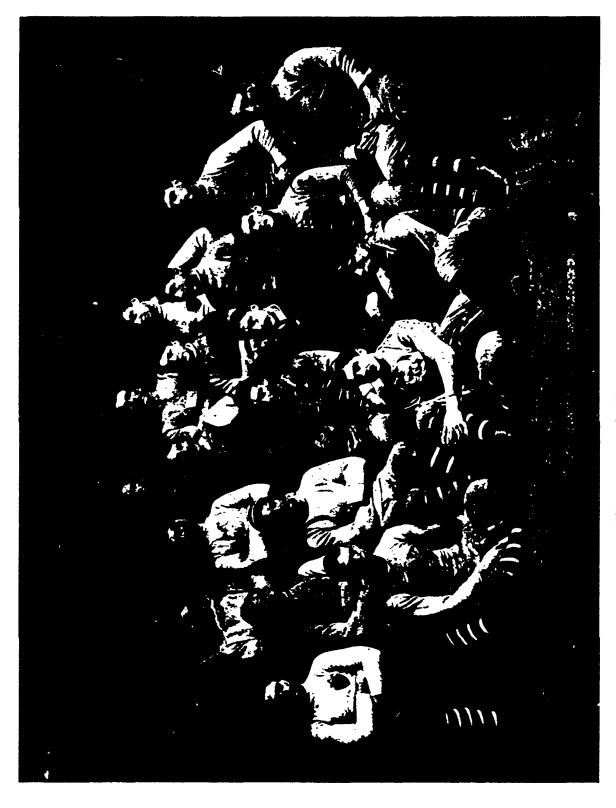
Umpire-Gleeson, Ottawa College.

Brockville won the toss and played from the east side with a strong wind at their backs and a nasty sleet in their opponent's faces. Davidson kicked off, but the ball was sharply returned, and there was scrimmage at centre field. Brockville did grand work in the "scrim," and McGill were shoved right back to their line. After some hard scrimmaging. Brockville, by a very pretty mass play, went over the line for a try without a kick. From the kick off Brockville returned with a long punt: McGill, however, punted back, losing ground slightly on account of the wind. The ball was now worked up to McGill's 25 yard line.

Davidson managed to get the ball out of the scrimmage. Drinkwater kicked well up the field, getting the ball well into Brockville's territory. Brockville were awarded a free kick, however, and Richardson sent it away down the field. After some hard scrimmages on McGill's 25 yard line, Brockville again got a free kick right in front of goal and easily scored. Brockville, 6: McGill, o.

A lot of scrimmage work followed the kick off. Brockville having a little the best of it. Brockville again got a free kick which resulted in a touch in goal. Brockville were certainly getting the best of the free kicks. McGill boys, however, began to wake up and play with more dash. The scrimmage worked hard and the ball was working up towards Brockville's goal when McMaster was hurt and had to retire. He was replaced by Burnham, who would play a spiendid game if he would only put his head down.

One of the prettiest dribbles ever seen in a field now took place: Austin followed up like light ning, and jumping at his man knocked the ball out of his hands with his body. Trenholme and M. Robertson were both on hand, and among the three a very pretty dribble was made which resulted in Trenholme's falling on the ball behind Brockville's line. After the kick off, Richardson scored a touch in goal for Brockville. Soon after



Brockville, by means of a free kick right in front of McGill's goal, again got over for a try which was not converted.

Immediately after the kick off, McGill rushed the ball up and went over the line before Brockville seemed to realize that the ball was in play. It was a very pretty piece of work, and as usual Trenholme and M. Robertson had their share in doing it. Half-time was soon called with the score at 14 to 10 in Brockville's favor.

Brockville, however, were a beaten team. The play had been all in McGill's favor during the last 20 minutes, and our boys felt confident of winning in the second half with the wind with them.

The second half was all McGill from start to finish. Grace at full-back was never once called upon to relieve, whereas the Brockville back had to put in some phenomenal work in order to save his side from a most crushing defeat. The score would certainly have been almost doubled had it not been for Smith's marvellous work.

McGill went over the line again but could only get rouges until Drinkwater made a beautiful kick, which was well followed up, and our boys fell on the ball for a try, which, however, was not converted. McGill kept Brockville continually on the defensive, and for the last 15 minutes the play was always inside Brockville's 25 yard line. By a series of touches in goal and rouges McGill pulled her score up to 20, and when the whistle blew the score stood: McGill, 2c: Brockville, 14: and McGill were intermediate champions of the Dominion.

Davidson played his usual game at quarter; he is simply invaluable. We sincerely hope that Davidson will be seen behind McGill's line next year when we come to battle for the Provincial championship. Drinkwater played a plucky safe game and at the same time a brilliant one. His kicking was splendid and gained lots of ground. Of Gillies running too much cannot be said; he is certainly the strongest runner on the team, and it takes a good man to stop him when he once

gets started. It is hard to particularize with regard to the forward line. They all played a grand game. If we were asked to be particular we should say that McLennan played the game of his life in the scrimmage, and that Trenholme and M. Robertson were the bright particular stars on the wings. They are always on the ball and play just as fast a game at the end as at the beginning of the match.

For Brockville, Richardson and Smith played grand games: Smith saved time and again. We believe it is his first year on a rugby field. It augurs well for his football career. Gleason made a fairly good umpire, though he didn't seem to be able to see the Brockville man, grabbing Davidson, even before Shirley had got the ball. Mr. Martin's decisions as referee may have been alright so far as McGill was concerned, but he certainly let flagrant offences on Brockville's side pass unnoticed. The grand stand could see Richardson picking out the ball half a dozen times, and yet he was never called down for it.

We regret extremely the action of the stand in hissing the referee. Taking one consideration with another the referee's lot is not a happy one, and anything that is done to make it less so is mean and not worthy of a gentleman.

McGill has now the material to hold the intermediate championship next year, and perhaps we are not making mere visionaries of ourselves in hoping that next year we may have both championships of the Dominion.

MEDITATATION OF SIDDA GUNGA.

Life! What is life? 'Tis a ceaseless strife-A ceaseless striving e'er. Life! What is life But war to the knife-A struggle against despair: Cause! Is there cause For this struggle which gnaws All beauties and pleasures dear? Cause? Is there cruse But Passion, who claws The heart of the victim here? Peace! Is there peace Till the passions ceuse To be our masters dread? Peace! Is there peace Till in life's long lease We learn to envy the dead?



SHIRLY DAVIDSON, Capt. Intermediate Champions and Capt. Senior team for 1897.

BASEBALL SKETCHES.

The following is a short account of the members of the team who won the Intermediate championship of Canada for us:—

S. Davidson, Captain, Science '97, commenced his football career at the Montreal High School, playing on their team during '89, '90. In '91 Davidson played on the Junior McGill team, who were champions in that year. In '92 he did not play, but in '93 he was again on the Junior championship team. In '94 he played on the intermediates, who that year won the Canadian intermediate championship by default. During '95 he was captain of the intermediate team and this year captained the Intermediate champions of Canada. He has been unanimously elected captain of the senior team for '97.

G. Drinkwater, Science '97, has long been a football player. He began his career in the High School, and during the seasons '88, '89, '90, played as centre half on their team. In '91 he was captain of the Montreal Collegiate Institute's team. In '92 he was captain of the Montreal Juniors, who won the championship in that year. Ninety-three saw him captain of the Junior Mc-

Gill team, who also won the championship. In '94 he was captain of the Intermediate team, when they won the championship. In '95 he played centre half on the senior team and in 96 centre half on the Intermediate champions of Canada.

B D. Gillies, Medicine '98—His career in Rugby football has been a very short one, as this is his first; ear at the game. He, however, has played association football for three years on the Hamilton High School team before entering college. His position is right half back. Besides playing on all the intermediate matches, he also played on the Seniors against Ottawa City.

Mr. Glasco, Science 1900, played for three years at centre half on the "Young Tigers" of Hamilton. Since coming to college Glasco has played on the Intermediate at left half, save for the first match against Montreal II., when he played centre half.

A. H. Grace, Arts '98.—This is practically Mr. Grace's first Rugby season. His experience in tootball has been gained on the association field. His position is full back, which he fills in the most satisfactory manner. Mr. Grace has been chosen captain of next year's intermediate team.

F. L. Bond, Science '98, began his football at the Collegiate Institute, Montreal, where he played in the scrimmage for two years. Since entering college Mr. Bond has played in the intermediate scrimmage, being a member of the team that captured the championship in '94.

A. R. MacMaster, Arts '97.—During '91, '92, '93, Mr. MacMaster played in the scrimmage of the Montreal Collegiate Institute. During '94 he played centre scrimmage on the McGill Junior team and during '95 and '96 centre scrimmage on the Intermediates.

F. McLennan never played Rugby till this year. His posi ion has been in the scrimmage on the intermediate team. Though this is his first year, he has proved himself a very valuable man ineed.

P. F. Sise, Science 1900, played for two years on Bishop's College team, Lennoxville, of which he was captain last year. Since entering college he has played inside wing on all the intermediate matches and also inside wing with the Seniors against Ottawa City.

C. F. Sise, Science '97, played very little football before entering college. In '94 he played inside wing on the Juniors. In '95 he played in the same position on the Juniors and also in some of the intermediate matches. This year he has occupied that position in all the intermediate matches.

W. G. M. Robertson, Law '99, played on Bishop's College school team during '88, '89, '90, '91, and in the last named year was captain of the team. He then played for Bishop's College in the intermediate series during '92, '93. '94 and '95. This year he has played a very brilliant wing game for the intermediate champions of Canada.

P. W. K. Robertson, Science '1900, started playing football at Trinity College school, Port Hope, and while there was captain of the second XV. in '94, and of the first XV. in '95. Since entering college he has played wing on the intermediate team.

A. K. Trenholme, Arts '97.—During '92 and '93 Mr. Trenholme played outside wing on the High School team. During '94 he did not play, and was also unable to play in '95 owing to hav-

ing sprained his elbow in the early part of the season. This year he has played a very dashing game at outside wing on the intermediate team, also playing that position on the senior team against Ottawa City.

C. V. Austin, Science '99, never played football before this year. He has, however, picked up the game very fast and played a good wing game on the intermediates this year.

D. A. Whitton, Medicine '98, played first with the Ottawa Collegiate Institute. In '94 Mr. Whitton cid not play, but in '95 he took the position of left outside wing on the second XV. This year he played on the seniors against Brittania, went to Ottawa as spare, against Ottawa College, and finished the season with the intermediates.

J. Todd, Arts '98, commenced playing in '90 at Upper Canada College. In '93 he captained their senior team. Came to McGill in '94 and played with the intermediate champions of that year. During '95 and '96 he still continued to play on the intermediates. Mr. Todd was so unfortunate as to sprain his ankle badly at Quebec, thus preventing his finishing the season with the the team.

F. W. McLennan commenced football in '90 at Upper Canada College. Toronto, and was captain of their 2nd when he left in '93. In '94 and '95, he played on the 3rd McGill and in the two first matches on the intermediates in '96.



Societies.

GLEE AND BANJO CLUB.

All arrangements are now complete for the annual Christmas tour of the Glee and Banjo Club. The members will leave Montreal in the morning of Monday, December 28th, and give concerts in Ottawa, Napance, Kingston, Oshawa, Peterboro, Belleville and Brockville; returning to Montreal Tuesday morning, January 5th.

It goes almost without saying, that the men who are fortunate enough to be chosen for this trip will enjoy themselves immensely. A special car is to be provided for the use of the club, so that they will have all the comfort possible while on the journey.

The Glee and Binjo club has always been well received on its previous trips, and this year the prospects for a "good time" are brighter than ever, as invitations have already been received, for dances and suppers, to be given after the concerts. Of course all invitations given to the club include those travelling with them.

Any student who can possibly manage it, should endeavour to take this trip. Tickets will be sold for something under twenty-five dollars, entitling the holder to his railway fare and hotel accommodation. This rate is exceedingly reasonable and within the reach of a great number of McGill students and their friends, so the management feel that a large number should accompany them this year.

Students desiring to go on the trip should see the Business Manager, or any member of the executive committee as soon as possible, as the number going will make a considerable difference in the price of the tickets.

UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

Nov. 27th, 1896.

The Literary Society met this evening. In the absence of president and vice-president, Mr. Duboyce, of Arts '97, was asked to take the chair.

After preliminary business had been completed, in which the secretary was instructed to write a letter to the president, Mr. McMaster, expressing the sympathy of the meeting for his accident, which prevented him from being present, the programme was proceeded with as usual

The first item was a reading by A. M. Mc-Master, Science '99, which was very much appreciated.

The debate was then taken up. Subject— Resolved, 'That protection makes wages higher.''

The affirmative was led by Mr. McLeod, Science '97 He was ably upheld by R. B. Blythe, Arts '98, and C. K. Ives, Arts '97.

The negative was led by Mr. Rowatt, Arts '97, assisted by Mr. Cooke, Arts '00, and R. H. Rogers, Law '98.

A vote resulted in a tie, so the chairman cast the deciding vote in favor of the affirmative. An able critique was given by Mr. Patterson, Arts '98, after which the meeting adjourned.

DEC. 4TH.

A regular meeting of this society was held on the above date, in the Arts building, at 8 o'clock, President McMaster in the chair.

The minutes were read and approved, after which nominations were opened for the men to represent McGill (vs. Varsity) in the annual debate, which resulted in the unanimous choice of Messrs, Ewing, Law '97, and Heney, Arts '98.

The programme was commenced with a recitation by Mr. J. Godfrey Saxe, Arts '97, followed by a general chorus. The debate was next in order, the subject being:—

Resolved, "That a national income tax is desirable."

The affirmative was opened by Mr. Rogers, Law '98, who endeavored to show the advantages of direct over indirect taxation. He was supported by Mr. Guthrie, Arts '99, who dwelt on the fact that the tax has prospered in Britain.

The negative was opened by a speech from Mr. John Colby, Arts '98, who showed the many evils resulting from the tax. Mr. Patch, Arts '99, upheld him, showing how the tax may be evaded.

After these prepared speeches Messrs. White, Arts 'oo, and Robertson, Arts '99, spoke in the affirmative, while Mr. Gilday upheld the negative. The leaders now closed the debate, which on being put to the vote resulted in a win for he affirmative.

Prof. Lafleur, M. A., then gave his criticism, in which he commended the practice of open debating, but desired to see a better classification of material, a more logical sequence in our arguments. Such criticisms cannot fail to greatly promote the aims of the society.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Professor.

Prof. Umney being present was asked to say a few words. He commenced by saying that it was with grief that he was compelled to say that English societies were no better than ours. This is a doubtful compliment, but we take it as it was meant. He then gave us some humorous information with regard to different English taxes such as death duties, legal stamps, tobacco and beer, and the fact that many paid an income tax on a much greater income than they had, thus living on the very tax itself.

After a vote of thanks to Prof. Umney, some discussion took place with regard to the intercollegiate debate and a committee was appointed to attend to the various necessities accruing from the fact that this year the debate is to be held at McGill. The committee is as follows:—Saxe, Duff, Rogers, Archibald, Campbell (R. P.), Paterson, Rowat, McLeod, Ball, Robertson.

The society then adjourned till after the Christmas holidays,

McGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY OF UNDER-GRADUATES.

The 5th regular meeting of the Society was held on Friday evening, 4th inst., in Lecture Room No. 3 of the Medical building. The following was the special programme arranged for this meeting:

- 1. Paper, "Neuralgias." M. J. MALONEY. Discussion on paper, led by J. H. Laidley.
- 2. Paper, "Headaches." E. J. WILLIAMS.
- Report on a case of "Acute Disseminated Sclerosis."
 A. A. MCLENNAN.

The papers were of exceptional interest and bore evidence of careful reading and thought upon their respective subjects.

Mr. Laidley's discussion was a most able one and added much to the interest of the papers.

The Pathologist exhibited several specimens bearing upon Sc!erosis which enhanced the value of Mr. McLennan's interesting report.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the several gentlemen who had helped to make the evening such an interesting one. The attention of the students is drawn to the address on Insurance, to be given by Prof. Wilkins on Friday evening, the 18th inst. As this is a subject of great value to the medical student a large attendance is earnestly requested.

MONTREAL VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

A regular meeting of the Association was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 3rd, the president, Dr. Baker occupying the chair.

Mr. Parker reported an interesting case of œsophagotomy on the cow, Before Mr. Parker's arrival at the case the owner and friends had attempted to remove the obstruction by various unscientific methods. Finding the animal in a tympanitic condition. Mr. Parker relieved it by means of the trocar and being unsuccessful in his efforts to remove the obstruction with the probang he decided to operate. This Mr. Parker did under strict antiseptic precautions and was rewarded by the animal making a good recovery.

After some discussion on the above case, the president called upon Mr. Hilliard for his paper. This was one on laminites in which the essayist accurately described the symptoms accompanying the acute, sub-acute and chronic conditions of this diseases. Among the predisposing causes he cited that of crossing light sheary breeds, a frequent result of which is an animal with feet too light to support a heavy body. After the paper had been discussed by the members, the president made some instructive remarks with reference to the treatment of this disease.

The secretary then read a communication from Dr. Rowat, of Hawaii, with regard to a disease which had recently made its appearance in a herd of cattle which he designated "Enzootic Harmaturia." This was listened to with much interest and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Dr. Rowat, after which the meeting terminated.

MONTREAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above society took place in library of the Faculty of Comparative Medicine of McGill University, on Friday evening, Nov. 27th, 1896.

The president, professor Wesley Mills occupied the chair. The business of the evening being concluded, the chairman called on Mr. Parker for the reading of his essay entitled "Instinct and Reason in the lower animals," in which the essayist supported his theory of their possession of both these faculties, in an entertaining manner strengthening it by numerous anecdotes from his own experience, amongst which the following gave food for discussion and reflection as to their reversion to natural instincts, or the removal of the inhibitory power of education.

"A fox terrier, possessing the typical terrier aversion to cats, had been educated not to molest the two cats living in the same house, to such a point that it was on friendly terms with them, though he would invariably kill a strange one.

"His master, wishing to test him one day, bade

the dog one day, pointing at one of them, to tackle it, and before he could stop him, the cat was killed. Food for subtle discussion as to the manner in which animals converse with one another was given by his account of the small dog, which after being thrashed by another one, went off to a distance to a former and larger friend, and together they returned and killed the original conqueror."

Mr. Matthiews followed with a scientific essay entitled "Variety of Instinct under Domestication," in which he ably showed the devolopment of artificial instincts at the cost of natural ones. in our domestic animals, due to artificial education and selection by man's influences; giving as examples, the docile house cat as compared with its nearest congener the wild cat, the most obstinately untameable of animals. Also the acuteness of sight and smell, and fierceness of spirit in defending their young, exhibited by wild cattle on the prairies, which disappears under domestication for the reason that these qualities are no longer of value, and that where there is no room for the exercise of pure instinct either by means interposed or otherwise, it will languish like all natural senses: he accounted for the docility and stupidity of the dogs of China and the Polynesian Islands, by the fact that these animals, though uneducated, were only valued in those counties, as articles of food, and had been fed for many generations on a vegetable diet, losing thereby their natural wild instincts, which their normal carnivorous food would have preserved.

Continuing he compared the abstract idea of ownership as exhibited in the wild dog by its possession of more or less definite areas as hunting grounds, with its further development under domestication as evinced by this animals frequent defence of its masters property.

In conclusion he contrasted the Psychology of the dog with that of other animals, pointing out that in this animal especially had natural instincts been suppressed and new ones formed by domestication in addition to which a love for man had been developed so strongly as to amply justify the remark of an old writer "That a dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

A spirited discussion ensued in which the essayists ably defended their arguments.

The chairman after a few practical remarks, congratulated the society on the profitable evening it had spent, and suggested the fruitful ground the essayists had presented for the working up of collateral themes. The meeting then adjourned.

November 27th, 1896. W. B. W.

COMPARATIVE JOURNAL CLUB.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the 97 Journal Club was held on Friday, Nov. 27th, at 3 p. m. The president, D. Cullen, occupying the chair. Mr. Connelly read a paper on "Lacerated Tendon," Mr. Moore, on "Hernia."

Mr. Stephenson followed with a report of punctured wounds from the "Veterinarian." A very interesting discussion followed. Messrs. Newcomb, Moore, Thyer, Matthews and Parker keeping up a continuous flow of queries and answers which were both interesting and beneficial to the members present. The president congratulated the participants and members on the attendance and interest shown, after which the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the readers.

J. B. H.

McGILL Y. M. C. A.

Thanksgiving day is always a day of special interest to the College Young Men's Christian Association. There are traditions in connection with it. Pleasant memories cluster around it. Good cheer marks it.

Thursday, Nov. 26, was no exception to the time-honored custom. Invitations were sent out to all the members and to a large number of the students who have the interests of the Association at heart. Nearly one hundred men responded in person and showed their interest and sympathy in the aims of the Association by their presence.

The social committee were busy all foreneon decorating the rooms with flags and bunting and arranging the tables. At 6 o'clock there was an inspiration in the rooms; every one felt the enthusiasm.

When the tea was over a short programme was brought on. There were speeches and music; and a recitation or two compelled levity. Before the programme closed a vote of thanks to the Ladies' Committee for providing the good things of the table was passed; those present showing their concurrence by hearty applause. The occasion was pronounced a decided success in every way.

The Sunday afternoon meeting on Dec. 6th was largely attended; Mr. Tory was in charge. Next Sunday, Dec. 13th, being the last meeting this term, it is hoped there will be a large representation. The meetings will be resumed on January 10th, 1897.

Y, W. C. A.

On Friday, Nov. 13th, Miss Smith spoke on "Tempted like as we are." The text was taken from Hebrews ii. The many temptations of our Lord were shown forth as an encouragement to us to overcome our lesser ones. For though He was tempted like as we are He was still "without sin."

The attendance was fairly good at the meeting of Nov. 20th, when Mrs. Carus Wilson spoke from Matt. xvi, 13-17. She showed how our Lord teaches us that He is the true Son of God, and pointed out the difference in the Greek Testament between the Son and a Son of God. Christ is the foundation of our whole Christian faith, and we must recognize this doctrine as the essence of Christianity.

On Dec. 4th a missionary meeting was held, Miss King being the leader. Papers were read by Miss Dey and Miss Sever on the spiritual condition of the millions of China, and Miss King read some very interesting passages from some letters of her sister who has gone out to China.

The last meeting was held Nov. 27th, the attendance being lamentably small. Miss Shaw was leader, the subject being, "Now the training, afterwards the service." She showed the need of well-trained bodies and minds as well as souls, and then shall we be prepared for any work our Lord may put into our hands, which however trivial it may seem to us, requires all the strength of the Holy Spirit.

DELTA SIGMA SOCIETY.

The third regular meeting of the Delta Sigma Society was held on Thursday, Nov. 19th. An essay on Thomas Moore was read by Miss Bourke Wright. The essay was a very interesting and able one, and was charmingly illustrated by the song, "The harp that once through Tara's halls," and "The last rose of summer," which Mrs. Saunderson very kindly sang. Miss Finley followed with an essay on Fra Angelico, giving details of the artist's life, but more especially describing some of his beautiful paintings. Photographs of these were passed round so that the descriptions might be better appreciated.

As Professor Capper's lecture was at five o'clock, and as the essays had taken nearly all the hour, the impromptu debates did not come off.

At the next meeting of the society an address will be given by Dr. Murray.

The annual lecture to the Delta Sigma Society was delivered by Dr. Murray in the Redpath Museum on Thursday, December 3rd. The subject was "A talk about Universities." First, Dr. Murray touched on the difference between higher and lower education, and spoke of universities and schools as illustrating this difference. At school pupils are under a wise despotism; at college they are free and responsible members of a small commonwealth. He compared the standard of German schools and univerities. German students enter the university at an age when most of our students are leaving, and they can in consequence very well afford to specialize

as soon as they begin their college course.

Students coming from our schools are generally too young to choose a specialty wisely for themselves. Every specialist, Dr. Murray said, has a tendency to regard a person who does not know something at least of his particular hobby, as not having been properly educated. He strongly deprecated the rule forcing students to take subjects for which they had no mental capacity, to the detriment of their progress in those for which they were more fitted. Plenty of option should be allowed. There is no royal road to learning. Sheer hard work is the only thing of avail, and the greater the ability of a man, the greater his power to do real work. The student who boasts that he or she has genius enough to succeed in a course without working possesses really not one spark of genius.

One very interesting part of the lecture was that which dealt with life in the Scotch Universities, with the stint-masters and the devices of the students to get off with as small a graduation fee as possible. In connection with this subject, Dr. Murray dwelt on the advantage derived by students from intercourse with one another. Often students gain more from their fellows than from the professors themselves. The function therefore of college societies is a highly important one and they deserve the ungrudging support of students.

In dealing with education, especially as concerns women, the lecturer noticed the pains taken by Roman Catholics to secure the best possible education for their women. The doors of the greatest Catholic University in the United States are open to women on the same terms as to men. But after all the highest and most important position a woman can fill is that of a mother at the head of a household, and a good education helps a woman to fill this high office to better advantage. Its necessity is fully apparent when we consider what an influence the mother has in moulding character during plastic childhood. Many great men have had insignificant fathers;

no great man has been without a mother in some way remarkable.

This abstract can only give a very inadequate outline of Dr. Murray's lecture. It was listened to with great pleasure and with interest that could not flag for a moment. And it was more than a mere hour's pleasure. It gave us new thoughts to carry away with us and to be of permanent value to us in our every day work. All who were fortunate enough to hear it are, I am sure, very grateful to Dr. Murray for his kindness in giving the lecture.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE MCGILL FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

Boys! it's over, but the evening of the 10th of December, '96 will long remain prominent in our memories as one of the most enjoyable incidents in our College life, and we might just say here to those,—who from economic reasons, or from diffidence to appear in other than a dress suit, did not attend—that they indeed "missed it." From the artistic menu, with its photogramme of the Medical building to the concluding speech of the President, there was not one hitch, not an improvement that could have been suggested, every arrangement bore evidence to a painstaking and competent executiv, and too much praise cannot be accorded them for their efforts in behalf of their guests.

Sharp at 7.30 the festal throng began to appear and by 8.15 the procession, numbering about one hundred and seventy-five, led by the Dean and Mr. F. R. Wainwright, the President of the Dinner, wended their way to the dining room, where all were soon busily employed in disposing of the excellent fare which had been provided, and while the gastric rugge were slowly distending, the higher senses were calered to by Blasi's orchestra, whose perfect rendition of parts from "The Bohemian Girl" and similar selections chosen by Mr. Lynch, moved many of the assembly to an imitation of harmony,

The University was represented by Vice-Prin-

cipal Johnson, the Governing body by Judge Archibald, while the Professoriate of Medicine were present almost "en masse," the list being as follows:—Dean Craik, Profs. Ruttan, Adami, Finley, Roddick, Shepherd, Stewart, Wilkins, Birkett, Lafleur, Armstrong: Doctors Morrow, Elder, Martin, McCarthy, Evans, Gunn, Tait McKenzie, Deeks, Henderson, Jamesson, Garrow, and Lockhart, while amongst the recent graduates we were glad to recognize such old favorites as Drs. Lynch, of L'Original, and Dr. Riley, of the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Before proceeding with the toasts the Secretary, Mr. W. W. Lynch, read letters of regret from His Excellency the Governor-General, Professor Wm. Osler, of John Hopkins University, Dr. G. P. Girdwood, Principal Peterson, and His Worship the Mayor.

The Chairman then proposed the first toast of the evening, "The Queen," which was drunk with the enthusiasm and loyalty always evidenced by the student of McGill.

Mr. Pennoyer following, proposed the toast of "Old McGill," and in the course of a most capital speech, adverted to the strides which had been made by the University of late years, the generosity of its benefactors and the love and esteem which all the undergraduates bore for their Alma Mater. He then gave a resumé of the successes achieved by our football teams, characterizing them as the strongest and most scientific aggregation in Canada, and concluding by a strong plea for that pet desire of the Student body, a University Gymnasium.

In replying to this toast Vice-Principal Johnson reminded us that the term "OLD" was applied by the students as a term of endearment, for chronologically speaking, we were merely a "babe" amongst the Universities of the world. He commented upon the heroism which the Doctor is so frequently called upon to display in the discharge of the duty which is to his fellow creatures. He drew attention to the fact that it was largely due to the efforts of the Medical

Faculty of McGill that the British Medical Association had conferred upon Canada the honor of selecting Montreal as the place of their next annual meeting.

Mr. E. Williams, '97, proposed the next toast, "Dean and Professors," paying a high tribute to the unselfish zeal and constant endeavours of the Professoriate to render the study of medicine as interesting and profitable as possible. He remarked that he must be somewhat circumscribed in his allusions, as should be dilate at too great length upon the good qualities of his teachers, he might lay himself under the imputation of seeking personal consideration at their hands, while upon the other hand, their relations at the festiv board rendered criticism impossible, even if time were the slightest grounds for such. Mr. Williams' remarks caused much merriment, and indicated careful consideration of the subject matter.

The dean in replying made most favorable comments upon the difference between the old Footing Suppers of some "umpty" years ago and the cultured high class festival of the present day. He touched a point upon which the students were quite of an accord when he states that the human mind has a limited capacity, and that as modern research was continually developing new fields, it was a source of careful and constant study with the faculty as to which subjects should be added and which eliminated, from the curriculum. He concluded one of his most characteristic and excellent a peeches by congratulating the students upon the profession which they had selected, and trusted, that in the broad field of life into which a chosen few were so soon to be ushered that they would reap that competency which is within the grasp of any man of moderate ability and studious habits, that they should prove loval and true citizens and a credit to the university to whom they were indebted for their professional existence.

Dr. Roddick followed with some amusing reminiscences of the early 60's, and paid a glowing

tribute to the fertility of resource, and great ability of the Dean, deprecating that self abnegation which alone prevented Dr. Craik from being reputed the most eminent authority upon general medicine on this continent. He trusted, however, that before long that true worth would find its reward and that in the next distribution of Birthday honors the name of Sir Robt Craik would be among the number.

Mr. Shore of Med. 99 then proposed the toast of "Sister Universities" which was responded to by Mr. McGillivray of 'Varsity. Toronto, Mr. Barker of Queens, Mr. Troope of Trinity, and Mr. Fortin of Bishops, while Mr. De Guire, of Laval, replying at first in French, cloncluded,—with that politeness which characterizes his descent,—by addressing the assemblage in English.

Mr. Fortin was most eloquent, his speech was a gem. Mr. Fortin was just lovely, he is our beau ideal of a student.

Mr. Frank Fraser of Class '98 next proposed the toast of "Class '97," complimenting them upon the magnificent oratorical efforts which their representatives had made, and assuring them of the cordial good wishes of all the Undergrads, and especially of the Class of '98. Mr. Fraser referred to the many kindly deeds and lessons instilled into the 3rd year by the Scnior Class and concluded by quoting some very appriate lines which were selected from the proof sheets of the new Hymnal shortly to be issued by a certain Theological college.

Mr. Lyster of '07 responded in a brief but well chosen speech we regret that his time was so much occupied in looking after Mr. G-r-d that his remarks were necessarily rather curtailed.

Professor Lafleur next proposed "The Freshman" describing the etiology, symptomology and habits of the animal, its gregariousness, that it sloped, walked, talked, and voted 'en masse," its individuality as compared in the more composite character of a class having two years existence. Dr. Lafleur made some comments upon the careful handling of sma' hours, and conclud-

ed with a quotation from "Flies on an intoxicated line." The gentlemanly representative of the First year replied in suitable terms and did not fail to insist upon the drinking of the toast which up to that time had been overlooked.

Dr. Ruttan finally proposed the President Mr. F. R. Wainwright, complimenting him very highly upon the manner in which he had discharged the difficult post assigned to him, and comparing the reception accorded to the speaker of the 1st year as contrasted with that given to him when he occupied a similar position in the last Footing Supper, how that most of his time was employed dollging oranges until he was finally laid low by coming in contact with a full grown pine-apple.

Mr. Wainwright replied in his usual genial manner, impressing his hearers with the fact that the year of '97 knew what they were about when they nominated him to fulfil the important post of chairman, and as the lights in the fairy lamps had no v burnt low, the students and guests sang God Save the Queen, and quietly donning their wraps and their gum shoes, silently slid sleepily slumwards.

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1st Vice-President

and Vice President

A. F. Lyster '97

R U Patterson '98

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W. W. Lynch '98

W H. P. Hill, 1989.

W. A. Cumming '69

P. Burnett '40

H. Ross, B A., 1900

And when you stick on conversation's burrs, Don't strew your pathway with those dreadful " are

-Hala.es

TOASTS.

THE OUTERS.

God and his engels goard your sacred throne, And in the you long become it '-Shake specific.

Proposed by Mr. Pennoyer, replied to by Dean Johnson. To these who know thee not, now ords can point,

And these who know thee, know all words are faint -More DEAN AND PROFESSORS.

Proposed by E. J. Wil iams, Dean Craik responded.; Our very noble and approved good masters '-Shakespeare.

SISTER UNIVERSITIES.

Kind concord, heavenly harn! whose blissful reign Holds this vast globe hoor surrounding chain. Soul of the world '-Tickell.

CLASS OF 25

Tis a t in mortals to command success, But, we lld strore-deserve it '-Shakespeare. FREHMEN.

My Salad days. When I was green in pulgment '-Shakespeare Atome, god night :

> Stand not men the order of your going. But go at once -shakespeare.

During the course of the evening Mr. Hermann Robertson sang "Answer" and "Doris." Robertson's voice has improved very much in strength and quality and left nothing to be desired.

Mr. Latouselle also of '97, sang "The Admiral" and the "The Clang of the Hammer," both of which were excellent,

SGIENCE JOTTINGS,

"Thank goodness those science men have exams-none of those vile jokes this time." This is pretty nearly the case, but just wait till after the holidays. Then beware.

Mr. Louis Varston reprensented Fac. App. Sci. at the annual dinner of the Toronto school of science on Dec. 4th. If all reports are true he had an "elegant time."

Hawker does not seem to realize the proximity of the exams. He has sneaked out of all his lectures before they were half through, and Prof. U - has lost all patience with him. Be careful Jimmy; one has to draw the line somewhere you know.

The hockey men of Se '99 are anxiously awaiting the construction of the rink, so that they can begin practice at once. Steady practice, and a captain like N. M. Vuile, should go far, towards getting up a good team.

Professor: "This will be all the work you will have—" (great applause in class.)

Professor, (calmly continuing): "In the parabola."

Class: "----"

Once more we find ouselves at the end of another season. Beyond us are the Christmas holidays, but first-Exams. Christmas holidays

always seem to us like the caudy we used to getafter swallowing some horrible compound, which we were always assured was for our good.

We suppose exams, were designed for our good. Through them we learn in how many marvellous ways, a simple question can be put, and incidentally, to what an abnormal extent the bump of interrogation is devoloped in some people. But whether, as Sam Miller says, it is worth going through so much to learn so little is open to doubt.

Class Reports.

FEATHERS FROM THE EAST WING.

Who are those who enter the Library every morning at 9 o'clock sharp? Their step is firm, their eyes flash determination, there is resolution in each flip of the trailing gown. These, my friend, have each a final examination next Monday morning. In unflinching tones they ask for the sole editions which the librarian has of the books which thirty more students will be asking for inside of an hour. They receive the books. In three minutes they are at work and in all probability will not lose more than five minutes this morning.

Quarter past nine, several more, pale, anxious, not quite sure which books they want—beginning to study frantically. Who are these? These are they which have many Christmas exams.

Ten o'clock, a student enters with a fat volume under her arm, takes an easy chair, studies calmly, comfortably, and seems by her serenity to say:—"I am improving my mind. Study is not a cram: it is culture. I am being intellectual. How nice it is to be intellectual."

Who is this? This, my friend, is the student with only one exam., and that not final.

But who are these, blithe and care-free, who go from one table to another, visiting friends and

causing a gentle humming like that of a subdued bee hive? These, my friend, are those who fear nothing—the Partials and Honour Moderns and Mathematics, who have no exams.

Professor.—"Young ladies. I would advise you to study your geography and ancient history during the holidays." Collapse of young ladies who cannot all draw maps nicely on that board.

The students wish they were rich enough to drive up in carriages every morning. They would then have "Greek" letter days more frequently.

It takes some people an hour to recover from a triffing mistake.

LEGAL BRIEFS.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS FACULTY.

I. Modesty.

The truly great are mode-t. Their overpowering superiority, their acknowledged supremacy, their unquestioned merit create it, foster it, prove it. And so the learned man, the man who is truly great, is recognized by his quiet demeanour, his retiring habits, his unobtrusive appearance. This is why Law, the most ancient, the most honorable, the most exclusive Faculty of this University is unobtrusive, is quiet, is retiring. Its meetings are models of gentleness, sobriety, unselfishness. If one attempts pomposity, he is frowned on. A man who speaks of his achievements, is shunned. Who tells of his ambition, is derided. Who ventures, in debate, to give advice, is requested, politely, yet forcibly. to resume his seat; to humble himself. Each one instils into his neighbor that love of solitude; of reflection; of deep thought, which alone can make the learned. A speaker is not listened to: doing so would flatter him: would tend to his moral downfall. He is stown, on the contrary, that he speaks by sufferance: by good will by forbearance. Again, the loudvoiced orator meets with derisive approbations: cynical promptings: expressive interjections: crushing remarks. The virtue of modesty is the strongest trait of this Faculty. For this reason, the man who addresses the meeting in a low voice; in an inaudible tone; who cannot be heard by the Chairman, is truly modest; is truly a law student. 'Tis he who drives away with sleepy listlessness; who does not interrupt the conversation of his fellows; who is entirely ignored. And yet, he is rapturously applauded: his unknown, his unheard opinion, is digested, is approved of, is adopted. Verily, modesty is a noble gift, worthy of being the deepest, the greatest, the predominant one of this glorious Faculty

Why this reluctance to dine away from home: why this shunning of the cup that cheers; the cup that warms: the cup that dees inebriate? The qualities of a diner are known in this Faculty. They are qualities that are rare, and so are desired: that are laudable, and so are good: that are necessary and so must exist. The dinerout must have three qualifications: he must be able to carry his liquor like a man: talk like a Christian; and be in at the finish. We have many such, many who would grace the position: who would do honor to us; who would charm their hosts. Why then this reluctance: this holding aloof; this unwillingness?

The Third year is to be congratulated! They have chosen a valedictorian, and they have

chosen well. Mr. Cooke is then unanimous selection. Who does not know of his unique ability: his trenchant wit; his inimitable, his energetic bon-mots. We tender him this advice, and we cannot say more: let him be himself in his address.

ARTS NOTES.

Mr. Edward M. Campbell was our representative at Trinity's dinner. He returned safe and sound bearing a Trinity annual in his hand. He reports a most enjoyable time.

Mr. Harold Ker is at the time of writing in Toronto, where he is representing McGill en gros et en détail. He represented us at a conservat at Victoria University and at a dinner given by "Varsity." We are certain he is having a good time.

Mr. Colin K. Russel has been chosen to represent the faculty at the medical dinner.

Arts '07 is to be congratulated in the interest the year takes in all our college societies. Her representation at the Literary is enough to please the president's eyes. We may say it does.

Rumours have reached the ever open ear of the reporter of the 4th year arts of a sad but important fact. The library is not as quiet as it should be. Are the Freshmen to blame? No. The second year? No! The third year? No! The 4th year? No. Mr. Mott or his courteous and many assistants! No! No! Who can it be? Who are left? The Profs. and the Governors? Governors seldom enter the precints devoted to reading. Will the reporter of the 4th year be plucked in April? He throws himself on the magnatimity of the Faculty. It is a weighty matter!

The on club hold weekly debates now, and I will try to give a sketch of some of the "spouters."

"Hammy" White is a short speaker, but to the point; his smile makes one think of apple pic, but he is one of our growing orators. "Billy" Cummings has evidently lectured on a temperance platform or has taken a Sunday school class of girls. He draws most harrowing pictures of bar room scenes.

"Guthrie, Esq.," is a most vigorous speaker: he quivers all over when he speaks, and one begins to feel that he is going to have ague. His delight is in remote similes.

ARTS 1900.

The Freshmen have made a record on the foo ball field this year, having won all their matches by a large margin. The first was with the M. H. S. The 1900 team had only had one previous practice, and consequently there was a lack of combination, but still they managed to show the High a trick or two. Within 5 minutes 1900 had a touch in goals, and the ball was kept well in the enemies' territory the whole time. The strong wind prevented Cleghorn from making any of his star kicks or else the score would have been nearly doubled in 1900's favour. When time was called it was 19 to 7.

The next match was on Nov. 20, with Arts '99 for the championship of the Faculty. Again 1900 showed what they were good for, getting the match by 14 to 0. '99 kindly inserted the score in the papers backwards.

Then came the final match of the season, on Dec. 1st. '97 had beaten '98, and it remained with 1960 to "lick" '97, (to quote the notice boards.) There was snow and ice on the ground, and the thermometer registered away down near zero, but did not seem to interfere with the enthusiasm displayed. '97 had much the heaviest scrimmage and at the beginning of the second half this began to tell, but the fast halves on the Freshmen's team more than made up the lost ground. Skinner, who resigned the captainship on account of a torn ligament, managed to find his way onto the field (under protest, of course,) when time was called the score stood 14 to 2 and the freshies felt proportionately pleased with them-The teams were: 1900, Back, Skinner; selves.

half back, Trenholme, Cleghorn, Wood: quarter-back, McKinnon: left wings, Auley Scott, Baker, Reford: scrimmage, Ness, Rowell, Jeakins: right wings, Shepherd (captain.) Horsfall, Charters,

'97: Back, Ross: half back, Kerr. Russel, Mackay: quarter-back, Trenholme (capt); left wings, Watters, Saxe, Browne: scrim nage, Stevenson, Howard, Armstrong: right wings, Campbell, Johnson, Willis, Macfarlane.

1900 is going to have a hockey team this year. There has been one practice already on the Crystal Rink, but the team has not yet been chosen.

MEDICAL NEWS.

Mr. E. W. Hayden, who represented Medicine at Varsity's dinner, speaks very generously of the treatment he received while absent. He says "Toronto's Hospitals are good but ours are better."

We learn that Edgar's speech was a masterpiece and was duly honored. However, Mr. Hayden has outlived any ill after effects and presents little change.

Mr. A. A. Skeels walked to Lachine on Sunday last. The miserable weather affected him so that absolute quietude has been imposed upon him for some weeks to come. We will miss his shrill "bugle call" as well as many interesting anecdotes for The Fortnighter.

Unique Originality may be shown in Anatomy as well as Physiology examinations. Recently a member of 1900 defined the ventral side as that which has the largest openings.

Mr. Cook, whose word "goes," predicts a long, cold winter, and has added an extra button to his overcoat.

Mr. Delmage. '97, and Mr. Jardine, '00, have thoroughly recovered from their recent illness and are once more with us. Although Mr. Lennon did honor to old McGill at Bishop's banquet on the 9th ult., he would like to say that he still possesses an unstained sheet in spite of the many inducements the jolly boys of Bishop's offer d.

COMPARATIVE MEDICINE REPORT.

RHYMES FOR THE TIMES.

The Motor Car
Has not so far,
Wiped from the earth the good old "hoss,"
Some distant day
Perhaps it may,
It is ridle, but not imposs.

In addition to chemistry, bi weekly grinds in physiology have been started for the 2nd year.

We regret to report the illness of Mr. Burks, of the 2nd year, and trust that he may make a speedy recovery.

We understand that in consequence of the athletic spirit developing in the Faculty, our representative at the meeting of the foot ball committee hinted that we would probably be well represented in the field next year.

By the kind permission of our professors, the newly organized Faculty Club gave a smoking concert in honour of its inauguration on Saturday evening, Dec. 5th, in the students room at the Faculty of Comparative Medicine. The vice-president, Mr. W. B. Wallis, in the temporary

absence of the president, Dr. E. C. Thurston, occupied the chair.

Owing to want of space the programme which was long and varied is unavoidably omitted.

Space will not permit of a detailed account, the performers all eliciting a cordial approval, but we cannot omit especial mention of our guest, Mr. McDonough, to whom the members extend their hearty thanks for the large share he took in the success of the evening, for in addition to the admiration excited by his skill with the banjo and the gloves he fairly brought the house down with his recitation retitled the "Volunteer Organist." To describe the science displayed by the various combatants in the glove contests would necessitate a "special sporting correspondent" in the club, in the absence of which we may say that in all cases the men appeared well matched, evoking genuine enthusiasm for the spirited manner in which they displayed their skill. The three rounds between Messrs. Lambert and Pfersick being hot and furious from start to finish ending in a draw, which owing to the limited time and lengthy programme, it was decided should be postponed. At 11:45 the entire house took part in singing "Auld Lang Syne." A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to our Professors for the use of the building; and we retired feeling that, with the inauguration of the Faculty Club, an additional charm had been added to college life.



Exchanges.

From across the seas comes a welcome visitor to our table in the shape of "The Student." This is the organ of the University of Edinburgh, and bears about it that staid, substantial look we come to associate with old world publications. It is withal far from dull; some of its articles are flavored with the spice of genuine wit and humor, notably the Dramatic column, something un. known in College magazines on this side of the "big pond" The leading article is a cleverly written sketch of Sir Henry Littlejohn, M.D., a distinguished member of the teaching staff of the Royal College of Surgeons An excellent photogravure of the Doctor forms the frontispiece. The tone of the journal is decidedly local. We notice the chronicling of the doings of the University Battery and Rifle Company, two volunteer organizations recruited among the students.

"Place aux dames!" We were agreeably surprised last week by the receipt of "The Sunbeam," from the Ontario Ladies' College. It is a bright little sheet that lives well up to its name; its "locals" have in them that which is very rare in such compositions; they are interesting even to outsiders. We note a scholarly parallel of "Tennyson and Browning," which gives the palm to the former, though his rival is not without high praise.

The Dalbousie Gazette is filled with personals and locals, without a single article of general interest. In its way it has many good points; the sketches of graduates are clever and amusing; but it does not approach our ideal of a college magazine.

Diminutive in size, but bright and interesting, is the Prince of Wales College Observer, from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. We are forced to say, however, that many of the contributions are somewhat of the school essay style, on subjects well fitted to exercise the juver ile pen and mind, but worn rather threadbare through long use

From the University of New York comes the Item, a small weekly of not very imposing ap-It is de roted to items of news about pearance. the Varsity, reports of football matches, lectures, elections of officers, etc. We note the gift of nine silver cups by Mr. David Banks, for the encouragement of athletics, and the announcement of a course of fifteen or more lectures on "Library Economy" by the University Librarian. This is specializing with a vengeance. Politics seem to fill a large place in the college world across the line, to judge from the notices of "Free Silver" and "Sound Money" Clubs in existence in many or the Universities



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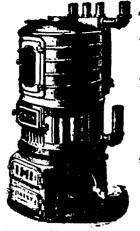
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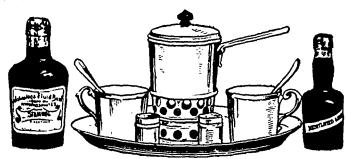
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