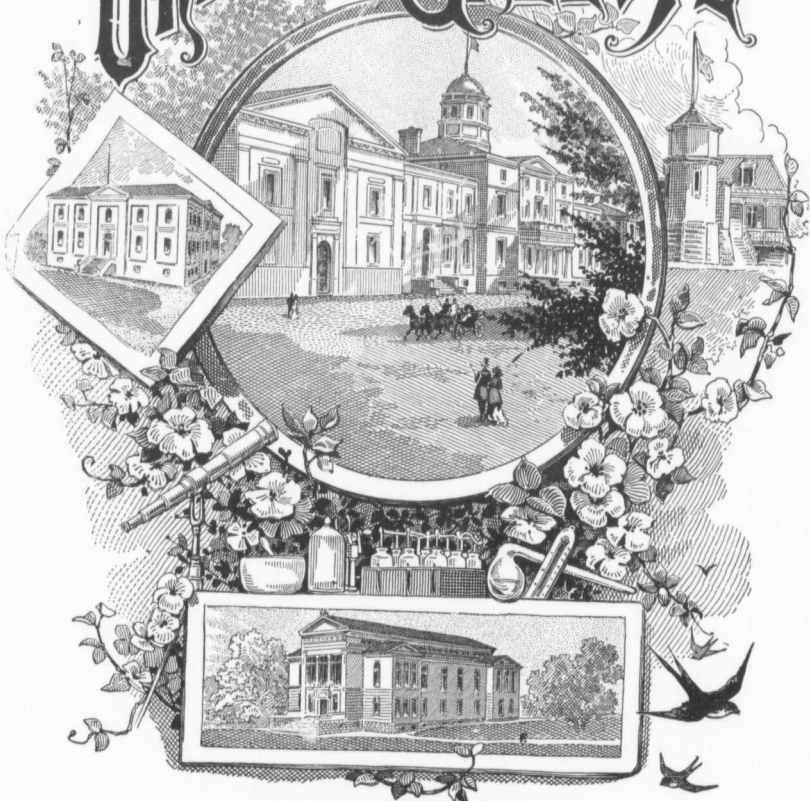


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### Editorials.

#### THE LAW LECTURES.

We promised our readers, some time ago, to examine the course of lectures delivered in this faculty, with a view to their improvement. Up to the present we have been unable to fulfil our promise.

The criticisms of the GAZETTE have not, in the past, been received with unmixed satisfaction. That is a good sign. We are informed that when we hinted at a possibility of improvement in the lectures,

one of the learned professors acknowledged his own shortcomings, but pointed his hearers to the absurdity of anyone pretending that the Dean's course was not all that could be desired. We have a passionate fondness for modesty and self-abasement, but this suits us too well. The learned doctor's course of lectures is quite as good as that of the dean, and both are very far from perfection.

Again, some of the students threatened woe and many sorrows if we attempted such a thing. We have had time to take in the whole situation, and protesting our devotion for the school, duty compels us to persevere in our intention.

If McGill University is being attacked to-day, and with a show of reason, it is because her authorities have neglected their duty. They have allowed a faculty to exist for years in name only. They have used neither their influence nor their money to assist the law faculty. They seem to have regarded it as a necessary encumbrance, and now that they are being struck through it, the weak member of the University, they call upon all men to commiserate their sufferings and rally to their support. Not a bit of it; make law as strong as medicine, and you will fill this Province with such a number of devoted graduates that the halls of legislation and the courts of justice would immediately frown upon any attempt to curb your liberties.

And now, forsooth, we are told we must not criticise the work of the lecturers, because they do their work for no recompense. To this we answer—it is shameful that no serious effort has been made in the past to properly pay these men for their services; but apart from this, we have heard it said—what is worth doing at all, is worth doing well; and since these men have held themselves out to the world as having done the work, we have a right to enquire how they have done it.

How can a teacher do his work without having given a thought to the subject matter which is to engage his attention at each particular lesson? He can't do it. If his time is limited for preparation, he should, at least, have well-arranged notes from which to speak, otherwise he will express his thoughts as the moment inspires, and pour out upon the devoted heads of his pupils a huge mass of information ill-arranged and confusing in the extreme.

Surely it is not too much to ask that a lecturer should have a clearly-defined idea about the subject upon which he is about to speak before he comes face to face with his pupils. Take, for example, Roman Law.

Certainly, no man in the Dominion, and, probably, no man on the Continent, has a more thorough and intimate knowledge of the subject of Roman Law than the professor, who lectures on this subject in the McGill law school. Probably no course of lectures has ever been delivered with less system and method. The very abundance of the lecturer's information is allowed to obstruct and confuse his train of thought, so that with all his enthusiasm and learning he entirely fails in giving his classes a connected and succinct synopsis of their work.

We have been told in the past that the school aims rather at directing the student's reading than at imparting detailed information. It would be well for the student in this course if even this were occasionally remembered. On the contrary, the lecturer attempts to cover so much ground that totally distinct and different subjects crowd each other out. Instead of this, how much better it would be to confine himself to the elucidation of difficult points, and let the students rely upon the books for further information. As it is now, there is not one law student in one hundred in the McGill school who ever opens Gaius or Justinian or Ortolan.

#### THE OLD, OLD STORY.

We publish in this issue the minutes of a recent meeting of a few graduates in Applied Science, resident in Montreal, who have, self-important like the historical tailors of Tooley street, undertaken to legislate for all the *alumni* of that faculty.

They are, excepting Mr. Burland, the same men who undertook to induce the corporation of the university to change its constitution to suit their views; the same men who did not succeed before the corporation, but who, though beaten, are evidently not subdued. They have not yet given up the hope of running that faculty according to their own ideas.

Put briefly, the result of this precious bit of clique legislation is to put into their hands the power of saying who shall be the candidate for Representative Fellow in Science; to send their nominee before the graduates in other faculties as the choice of Science men. It won't work, gentlemen.

There are about 98 graduates in Science; by your own telling you sent notices to only 32, or scarcely  $\frac{1}{3}$  of them, which notice resulted in the assembling of eight men, or scarcely  $\frac{1}{12}$  of the total number; of these

8, one at least did not approve of your proceedings, so that seven men have taken upon themselves to think and act for 98.

Who appoints the nominating committee? Six Montreal men; chairman, Prof. McLeod!

Who have "no doubt" that any representation made in writing by an outsider "will receive consideration of the meeting?" Six Montreal men. Who are to be well posted in the dates of meetings of committee? Six Montreal men. Who are to decide as to what graduates nominations shall be submitted? Three Montreal men; no chairman required. Who are to bear the expenses of running this pretty little mill? Eight Montreal men, for are they not chiefly interested?

We shall be very much surprised if the majority of Science graduates will not resent this arrogation of authority. There can be no possible objection to Science graduates hitting upon some method by which the true feeling of their fellows may be obtained, in any election. When once that feeling is expressed, we feel confident, unless there should be some very grave objection, and that is not likely, their choice will be that of the graduates in the other faculties. Is this the method by which the true feeling will be arrived at? Decidedly not. Take, for example, Science graduates in Ottawa. Were they consulted about this delicate piece of electioneering machinery? Have they no rights in this matter? Could they attend this meeting, or had they any voice in its organization? Yet Ottawa could furnish almost eight Science graduates, and takes as deep an interest in the question as Montreal men. This is but one example.

And now that the machinery is in motion, a Montreal man is put in nomination. There can be no objection to that; other things being equal, it is rather an advantage, as he is on the ground. But he is put in nomination by men opposed to the re-election of the retiring Representative Fellow, to gratify these few Montreal men. Mr. Burland has done perhaps more than any other individual graduate for his faculty; and while we have not a word to say against Mr. Torrance, we are under the impression that the majority of Science men, and not a few of the other graduates, will decide, should Mr. Burland stand for re-election, that he must have a second term. Time will tell.

#### THE MEDICAL FACULTY.

In any medical school, when all is done, when the theoretical and practical sides are managed in the best way, properly combined and adjusted, something yet remains to be done—the school must be made *attrac-*

tive to students. To say that the primary course at McGill is not the broadest, deepest and most thorough given in any American school, indicates at least a lack of acquaintance with medical teaching. Further, it is the hardest, and harder than it should be, considering the appliances at the disposal of students for its prosecution. It is not made attractive to prospective students, nor are any means used to prevent them being repelled once they have come in. What else is the reason that McGill does not get a fair share of those who take up the study of medicine, and that many leave before the expiration of their course. This year the freshman class numbers 72, that at Trinity 138. It is not enough to say that this difference is due to the fact that the standard at Trinity is placed as low as is consistent with decency, for men now are anxious for the best medical education if the process is not too dreary and the drudgery too discouraging. Much of this is due, of course, not to any fault of the school, but to the paradoxical province in which we live. The course has grown beyond the scope of four winter and one summer sessions, and if professors and students are to have a fair field, more time and room must be given to them. It is owing to this tension under which work has to be done, more than to anything else, that the teachers have to confine themselves to the exact exposition of their subjects, instead of meeting students on a broader basis and making their subject interesting by simply giving scope to their qualities of heart and genius. The only remedy we see is to ease the pressure by making a summer course compulsory at the end of the first year, in which Hygiene and Practical Chemistry might be disposed of, and by increasing the length of the session to seven months and a half, making it uniform in length with the other courses in the University. The professors would then have room for those "supra maximum" efforts which raise them above ordinary men, and the student could gather in the whole breadth of the course and see the interdependence of one part upon another. It would knit the parts of the course together and give it unity. Men would then come out from McGill as strong in all the branches of their profession as is the school itself prepared to make them so. With all the elements at hand, like stored up capital, McGill is cramped for want of room, and not of resource. And the first thing which is crowded out of McGill with its earnest staff, its solid reputation and its high standing for truth and research, is that "sweet reasonableness" which would render it less forbidding to those who try to love it most, and without which it is shorn of a part of its strength. We are not asking the school so much to do something different as to be something

different. We believe that there is not one of the professors who would not be more pained at having his qualities of heart rather than his qualities of head called in question, but it is the case that they are not sufficiently displayed for the encouragement of students.

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### Poetry.

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#### THE KING SEES A FOOT-BALL GAME.

(From the New York Sun.)

"Turn loose the lions from their dens  
And feed them martyrs by the score,  
I long to have some regal fun  
And see the flow of Christian gore."  
Thus spake the king, He saw the sport,  
And after years of bloody fun  
He yielded up his royal ghost,  
As monarchs have for ages done.

He came to life the other day,  
As monarchs very seldom do,  
And called forth o'er every land  
In hope some bloody sport to view.  
He missed the old, exciting show  
Of lions eating helpless men,  
Dog-fights he saw and cocking mains,  
And prize-fights now and then.

But all the bloody contests failed  
To satisfy his thirst for gore;  
They did not thrill his royal frame,  
And one and all he called a bore.  
The world to him had lost its charm  
And sports had grown too tame  
But his mind was changed when first he saw  
A modern foot-ball game.

He saw a student walked upon  
And all his ribs crushed in;  
Some kickers on another fell  
And pressed him out extremely thin.  
He saw the carriage race awhile  
Until the ground was damp with gore,  
Then pale with fear he walked away,  
He could not bear to witness more.

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### Contributions.

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#### A COUNTRY BOY.

[WRITTEN FOR THE UNIVERSITY GAZETTE.]

By Nihil V. Erius.

#### CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)

"Cannot you do that for me, Bolton?" queried Hal. "You have some influence with your mother. All you have to do is to ask her to persuade your father to sign this document."

So saying, Hal drew from his pocket a prospectus with a share-blank all filled in for twenty shares, and needing only the signature of his brother.

"Let me see that," said Bolton; and Hal gave it to him. He and Jim conned it over until they mastered its meaning, and Bolton was about to give it back when Jim nudged him.

"Keep it, Bolton," he said, "and see what you can do."

"Yes, keep it," repeated Hal; "you may have some influence with your father, and prevent him from throwing away his chance for a fortune."

Saying this, Hal left the tavern, and with hope once more awakened in his breast—for he was of those who grow hopeful easily—wended his way to the home-stead. On his way he had to pass the church, and it occurred to him that it might be just as well to enter and assist Lizzie and Peter and the other young folk in their work of decoration. He was made welcome, and much of the beauty of the church next day was due to him.

Mr. Bolton was a man of standing in the district, and when it was given out that a dance was to be held in his house on Christmas eve, there were few of his neighbors—and they are neighbors in the country who live ten miles away—who did not come. The night was a glorious one, crisp and clear, and as the merry guests drove into the great yard, and shouted cheery words at one another, Peter, who was helping to entertain them, thought that after all he liked the bluff friendliness of the country people more than the reserved affection of the town-bred.

Everybody was at the gathering; even the minister did not dare remain away, though his Christmas sermon lay only half-finished upon his desk. However, as it now numbered fourteen pages of manuscript, and had reached secondly, he consoled himself by thinking that it might do as it was. Like most sermons, it could finish anywhere without the listener thinking that there was more to come. Mr. Forbes was there, Bolton and Jim were there, as were also Mr. and Mrs. Simson. There were buxom lasses, that suggested bread and butter; razor-faced maiden ladies, excellent at moralizing; men who looked ill-at-ease in their store clothes, and who had evident preference for the company of cattle and horses than for pastors; "spoony" couples, that could not see, what everyone else saw, that they were hopelessly smitten with each other's charms; and old people, beginning to close up the sense-doors of their minds, and to sit by the fireside of their thoughts in the memoried chambers of the brain.

Without, the moonlight fell on rounded drift and shadow-painting barn; within, the lamplight glittered on merry face and many-fashioned dress. It peeped into happy eyes, and found a waiting flame therein that sprang to meet its kiss. It shone on horny hand, that oft had held the smooth, curved handles of the plow, and driven it through the many-branching root; on brows where Time's rough wheel had left its rut, and cheeks kissed into wrinkles years before. Children were there, not many, yet like flowers in the wheat, and upon all there rested the holiness and love that even the worst must feel when Christmas is but one short morn away.

As daughter of the host, Lizzie had much to do, but did not find her task unwelcome, for everywhere she went signs followed her that made her heart sing out, and to her lips that night came many a song, sweet in its melody, but sweeter in the thoughts that were linked with it, as fireflies are said to be bound to the dress of the Mexican belle, and make a halo round her as though she were a Madonna. Mistletoe hung in all parts of the house, and it was the cause of many a scream, though the screams did not occur till the ordeal was over. Games, not un-

familiar to children of the present day, and laugh-provoking, were indulged in, and as the company grew merrier, a reel or two followed, with much stamping of feet and snapping of fingers. There were more musicians in Prankville than Mr. Forbes, and these took turns in playing for the amusement of the others. The schoolmaster was thus enabled to dance several dances, and among his partners was Lizzie. After the dancing, supper came, and huge platters of sandwiches and doughnuts, and glasses of raspberry vinegar, were passed around.

Peter, of course, had been duly attentive to Lizzie. Indeed, Mr. Forbes told him sharply once that he should not monopolize the girl, but give someone else a chance also. Peter took it in good part, and chuckled to himself when he saw the schoolmaster lead Lizzie out to dance.

The time went on, and soon the company began to melt away. Youth sidled up to maiden, and shyly asked to see her home; stout, old farmers hoisted their wives into the sleighs and drove them off, laughing and crackling long-thonged whips. The yard was full of merriment, and before the last guest had departed, it was Christmas morn.

The bell of the village church rang merrily next day, as Peter and Lizzie, with many others, entered the open doors to commemorate the birth of—

"The child that would be King one day  
Of a Kingdom not human, but divine."

Pine boughs scented the air, and mottoes and festoons of colored paper flowers, oak leaves, mistletoe, and holly presented a pleasant scene. Who would dare describe a country church! Therein, more than anywhere else, one sees those whose lives are sweetened with piety; narrow, bigoted, their creeds may be, but all-suffering. The old women, wrinkled and care-worn; the old men, deformed with toil—these seem to us wealthier head-workers to lead such hard lives, that we feel that but for the glimpse of heaven they catch on Sundays they would never toil along life's track at all.

The farmer is nearest God. He, more than any other toiler upon earth, feels himself and his prosperity to be at the mercy of the Controller of the elements. He communes with God every hour, and can only continue plying his vocation through trust in the loving-kindness of his Creator.

The service was over, and the congregation dispersed to their homes to enjoy the Christmas dinner. Peter dined at home, though so unfilial to wish he could have been with Lizzie. His father plied him with questions about Montreal, McGill College, and his friends and companions. He answered all as well as he could, telling of Mr. Brown's kindness, and of his own liking for the new circumstances in which he found himself.

"Mr. Brown has several children, has he not?" said Mr. Simson.

"A son, Charley, and two little girls," replied Peter.

His father smiled.

"Not so young as that, surely; they must be, at least, sixteen," said Mr. Simson.

Under his father's skilful treatment, Peter was drawn out into quite lengthy descriptions of his friends Alice and Edith, and deluding himself with the idea that it was to please his father, he stuck to the subject throughout his meal. Had Lizzie been present, she were more than human had she not felt a twinge of jealousy, and certainly would have known why she had been asked to wear her hair in curls, which, by the bye, she had done, to the no small wonder of her parents and friends, and to the detriment of her appearance, for few there are who look well in curls.

The holidays passed quickly, and Peter found himself at last on the eve of his return to Montreal. Hal Tilton, who had not dared to reopen the money question with his brother, and who had almost ceased to hope for aid from Bolton, was going to accompany Peter to the city, *en route* for the States, where he hoped to float his company. Bolton and Lizzie attended in the morning to see them off, and while Lizzie and Peter were taking an affectionate farewell Bolton drew Hal to one side, and taking a document from his pocket, handed it to his uncle with the remark—

"Here's your two thousand dollars, uncle; but you mustn't say a word about it to anyone for a few days, as your father's afraid mother will scold him if it gets to her ears."

Hal seized the document eagerly, exclaiming—  
"Thank you, Bolton; you have done both your father and me a favor I will never forget. However did you manage to win him over?"

"Hist," said Bolton, "here's Lizzie; put it in your pocket."

The train came in a few moments afterwards, and Peter, standing upon the rear-most platform, saw his sweetheart fade away in the distance as the train swept him on to the metropolis.

#### CHAPTER V.

"The evil man does lives after him;  
The good is oft interred with his bones."

We are loth to leave Prankville just yet; and not having lectures to attend in the classic halls of McGill, will remain by the warm firesides of our friends the villagers, and see how things get along in the absence of our hopeful enthusiast and our youthful collegian. There is not much difference, apparently. Lizzie was silent at her work for a few mornings after Peter's departure, but soon began singing again, while her father and Mr. Forbes played checkers and smoked every evening, as they had done for some time past, and did not seem to grieve for any absent one. Mr. Forbes had been remarkably regular in his visits to the Tiltons recently, and always interested himself in Lizzie when he came. One evening he went so far as to suggest private lessons.

"I'll teach you more at home than he'll learn at your big college, Miss Lizzie, if you like, and we'll surprise him finely when he comes back."

Lizzie eagerly agreed to undertake extra studies, and every evening, after his game with Mr. Tilton, Mr. Forbes spent an hour with Lizzie and her books, and called all his recognized genius into play to impart knowledge to her in the most interesting way. Of course, her studies lay in a different direction from those of Peter; they were a woman's studies, and she mastered them with a woman's quickness and grace. If Peter had not, all along, looked upon Mr. Forbes as an old and somewhat crotchety man, he might have been jealous had he known how Lizzie spent her evenings, but as he was visiting the home of Mr. Nealeton Brown with greater frequency than ever, after all he could not have conscientiously objected very strongly.

Mr. Forbes had another object in view when he proposed studies to Lizzie; he desired to protect her from the attentions of Jim, who, encouraged by Bolton, had begun to pay very frequent visits to the house. Before the studies had been begun, Lizzie had little excuse for avoiding him, but once in the clutches of Mr. Forbes, she was safe. The schoolmaster peered over his spectacles at Jim, if he approached, and transfixed him with the same glance that used to destroy his courage when he attended Mr. Forbes' school, until he shrank away.

Mr. Tilton received a letter from Hal about the end of January, giving a glowing account of his invention. The company had been formed, and a little more work would make the drill act perfectly, when the fortune that lay in it would be seized. "And I have done all this through the kindness of one whom I need not name, particularly in a letter to you, dear brother," the letter ended.

Peter, on his return to the city, visited his friends on Sherbrooke street, and regaled them with an account of how he had spent his vacation. It must be confessed that he thought fit to ridicule many of the customs and manners of his country friends, and that his hearers were often convulsed with laughter over his droll descriptions. Edith laughed with the rest, but was filled also with the old vague dislike for Peter. She distrusted him, as one might well distrust the man who ridicules his friends, and she found herself wondering if she and hers had been ridiculed by Peter to his country friends. Influenced by these thoughts, she subjected Peter to such treatment that he was bewildered, and fled to her sister for protection from the storm of sarcasm that was overwhelming him. He was in a good school, for Edith, though a Monarchist in politics, was a Republican in action, and would tolerate no self-conceit. Under her management Peter would, assuredly, have become a first-class man, with just enough self-confidence to carry him through the world, but not enough conceit to be wasted in revelations of it.

From this evening onward Peter could never feel sure as to how he would be treated by Edith. At times she was all graciousness and mirth, then a word, a look, would change her, and she would just avoid being rude by her inability to be so—as her father had said. Like most men, he felt himself her superior, and was galled by her treatment of him, but like most men, he proved her his superior by

returning to—metaphorically—kiss the hand that had struck him.

At college his progress was rapid. He was nearing his examinations, and was busy preparing for them, when he received a batch of letters from Prankville that left him in no mood for study.

The first was from Mr. Forbes. It was short, but terribly earnest. It ran as follows:—

“DEAR PETER,—

“Hal Tilton is dead. His company has burst, like the bubble it was, and his brother is in for all he is worth, and more. Tilton is dazed, sometimes denying that he signed the document, sometimes lamenting that he did so. His house and farm will be sold over his head, and he and his be beggars. My poor child, Lizzie, bears up well. Could you come down to us for a few days?

“WILLIAM FORBES.”

The second was from Lizzie, and bore the marks of tears:—

“MY DEAR PETER,—

“I am so unhappy. Can you come home for a day or two? I don't understand it all; but we are beggars, papa says; and uncle Hal is dead, and everything is wrong.

“Your affectionate

“LIZZIE.”

Such an appeal there was no resisting. Peter was in Prankville next morning, and after doing all he could to cheer up Lizzie, he sought Mr. Forbes, and asked him for an explanation of the state of affairs.

“It's very simple,” was the reply. “It appears that Hal persuaded his brother to sign for two thousand dollars in the Patent Drill Company, and the company has failed. These simple things are sometimes terrific in their effects.”

“Can nothing be done to save the farm?” asked Peter.

“Nothing. It must go, and what will become of the family I dare not think. The old folk will find rest soon enough, where it never fails. Bolton, who should support them, has forsaken them entirely, and is away in the back country, drinking hard. Lizzie, poor child,” and here the schoolmaster's voice quivered, “she has the hardest burden with her mother. Women always are the greatest sufferers through the folly of men. She will have to go to service, unless”—and here Mr. Forbes glanced sharply at Peter.

“Unless what, Mr. Forbes?”

Mr. Forbes was silent for a few moments. Then muttering to himself—“No, no, I'll not tell him. Unless it suggests itself to him, I'll not say anything.” He turned the conversation into a new channel—

“Have you seen Mr. Tilton yet?” he asked.

“No,” replied Peter; “at least not to talk to.”

“Let us go, then, and see him. He may have something to tell us.”

They found Mr. Tilton in the parlor, where first he was introduced to the reader. But he was no longer the kind-hearted, merry man he was then. In fact, his intelligence seemed nearly gone. He clung to his

pipe still, and muttered to himself as he walked up and down the room, smoking. They had scarcely entered the room when two more visitors were announced. They were the lawyers for the insolvent company, who had called to settle matters with Mr. Tilton.

“You jackals are gnawing the body before it is cold,” said Mr. Forbes, angrily, as he heard their names. “You might, at least, have let him recover a little from the first shock.”

“Our time is valuable,” replied the spokesman, “besides, there is no recovery from a shock like this. I assure you it is a most disagreeable affair to us as to him, but, after all,” sinking his voice to a whisper, “it was all his own fault.”

“What's that you say?” demanded Mr. Tilton, sharply, turning to the lawyers.

“As there's a God above me, I never brought my wife and children to this pass.”

“Do you deny your own signature?” asked the lawyer.

(To be continued.)

### McBill News.

The Zeta Psi fraternity were in session about January 6th and 7th. Prominent visitors from various parts were present, and were regally taken care of during their brief sojourn by the local brethren, among whom Brothers Bradley, Woodruff, Wheeler and Springle, took a prominent part in intensifying the regality of the care.

Montreal, January 4th, 1888.

A meeting was held on the 3rd instant, called by the following notice sent to 32 graduates in Applied Science:—

Montreal, December 30th, 1887.

The meeting of the graduates in Applied Science, adjourned from March 5th last, will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 8 p.m., in the University Club, No. 8 University Street, for the reception of the report of the committee on Nominations for Representative Fellow, and for the purpose of making nominations for 1888-1890, if considered desirable. Please attend. Should you be unable to be present, any representation you may wish to make, in writing, will, no doubt, receive the consideration of the meeting.

(Signed), C. H. McLEOD,

Chairman.

At this meeting there were present, Messrs. C. H. McLeod, J. F. Torrance, W. J. Sproule, W. T. Skaife, J. H. Burland, W. Graham, E. H. Hamilton and T. W. Lesage.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

1st. A committee on Nominations, consisting of three Graduates, shall be appointed from year to year, to hold office from May 1st to May 1st.

2nd. That this committee shall call a meeting of the graduates in Applied Science, not later than the 10th day of January in each year, for the purpose of reporting and making additional nominations, if desirable.



3rd. That it shall be the duty of the committee to submit the nominations made at such meeting to all the graduates in Applied Science, whose addresses can be obtained. The names of the nominees to be accompanied by a statement of the date of graduation, department of graduation, degree or degrees, occupation since graduation, present occupation, and present residence. That each graduate be requested by circular letter, to make a selection of the names submitted, or the names of any qualified graduate, as the person best suited for the office of Representative Fellow, and return the same to the committee with the least possible delay. That the circular letter shall also contain all necessary information as to voting, term of office, and other conditions connected with the office of Representative Fellow.

4th. That the meeting, called under article 2, be adjourned to a date not later than February 10th, and not earlier than four weeks after the first meeting, to receive the report of the committee. That the meeting shall thereupon declare the name of the candidate who has received the greatest support, and the committee shall be instructed to inform the graduates in Applied Science of this declaration, or of the result of the vote, together with such other resolution or resolutions as may be passed at the meeting, without unnecessary delay.

5th. That the nominating committee for the year, beginning on the May 1st following, shall be appointed at the adjourned meeting.

6th. That the committee shall recuperate expenditure in postage, etc., by a tax not to exceed 50c. per annum, on all resident graduates.

J. W. Sproule, T. W. Lesage and E. H. Hamilton, were appointed a committee for the current year.

The following nomination for Representative Fellow in Applied Science, for 1888-1890 was made.

John Fraser Torrance, B.A., '72, B.A.Sc., '73. Mr. Torrance, after graduating at McGill, studied two years at the Royal School of Mines, Freiberg. Subsequently engaged in mining in Borneo, Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia. One year in charge of Geological Survey of Ottawa county. In 1887 was Superintendent of the Dominion Terra Cotta Lumber Co., of Deseronto. At present a director of the same company and manager of the Dominion Safety Boiler Co., with head office at Montreal.

Please forward, to the undersigned, your selection or nomination of a candidate for Representative Fellow, in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

J. W. SPROULE,  
Convener of Committee.

Summary of Regulations of the University relative to the election of Representative Fellows:—

To be eligible for election as representative fellow, candidates must be graduates of at least three years' standing. Four representative fellows are elected annually, viz: one from each of the Faculties—Medicine, Arts, Law and Applied Science, to hold office for two years, thus giving two representative fellows to each faculty. All graduates are qualified to vote who send the registration fee of fifty cents to the registrar in

time to have the voting paper forwarded and returned to the registrar not later than March 30th.

J. W. SPROULE,

Harbour Commissioners' Office, Montreal.

DEAR SIR,—

I (indorse or nominate)  
as a candidate for Representative Fellow in Applied Science.

#### THE MEDICAL'S DINNER.

This Annual Festival came off with immense éclat, on the night of Thursday, December first, at the Windsor Hotel, Mr. J. H. Bell, B.A., '89, in the chair. Messrs. J. E. Orr, '88, A. H. Coleman, '90, and E. W. Gemmill, '89, occupied the vice-chairs.

After one of the Windsor's best dinners had been despatched to the strains of Paton's orchestra, that popular slave to hard work, Mr. W. J. Delaney, Secretary to the dinner committee, read letters of regret from several gentlemen, from Sir James Grant, and Dr. Geikie of Toronto, down to the Governor General.

A short and well-selected toast list was then gone through. Among those who spoke were Mr. W. G. Stewart, '88, who proposed the Benefactors in a terse and vigorous speech; Mr. N. D. Gunne, '88, who replied for '88 in a burst of mournful eloquence; and Mr. C. L. Wheeler, '89, who discussed the Ladies, from many interesting points of view, that specially interested medical men.

Solos were sung by Messrs. Haldimand and Wheeler.

The McGill Quartette, Hewitt, Kemp, Morphy and Wheeler, sang two quartettes in a most artistic manner, and accompanied Mr. Delaney in his solo, which was enthusiastically *encored*.

The delegates from the various sister medical schools replied for their colleges, according to the usual stereotyped formula, except Mr. Prevost, of Philadelphia, who made a brilliant oration, which was warmly received, and Mr. Royal, of Victoria, who spoke for forty-five seconds only, and sat down amid prolonged applause.

Sir Donald Smith, our best friend, kindly graced the banquet with his presence, and made one of his characteristically modest speeches, which provoked a storm of cheers from his hearers who recognize in him one of the truly great men in the country.

The gathering broke up about half-past twelve, those present declaring it to be the most successful one within their recollection.

The business carried on by Dawson Bros., at 2238 St. Catherine Street, has been transferred to Mr. E. M. Renouf, who has been uptown manager for the past five years. Mr. Renouf is well and favourably known to all book buyers, and especially so to students, on account of his good knowledge of Medical and other professional works. The GAZETTE commends students to Mr. Renouf, for good articles and reasonable dealing, and wishes him success in his new venture. "Fleur de Lys," his first venture, is an indication of success in the publishing line.

## FEATHERS FROM THE EAST WING.

Miss O. G. Ritchie has been elected Valedictorian for the first graduating class of the Donalda Special Course, that of '88.

The Delta Sigma has erected a new notice board, and bequeathed their old one to the Missionary Society.

At a meeting held before the holidays, the following officers were elected for the reading room: President, Miss M. N. Evans; Secretary, Miss M. L. Kennedy; Treasurer, Miss A. Murray. Also a committee, consisting of students from the different years.

The Secretary of the Ladies' Reading Room has kindly sent us the following notice: The petition sent in to the Faculty by the lady students for permission to call the reading room their own, and to be allowed to charge a fee for its use, was kindly granted. A committee was appointed to keep the books in their respective places and to enforce the few simple rules. With the money obtained for membership fees, book shelves were bought and put up during the Christmas holidays, and the rooms are greatly improved in general appearance. Those who wish to go into the reading room and read between lectures, can now do so without fear of being disturbed by groups of girls, who formerly congregated so late. The ladies hope before long to have another room, where those who do not wish to become members may wait for their lectures, and those who find it impossible to return home during luncheon hour, may take their lunches with comparative comfort. In the meantime, the best possible use is being made of the present room.

McGill University, in the matter of our higher education, seems to stand midway between Oxford or Cambridge, whose lady students enjoy all the privileges and seclusion of a boarding school, and University college, Toronto, beneath whose carved and crested portal men and women pass together, to pursue their studies under a system of co-education in its modest sense.

A letter has been received by us, from Miss Jean Scott, a lady undergraduate of the latter institution, containing some interesting information about our fellow-students in the West. For the past three years Toronto University has counted our sex among her candidates for the degree of B.A. There are in all eight graduates, the same number as that of our graduating class '88. As with us, occasional students are plentiful; but these include some married ladies, who do not generally write at the examinations. During the last two years, Christmas examinations have been dispensed with, as our correspondent remarks, "much to our comfort."

The Toronto ladies have now not a few scholarships and prizes. They seem to make a special study of French and German, the Modern Language course being better represented by them than any other. Many of them are members of the Modern Language Club, and take their part in writing essays and in reading for it. The meetings of this club are conducted successively in English, French and German.

The ladies have, however, a secret society of their own, also, a cosy and nicely furnished reading room. Their matron, Miss Salter, looks to their comfort in regard to boarding houses, and acts on their behalf with respect to the Faculty.

At the close of her letter our correspondent says: "Our song book has just been published, to which the ladies have been willing subscribers, as also we are to the *Varsity*, our college weekly. The gentlemen undergraduates have always been exceedingly courteous in their bearing towards us, and we have never found that co-education was at all inconvenient. \* \* \* \* We would be glad in return to hear more about our Montreal sisters and their work."

## THE CHRISTMAS EXAMINATIONS.

## FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

The following are the results of the Christmas examinations in this faculty:—

## GEOMETRY OF MACHINERY.

Third year.—Class I.—None. Class II.—Taplin.

## CHEMISTRY.

First and Second year.—Class I.—Walker, Clemence, Bulman, Wurzelm. Class II.—Ramsay and Schwitzer, equal, Russell (H), Rexford, Smith.—Class III.—Lucas and Middleton, equal, Denison, Klock.

## GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY.

Third and Fourth Year.—Class I.—Strong, Antliff, Hamilton, McFarlane and Walters, equal. Class II.—Addie and McLennan, equal.

## ZOOLOGY.

Second and Third year.—Class I.—Edwards, Mattice, Hersey. Class II.—Young, Rexford, Hawkins, Reed, McMillan. Class III.—Ellacont, Denison.

## BOTANY.

Second Year.—Class I.—Calvert, Evans; Jamieson and Small, equal. Class II.—Shuttleworth. Class III.—Monk.

## MATHEMATICS.

Third and Fourth Years.—Class I.—Antliff, Hopkins, Taplin; Strong and Drummond, equal. Class II.—Lovelace, Ogilvy; McLennan and Tremblay, equal. Class III.—Roy, McFarlane, Childs.

Second Year (Engineering Students)—Class I.—Smith, Mattice. Class II.—Denison and Mooney, equal; Redpath, Rexford, Hawkins. Class III.—McMillan, Ellacont, Williams.

Second Year (Chemistry Students)—Class I.—Evans, Jamieson. Class II.—Calvert, Monk. Class III.—Shuttleworth.

First Year.—Class I.—Bulman, Wingham, Russell (W.), Russell (H.), Middleton, Clemence, Walker, Ramsay. Class II.—Schwitzer. Class III.—Lucas, Stuart, Clark, Turner.

## ENGLISH LITERATURE AND ANALYSIS.

First Year.—Class I.—Wingham. Class II.—Lucas, Walker. Class III.—Clemence, Russell (H.), Schwitzer, Russell (W.), Middleton.

## FRENCH.

Second Year.—Class I.—None. Class II.—Redpath, Mooney, Mattice. Class III.—Rexford, Williams.

First Year.—Class I.—Wingham. Class II.—Bulman, Stuart. Class III.—Klock, Schwitzer.

## GERMAN.

Third Year.—Class II.—Antliff.

Second Year.—First Division.—Class I.—Calvert, Evans, Shuttleworth. Class II.—Jamieson, Monk, Small. Class III.—

Reed. Second Division—Class I.—None. Class II.—Denison. Class III.—Ellaott, Smith, Mather.

First Year—Class I.—Walker, Clemens, Lucas, Russell (H.) Class II.—Middleton. Class III.—Ramsey, Russell (W.)

The exhibitions, prizes, etc., awarded during the session 1887-88, in this faculty are as follows:

A Scott exhibition of \$66 to E. E. S. Mattice  
A Greenhills prize of \$25 in books, divided equally between A. J. Drummond (for his essay on steam valves) and C. E. Childs (for his essay on crank shafts).

A Greenhills prize of \$25 to M. S. Hersey for his essay. The Barland chemistry prize of \$25 to P. N. Evans. The Sproule surveying prize to G. K. Addie.

#### FACULTY OF ARTS.

##### GREEK.

Fourth Year—Class I.—Day; MacCallum and Bryan, equal. Class II.—Mason, Morison. Class III.—Howitt, Thurlow.

Third Year—Class I.—Squire, Gibson; Jamieson and Stevenson, equal. Clts II.—Meighen, Garth, Walsh. Class III.—Read, Mackenzie, Robertson, McCusker.

Second Year—Class I.—Abbott, McDougall, Robertson, Derick, Colough, Fraser. Class II.—Hall (R. S.), Fry, Daley; Cameron and Mathewson, equal. Class III.—Nicholls; Martell and Ross, equal; McGregor, Davidson, Mack, McVicar, Hall (A. R.), Tolmie, Trenholme, Tory; McDuffie and Sutherland, equal; Richardson. Kinghorn; Berwick and Finch, equal.

First Year—Class I.—McGregor, LeRossignol, Reeves. Class II.—Gunn, Hipp; Ellenwood and Warne (J. F.), equal; McMillan (J.), Sykes, McDougall, Oliver, Russell, Finn. Class III.—Holden and Warne (W. A.), equal; McAlpine, James; Cole and Young, equal; Harris, Allan, Dobson; Cooper and Whyte, equal; Walsh, McCallum, Tees; Barlee and Colquhoun, equal; Craik, Elliott, Cameron, Moore, Hamilton, McLeod, Vessot.

##### LATIN.

Fourth Year—Class I.—Day, McPhail; Bryan and Morison, equal. Class II.—Larkin, Cross, Murray. Class III.—Palmer, Martin, Murphy; Masse and Sweeney, equal; England.

Third Year—Class I.—Gibson and Squire, equal; Wilson, Rogers, Reid. Class II.—Truell. Class III.—Meighen, Garth.

Second Year—Class I.—Williams, Abbott, Colquhoun, Fraser, Daley, McDougall. Class II.—Scott; Hall (R. S.) and Nicholls, equal; Derick; Davidson and Mathewson and Tolmie, equal; Robertson, Cameron, McDuffie. Class III.—Botterell (I.) and Tory, equal; Botterell (J.) and Hall (A. R.), equal; Fry, Kinghorn, Ross, Martell, Sutherland, Mack, Walsh, Elliott, Trenholme, Richardson; Macfarlane and Paton, equal.

First Year—Class I.—LeRossignol; and Cameron, McGregor, equal; Reeves, Waud, Mewhort. Class II.—Gunn, Hipp and Warne (J. F.), equal; James and McDougall, equal; Russell, Ellenwood, McAlpine, Allen; McMillan (H.) and Mattice, equal. Class III.—Holden and Sykes, equal; Harris and Whyte, equal; Barlee; Mooney and Warne (W. A.), equal; Smith (G. L.), Cole, Dobson, Young, Oliver; MacCallum and McMillan (J.), equal; Colquhoun; Hamilton and Tees, equal; Cleary, Hall, Cooper, Mitchell, Baillie; Moore and Richardson, equal; Cameron, Walsh, Elliott, Robinson.

##### MENTAL AND MORAL PHILOSOPHY.

Fourth Year—Class I.—McFee, Pedley, Cross, MacCallum, Bryan, LeRossignol; Howitt and Larkin, equal; Day; Evans and Lindsay, equal; Mason, Murray (A.). Class II.—Morison, Palmer, England, Masse; McPhail and Naismith, equal. Class III.—Thurlow, \*Charters, Murphy, Bryson, \*Gunn.

Third Year—Class I.—Truell, Gibson, Wilson, Stevenson, Jamieson, Robertson (J. W.) Class II.—\*Lee, Reed. Class III.—\*Austin.

Second Year—Class I.—Abbott and Botterell (J. T.) and Williams, equal; Scott and Turner, equal; Derick and Sutherland, equal; Robertson (A. A.); Colquhoun and Daley and Tory, equal; McDougall; Davidson and Fraser, equal; Botterell (A. Alex.); McVicar (D) and \*Manning, equal; Botterell (I.); \*Kennedy (L. M.) and Nicholls, equal; Paton, Trenholme. Class II.—Tolmie, Elliott; \*McId and Cameron, equal; Mack and \*Osten, equal; Finch, Macfarlane, Hall (R. S.). Class III.—\*Kennedy (J.) and Walsh and \*Watt, equal; McDuffie and

Berwick, equal; Kinghorn and McGregor (Peter), equal; Richardson, \*Kenyon, Paton, Martell, \*Long, Hall (A. R.), \*Lambly, Fry, \*Rumions, Moore, Ault, Mathewson; Ross and \*Walker, equal.

##### EUROPEAN HISTORY.

Fourth Year—Class I.—Hunter, Bryan, Macfarlane. Class II.—Waud; Larkin and Mason and Pedley, equal; Redpath (A. M.), Claxton, Cross, Palmer, MacCallum; Murray and Redpath (A. E.), equal; Martin. Class III.—Morison; Kennedy and Howitt, equal; Lindsay, Murphy, Thurlow, Willis.

##### ENGLISH LITERATURE AND ANALYSIS.

First Year—Class I.—Le Rossignol, Mattice, Mooney, Gunn, McGregor; Mewhort and Reeves, equal; Dobson; McDougall and Harris, equal. Class II.—Cole; Finley and Flinn and James, equal; Baillie, Ellenwood, Robinson; Richardson and Hipp and Moffat, equal; Holden; Hall and Barlee, equal; Hamilton and Sykes, equal; Colquhoun and Judge, equal; Class III.—McMillan (H.) and McMillan (J.), equal; Oliver; Allen and Russell, equal; Buchanan, Cameron, Craik, McLennan, Young; Warne (J. F.) and Warne (W. A.), equal; Tees and Wood, equal; McLeod, Neale, Blair, Moore (L.), Clark.

##### FRENCH.

Third Year—Class I.—Reid.

Second Year—Class I.—Abbott, Williams, Elliott, Cameron, Nicholls, Botterell (J.), Mathewson. Class II.—Derick, McDougall, Scott, Davidson, Robertson, Botterell (I.), Kinghorn; Fry and Hall (H. S.), equal; Tolmie. Class III.—Hall (A. R.); Colquhoun and Ross and Trenholme, equal; Macfarlane, McDuffie, Walsh, Paton.

First Year—Class I.—McGregor and Mooney, equal; LeRossignol; Mewhort and Reeves and Vessot, equal; Barlee; Finley and Robinson, equal; Krusé; Cole and Mattice and McDougall, equal; Evans and McCallum, equal; Holt and Hipp and Oliver, equal; Warne (J.) and Young, equal; Holden and James, equal; Class II.—Gunn and Moffat, equal; Tees, Baillie, Richardson; Elliott and McMillan and Walsh, equal; Whyte, Warne (W. H.), Brown (D.), Murray, Moore; Buchanan and McMillan, equal. Class III.—Cooper, Blunt, Cameron, Dixon, Allen, Graham.

##### GERMAN.

Third Year—Class I.—\*Johnson (H.), Reid, \*Turner. Second Year—Class I.—Williams and Daley, equal; Botterell (J.); Botterell (I.) and Macfarlane, equal; Scott (Sara), Martell. Class II.—Krusé. Class III.—Ault.

First Year—Class I.—McGregor; Finley (M. L.) and Mewhort, equal; Mooney. Class II.—Robinson, Baillie, Ellenwood, Hall, Mattice, Richardson, Moffat. Class III.—McLennan

##### HEBREW.

Elementary course—Class I.—Paton, Russell; Davey and Sykes, equal; Garth, Capel, Austin, McVicar, Dobson, Judge; McLeod and Cleary, equal; Flinn, Hastings. Class II.—Kalen and Craik, equal; Fraser (D. T.), Cook; Hamilton and McAlpine, equal; Black and Moore (Ch.), equal; Kenyon; Harris and Lee, equal; Mitchell (Ch. A.). Class III.—Colquhoun (Ph.), Bessey, Fraser (Alex. D.).

##### ASTRONOMY.

Fourth Year—Class I.—Masse, Bryan, Giles. Class II.—England. Class III.—Sweeney.

##### MECHANICS.

Third Year—Class I.—Truell. Class II.—Deuka. Class III.—Jamieson, Walsh, Rogers, McKenzie, Garth; Holden and Read, equal.

##### MATHEMATICS.

First Year—Class I.—McGregor, Le Rossignol, Gunn, Allen, Moffat, Harris, Warne (J. F.), Reeves, Finn. Class II.—Hipp, Walsh (W. E.), Mooney, Oliver; Dobson and McMillan (Jas.), equal. Class III. Ellenwood, Baillie, Robinson, Cooper, McDougall, Holden, Smith (G. L.), Russell, Whyte, Mattice, Young, Warne (W. A.), Hamilton; Cole and Mitchell, equal; Finley (M. L.) and James, equal; Richardson, Mewhort, Vessot,

Moore, Smith (H. E.), Colquhoun; McLeod and Tees, equal; Cameron, Blunt, McAlpine, Craik.  
Passed (agr.)—McMillan (H.).

#### GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY.

Fourth Year—Class I.—Cross and Evans and Ritchie, equal; Le Rossignol, Hunter, Mason, McFee, Giles, \*Van Home; \*McLea and MacNeil, equal; Murray. Class II.—\*Deeprse and Macallum and Murphy and Palmer, equal; Naismith, Thurlow. Class III.—Gunn, Sweeney.

#### ZOOLOGY.

Third Year—Class I.—Dooley, Squire, Wilson, \*Deeprse, \*Patton, \*Galley, \*Wells, Jamieson, \*Johnson, \*Caldwell, \*Douglas, Garth. Class II.—\*Francesco, Mader (Med.), \*Mould, Walsh, McKenzie, Robertson, Rogers, McDougall, Holden, Lucas (Med.).

#### BOTANY.

Third Year—Class I. Squire, Deeks. Class II.—\*Kennedy. Second Year—Class I.—Williams, Daley, Tory, Robertson; Fraser and \*Patton, equal; Derick, Sutherland, Abbott, Cameron, Davidson. Class II.—McGregor, Nicholls, Mack, Botterell (J. T.); Elliott and Trenholme, equal; McDougall, Fry; Botterell (I. R.) and Scott (S. B.), equal. Class III.—\*Vipond, \*Francesco, McVicar, Walsh, Patton, Macfarlane, \*Scott (A. G.), Hall (H. S.), Bewick, Kingtons, \*Lawford, Ross, Tormie, Matthewson, \*Long, Colclough, Richardson, Finch, Ruminos.

#### CHEMISTRY.

First Year—Class I.—Hipp and Le Rossignol, equal; McGregor, Flinn. Class II.—Mooney, Warne (J. F.), Harris, Oliver, Dobson, Finley, (G. L.). Class III.—Stevenson; Allen and Walsh (W. E.), equal; Macdougall (G. W.), Gunn (W.); Colquhoun and Warne (W. A.), equal; Manning and Wickett, equal; Baillie and Hall, equal; Cooper, Russell (A.); Barlie and Craik and Mattie, equal; Reeves, Young, Hamilton, Cole; Holden (A. R.) and Moffatt (E.) and Richardson and Robinson, equal; McMillan (H.); Ellenwood and Macleod, equal; Fraser (D. J.), Moore, McAlpine.

\*Partial and occasional students.

### Sporting.

#### HOCKEY.

A friendly game of hockey was played in the Crystal Rink on Wednesday evening, 11th inst., between the McGill and Crystal teams, the following players representing McGill:

Shanks, goal; T. N. Walsh, point; Lucas, (Capt.) cover point; Fry, R. N. Walsh, Holden, Meighen, forwards.

The match resulted in 4 goals to 0 in favor of the Crystals.

From time immemorial there has been one great fault with every McGill team, that is, lack of team play. Lucas and Meighen only play well in this respect. Partly through this fault, and partly through the error the goal-keeper makes in leaving his goal open so frequently, the match was lost.

The individual play on either side was about evenly balanced. Several times the McGill forwards got down upon the impenetrable goal of the Crystal, but failed to score.

Lucas and Shanks are the only remnant of last year's team playing this season, and both are known as energetic workers. Of the others, two are handling hockey sticks for the first time.

Taking everything into consideration, and when it is remembered that this is the first team practice the

boys have had, the holidays having broken in upon the practices, the club is greatly encouraged. Nevertheless, to be successful a team must have support, and it is urged that in the coming series of championship matches, every student who is interested in his college team—and every one should be—will make it a point to attend as many of the matches as possible. Nothing goes farther towards stimulating a team to continued exertion and better play than to feel that they have the support of their fellows and are finding favor in the eyes of their observers.

The practices are held in the Crystal Rink on Tuesday evenings, at 5 o'clock, and Saturdays at 9 A.M.

### Exchanges.

*King's College Record.*—The style of this journal commends it to its readers. The paper is of a delicate pink color and of good quality; the print is good and the contents are well arranged. In the last issue, an article entitled "A Student's Duel," contains not a little information in regard to student life, and, at the same time, affords a great deal of amusement. The scene is in England, near one of its universities; the parties who engage in the duel are students of the university, and the cause of the duel is, as usual, a young lady. One of the students has been given the lie by his rival, and determines, in consequence of this, to take revenge by playing a practical joke. Accordingly, he challenges his rival to a *duel ad mortem* with pistols. The challenge is accepted; the two meet at the midnight hour, the challenged party almost beside himself with fear; the other cool and collected. The word is given; the affrighted one fires, and, as he beholds his opponent fall, flies, distracted, to his room. When he finds out afterwards that the pistols were loaded with nothing but blank cartridges, and that a joke had been played upon him, he henceforth eschews the ladies and resolves to study.

*University Monthly.*—This paper is one of our good exchanges. Its outward appearance impresses one favorably. The cover is of a quiet russet shade, and, as one looks at it, he expects to find something good within; and he is not disappointed. In this month's issue, the articles on "The Tendencies of Modern Education," and "Society and Literature," show signs of careful preparation, both as to thought and style. A neat little essay on "Patriotism and the Press," deserves notice. In it the writer shows that journalism in Canada exhibits a tendency in the direction of depreciating the country for the sake of a party. He points out the bad effect this will, and does, bear upon our own people, especially in the country districts, where the weekly paper is regarded as sole authority in political matters. By a very clever contrast with the manner in which American journals are conducted, he endeavours to rouse the managers of Canadian papers to adopt a more patriotic style of writing.

*Acta Victoriana.*—The December number of this paper is worthy of a word of commendation. The editorials are well written, containing much of interest in college life. Under the guardianship of Dr. Burwash, Victoria will, no doubt, be quite successful.

We congratulate the students on having such a Principal. "The Social Condition of the Japanese" is good, and worthy of being followed by something better than "Holiness." The latter we consider very weak. It is poorly written, lacks point, and, we hope, was never given in the form of a sermon. The "local" column is particularly full and interesting, containing, in fact, eight columns of spicy college news.

### Personals.

H. Dawson, '86, is in town for a few weeks.

Dan. Taylor, '87, may be expected in Montreal in a few days.

John Kerry, Gold Medalist, '86, App. Sci., is in town for some time.

S. Moore has joined his class, to continue the work of the third year Arts.

C. B. Kingston, B.A., '87, who has been in the field all summer, was in town for the holidays.

C. W. Wilson, Med. '85, was present at the Zeta Psi convention held in this city some weeks ago.

We have letters from Yates and Cameron, B.A., '87, and have to thank them for their interest in the GAZETTE.

Bob. Palmer wrote us the other day, and enclosed a joke: not a bad fellow, Bob; but the joke still sticks to him.

Rev. J. Clarke Murray, during the holidays delivered a course of lectures on Psychology and kindred subjects, at Vassar College.

W. H. Hickey has left McGill for California; we are glad to see by the daily papers that he has met with friends who appreciate his talents.

A. Johnson, B.A., '87, now taking a post-graduate course at Cambridge, is, we are sorry to learn, not having as good health as his friends could wish.

The GAZETTE wishes happiness to C. F. Smith, president of the first year in Medicine, on the occasion of his marriage, which took place during the holidays.

The presence of our beloved old janitor, Cook, in the corridors, "a little bit disfigured, but still in the ring," and somewhat feeble and unkempt, gladdens the hearts of the sophs, but throws a damper on the late uncurbed freedom of the freshmen.

Dr. Finley, '85, the Assistant-Demonstrator of Anatomy at McGill, enters upon his work with the hearty good wishes for his success of the GAZETTE and all McGill students. After graduation, the doctor spent a year as House-surgeon at the Montreal General Hospital; he then went to Berlin and Vienna, pursuing a severe course of study, and spent a considerable time in the hospitals of Manchester and London. He has taken his degree of M.R.C.S. in England, and later on that of M. B. of the London University in the 1st Division. So distinguished a student can scarcely fail to be very soon numbered among the prominent physicians given birth to by McGill's Medical School.

### Correspondence.

*Editors of the University Gazette:—*

DEAR SIRS,—It is not expected that the GAZETTE will act the part of a moral policeman for the regulation of the conduct of students. Yet I think it right you should impress upon the janitors their duty in the matter of admitting to the Colleges men whose conduct and condition entitles them to a more secluded retreat, students though they are. Such an exhibition has occurred several times this session; it is disgraceful to the College, and a gross infringement on the rights of any student, who may be making an attempt to retain traces at least of any finer feeling he might once have possessed. It is not to be tolerated that a number of men, be it small or large, will be allowed to impregnate with their moral filth an atmosphere all are compelled to live in. If it is asking too much of men that they be moral, they ought to be compelled to be decent, or at least sufficiently so for decent men to endure.

"DECENCY."

"SLOPES."

*Editors University Gazette:—*

DEAR SIRS,—The absenting of students from lectures, in a body, and taking by the throat those who feel a sense of duty towards themselves and courtesy to professors, is a proceeding in which there is no redeeming feature. The principle and the methods employed are objectionable. I object to the principle because, if a student think it worth while to come to the University, and pay his fees, he has a right to what he bargained for, and if one hundred days' lectures are worth a year of his life, the days lost by sloping are too great a percentage. Discipline in a school is not for the benefit of the authorities, and when all discipline is in this way put an end to, the students are inflicting their own punishment. But the worst feature is that it puts into the hands of those, whose individual vindictiveness is beneath notice, the power of expressing their feeling from the safe height of what is regarded as right.

I object to the methods, because no clique has a right to call a meeting for this purpose, of whoever may be able or disposed to come, and persuade those who have come, that their presence means assent to laying upon the whole school a gross imposition. If the slope succeed, all are punished; if any part of the class resent this infringement on personal rights, or, in ignorance of the will of the august majority, attend lectures, it is thought not a cowardly thing to submit them to a boycotting as mean as it is unjust.

Yours truly,

MEDICINE.

### THREE VERSIONS.

Mr. John L. Day sends us the Greek original of the lines published in our last issue under this heading. We are not able now, any more than we were a week ago, to publish the Greek version, not for want of space, but because of the difficulty in procuring Greek type.

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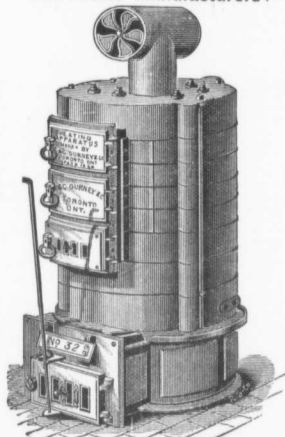
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