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MONTREAL, SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH, 1879.

## EDITORIAL

WITH the present number we close volume V. of the MCGILL GAZETTE. The existence of this journal has on the whole been of a rather precarious nature; but we flatter ourselves that this year's paper has been superior to any of the earlier volumes, not only as regards matter, but also in respect of style. We would not, however, have our readers to believe that the editors regard their efforts as in any respect perfect. That there is room for improvement, we frankly admit, yet we cannot refrain from congratulating ourselves on the favour and success with which the GAZETTE has met during the past year. So much for the past. A word now as to the future. The size and form of the paper will be unchanged next session. We will endeavour to secure the co-operation of the best talent in the University on the staff, and we ask the students to procure subscriptions for us during the summer months. The first number will be out soon after the 15th of September, 1879, and if pecuniary prospects will warrant it, the issue will be more frequent than formerly. We cannot conclude without expressing our obligations to our contributors. Some of them have done us excellent service, and we thank them for it.

AN apology is due our readers for the delay in the issuing of the present number. At the usual date of the appearance of the GAZETTE the greater part of our staff were engaged either with their "Sessionals" or in preparation for the examinations then drawing nigh, and, in consequence, the demand of the Managing Editor on each for his *quota* was only productive of a growl or an 'unkind' word. As soon, however, as they were at liberty the publishing

of the journal was immediately entered upon and, if late, the editors hope that the contents of the paper, will prove of equal interest and by no means inferior to its predecessors.

A VERY great want is felt by the Science students in the fact that there are no models whatever to illustrate the lectures on drawing. The subject as it is taught to them is a difficult one, but it might be made very much easier by proper models. The lecturer performs his duty as well as he possibly can, but he finds it difficult enough to explain certain problems in orthographic, projection and in perspective by means of drawings alone, or by such models as he can extemporize out of books and sheets of foolscap. It is to be hoped that some improvement will be seen in this respect next year.

OUR readers will observe in another column an account of the second annual dinner of the students in Law. Now, there is nothing particularly remarkable in the fact that a graduating class should meet the men they leave behind them around the social board. The custom is an old one, in Arts at all events, and the only reason why we refer to the Law dinner is, in the first place, to commend the good feeling which exists among the Law students. Unlike their brethren in Arts and Medicine, the Law students are by no means continually at lectures. They meet, in very uninviting quarters, for an hour or two daily, and it might consequently be presumed from the scanty intercourse necessitates that there would be little *esprit de corps* amongst them. To their credit, however, it must be admitted that there is a great deal of *esprit de corps*, and other faculties might learn a lesson from the hearty, brotherly feeling exhibited by our legal confrères. Of course, it is only natural that there should be a bond amongst pro-

fessional students more especially, but when we think of the disadvantages under which the Law students labour, we cannot refrain from congratulating them on the very evident *entente cordiale* which exists. Nor must we forget to notice that in Law a larger proportion of the students are French Canadian Roman Catholics, yet we learn that the most perfect harmony has ever characterized the relations between the students of different nationalities. To the students of the other faculties, and to the public at large, the *esprit de corps* of the Law students should serve as an example of good-will and brotherly feeling.

It is certainly a pity that after the exertions the committee have made this year to increase the number of periodicals in the reading-room, so little care should be exercised by the students in handling them. Many of them have been badly torn, and complaints have been made to the committee by the persons who bought them at the auction, that they are not getting what they bargained for. We have frequently noticed Freshmen, and occasionally others, who should certainly have known better, scuffling with each other in the room, and, of course, often in the course of their "fun" damaging the papers, the matting, and the furniture generally. Now, apart from the fact that the committee has to pay for any damage done, these individuals should learn to conduct themselves in a manner more becoming to gentlemen and undergraduates of McGill, than they have been doing of late. Of course, accidents will occur, even in the best regulated reading-rooms, and to these we do not wish to refer; but when you see two or more students fighting over such a paper as the *Scientific American*, or the *Graphic*, it can hardly be called an accident, if in the course of their struggles, they manage to tear it. The *Scientific American*, the *London Illustrated*, the *Art Journal*, and others, have all suffered more or less severely, some being torn straight across the page. Now,

with ordinary care, nothing like this should occur, and we hope to see nothing more of it, during this session, at least.

WE understand that a petition, influentially signed, has been presented to the governing body, praying that honour classes similar to those in vogue in Arts, be established in the faculty of Law. The suggestion will certainly commend itself to all those who have had any experience of the very unsatisfactory method at present pursued, for anything more incomprehensible it would be difficult to imagine. Not that we would insinuate that the examinations for honours are conducted in anything like a slipshod way; the contrary, indeed, is the case. The reports of the annual examinations show that the average number of marks taken is considerably higher than in the other faculties, and the standard is certainly well maintained; but it cannot be denied that those who have gone in for honours have during the past year laboured under disadvantages as compared with the ordinary men. For instance, twelve questions were set down on a paper, eight only for ordinary; the time for ordinary was one hour and a half, and for honours only two hours. This was, however, only one instance. Then hardly two professors adopted the same method of examining their papers. But it is needless to expatiate more fully. The existence of the anomalies of which the petition referred to complains must be admitted, and we trust that the document will be carefully considered by the faculty. Not the least commendable feature of it is that it shows a desire on the part of the students to raise the standard of the faculty and consequently the value of the degree.

THE last meeting of the University Literary Society was held on March 21st. We need not anticipate the annual report by reviewing at any length the doings of the Society during the winter, but we feel that we should call

attention to the fact that the Society has not progressed since the last annual meeting. On that occasion we ventured to predict that the policy pursued by both sides in the election—and of course more largely indulged in by the winning side—was likely to prove prejudicial to the best interests of the Society. The event has proved the correctness of our fears. Old and tried members of the Society felt, and perhaps rightly, disgusted at the way in which the elections were carried on. They found the power taken out of their hands, and the consequence is that they lost interest in the proceedings, leaving a gap which has by no means been filled by the multitude of new members whose subscriptions were paid for by the contending parties. We would not have it understood that we desire to cast blame upon the office-bearers. They have worked well; but the effects of the election have been sorely felt. We must also remark that during the year the debating talent has been inferior to that of previous years. The Society is not so strong as it was two or three years ago. The Davidsons, Monks, Maclarens, Lamsays, Macmasters, Kelleys, Fishers, have gone out, and with a few exceptions their places have not been filled. There are a few promising young speakers in the Society, but men of weight are wanting. Every organization, of course, must have its periods of prosperity and reverse, and the Society, we should say, is at present in what Mr. Vennor would call "a low dip." To place it on its feet again an energetic effort should be made. Not only should the undergraduates turn out in larger numbers, but the graduates, and more especially the older graduates, should be invited to re-join. We make these remarks not to criticize the management during last session, for we believe that the staff of officers, from the President down, was efficient; but a very important element was almost entirely unrepresented: namely, the older graduates. We hope our words will be pondered over by

those in authority, and we trust that we have at any rate seen the last of bribery and corruption in the Society elections.

THE session just drawing to a close has been rather an unfortunate one for McGill in one respect—and that is as regards its athletic record. It is true that the meeting of the M. U. A. S. was very successful and brought out many excellent contestants; but the defeats sustained by the foot-ball club, and to an extent by the hockey-club, to pass over the meagre turn out at the snow shoe tramps, show that what we affirm is only too true. We have not merely lost those to whom our success in former years has been mainly due, but those who remained, and those who took the places of the lost ones, have not been able to maintain the honour and reputation which the College has acquired as an institution where manly sports are cultivated and brought to perfection. It is unnecessary for us, while briefly summing up the sporting incidents of the year, to refer at any length to that unkindly spirit entertained by some of our foot-ball men towards the club generally. It was no doubt the offspring of a moment of pique, and those who indulged in it have long ere this, we trust, mastered their ill-feelings. The match with the Montrealers was played late in the season, and in the midst of a shower of rain and sleet, when those who composed the teams felt in no way disposed to display their knowledge of the game by any great exhibition of skill. Had the day been brighter and the campus in better condition, the result might have been different. It was the first and only match of the season, the club having showed its good sense by resolving to play none other of the annual games; but we trust that next year it may find no good grounds for refusing to play the usual Harvard, Britannia, and Town *vs.* Gown matches. If the newly appointed captain but does his duty, and there is no doubt but that he will, he will be

able, assisted by the material left in his hands by his predecessor to retrieve our defeat of last year, and keep true to our reputation. The defeat of the hockey team by the Montrealers was perhaps counterbalanced by the victory over the Britannias, and was due, neither to ill play on the part of the University, nor to the overwhelming play of its opponents, who were as much surprised at the result as was the college. It was one of those results, the cause of which, cannot well be explained. We think, however, that the nervousness shown by many of the team, had a great deal to do with it. A return match was looked forward to, when the college would, no doubt, have given a better account of itself; but, owing to the season being now over, we must wait until next session to obtain the desired victory. Although mainly unsuccessful, we must not be ashamed of ourselves, but consider the record we have made, rather in the light of a misfortune than a fault. The next season must be entered upon with the intention of retrieving past defeats, and earnest work on the part of the teams, together with good management on the part of their captains, will bring about the desired end.

WE understand that the afternoon of the day before Convocation has been fixed upon by the senior year in Arts as the date on which their class day exercises are to be held. If we may judge from the programme decided upon and the selection of those appointed to carry it out, a treat is in store not only for the students of McGill but also for the ladies of Montreal, who are always to be found in Molson Hall when any public ceremony concerning the University is being gone through with. Of late years several new departures have been taken in the time honoured institutions of our College, and of these the present addition to the

usual Convocation exercises may, perhaps, be considered one of the most noteworthy. The Seniors are to be commended on taking this step, and we are feel that the class of '79 in Arts, as in Law, will be looked upon by the men they leave behind them, and those that follow these, as a class, who have done more than any other, for many years back at least, to promote good-feeling and good-fellowship among their confrères in the college halls. That the proceedings will be attended with success we are quite certain, and we can only look forward to the inauguration with pleasure. May Class Day "flourish like the green bay tree!" We cannot close this article without referring to the Class Suppers started last year by the present Sophmore class. This session the Freshman and Junior classes followed in their footsteps, and we understand that the Freshman class in Medicine contemplates a similar observance. It is only right that students should meet their classmates once a year around the festal board. We, unfortunately, have not that which renders life at other colleges so enjoyable—common dining-halls. Scattered all over the city, the opportunity given us of cultivating each others friendship is but nominal, and surely anything that tends in the least to lead forward toward this end should be promoted and fostered as much as possible. The graduating dinners are supposed to make up for this want in a degree; but they are held too late in the session to bring about the wished for end. A greater part of the students have left the city to spend their summer vacation at home long before convocation day, and the attendance in consequence at these dinners is unhappily small. We trust that an attempt will next year be made to hold a University dinner in place of the usual entertainment in honour of the founder. If taken in hand by the graduates and held early in the session it will do more than anything else to promote a feeling of *esprit de corps* among the students.

DINNER AT THE "QUEEN'S,"  
MONTREAL, 1879.

*Prologue.*

McGill's Law students, I've to say,  
St. Patrick, patron of this day,  
*Cœd mille faithes!* greets us all  
Assembled here in festive Hall;  
Full bent on pleasure at the board  
Which, graced with cheer and wine record  
Unmeasured joy of blithesome hearts  
On this completion of our parts  
In rugged Law's probation course,  
(The which we willingly endorse),  
"Variety's charming," runs the song,  
So having studied much *Trapslong*  
And also work'd with might and *Maine*,  
There're many great "*Pots here*" to drain;  
We having sought them for a *spelt*  
In cups another *Story* tell,  
And *Blackstone* fling aside in play  
A "white stone" take to mark this day.  
Then let us to our Feast betake!  
We've nothing but our *heads* at stake!  
In place of Malvoisie and Sack  
(Old possets strong; of times far back!)  
We'll pass the lighter *Sauterne* round,  
And thus a gentler rev'ry sound  
Than drinking one's self semi-blind  
We'll required elevation find.  
Then each who is of Themis child,  
Become the son of Bacchus wild!  
Drown care and strife and spleen and spite  
And cease to prate of "wrong and right!"  
Let repartee and speech and song  
In varied form to us belong;  
Theme, wit and humor gay combine,  
Law Bachelors of Seventy-nine!  
But lest that any should get *tight*  
On this commemorative night,  
Our sleighs, nay, shutters for the *fast*  
Are order'd sharp at twelve half-past.

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But stay, one moment ere we start  
This sentiment is from the heart,  
"Tis - should one passing shadow cross  
Our bright Kaleidoscope with loss,  
'Twill be the thought of parting ruth  
From *Atma Mater* of our youth,  
Adieu! Adieu! Fare ye all! McGill!  
We ever lov'd, and love thee still!

G. E. B.

Montreal, 17th March, 1879.

"We don't want to crib, but, by jingo, if we do,  
"We've got the cribs, we've got the books and got the  
pockets, too."—*Ez.*

ON WRITING NAMES IN BOOKS.

Those who do not love books *as books*, who would as willingly derive the same information or delight by some other means, lose a large amount of pleasure which the bibliomaniac has, over and above what he may extract from the letter-press. They can hardly understand the expectancy with which he turns over a book to discover any of those little signs which help to make it more precious to him.

Most of us have sometimes waited a moment, half thinking, half putting the question, "How shall I write my name here?" when we have been fortunate enough to possess a handsome copy in which a careless scrawl across the fly-leaf would almost seem a profanation.

Take up one of the heavy folios which were the delight of book-lovers three hundred years ago, and the chances are that you will find, stamped on the cover, the arms of the owner, generally those of a college, but occasionally one has the good fortune to see the broad tasselled hat and minutely quartered arms of some learned churchman, or the crowned rose which suggests the possibility of a Tudor owner.

To-day, books are more easily obtained, and are not particularly valued by most people, so that so expensive a fashion as stamping the arms has almost disappeared. Some few use a book-plate, but even this is somewhat unusual, and pen and ink are generally employed to mark the ownership.

In old books, "John Smith his booke," and possibly a date, or the name of his college, is frequently seen; but once in a while a more comprehensive statement is given, as in a copy of the first edition of Machiavelli, published in Florence, 1550, a young Englishman who laid old Howell's Instructions to heart during his tour wrote "Questo libro appartiene a me Edmondo Verniyo, Gentiluomo Inglese, l'anno di nostro Signore 1663, il pretio su 9 shillings."

The most amusing entries, however, are those which have been pre-eminently the schoolboy's property from time immemorial. Here are a couple of classical ones; the name written above in a bold, schoolboy hand is.

"John Warren, 1761."

"Hic liber est meus  
Testis est deus  
Hoc nomen pono  
Quia liber perdere nolo  
Si quis feratur  
Fer collum pendatur."

"Si quis hunc librum rapiat  
Atque furtivos manibus prehendant  
Pergat ad tetras Acherontis undas  
Non rediturus."

In the following the fate of the culprit is plainly set forth,—

"Si quis in hunc librum furtivos injectis unguibus,  
II. Sibi pro merito Littera Graeca manet."

In a book on Anatomy,—

"Si quisquis furetur  
This little Libellum,  
Per I hocum, per Jovem,  
I'll kill him, I'll fell him;  
In ventrem illius  
I'll stick my scalpellum  
And teach him to steal  
My little Libellum."

Those which follow are very "common property"—

"Steal not this book for fear of shame,  
For in it is the owner's name.  
When you are dead the Lord will say,  
'Where is that book you stole away?'  
Then if you say, 'I do not know,'  
The Lord will send you down below."

"Thomas Brown is my name,  
England is my nation,  
London is my dwelling place  
And Christ is my salvation."

"The rose is red, the grass is green,  
And in this book my name is seen."

It is considered a grand joke to write on the fly-leaf,

"If my name you wish to see  
Look at page 10."

and although the other boy knows the sell by heart, ten chances to one he will turn up page 113 and be directed from thence to another page; after looking up several places, the greatness of the joke finally bursts upon him, "What a fool for looking!"

Some ingenious people protect themselves

from a possible theft by writing, "Stolen from ———." Others write their name on the title page, so that it cannot be taken out without disfiguring the book. And others on a particular leaf.

However, if it is a valuable book, the safest rule is not to lend it to any but those whom you can trust, for if a man intends to steal a book it is very difficult to prevent him by the mere writing of one's name in it.

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UNIVERSITY MEN IN PARLIAMENT.

It is very pleasant to notice that so many of the newly elected members of the Dominion House of Commons are graduates of universities. From the advance-sheets of Mr. Mackintosh's "Canadian Parliamentary Companion" we have compiled the following figures. There are 88 members of the Commons who were not in the last House, and out of these 17 are University men. Our own *Alma Mater*, it will be observed, heads the list; in fact McGill is tolerably well represented in Parliament. The names, etc., are as follows:

<i>McGill.</i>	<i>Constituency.</i>
Hon. P. Fortin, M.D., '45	..... Gaspé.
Darby Bergin, M.D., '47	..... Cornwall.
Désiré Girouard, B.C.L., '69, D.C.L., '74	..... Jacques Cartier.
Hugh McLeod, B.A., '66	..... Cape Breton.
Hon. J. Dubuc, B.C.L., '69	..... Provencher.
J. G. H. Bergeron, B.C.L., '77	..... Beauharnois.
<i>Laval.</i>	
Dr. E. B. Grandbois	..... Temiscouata.
Achille Larue	..... Bellechasse.
<i>Victoria, Colongr.</i>	
Hon. W. McDougall C.B.	..... Halton.
N. Wheeler*	..... North Ontario.
<i>Harvard.</i>	
E. B. Muttart	..... King's, P.E.I.
<i>Queen's (Kingston).</i>	
M. Richey	..... Halifax.
<i>Michigan.</i>	
Dr. Sproule	..... East Grey.
<i>Bishop's, Lennoxville.</i>	
Hon. G. B. Baker, M.A.	..... Missisquoi.
<i>Edinburgh.</i>	
Colonel Wilkins	..... East Durham.
<i>University College, London, Eng.</i>	
Dr. Strange	..... North Oxford.
<i>King's (Windsor).</i>	
Mr. Weldon	..... St. John, N.B.

It must be borne in mind that the above are all new members. We will, if the Companion is issued before the close of the session, present a complete list of senators and members who are *alumni* of universities.

\* Since the above was in type, the Election Court has deprived Victoria of one representative.



## SPORTING.

## HOCKEY.

The McGill Club played its first match this season on Friday, the 28th of February, against a team of the Britannia Football Club. The teams were: Britannia—Morris, Kinghorn, Miller, S. Blaiklock, Cushing, Wilson, Orr, Thompson. McGill—Redpath, Campbell, Scriver, Church, Swan, Green, Howard, Ross, and Robertson.

It will be seen that the Britannias were short of a man. On noticing this, McGill at once offered to take off a man, so as to make the sides even; but the Britannias pluckily determined to play against the odds. This should be remembered, as it goes a long way to explain the result of the match.

Play started at 4:40, with Howard in goal, Scriver point, and Green and Swan half-backs for McGill; and Miller goal, Kinghorn and Wilson back for the Britannias. The ball was kept well in the Britannia half of the ice, till Ross broke his stick, and his skates being troublesome, he changed places with Scriver. While doing so, the Britannias carried the ball well up to the McGill goal, but it was soon carried down again, and Scriver getting a chance, made a good run and took the first goal for McGill, 10 minutes after the game began.

The ball was soon started again, and the play was very close, but chiefly at the Britannia end. In 13 minutes Campbell took the second goal for McGill.

On starting again, the play, which had hitherto been very close, became looser, there being more runs on both sides. After a run by Kinghorn, Redpath got the ball and made a good run, but unfortunately, owing to the speed at which he was travelling, carried the ball through with his foot, and the goal did not count—hard lines for Redpath, who had made a brilliant run. Still he could take consolation in the ruin he brought to both the goal post and goal-keeper. Play continued swaying backward and forward till "Time" was called by the umpires.

On resuming play the positions of the men were changed, Campbell taking goal, with Ross point, and Scriver and Redpath forward, on the McGill side, while for the Britannias Cushing took goal.

As before, the ball was kept pretty well in the Britannia's quarters, and in a mêlée near their goal, Howard got a shot, and took the third goal for McGill,—time 6 minutes. Howard and Campbell then changed places, and almost immediately (1½ minutes) after recommencing Church took the fourth goal for McGill.

After another 4½ minutes, during which Wilson and Kinghorn made good runs, Robertson got in front of goal, and the ball being passed to him, he sent it through, taking the fifth goal for McGill.

On recommencing, the Britannias forced the ball well up, till Campbell picked it out of the crowd, losing his elegant head-dress in so doing, made a splendid run down the ice, and plunged with a Britannia man into the snow-bank near their goal. After a few minutes more play, he again got the ball, and took it down to their goal, and pausing a moment to make sure, sent the ball through; the sixth goal for McGill, taken after 13 minutes play.

The Britannias then prepared for a last struggle, and during the succeeding 7 minutes kept the ball well to the McGill goal. A long shot was stopped by Howard, and then a determined rush was made by four or five Britannias. But Ross and Scriver foiled the attack, and Green took the ball away out of danger. Just then time was called, leaving McGill victorious by six goal to nothing.

On the part of the Britannias, Kinghorn played splendidly throughout; and Cushing kept goal very well, stopping many shots: he only needs practice to become a first-rate goal-keeper. Orr and Wilson also played well, though the latter was inclined to disregard the rules, probably through ignorance. Among the McGill men Green played splendidly throughout; but the Britannias took such an interest in him, that if he touched the ball, they immediately crowded round and upset him: so fierce were their attacks that it was considered wonderful that he lived through it. Swan also came in for a large share of their attention, which he well deserved. Among the rest it would be hard to particularize, the record of goals, especially as regards Campbell, speaks for their play. Blaiklock (who played very hard) and Ross especially distinguished themselves by their tendency to assume a recumbent position.

## MCGILL vs. MONTREAL.

We regret that want of space should prevent us from giving a full account of this match, considered by many the best of the series of McGill vs. Montreal games. The Montreal team was as follows: Gough, Barnston, Joseph, Kinghorn, Larmonth, Lamothe, Torrance, Ferrier and Abbot. McGill, the same as in the match with Britannia, with the exception of Dafoe, who played in the place of his substitute.

Play commenced at 4.35, and lasted three half-hours, during the first of which the Montrealers took the only two games taken in the match.

A return match was, at first, looked forward to by the College team, when they intended if possible to retrieve their defeat, but being so late in the season, it is doubtful if another game will be played before the College closes.

## THE FOOTBALL CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Football Club, held on the 1st inst., the following officers for the ensuing session were elected:—T. L. Brown, '80 (Med.), Pres.; C. Scriver, '80 (Arts), Captain; H. J. Bull, '80 (Arts), Treas.; T. Drummond, '81 (Sc.), Sec'y. Committe: J. Austin, '80 (Law), A. Falconer, '81 (Arts), K. McPherson, '81 (Arts), C. Low, '82 (Sc.), J. Grant, '82 (Med.).

## OUR EXCHANGES.

This number of the Yale *Record* is unusually poetical. A "Legend of Yale," written in the metre of Longfellow's "Hiwatha,"—Braucalon D'Andalo, Podesta of Rome." A Rhapsody—"Coincidence," "Benjingo," a sonnet dedicated to the *Harvard Advocate*, and a pretty little poem which we cannot refrain from clipping, make up the *tout ensemble* of the literary matter:

## BONNY DOON.

Ye banks and braes o' Bonny Doon,  
How can ye bloom and look so gay?  
Since last the sun looked down at noon,  
My light, my life, has passed away.

Fade, fade, ye flowers, o'er hill and plain,  
The fairest flower of all has died;  
And never show your bloom again,  
Where Bonny Doon's sad waters glide.

How can ye dance, O Daffodils,  
With every fair and fickle breeze,

When she who loved you on the hills,  
Now sleeps beneath the lilled leas?

Ye bonnie birds, how can ye call,  
In careless song from bough to bough  
The sweetest singer of you all,  
Is only heard in Heaven now.

How can ye, cold and silent moon,  
Look down so fair from Heaven above,  
Since never more by Bonny Doon  
I'll wander with my plighted love.

The *Crimson* comes out with a five-page supplement, and contains a mass of news and profitable reading, besides the usual editorials. In one of these latter, it endeavours to do away with a misunderstanding in regard to the proposed plan for the private instruction of young women at Harvard. It is not to be co-education in the true sense of the word, but an opportunity given to women to be instructed by Harvard professors outside the college. The *Crimson* says:—"We should be glad to have the scanty salaries of our instructors increased; we should be glad to see the bright faces of the young ladies in Cambridge, and we would not even be so selfish as to envy them a Harvard degree; but we have too much respect for them to wish to have them associated with us in our college course." Bravo! Harvard!

The *Advocate*, as newsy and spicy as ever, has again found its way over "the lines," and a quiet perusal of its columns makes one feel as if all the world were at rest, and examinations looming up only in the distance.

The *Dartmouth* has shortened its exchange list, and considers only seventy-five out of over two hundred College papers worth reading. There are some Colleges—we beg pardon, Universities—where one paper cannot satisfy the craving for literary matter, and two, oft-times three, spring into existence. A combination of the *Tripod* and *Vidette* of Northwestern University would make a very creditable college paper for instance, and other amalgamations of a like nature could take place with profit. Of course we make exceptions in universities like Harvard, Yale, or Columbia, where the number of students make the four figures. But—*nos moutons*. The *Dartmouth* still struggles on successfully, and its Editorials, Locals, and Exchanges, which make up the paper, compare favourably with their predecessors.

The neat pages of the *Columbia Spectator* always contain something of interest, and the new department, of which the illustration, "Reconciliation" is a type, adds much to its appearance. "Only a Vassar Girl" has reached its ninth chapter, and the ending, "to be continued in our next," brings a pang to one's heart, and we wonder whether the hero is to lead to the altar Chief Zobelios-Kippinnaugap's daughter, or Maud, or whether he is to succumb to the fiery flame.

Trinity College has been greatly excited over a disagreement between the faculty and the students, as regards the usual celebration on Washington's birthday. The former, it seems, offered a hall in one of the college buildings for the entertainment, on the condition that the programme was submitted to them for approval, as well as the several poems and songs. To this the latter objected to, hired a hall in the city, kept their speeches, etc., to themselves, and honoured the father of their country as they thought fit. The celebration over, six of the malefactors found themselves suspended, and two more placed on probation. The students as a body thereupon decided not to attend the usual exercises. The Faculty telegraphed to each one's father, "Your son requires your presence immediately!" A flocking of anxious parents takes place, a consultation is held, the faculty give way, and the students victorious, have had several holidays and much sympathy, while their rulers have for a second time this season found themselves at fault.

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The following are also to hand:—*Richmond College Messenger, Kenyon Advance, The Undergraduate, The Tuftonian, Cornell Era, The Tripod, The Volante, College Mercury, Yale Record, Brunonian, Packer Quarterly, Central Collegian, La Salle Advance, Princetonian, Nasau Literary Magazine, University Press, Beacon, Rochester Campus, Cornell Review, King's College Record, Kingston Collegiate Herald, Queen's College Journal, Acadia Athenaeum, Bowdoin Orient, Dalhousie Gazette, Canadian Spectator, New York Monday World, Argenteuil Advertiser, Canadian Illustrated News, Evening Post, etc., etc.*

## THAT STUDENT OF MCGILL.

Air: *California Bill.*

The hero of my humble song  
Was a student of McGill;  
And in the College lobbies  
You may hear the story still—  
He had no other aim in life  
Than to pass his sessionals free,  
And be sometimes in at the Enquête Room,  
And sometimes out on a spree.

CHO.—That student of McGill,  
That student of McGill,  
That rusty, musty, dusty, fusty  
Student of McGill.

When first he came to grind up Law  
He was a Freshman green,  
He'd never been to town before  
No vices had he seen;  
But evil communica-tions  
Our catechisms say,  
Are rather apt to lead our minds  
From virtue's paths away.

CHO.

This student wandered out one night  
Some Me-di-cals to see,  
And with those self same Medicals  
He got on a roaring spree;  
And the lobbies straight did run them in,  
Though the next day they got free,  
By paying ten dollars and thirty-one cents  
To the City Treasurer.

CHO.

This student never went to court  
And his lectures didn't attend;  
So the Dean informed the wayward lad:—  
"You will have your ways to mend,  
For *quoad* this, and *quoad* that  
We will you rusticate,  
So ponder it o'er my dear young man  
Before it grows too late."

CHO.

So the student took these words to heart,  
And determined to repent,  
On the World, the Flesh and the Arch-En-em-y.  
His money no longer spent;  
But purchased a Code and a Pothier, too,  
And ground them up so well  
That he took his degree at the end of the year,  
And later, his D. C. L.

CHO.

B. C. L., '79.

## PERSONALS.

Chas. R. Cook, late of '80, is studying Law in Plattsburg, N. Y.

Professor Osler, of the Medical Faculty, has been appointed examiner on Comparative Anatomy and Physiology at the University of Toronto.

'78, N. H. Vineburg, M. D., delivered a lecture on "The Physiology of Respiration," on March the 15th, in the Natural History Society's Rooms. It formed one of the Somerville course.

## CLIPPINGS.

## A SHORTER CATECHISM.

"What is a Senior?"

"A senior is a man who is hourly thunder-struck at the immensity and variety of his own learning. A senior usually discovers the cold, harsh nature of the world, when he falls in love with a green-eyed girl who will not marry him until he has an income of two thousand dollars a month, and a brown-stone front in Harlem."

"What is a Junior?"

"A Junior is one who writes poetry and nourishes secret griefs."

"Tell me something about Sophomores."

"Sophomores are men who carry big bangers, and rent seats in chapel to freshmen for \$4.50 apiece. Probably more beer is required to run a good healthy class of sophomores, than they could ever pay for, if they were not allowed to 'hang it up.'"

"Do Sophomores like Freshmen?"

"Yes, sophomores do like freshmen, but you would, perhaps, never suspect it from their manner. They are naturally reserved."

"Describe Freshmen."

"Freshmen are babes in the wood, who fall an easy prey to unprincipled tutors. A cheeky freshman is probably the lowest type of humanity. Freshmen, however, should be treated well because they will be seniors some day, if they can rub along until they are out of their swaddling clothes."

"What are tutors?"

"Tutors are beings created for the purpose of inspiring students with a longing for a better world hereafter. Many and many an innocent boy, reared in a Christian home and with a childhood full of bright promise, has been led astray and gradually sunk lower and lower until he has ended by becoming a tutor in a college."

"Is it ever possible for a man who is ignorant of his own language, who studies nothing but athletics, and who is remarkable chiefly for his cheek, to graduate at a college?"

"Oh, never!"

"What, never!"

"Well, hard—"

"Sh-h-h! That'll do: now put on your little striped ulster and run out and play till dark."—

There was a young student in Farnam,  
Who took off his stocking to darn 'em.

And a piece of the needle

He used in the deed'll

Be found in the student in Farnam.

N. B.—He left it in his stocking, which can't be expressed in poetry.

## LE PRINTEMPS.

"In the spring the reverend senior braces for the final grind ;  
In the spring the nobby junior lets his hair grow long behind ;

In the spring the jolly soph<sup>r</sup>more sees his former toughness wane ;

In the spring a freshman's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of cane."

Prof.—"Yes, in his darkest hours, Milton, blind, neglected and forgotten, could still forget his sorrows while pouring forth his soul to the deep harmonies of the organ. Do you remember, sir, a more modern instance of the same thing?" Soph.—(doubtfully).—"Johnny Mor—?"—Prolonged applause.

## "79.

"Grind, grind, grind,

For a sight of that old degree ;

And I would that my tongue would utter

The thoughts that arise in me.

O, well for the innocent leer !

As he slopes with a timorous leer !

And well for the dissolute Soph,

As he shouts for a schooner of beer !

But it's grind, grind, grind,

Till I tack on my name, A. B.,

And the careless ease of a day that is fled

Will never come back to me !"

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## ITEMS.

Lots of poetical talent in Law.

What is the correct costume for Convocations ?

The Literary Society has been rather poorly attended lately.

Several cases of theft about the main building have been reported.

The examination in Constitutional History will be held on April 21st.

The Law students claim that their dinner, reported elsewhere, was the best yet.

The presence of past graduates at the annual dinner in Law, is a good idea.

Champagne suppers are given by Medicos on the occasion of their birthdays.

A good number of this year's graduating class in Law go up before the Bar in July.

Graduates should not forget the annual meeting of the McGill Graduates' Society.

The last day of lectures in Law the students sang "Auld Lang Syne" in the lecture-rooms.

Owing to illness the Professor of Classics was unable to hold his classes as usual the earlier part of this week.

Those students who remain in town during the summer, should not forget the Cricket Club.

The Seniors in Arts, Law and Medicine have selected Notman as the class photographer.

The competition for the medal in Law is expected to be very close, and the marks taken are said to have been very high.

A first-year student was heard to tell a lady lately that "Every other class in Arts loafers horribly except the Freshmen."

At a dinner lately the retiring captain of the foot-ball team was made the recipient of a very handsome pipe by a number of his confrères.

The annual report is out, and contains, among other things, a regret at the extent cramming is carried on at McGill, especially among the Medicos.

The following committee has been appointed to make arrangements for the graduating dinner in Arts: Bull, '80; Weir, '81; Thomas, '82; Skaife, '89 (Sc.); and Burland, '82 (Sc.)

The Law and Medical Convocation will be held on Monday, April 1st. Singing is to be indulged in, and as the *personnel* of the valedictorians predict good addresses, a most successful gathering is looked for.

We understand that it is proposed by some of the Law Students to petition the Faculty to establish honour classes similar to those in Arts. The proposition is a good one, and will, we hope, be carried out.

The Morrin College Debating Society has met with good success during this its first year of existence. Two very satisfactory public debates have been given, at which there were

large audiences, who departed well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

A number of Arts' sweetest warblers took part in an entertainment at St. Paul's Church some little time since, and again at the Industrial Rooms Bazaar last week. Their songs were well rendered, and Montreal is rather surprised at the musical talents displayed by her "college boys."

It is understood that "first is last, and last is first," is the principle in which precedence is regulated in University matters. This explains why the Law proceedings succeed the Medical exercises at Convocation, inasmuch as Law by the statutes of the University, has precedence over all other faculties in the University.

The "Queen's" is spoken of as the probable place where the Graduating Dinner in Arts will be held. A large attendance is expected, the committee having been enabled to materially reduce the subscription fee. The same evening—that of Convocation Day—the graduates have their annual dinner at the Windsor.

Owing to the fondness shown of late by the several classes in Arts for "sloping lectures," the Faculty, at a meeting held some little time since, passed a resolution empowering the registrar of the College to impose a fine of from \$1 to \$5 on all members of a class found "sloping," in default of which rustication will be resorted to.

The Senior year in Arts have decided upon April 28th as the Class Day. The several years are to meet in their class-rooms and repair to the Hall in order of seniority. After the usual exercises the graduating class propose planting an ivy somewhere about the College and rendering due homage to the different buildings of the University.

We understand that there is about to be a move among the Science students with regard to the extremely short time allowed them for dinner. Many of them live some distance off and are in consequence obliged to walk home and back at a pretty lively gait, which exercise immediately after a meal is by no means conducive to study, but is a capital way to encourage indigestion. One hour is entirely too short, and it is to be hoped there will be a change made next session.

## LAW DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Law students took place on the 17th instant at the "Queen's." About forty sat down to the hospitable board, which, it is needless to say, was loaded with all the delicacies for which mine host of the "Queen's" is so justly celebrated. After full justice had been done the *menu*, the toasts were drunk; in every case, with a hearty goodwill. The first toast on the list was the standing one, with which familiarity cannot breed contempt, the toast of the "Queen," which was given by the Chairman, Mr. C. J. Fleet, B.A., in a few patriotic remarks. This was followed by a rendering of the National Anthem, led by Mr. A. D. Nicholls, B.A. The second toast was proposed by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Trudel, M.A., and was that of the "University," ably dealt with in a few remarks in French, and loudly applauded. "A Health to Old McGill" was the song that succeeded this, and was sung by Mr. Baynes, B.C.L., Mr. Lane, whose name was down for it, being obliged, from an unavoidable reason, to excuse himself. The next toast was that of "The Professors," which was proposed by Dr. Nicholl in the absence of the Rev. J. L. Forster, and was followed by a song from Mr. Ethier. "Bench and Bar" was the next in order, which was proposed by Mr. Bampton in a few short and appropriate words, while Mr. Lafleur, B.A., sang "The Queen's Bench," an original and very amusing song. Then came the toast "Our Guests," by Mr. R. D. McGibbon, B.A., in which, in the name of his class, he extended a hearty welcome to the representatives from the sister faculties and from Laval. Mr. Trudel followed in the *voyageur* song "Hioupe, Hioupe sur la rivière." The replies to this toast were made by Messrs. Decary, McCully, and Lighthall for Laval Medicine and Arts respectively. The sixth toast was "The Graduates of '79," proposed by Mr. Sharp in a speech that recommended to the praise of their successors the graduating class, inasmuch as they had been the great promoters of *esprit de corps* among the Students of Law. Mr. Carter then sang and was encored, and Mr. Busted, B.A., replied to the toast. "The Medallist and Valedictorian" brought to his feet Mr. Atwater, B.A. In the song that followed, Mr. Chartrand took the place of Mr. Ledieu, and Mr. Fleet replied by singing his

famous song "The Student of McGill," and when encored sang "My Sally." "The Men we leave behind us" was proposed by Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Trudel sang "Brigadier," and replies were made by Messrs. Weir and de Martigny, the former for the students of the second year, the latter for those of the first. And finally the Chairman proposed "The Ladies," to which a voice very properly added "God bless them." Mr. Sharp followed in the appropriate song "Here's to the Maiden," and Mr. Charles Raynes replied. The party separated about half-past twelve, everybody declared everybody else was the best fellow he knew, and thus, after singing "Auld Lang Syne" was the dinner brought to a close, which was, by a universal verdict, declared to be one of the happiest celebrations they had ever experienced.

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## "THE QUEEN'S BENCH."

A LA "PINAFORE."

When I was a lad I served a term  
As an office-boy to an attorney's firm,  
I cleaned up the windows and I swept the floor,  
And I polished up the handle of the big front door; (*bis.*)  
I polished up that handle so carefully  
That now I am a Judge on the great "Q. B."  
Cho. — He polished up that handle so carefully  
That now he is a Judge on the great "Q. B."

As office-boy I made such a mark  
That they gave me the post of a junior clerk,  
I served the writs with a smile so bland,  
And I copied out the letters in a big round hand, (*bis.*)  
I copied out the letters in a hand so free  
That now I am a Judge on the great "Q. B."  
Cho. — He copied, &c.

In serving writs I acquired such a fame  
That an article clerk I soon became,  
And I cribbed a *very* little just as any fellow will  
For the B. C. L. exam. up at Old McGill. (*bis.*)  
And that B. C. L. exam. did so well for me,  
That now I am a Judge on the great "Q. B."  
Cho. — And that B. C. L. exam., &c.

I grew so rich that I was sent  
As one of John A.'s members into Parliament,  
I always voted at my party's call,  
And never thought of thinking for myself at all. (*bis.*)  
I thought so little they rewarded me  
By making me a Judge on the great "Q. B."  
Cho. — He thought so little, &c.

Now, students all whoever you may be,  
If you want to rise to the top of the tree, —  
If your soul isn't fettered to an office stool,  
Be careful to be guided by this golden rule. (*bis.*)  
Do the least work you can for the very largest fee,  
And you all may be Judges on the great "Q. B."  
Cho. — We'll do the least work, &c.

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