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## THE SONG OF THE PINES.

With branching arms and summits high,  
We work the will of Heaven's King,  
Though simple be our melody,  
And round us sweeter voices ring,  
Our murmurs rise, though our beads are gray,  
Through gloomy night and cheerful day,  
Till weary winds their wand'rings stay,  
So long we e'er shall sing.

For many years we've whispered thus,  
In days which now shall come no more;  
Full many men have passed us by,  
Whose earthly course hath long been o'er;  
Yet still with voice unchanging e'er,  
We bid the sons of men beware,—  
Of future life to have a care;  
This shall we say, and nothing more.

—Fisher.

## BRAIN AND MUSCLE.

The recent annual sports of our University make a few remarks on the subject of physical exercise, as related to students and all whose bread is earned by the sweat of the brain, by no means out of place. There has been of late no inconsiderable writing and speaking as to the neglect which is bestowed upon the development of the body, and the insane struggle after mental culture which is made at the body's expense; and we know of no popular discussion which is more worthy of general attention and interest. The popular fallacy that associates pale faces and shrinking limbs with hardworking students is being exploded, and the world is beginning to see that it is quite possible for a medallist to graduate with a ruddy countenance, and that he who is skillful in the sports of the field is often the victor in the intellectual race. The day is gone when narrow chests and pale countenances were accounted genuine evidence of intellectuality, while broad shoulders and stout limbs are no longer considered incompatible with honors. The story of the past, too, has helped to correct misconceptions, and supplant ignorance. There can be no doubt, for instance, that the superior mental attainment of

the Greek depended in no inconsiderable extent upon his superior physical strength. Apollo, the god of poesy, was also the perfection of manly beauty. The Belvidere exhibits to us no abnormal developments of skull resting upon Lilliputian shoulders, drooping beneath their burden, but the head is held aloft, the noble chest expands with health, the attitude is of one who delights to be in the midst of action so that his powers may shine in use, rather than rust in sloth.

Of course brains are the chief thing. Old Fuller has said that "ofttimes such as are built four storeys high have little in their cockloft," and it is quite possible for your "two storey" man to strike, as Horace longed to do, the stars with his sublime head, but your little men, it has often seemed to us, are far too highly adulated if they happen to be but brisk and meddling. All men should aim high, however, be they great or small.

The rush and whirl of modern life makes a harmonious adjustment of the mental and physical absolutely necessary to him who expects to work in the world. All students in particular, should be diligent students of themselves, and make it their first business to place their minds in complete harmony with their physical environment.

The student of the nineteenth century should have a body which cheerfully and easily fulfils the requirements of his mind, and he will learn that just as he properly nourishes and cherishes his body, to the same, and to a greater, extent will his mind be quick, keen and bright. The student of the nineteenth century cannot afford to despise football, cricket, or the sports of the field, nor on the other hand, can he afford to use up his nervous force and strength so that he is unable to study with a mind strengthened and fit for work. The student of the nineteenth century should learn from the history of the last generations that the greatest men of modern times have been men who united sound mental culture with sturdy physical development; that the senior wrangler who graduated amid the plaudits of his friends with a heavy heart and a worn out body has been surpassed and distanced in the race of life by yon burly bearer of meeker college honors, who receives the applause and admiration of his country, and works for greater triumphs unfettered by the gnawings of dyspepsia or the twinges of disease.

All who have aims in life should remember that man is a unit, and not a combination of contrivances—that when he studies or works in any way, the whole of him works, not his brain merely, but his body too, acting on the brain and giving it a keenness or a bluntness, an aptitude or a distaste, which the workmanship reveals.

## THE SONNET.

A pause, corresponding to the close of a strain in music, is supposed by some critics to lie at the fourteenth line in poetry. We think, however, that the arrangement of the rhymes, for which, by the way, no critic can account, has more to do with the number of lines in a sonnet than this imaginary pause. It was by a modified form of the sonnet that the desultory thoughts of Shakespeare, of Surrey, and of Spencer, were snatched from oblivion. The nearest approach to the music and the majesty of Milton's sonnet is found in one which Keats composed on first opening Chapman's translation of Homer. Among the works of Wordsworth is a beautiful sonnet supposed to have been written at sunrise on Westminster Bridge. Gray composed a fine sonnet on the death of his friend West; Coleridge when one of his children was first placed in his arms; Cowper to Mary, and Keats to the Evening Star.

## MONOSTROPHE.

When Stars are looking down at you,  
And you are looking up at them,  
The multitudes that prank the firm  
Have not among them such a gem  
As that which, from the realms of dew,  
Looks up at Nature's diadem.

## LIBERTY.

The clash of arms; the conflict of minds; the rise of commonwealths; the fall of kingdoms; the march of liberty among the ruins of time, the crash of capitals, the roar of battles, and the rush of rising patriots; Greece grappling with the myriads of Persia and coming from the conflict free; freedom flashing into life among the ruins of the Roman Empire; England becoming liberty's last abode; fallen freedom in Switzerland rising from the dead at Morgarten; Italy, trampled for ages by the troops of France and Germany, becoming free once more; Greece, long the land of slaves, becoming the land of liberty again—these are what the muse of history presents before us. History is little more than liberty's biography. Look where we may, we hear liberty's voice rising above the roar of conflict, rolling round the graves of gone generations, and waking wild echoes in the long aisles of time. Look where we may, we see nothing but liberty

lying in the lair of despotism, falling under the furious blows of tyranny, and returning to the grapple from every fall—liberty in Switzerland living under the greedy gaze of despotism; liberty in Greece conquering at Marathon, and conquered by Rome; liberty in Italy struggling against the rise of the Roman Empire; liberty in Germany following the flags of Herman; liberty in England humbling the pride of an imperious monarchy; liberty led by Washington to victory in America; liberty in Servia bleeding at every pore; liberty in Bulgaria lying under the horrible nightmare of Turkish intolerance and Turkish tyranny; liberty living everywhere; liberty dying often; but liberty never dead.

## TOWN VS. GOWN FOOT-BALL MATCH.

This match was hurriedly got up on Friday, 12th ult., to take the place of the Quebec vs. Montreal match, which was unavoidably postponed. It was played on the Cricket Grounds on Saturday, 13th ult., and proved a great success in point of play, although, owing to bad weather, but few spectators were present. The teams were:—Town: Gough (Captain), D. Scott, W. Scott, Fatlow, Hamilton, S. Campbell, McGregor, Elliott, E. Blaiklock, S. Blaiklock, Irwin, Morris, Wilson, Belcher and Miller. Gown: Ross (Captain), E. T. Taylor, J. Scriver, C. Scriver, Torrance, L. Campbell, Bovey, Austin, Redpath, Dawson, Bull, Wood, Lane and Howard. At 3.45 the ball was kicked off by Ross. The play during the first half hour was very even, although the Gowns were mostly on the defensive, Bovey saving a couple of ranges by his cool punting. With the exception of a dash by L. Campbell and a responding one by S. Campbell, and the steady work of both teams, there was nothing to mark this half hour's play. On Gough's kick off in the second half hour, a rush by McGill carried the ball into side touch near the Town goal. It was brought 15 yards out, but the Town by a determined effort succeeded in getting the ball away for a time. Gough then obtained a free kick near the McGill goal, but was lost by a good charge. A dash by Austin and time was called. J. Scriver kicked off in a few minutes, and then the better wind and training of the Gownsmen showed itself. The ball was kept steadily down to the Town goal, then back to midfield. Dawson by a very good run secured a touch down immediately behind the enemy's posts. A good kick by E. T. Taylor secured the first goal for McGill. Quickly kicked off, the ball was again forced down, and a touch secured by Bull, and again a burst of cheers told that the Gownsmen, represented by Taylor, had obtained another goal. The Town then, by a desperate effort, worked the ball up the field, but McGill forced it back, and it was well away when time was called. Messrs. Holland and McPherson gave general satisfaction as umpires.

## COLLEGE WORLD.

## HARVARD.

—The *Index* will be out about Thanksgiving. Mr. Mors, '77, edited this year.

—College Library contains some 222,000 volumes.

—Four undergraduates who amused themselves on Thursday evening, 31st ult., by pulling down signs, overturning barber's poles, cutting off gates, &c., were fined \$15.00 and costs each, for malicious mischief, at the Cambridge Police Court.

—The College catalogue shows that the number of undergraduates in the Academic Department is 813; Seniors, 168; Juniors, 298; Sophomores, 198; Freshmen, 239. Others as follows:—Law, 189; Medicine, 212; Divinity, 21; Scientific, 18; Dental, 17; Partial, 13; total, 1,283.

—Stimulated by the *Crimson*, the *Lampoon* has made an effort to become again a college paper.

—After 1879 a three years course will be required in the law school for the degree of LL.B.

—Yale's challenge, tabled, will doubtless be accepted without delay, as the difference between the two colleges has been adjusted.

—The prospect of a match with Yale this year is very slight. Yale declines to play at foot-ball with fifteen men.

—Freshmen have accepted the foot-ball challenge of the Yale Freshmen, and the game will be played at Boston, November 17th.

## YALE.

—The Sophomores have some manly ideas. Some of them forced Freshmen to act as their horses in a game of polo the other day.

Yale is soon to come into possession of about \$250,000, recently left it by Mrs. Caroline M. Street, of New Haven.

—There seems to be a very strong probability that the race with Harvard will be rowed at New London.

—The fall regatta at Yale was a great success.

—The following gives the winning times and distances in the Yale athletic games, which took place on October 24th. 100 yards dash, 10½ sec.; run ning high jump, 5 ft. 2 in.; throwing base-ball, 356 ft. 1¾ in.; half-mile run, 2 min. 18 sec.; two mile walk, 18 min. 16 sec.; tug of war, 34 sec., 29 sec.; quarter mile run, 54 sec.; throwing the hammer, 69 ft. 4½ in.

## DARTMOUTH.

—The Dartmouth College catalogues are out, showing a total of 246 students in the Academic Department, 69 in the Scientific, 10 in the Agricultural, 96 Medical and two in the Engineering School.

—Dartmouth's Gymnasium cost \$22,000.

—The Dartmouth class of '77 spent \$3,000 in class pictures last year.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

—99 Freshmen at Amherst, 52 at Bates, 50 at Colby.

—The Middlebury College Freshmen are in deep trouble. Some of them broke into the chapel and stole the desk, tables, chairs and bible, and also hung up an effigy of one of the professors to the steeple. One of them owned up in lecture-room and implicated some of his year. All of them were put on probation, fined \$10 apiece, and barred from competition for prizes and scholarships during the course; and all but three of the remaining men of the year were put on probation for not saying whether they were or were not engaged in the scrape.

—The total number of students at Williams College is 204; Seniors, 46; Juniors, 44; Sophomores, 47, and 67 Freshmen, seventeen of the number being Partial.

—The Tufts College Alumni have commissioned the sculptor Story to make a bust of the late Rev. Dr. Ballow, 2nd, the first President of the College.

—Foot ball is very popular at Williams College this fall.

—A great interest is taken in boating at Wesleyan University this year.

—Princeton defeated Harvard on 3rd inst. by a goal and three touches.

—Columbia was badly beaten by Harvard on the 5th inst, Harvard obtaining six goals and nine touches to Columbia's *nil*. The game was played during a heavy rain-storm, on the St. George Cricket grounds, Hoboken, N.Y.

## MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Three meetings of the Society have been held this fall, all being well attended, and much interest being manifested in the papers read. The semi-annual meeting was held on Saturday, 10th inst., and was for the most part taken up by election of officers and other business. Dr. Osler was re-elected President.

## PERSONAL.

H. U. Bain, M.D., '75, has accepted an appointment on one of the Allan steamers.

W. D. Oakley, M.D., '77, has been appointed to the Hospital staff.

The many friends of D. K. Cowley, '80, will be glad to hear that he is progressing favorably.

S. Robinson, M.D., '76, is in the city on a visit to his friends.

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THE QUESTION OF A POLITICAL EDUCATION, brought to our notice by the Rev. Prof. Murray in his lecture on "The Study of Political Philosophy," delivered by him last week, is one which deserves our serious consideration. Our Universities do not specially train men for the arena of politics, and we ought of ourselves to study and watch closely the political questions before the country, and the entire management of public affairs. At most it can only be a few years before the government and guidance of public affairs will, in this country, be entrusted to those who are now young men; and it is for us, to a large extent, to determine whether we are to allow the positions of honor and trust in the country to be filled by men wholly incapable from their want of education and political training. If we look at the composition of parliament to-day, we will find that the great majority of those who compose that body know not the first principles of political philosophy, and have never studied legislation as a science. The future greatness of our country will depend upon the wisdom of her legislation. Our system of government is one based upon the will of the people, as expressed through the ballot, and our parliament is but the exponent of that will. In order, then, to secure wise legislation, the popular mind must be educated upon political questions. How is this to be accomplished? Clearly, to a large extent, as the learned Professor says, "by men who take a leading part in the government of the country,"—namely, the politicians. But who to-day are the politicians? They are, with few exceptions, men who have spent their lives in the acquisition of wealth, and whose every energy and thought has been directed in that channel. Having accomplished this they seek a *status* which they think will be secured to them if they have but the right to place the letters "M.P." after their names. They do not seek this position from any desire to benefit their country or to be instrumental in her legislation. They are not actuated by any such philanthropic motives; self is the grand centre around which they revolve. They seek this position merely

to satisfy an inordinate personal ambition, dictated by ignorant self-conceit. These are not the men who are to become popular educators, and men fit to elevate the public mind on the science of politics. Yet our University men throughout the country are every day compelled to stand aside and see those placed above them who are in no respect their equal, unless it be in regard to wealth. We owe to our country and to ourselves, to see that education, and not ignorance, shall be the leading characteristic of our future public men. The demagogism which is displayed in the political campaigns carried on by both parties in this country is a disgrace to us as a people. Were members of parliament men of University training, men who have studied politics as a profession, and who had some other object on entering the House than the gratification of a mere personal ambition, our politics would not be what they are to-day—a mere party squabble—and the future outlook of Canada would be brighter.

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THE WOMAN'S RIGHTS QUESTION, viewed as regards the admission of women to Universities, is a subject that may very properly be discussed in a college journal. Toronto University has lately opened its doors to women, of course, under certain conditions, residence not being required, nor are so many and arduous examinations imposed as in the ordinary curriculum. The fact of non-residence gets rid of one great difficulty in University co-education. We refer to the possible generation of scandal among the students, who, if residence were required, would be for three or four years thrown together without any of the home restrictions to which they had been previously accustomed. On the other hand, the arts degree is much more easily obtained by women than men. In the United States neither of the two leading universities, Harvard and Yale, have hitherto taken any steps in this direction. Some of the minor colleges have, however, done so, notably Oberlin, and with very good results—according to their own report. Mr. Elliot, some time ago, made a tour of all the American colleges where the system prevails, and on his return he embodied his remarks in a report to the Social Science Association, at Boston, decidedly adverse to the project, and even asserting that it was already on the wane. Mr. Elliot's policy in regard to educational matters has always been marked by extreme liberality, and consequently if any beneficial results might have been expected to accrue from admission of women to universities, we should have expected to see Mr. Elliot among the foremost to adopt it. The question, as a rule, is met with merriment, but still it is one of vast importance. It may be extremely useful for a woman to have an accurate knowledge of physiology to assist in the rearing of children, but it is of far greater importance

that the mother herself should be healthy. As a general rule we find that women who advocate the measure and are foremost in all questions of Woman's Rights, are greatly adverse to maternity, and the results will in course of time become very serious if woman is made a competitor of man instead of a partner, as nature has obviously designed her to be.

#### OBIT.

It was with deep sorrow that we learned last Monday morning of Mr. Hugh McArthur's death. We would, if we could, record the grief which grew in every heart as the fatal rumor ran from lip to lip. Men refused to believe that McArthur was dead. He was only in the twenty-first year of his age. He was healthy, he was happy, his present was full of prosperity and his future full of hope. It was impossible that he could die.

In a photograph which lies on the table before us he is represented standing, with folded arms, beside a shore, while between him and the distant horizon lies a ship with sails unfurled. He knew not when he took that manly attitude that Death's dark ripples were rolling at his feet. We knew not when he gave us the photograph that Death's dark ship was waiting for him. Last Monday morning a sobbing sister, a weeping brother, and a broken-hearted mother, watched the boat that bore him from the shore to the ship till they could no longer see the gleaming of the oar.

Deeply, deeply, do we sympathize with his friends in their bereavement. No sharper sorrow can assail a human heart than the sorrow which a mother feels when a promising son is snatched from her arms. His fellow-students passed a resolution of condolence to his friends. But no resolution of condolence can remove a mother's pain, can mitigate a sister's mute anguish, or cure a brother's grief. It is, however, a balm which, though it cannot cure the wound, may perhaps assuage the pain.

But farewell now to every hope, except the hope of heaven; farewell to the nimble finger; farewell to the noble soul; farewell to the cordial grasp; farewell to the eye that reflected the movements of a generous mind. Only a few weeks ago he was walking and talking among us, and he is walking and talking among us still. Memory has taken him into her land. Her gloom lies about him, but he lives in her land. Many a loving thought will linger round McArthur's grave.

#### HARVARD VS. PRINCETON.

The semi-annual foot-ball match between Harvard and Princeton took place on Saturday, 2nd inst., on the Elysian fields, near New York. Although a cold and high wind was blowing, and the ground was wet and muddy from recent rains, there were nearly 1,000 persons present to witness the match. Of these, the fair sex predominated. In all directions the bright orange of Princeton was visible, while only here and there was the more modest scarlet to be seen. Two heats of three-quarters of an hour each were played, and Rugby rules followed. The game was played from beginning to end in a most active style, the ball flying from one end of the field to the other in rapid succession. During the first half only one touch-down was obtained by Harvard, but they failed to score a goal.

In the second half for sometime no apparent advantage was obtained by either side, till at length Cutts by a brilliant run obtained a touch-down, and by an easy kick won the first goal and the game for Princeton.

The Princeton players were Dodge, Cap., Bradford, Ballard, Stevenson, Clark, Devereaux, Loney, Lee, Ewes, Wiley, Irving, McNair, Van Dyke, Cutts and Miner.

The Harvard men were L. Cushing, Cap., Thayer, Littler, Perry, Holmes, Swift, H. W. Cushing, Austin, Blanchard, Houston, Holden, Lombard, Bacon and Wetherbee.

#### ATHLETIC SPORTS.

A really good day for the athletic sports has of late years been a rarity, and this 24th Oct. was by no means an exception. Many were the "Cassandras" who prophesied bad weather for that day, and while others hoped the day would turn out fine they had their doubts about it. The night preceding the 24th did much to dispel the hope of having a good day on the morrow, and those of the prophets who wakened and heard the rain-drops pattering on the roof, overhead, as we did, mentally ejaculated, "I told you so," before becoming again "*somno gravatum*." A few, no doubt, consoled themselves with the thought that they had a holiday anyway, a thing not to be despised, and if the sports did not come off in the morning the Faculty would have to give another when they did. However, when the morning broke the rain stopped, and although the sky was somewhat overcast with

clouds, and the air rather chilly, there seemed to be no immediate prospect of its coming on again, so when the games commenced at 10 o'clock quite a number of students and others had assembled to witness the morning's proceedings.

#### MORNING.

The first event on the programme was kicking the foot-ball, and was won by E. Taylor, who kicked the ball 141 feet. Space will not allow of a lengthy account of each event, so we will only give the names of the events and of the winners.

The broad jump was won by W. H. Howey, who cleared 11 ft. 10 in. Howey also won the running jump, jumping 20 feet, a feat which was much applauded by the students. Carman was second with 18 feet 8½ inches. The prize for putting the weight was awarded to Couziner. Carman won the running hop, step and jump, and Austin the running high jump with 4 feet 11 inches. About this time the sky showed signs of again pouring down its contents in order to spoil our day's proceedings, and the last event of the morning, the standing high jump, was hardly over, having been won by Howey, who cleared 4ft. 8 in., when the rain came heavily down. Seeing that there would be no comfort in having the afternoon sports in the midst of a rain storm, the Committee decided to postpone them until the 31st.

#### AFTERNOON.

The 31st came and with it rain; the sports were again postponed, but again to an unlucky day. At last it was decided, after another postponement, to have them on the first fine day, which did not come until the 6th inst., and then the grounds were thinly coated with snow. Owing to the fact that no notice had been placed in the papers to the effect that they would come off in the afternoon, comparatively few of the fair sex were present, but we must say enough were there to take away considerably the attention of some of the students from the games. The following were the winners in the different races: One mile, 1st, P. D. Ross; 2nd, Frazer; time, 5.40. Hurdle race, 1st, Austin; 2nd, J. Newnham. Three-legged race, 1st, Weir and Hague. Half mile, 1st, Riley; 2nd, J. Newnham. 100 yards (heats.) 1st, Rogers; 2nd, Austin; best time, 11 sec. Mile walk, 1st, Drummond; 2nd, McEvenue; time, 9.08. Quarter mile, championship of the University, Chas. Scriver; time, 1.01. Tug of war, (six a side from each Faculty), Meds Steeple chase, 1st, Lorne Campbell; 2nd, Austin.

The prizes were presented in the Molson Hall, by Mrs. Day, who had kindly consented to do so; and the afternoon's proceedings were brought to a close by the band, which was in attendance, and which, as the programme said, played "a selections of airs" during the afternoon, playing God Save the Queen.

Prof. Osler, M.D., Prof. Bovey, C. E., and C. P. Davidson, Q. C., acted as judges; while C. J. Fleet, B.A., was starter, and C. H. McLeod, B.A.Sc., time

keeper. Great credit is due to the committee for the manner in which they brought about the sports, to the pleasure and satisfaction of every one.

#### READING-ROOM.

The annual sale of periodicals subscribed for by the Reading-Room Committee was held on Saturday morning, November 3rd, Mr. H. Wood, 79, Treasurer of the Committee, acting as auctioneer. The attendance was small, few other than the members of the Committee being present, nevertheless the bidding was at times spirited. Thirteen magazines were sold under the usual restrictions, viz., that each weekly was to remain for two weeks in the Reading-Room, and each monthly a month; if the copies were lost or disfigured during this time, the Committee would replace them; After this, however, they would not be responsible, as the papers were then at the disposal of the purchaser. The *Illustrated London News* and *Graphic* brought the highest sums, namely, 44.25 and 44.00 respectively, while the *Harvard Lampoon* brought \$2.00, two-thirds of its original price, which was the largest per cent. given. In all, the amount received was \$31.65, or an average of \$2.43 a paper, a sum considerably below what was received last year, but still one that was very gratifying. We noted with pleasure that covers had been purchased by the Committee for the different magazines, in order to keep them in better condition this year than last. This is a step in the right direction, but why a copy of each of the papers should have been kept in order to obtain the headings to paste on the cover, when a back number might have been obtained, is beyond our comprehension. The purchasers we suppose, can obtain duplicates of these disfigured numbers by addressing the Committee.

#### FOOT BALL.

The match which was to have taken place last Saturday between our second fifteen and that of the Britannia F. B. C. did not come off, as the Britannia men failed to put in an appearance. At 2 o'clock, an hour before the appointed time, H. Wood, 79, the captain of our second fifteen, received a note from Mr. F. Holland, Secretary of the Britannias, saying that they would not be up, as some of their men were up at Kingston playing the Military College there, and the others could not get away. We do not know what to think of this last excuse, for last week Mr. Holland told the captain of the second fifteen that their men could get away any Saturday they wished, or even any week day. This is the second time that the match has been postponed *sine die*, so it will not likely come off this year.



## ITEMS.

—Weather clear and cold—no more foot-ball.

—Science men are complaining of an excessive amount of hard work.

—The Meds. say the earthquake was caused by the accidental fall of one of their tug-of-war team. *Quien sabe?*

—The Meds. mustered *en masse* at Mr. Morris's benefit last Wednesday evening. Result—orchestra nowhere.

—It was at last decided to hold the Med. footing supper as in former years—we believe by a majority of 80 to 60.

—The respected Professor of Anatomy is firmly persuaded that the diurnal roll-call is extremely efficient—especially in inducing late comers to make their appearance at 9.45 A.M. *Sic vita est, O puer anatus.*

—We regret to announce the serious illness of one of Dr. Murray's children. Philosophy lectures will probably be resumed early next week.

—Freshman, who keeps himself posted, to serious Theolog.—“That Girl of Mine” is in press!” Theolog. (unaccustomed) with modern literature.—“Young man, you should be ashamed to make such a confession.”

—Evidently the last few cold mornings were too much for our Freshman poet, for we find him giving vent to his feelings in the following parody on Morn:—

Sweet and beautiful is Morn,  
When the golden sun is high,  
And snow-white clouds like silvery barks  
Go sailing through the sky.

When the opening buds of lovely flowers  
Send forth their fragrant scent,  
And in thanks to good old Sol for warmth  
Their heads to him are bent.

When the cooling breath of morning air  
Comes whispering through the lane,  
And the sweet clear notes of the birds are heard,  
How lovely morn is then.

—Timely remark—what an improvement hot water would make in our dissecting room.

—A. McGibbon, jr. '81, has been chosen Recording Secretary of the U. L. S., in place of H. J. Bull, '80, who resigned.

—E. Lafleur, '77, and W. McLennan, are at present re-arranging the books in the library.

—Drinking vessels are greatly wanted at the spring, the present ones being rather badly fractured. A couple of tin cups would be hailed with delight by the students.

—A student somewhat shocked our worthy librarian by coming into his room the other day and saying, enquiringly, “Haven't you got a *Chaucer*?”

—Pride must have its fall. Beardless Soph (admiringly to the Freshman with an embryonic moustache)—“Jove! you have a regular base-ball moustache.” Fresh.—“Have I? What do you call a base-ball moustache?” Soph.—“Three out, all out!”

—A laughable incident occurred at one of our college meetings this year. A Senior rose and nominated some one for a certain office, and after having made a neat little speech, he sat down, saying, “Now, gentlemen, I hope I will be supported in this.” But, alas for his “Chateaux d'Espagne,” the chair gave way, and he slid gracefully under the table, amid the cries of “Never mind, D—, we will support you better than the chair did.”

—Prof.—“What did you say *Quidquid habes age* was?” Student.—“How old are you?”

—We hope to see more undergraduates at the meetings of the University Society during the present session. At present comparatively few of them attend, and of those who do, two-thirds are Freshmen. Let us see a good turn out of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year men at the next meeting, when a subject which has to do with the present war is to be debated upon.

—After the lecture on the 8th, the students, as usual, sallied out to serenade the professors. Unfortunately it began to rain immediately after they left the worthy lecturer's house, but this did not deter them from serenading the other professors and the Principal, which they did in the good old style. They were headed this year by a “man in gown and trencher.”

The Law, Arts, and Science students, have engaged the centre section of the Dress Circle for Miss Morris's benefit this evening. We hope to see as good a turn out as on Wednesday evening last.

—The GAZETTE is now published every alternate Saturday, and is delivered early Monday morning. Intending contributors will please bear this in mind, and send in their matter early.

The Founder's Festival passed off most successfully last evening, notwithstanding the very disagreeable weather. The telephones were a continual source of amusement during the evening, both to the guests and the two committee men, who so jealously guarded the entrance of the room containing them.

## EXCHANGES.

The following exchanges have been received: *Crimson, Advocate, Cornell Era, Dartmouth, Bates Student, Bowdoin Orient, Acadia Athenaeum, Queen's College Journal, Central Collegian, Tufts Collegian.* Exchanges will please address to Box 1759.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Editors MCGILL GAZETTE:

GENTLEMEN:—Could not one of the College songs be published in each issue of the *Gazette*? I think that if this were done it would meet with the favor of many of the students who do not know the songs, but would like very much to learn them.

I am,

Yours truly,

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Montreal, 14th Nov. 1877.

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Some of our exchanges are publishing as a curious item a statement to the effect that a horse in Iowa pulled the plug out of the bung-hole of a barrel for the purpose of quenching his thirst.

We do not see anything extraordinary in the occurrence. Now, if the horse had pulled the barrel out of the bung-hole and slaked his thirst with the plug; or if the barrel had pulled the bung-hole out of the plug and slaked its thirst with the horse; or, if the plug had pulled the horse out of the barrel and slaked its thirst with the bung-hole; or, if the bung-hole had pulled the first out of the horse and slaked the plug with the barrel; or, if the barrel had pulled the horse out of the bung-hole and plugged its thirst with a slake, it might have been something to write about.

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