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## Editorial.

THE LATIN PLAY-THE HYMN TO APOLLO.

WE mentioned in a former issue that a Latin play was being prepared and would probably be presented this session. We now publish the more definite information we have since received.

Threc performances of the Rudens of l'lautus will be given at the Academy of Music on the mineteenth and twenticth of February. Circulars will be sent to all graduates and affiliated colleges and other institutions of learning, with blanks, so that all friends of the University may secure their seats in advance.

One of the evenings will probably be set apart specially as McGill night, and as this play is distinctly a University affair, we would strongly: urge upon all students and friends their duty in the matter of attendance. We feel sure that the students who have so often turned out on such occasions to see strangers perform will not be slow to do so when their own friends are on the stage. We remember hearing from a certain professor whom we visited one sports' night, a
speech in which he expressed the hope that there would come a time when McGill would not have to look to others for entertainment. but would have players from her own ranks. That day has now come and it only remains for us to shew ourselves loyal to our own men and to the University. There is no reason why, if this play is successful, we should not make it customary to have such a play and University night each session. We cannot imagine anything better fitted to foster an caprit de corps among the students than an occasion like this when the Mc(iill players shall be on the stage, the McGill professors in the boxes, and the McGill students, and banners, in the gods. It should be clearly understood that the play is altogether the work of McGill students and professors. The plan of putting it on the stage originated with the members of the Classical Club some tine ago, when they were reading the Phormio of Terence. The idea was at once taken up and a great deal of quict organization and study has been accomplished during the last two years. A very great deal of credit is due to those professors who have given so much time and labour to it and have
kindled the enthusiasm which is now segenemat. The preparation of the text and the libretto. the desiguing of costumes and secnery; the training of the actors in pronunciation, rhythm, and in the mode of actings adopted be the Romans. has all been done by the MeGill professors.

The cast is made up from men of the difierent facultics, and without revealing any secrets of the green-room, we may say that they have all dereloped anastomishing amount , fhistrionic talent and have fully satisfied such keen critics as the Principal and his colleagucs. The attention and thought which all are bestowing on their parts justifies us in predicting that the play will be well worthe of the patronage we have hitherte bestowed on professional companics.

Vedo not therefore urge attendance merelyas a duty. for we feel assured that those who attend will be well repaid fon doing so. The picee is generally. considered the best of Plautus' comedies. Its humour does not seem to be inpaired by age but compares very favourably: with that of many a good modern comedy. The sense of the dialogues is so casily expressed by roice and gesture, and the situations are so amusing or pathetic that anyone can easily follow, and the mere fact of it being in Latin will not interfere with the enjovem of any: Those who hate no taste for the classics will derive almost an much pleasure from it as those who have. We understand. moreover, that a translation is to be issued in libretto form, so that the last difficulty will thas be overcome.

The plot has already appeared in the city papers so our reference to it will be bricf.

Two frec-born maids of Grecee have been kidnapped bey a slate dealer. This rascal after receiving part payment for one of them, tried to cheat the purchaser by sailing away with the waves and the money also. The ship is wrecked and driven upon the very const from which he attenpted to escape. Both girls are washed ashore and take refuge in the Temple of Venus. But the slave dealer is also saved and traces them to their place of refuge. He demands their surrender, but the pricstess refuses to give them up, whereupon some violent seenes follow, in which he tries to get possession of them by
force. The maidens find a protector in Daemanes, and their master on attempting to seize them is sery handsomely "scragged" by the old man's servants. Finally, the purchaser whom the rogue has cheated enters and has him dragred to prison. In the meantime the girls find shelter in Daemones house. Presently. Gripus the fisherman enters, bearing as the result of his fishing a wallet which has been washed ashore from the wreck. His day-dreams of wealth and ease are rudely broken by Trechalio, Who recognizes the wallet as the property of one of the slave girls, and threatens Gripus with dire penalties unless he gives it up. Gripus is rathur hard to persuade, and for a while it looks as though a fight were on, but finally the matter is referred to Dacmones for arbitration. Gripus loses his case, and the wallet is taken from him despite his protest that all is fish that comes to his net. The wallet on being opened proves its owner the long-lost daughter of Dacmones, ats we might have expected had we listened more attenticely to the Prologue.

The play is gocerned by the laws of the clasvical drama. All the events take place the same day. The division into acts and seenes is only noticeable to the reader: the play when acted runs on from begiming to end without any drop of the curtain. The scene is the same throughout the piece. This absence of any pause between the seenes suggests that the students of old Rome were not in the habit of demanding speeches from the actors in answer to gifts wired them from the uppergallery. "Wie have reformed that indifferently with us."

Further details on these and other points of the play will be found in the report of Dr. Eaton's lecture to the Classical Club. We may state in this comection that the success of the play will be due in large measure to Dr. Eaton's interest in it from the begiming, and to his perseverance in the face of many obstacles. The musical accompaniments, for much of the "Rudens" is recited or chanted to music, have been specially written for the play. The music is composed in ancient modes and bears as close a resemblance as possible to that used on the Roman stage.
. deantage will be taken of these performances to render for the first time in America the "Hymn to Apollo," recently discosered at Delphi by the liench archaeologists. Both the hymn and the music which accompanien it ate of great interest to classical student.

The poetry is written in the cretic metre and is composed of thelve couplets. These couplets are arranged in six groups, each of which is composed of a pair of couplets and expresses a separate thought. The music is written just above the text in (ireek characters, the earliest form of musical notation. These letters are arranged in three various ways to mark the difference in pitch. first in the ordinary way. then in a truncated form, and lastly upside down. M. Reinach, who has translated this music into our modern notation, conjectures that the value of the difference thus indicated is about an octave and a half.

The discovery of this Apollo hymm has thrown a good deal of light upon the vext question of the quality of Greck music. It has always been supposed that a people who had such a keen sense of the beautiful, in sculpture and architecture must have developed the kindred art of music to a like degree of perfection. The hymn to Apollo justifics this expectation.

Instead of being like the vague and aleetings melodies of modern oriental music, it is distinguished by the severity and inspiration of the classical music of our great modern composers. It has something too of the simple and melancholy tone peculiar to the songs of all mome taineers. This Hymn to Apollo was evidently composed for some festiaal in honour of the grod. for it chants his praise and invites the masses to leave their old home and take up their abode on - Mount Parnassus and in Delphi. It would be sung by a carefully trainced chorus with the musical accompaniment of harp and flute. On the freize of the l'arthenon just such a festival is represented in which the people walk in solemn procession to the shrine of the grod, preceded by the musicians and the singers.

The following is a translation of this Apollo Hymu:-

I will sing in praise of the glorious son of \%eus ! Who dwellest ou the snowy peak of the hills,
Where in sacred oracles to uottal men,
Thou dost proclaim tidings prophetic from the divine tripodic stat.
Thoul hast driven forth from his place the dragon who watched over the shrine.
And with thy darts hast forced him to hile far in the dark underwood.
Masses came from deeply wooded Helicon,
Beautiful fair-armed dangiters of the loud-singing god dwelling there:
Praising the:r noble kin.sman even Phoebus, with golden hair,
To the:lyre, singing their songs.
He wavers cutr the twic headed peak of l'arnasse,
And he haunts the rocky places round about famous Dell hi.
And Castalia's plentiful springs, full of waters deep and clear.
And presides over De!phi with its oracle true in prophecy. Come then Attica's noble daughters, come,
se who dwell in Tritonis' plain, safe from death-deaiit $g$ shaft;
Incense and sacrifice offring, Hephaestus kindles sacred fire,
Burning ou the altar limbs of bulls,
While the smoke rises and reaches to Olympus;
And from the flute's powerful soice come forth melodious tones, spreading around,
And the lyre's golden notes join in the bymns, aiding in melody.
While in a throng Athens sends chosen bands unto the shrme.
The music and words of this composition were written about the begiming of the third century, B.C. As we have already said it was probably sung once at Delphi. It has been rendered once in Europe since its discovery. The third time will be at these performances of the Rudens; and those who hear it then may boast that they have listened to the very strains which pleased Apollo's ear, before the golden age of Greece had quite passed away and her most famons shrine became a ruin.

We conclude by once again urging the students and friends of the Iniversity, and also the general public, to give the Rudens the encouragement it deserves. There are to be three performances, and the citizens of Montreal cannot better cindicate their reputation for culture and libe:al-mindedness than by giving full houses to all of them. All can take a pardonable pride in a University progressive enough to step out of the beaten track and place herself in line with
the time-honoured seats of learning in the ofd world and the beet Icademic Institutions of the new.

W"1: Wouk like to dran the attention of our readers to the Smoking concert to be siven by the Football club in the near future. The Club, as is probably known to biest student. finished the season with a fairle latge deficit. while we do not intend to enu:serate the catlosen
which hate produced this defiet, we may say that the graut from the grounds committee has been considerably less this year than previously. The Football Club has determined to wipe out the shortage and intend to make their concert a sucess in every nay. The (ilee and Banjo Club will give selections and the best local artists have been secured. It only remains for the bove to turn out in a booly with their pipes in their mouths and their pouches full of "Ifymans."

## Contributions.

" WORIDS, WORISS. WORDS."
Some years ago a novel evening newspaper was started in England, which purposed to be written in plain English : and in those friendly noticesthat is, friendly on one side only-which are put forth in the "gossip for the day." we were told that the paper will only be written by "gentlemen and scholars, and in good English." This opens an earee :ingly instructive view to us, for we are to infer that other newspaper writers are not gentlemen and scholars; or if they are one, they are not the other. We are also to presume that other journals are not written in good Euglish, and that, in fact, we have become pickers-up of words, and 1.0 careful considerers of their use or abuse. This is very true. Cheap reporting, which, in the end, is very dear, has made us accustomed to wonderful phrases and hyperbolical expressions, to such a degree that we have lost purity and conciseness of speech. Fire is a "devouring element": a man is "a party" : a woman is "a female" : and so are all animals not male ; the sea is the "watery element" : and old rye an "intoxicating fluid." We adopt general for particular terms, and grow loose and "sloppy" in cur talk. "What read you, my lord ?" asks Polonins. "Words, words, words," says Hamlet, testily. Ay, but then comes the difficulty. How understand you those words? What do they teach you? "I was walking with
a party, and I saw a vehicle rapidly driven along, which run over a person." Such was the account of an eye witness. He has used words only. Was the vehicle a barrow, cart, wagon, or steam-engiiue? How was it propelled lyy steam or horses? And the term "person," (from persona, a mask, literally a cha acter in a play), is used by our street boy's classically. "Oh, you arc a character, you are." Was it he, she, old, or middle-aged? All these questions have to be wrung out afterwards. whereas an exact mind would, in just as many words, have told us all.

I might furnish numerous instances of the misuse of words current at the present day, mintentional though it be, but

> "• Fivil is wrought from want of thought, As well as want of heart."

The word "function" is now made to coservice for all sorts and conditions of events and ceremonies: how freguently do we hear of a thing being "awfully nice," or "awfully jolly"; and even if a friend has omitted to fulfil some promsisc, the excuse is shaped into the phrase, "awfully sorry" : the word "cunning" is applied to sayings or doings of children. I call to mind that many years ago, whilst walking in rural England with a gentleman who was a visitor to the country, we suddenly came in view of an old church covered with ivy, and my companion exclaimed, "What a 'fumn' old church." We read only a few days ago of a "pretty" wedding
having taken place: and going home from church on a Sunday evenizig I was told by a lady that the sermon was "too lovely for anything." Quite recently, speaking with a gentleman about a certain article in a magazine, which he had been reading, I asked him whether he woukl recommend me to read it : I was surprised to receive for an answer the single word "Rather."

We may also speak of such hideous words as " burglarized," " suicided," " electrocuted," and others-the invention of the newspaper reporters purely and simply. I remonstrated against such monstrosities one day with a newspaper man, and he silenced me by saying that if there were no such words, there ought to be.

It is now some years since Archteacon Hare, a pupil of Coleridge's as to method and philosophy, complained bitterly upon the loss of exactitude in speech : for it is observable that with languages and antions there are certain periods of growth, culmination, and decay, and that when a language grows corrupt, so does a nation. All history attests this. The gold, silver, and brazen ages in Latin literature corresponded with the beauty and strength, decadence and tall of the Romans. Luck:ly, we have men who think and write plainly and admirably, and they are understood by the common people, who for the most part think and express themselves with extreme simplicity. It is only the would-be fine ones that make alarming mistakes. Dogberry complained that disobedience "is most tolerable and not to be endured," and Mrs. Malaprop prides herself on "a proper derangement of her epitaphs."

Let us understand the words we use, and never try to use a fine one, and we shall not fall into such errors as these. There are certain technical words which artists, authors and critics have to use ; let them use them.

One of the greatest men the world has ever seen-great as a statesman, an orator, a general, and an author-great in love, great in war, generous to his army, dreadful to his enemies, to his
friends tender as a girl-has left us the best and simplest history of a war that ever was written. This great man is Julius Cecsar ; the history is that of his war in Gaul. He has astonished all ages by the fituess of his words. Now Cæsar's method of dealing with his despatches and with history was this: to avoid, he tells us, an unusual word, insolcns acrbum, as he would keep his head from running against a rock. Little people can afford to copy great persle. It will be well if we avoid big words, if we speak always in the simplest way. There is something ridiculous in the big words which people who do not fully understand them frequently use: nor do the persons who listen to them always catch their meaning. One sailor intending to compliment another called him a "hepicure," whereupon the first, presuming it was an insulting word, knocked him down.

Hare's practice in matters of scholarship is illustrated by his spelling. He systematically used "preacht" for preached, and the same form in similar cases. This principle he maintained in an essay in the Philological Museum, and it was for a time adopted by Thirlwall and Whewell. Hare characteristically persevered in it to the end. If pushed to excess, it was an index of his " conscientious stickling for truth," and of "that curious disregard for congruity which, more than any other cause, marred his usefulness in life."
"Statesman" and "minister" are two very important words. One is grand English, full of high sound and great import; the other is a petty, small continental thing compared to the first. You may have been first minister to his imperial majesty the black emperor of Hayti, or you may have been the statesman who drew up the Constitution of the Canadian Confederation, which, by the way, is about as great a bit of statesmanship as has been seen for some time in any part of the world.

Great thinkers have for tie most part been very pure and exact speakers. Shakespeare, who made many words, was so much the master of
the Euglish tongue that he seldom, if ever, uses a word which can be altered or changed withont injury to the sentence. Our laws should be made by those who really understand what they mean, and can put their meaning into the clearest and purest language. Not long ago a barrinter in England guoted a case in which cruclty to a bull. though proved, was left unpunished. becausce, in the Act relating to that offence, the words "animal," "horse," "mare," "ox" and "c w" were mentioned, but not "bull." And the citation proved correct. Can there be a greater absurdity than a judge ruling that a bull was not in. cluded under the word animal, just as mare is under horse? But magistrates and judges are vers peculiar people, and have peculiar ideas. What should be done, in passing laws, should be to sift thoroughly the meaning of the inchusive and general sentence, and then to take care never to weaken it by general definitons.

The simplest code of law: in the world is the Ten Commandments: the: bind us like a strong chain: and yet they are made of words, are very short aml ceadily understood. linder a lurrent of "words, words, words." weuse excapes, and justict is defeated.
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## HRON'NIN(: ANI) MISIC.

"I state to thins:
The : e is il itract trath oht atuable.
Hy Nall, than comise ef sulu-ic:-
()f the many waves of wladdening thought which wash around the soul of Kolert lirownis $k$. none is more precions than one which strikes the chord of music there, and semds vibrating down the days its puretoned harmonj; and truth.

Shakespeare, in a fex passayes.secms to share Hrowning's belief in the divine nature of music. With but few wher exceptions, the artist-poet stands alone in this conviction Howerer beantiful this expression of its charm, the prets have usually regarded music as a mere emotional enjoyment, a pleasurable tinkling of the cars. Browning goe's deeper. He finds in it not only ntellectual pleasure. consisting of the ideas of
larmons ind proporton apprehended be the mind and not hey ear, but believes that the soul itself contemplate; the beanty and agreement of it. It is in mo spirit of egotism therefore, that Abt Vogler, the priest-musician, tells us:
" Gol has a few of us whou he whispers in the ear-the dest
Mav reason and wel some, 't is we musicians know ?"
but lecansi fe feck the directuess in line from the Crealor of hts musical inspiration and knows that the harmonies in his sonl form part of that - pertect and divine concord which the entire universe is destined one day to sound."

The emborliment of Browning's musical philosophy is lest found in this poem of "Abt Vogler," which is the greatest of the four poems dealing directly with .nusic. In it, with a truly wonderful sympathy, be puet attempts to describe the indescribable, to put in words the elcud-like thoughts ofleauty. the ecstatic phantasies which crowd the improvising artists" bran after one of his extemporizations. Browning's glorious optimisn lere funds its most moble expression, and perhaps in mo other words in the English langrange have we encompasied such a boxly of high inclusive thought as is fount in the verses that form the lat'er hatf of the poem.

In the "Toccata of Galuppi's" we have another " motif." which again lears witness to the close reintions of the dutine art with man's own nature. This sad and momewhat pessimistic note, the thought of all the music that has died and of the passing of all thungs brautiful is indeed used by way of contrast in Aht Vogler, but forms the basis or " lict motif" of the Toccata. Here it is touched on. truly only " tonched on " as the word tells us. with artistic delicacy and charm.

A peculiarity of l3rowning's method of selecting types to expmund his thought and lecling may be noticed with interest. Osscure men. the heralds of an oricr, attracted him more than its declared representatives. Thus Fra I.ippo I,ippi cries aloud for deliterance from the shackles that bound both man and art in the middle ages, not Raphacl or

Michacl Angelo ; and the nameless Grammarian, who toiled his life long for learning's sake, to add so little to its sum, is glorified, not the heirs of the renaissance; thus Abt Vogler and Galuppi with their blurred memories live in his voems, not Beethoven and Rossini.

Is not this selection suggestive of the intimate relation between the most evanescent of all the arts and the nature of nanl ? Vogler, Galuppi, Avisan, and perhaps Master Hugues lived and in their day were famous. They conceived innumerable combinations of notes, their melolies were listened to by countless ears and countless lives responded to their harmonies and now, men. melodies, and hearts that heard are gune, vanished utterly into the great unknown.
"Qui sait ou s'en vont les roses ?"" "With music as with life, change is law and not the lapse !" Imagination and feeling, the same old hates and loves and griefs and passionate aspirations alive then in Galuppi and the others demand in us to-day a new tonal expression. The music of the past is for the past. Its manner will not "all express" us. When a giant truthteller and tone-teller calls down the ages, a Beethoven or a Bach, then, and only then the human heart eternally responds.

In the poet's parleyings with Avisan, "whilcom of Newcastle organist," we find a strong and beautifui comparison of music with the arts of painting and poetry.

Music, the sweetest of soul's voices, aims, and attains, as do none other of the arts, "to match and mate feeling with knowledgr." "Soul has its course" neath mind's work overhead,-"
"Soul, the ussounded sen-whose lif of surge. Spite of all superstracture, kets emerge
In flame and foam, Feeling from oat the deejos
Mind arrogates no maxery upon-."
"To make as manifest soul's work as mind's work," to fix and hold each momentary passion " hates, loves, joys, woes, bopes, fears, that rise and sink ceaselessly," this is the problem which music essays to solve. She fails only as man fails and " in high failure overleaps the bounds of low
success." Music dredges deeper in the swim of sea than "Poet's word-mesh," " Painter's line and colour-throw." To use the thought of Abt Vogler, we have in music the miracle clement. "The finger of God," the will behind the law, to which law both painting and poetty are obedient. ". All painting begins by imitation." The artist must first tave the pecture before him. Something from the external or made up from material known tones, goes to reproduce his desire. In poetiy. language has first to be found and then the poet tells us of what has happened, of life and death and heroism and love. With music it is different.
' Music is more independent than the other arts of earthly element in which to clothe and embody itself. Without the intermediate means of a realistic conception, more is left to the composer's actual inspiration. Tise nost strictly correct musical intervals in nature are the most unpleasant to the ear and the least desirable to perpetuate. Schopenhauer says: "There is no sound in nature fit to serve the musician as a model, or to supply him with more than an occasional suggestion for his sublime purpose. He approaches; the original source of existence more closely than any other artist, nay, even than nature herself." And indeed, drawing upon little from the external world, the musician is directly dependent upon the source of all harmony. Through his music, as througt no other art-medium, flows. irresistible and divinc, the current of infinite beauty and mystery:
H. R. Y. R.

## FOOTBAILI IN SHAKESPEARE.

That there are many mysteries in the works of the immortal bard that are yet unravelled; or in common parlance, that there is more in Sbakespcare than meets the eye, is a truth that has been thrust upon us by generations of ambitious actors and literary adventurers. But the honnur of this crowning discorery-that Shakepeare was an ardent and enthusiastic devotee to the game of football-has been reserved for the writer of this short article. To the credit of originality he
cannot lay chant. The idea was first suggested by the following incident on the foothall field : A certain forward, possibly not unknown to many realers of this paber. Was sech emorging from a scrummage with rueful conntenance, and, as le rubleed his leg, he uttered memorable wordi, "Why. the fellow's at regular shayock. he"s taken a pound of flesh out of anc." What infinite possilsilities were summed up in thowsimple words. "a Shylock !" What a panorrama of vivid pietures was unrshled to the mental vision! Shrluck, a northern professional, forefoling his dincats, if only he might gain an oppor. sunty of tearing a pound of tlesh from his foe in the scrummage. Shylock offeside: for does he not himiself acknowledge early in the play that Antomio liad been allowed many a free kick. Shylock learnugy to tackle luw: "• If I can catch him once up on the hip." His indigmamt remonstrance. " Hath not a Jew eyes?" as Antonio hands him off in the face, followed by the tritumphant cry. "Hath not a Jew hands ?" ashe closes with his opponent and brings him to the ground. Itweed, the whole text of the " Me chant of Venice " is full of allusions to our popular sport : and. what is still more strange, the gance appears to have leen played moler much the same conditions as at present.

At the very leginning of the play we find Salanio-evident!y laving won the toss" plucking the graws to sec where sits the wind." lefore he makes his choice of sides. J,auncelot (iobbo secms to lave leen a heavy forward: "The most courageous fiead bids me pack" (the "fiend " probably leing his nickname for the captain): and immediately after, ayparently in answer to an appeal to "play the game." he responds, " my heels are at your commandinent." Hut he is not so tractabie when he gets the ball, for he loudly vociferates. "I arill run, I icill run." and refuses to pass. With Gratiano's triumphant cry, as he tackles Shyluck low, "Now infidel, I hate thee on the bip "" and

Shylock's expulsion from the field for foul play, the sene closes.

It is not. However, in the "Merchant of "enice" alone that we meet with these frequent allusious to the game. The most casual reader cannot help leing struck by them in almost every play. "Twelfth Night" opens with a familiar *enc: a hush of suspense, a crowd of players around a prostrate form : the latter rises slowly. Orsino, apparently acting as referee, " Play on!" the injured man limps to his place and our anxiety is relieved in a few lines ly the words, "That strain again," showing that there is no new or dangerous lhure. That Mark Antony was a hardworking forward, who neglected to use ear-caps, must be clear to all who recall his well-known lialf humorous appeal to the surrounding crowd. - Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your cars :" Hut from another passige where he replies testily. "What's the matter ?" when told apparently by his centre, " l'ray you stand farther from me," we should imagine that be sometimes played threc-quarter, and did not quite know his place. In all probability be was a fast forward brought out to oppcise the four th:re-quarters on the other side: for there is no doult that the question of thrce or four three-quarters was as keenly disputed then as now. For we read in " Tove's Lalmot: Iost"-" Now the number is even. ' "True, true, we are four." But Holofernes lxoldly asserts. "I will play three myself," and we heartily echo Moth's approving answer, " Thrice, worthy gentlemen !"
" Inamlet" is full of such allusicns. The Prince of lenmark appears to have been captain of his team, for he gave them sound adrice at one o'clock lefore they played : he seems, however, to have preferred the I.arge Hall to the North Room for his discourse. Seruc II, a Mall. Jinter Hamel and corlain playcrs. Hamlet: " Use all gently; be not too tame neither, but let your discretion be your tutor. $O$ ! there be players that I have seen play-and heard others praise, and that highly-
haveso strutted and !edlowed that I have thonght some of natures journeymen had mate men :mal not made then well, they imitated nature sin abominably." The style may be comanemded to the notice of the eaptain for fature harangties. Halves may take a lesson from Pohnius. for he not only " lured passing" but he " loned passinat act/ ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ : and can we not inagine the referece stamping on the ground as le cries. " Bial the phacers make liaste : 'tis bitter cold ?"

That they did in Shakespeare stime make some provision for emergencies in the case of lorn warments is apparent from the remark of one gentleman, who secms to hate carried a becolle athd thread with him, for he sils. " I will meend it. amd then play." This method, however, bhough showing more forethonght than the present sis tem of lorrowing an nlster and rumangs lome (o) change, is scarcely to lee recommemded, still less so if the needle has to le carried in the perke throughout the game.

To turn to another play : we gather that Mondus was a formedable opmonent. for speciai orelers are given to " mark "Iroilus alone the ient," and
 while the honkl-thirsty order which is given. " I.st him not pass : kill him rathor." shomes us that the language uxed by the eaptains was bex no means of the mildest : and this is further ex. emplificd by the following remark, adotrensed apparcutly to a furward, who used w lang b.ack o:1 lining out, " 1 ou great fellow, stand chese up or I'll make your head ache."

There is a touch of local colour in the foblowjug quotations from " Henry VIII, " whicl: ohtiates the neressity of explaration : St. l'etor's Fonuse will le in sympathy with the first atter their experitnces of last term. " Wee may as well push against l'anl's as stir them." ame at the cond of the first game of the suasin, ${ }^{\prime}()$ Griffith, I am sick to death."

- From Thi (1)wd.

llistory is the most human of studies and biowraphe the most human of its departments. Tine story of the world's heroes has ever wielded a mighty induence over the minds of men. Achilles, as imm rtalised lis Homer, was at source of mabiling invpration to Alexamber the Great. Marens Junias Jimatus was raised up by the memory of his illustrinus progenitor to strike hown the tyrant of Rome. But biography does Hot emmine its attention to public action: it ascrots its fight to pry into the most jealonsly suarded sectets of private lite-and rightly. for incidents. howerer trivial and insignificant in themselves. are comobled by comnecton with Ereat men We do mot feel that we are unduly infuisitive when we read of the number of cups of te:a drank ly Johnson at a meal, or when we learn that loord Macanlay's raor straps were always hatked to theces carly in their carcers.
lint while we enjoy the results of the patient researelles of our predecessors. We must not forget that future gencrations have a clam upon us. When thone who now till so large a place in the pulilic eve pass olt the otage of life, there will ise and dearth of writers ready to tell the stories of their 'ces: hut nu age has succeeded in forming a juse estinate of the merits of its contemporaries. Many wen whom we are inclined to werlexk will lwe interesting to our succesiors. . letuated by such feclings I have thought fit to !nt on recorll a fiew lacts which may be of use to the tuture hingrapiner of Joln i. Canphell.

John Mlistair Camplell was lxorn August 2ard, is.in, at Barlarawcit, in the comuty of l.anark. Kecords of his lnolinod are not now at hand, but it may le taken for gramted that he carly gave token of the distinction he was yet to gain. Sullice it now that lae pasised in duc course through the four ages of man. viz: Jong flowing rolkes, skiris, knickerlwekers and tronsers, and that at the age of forty or thercalmuts he made his loow as teacher of the youth in my native dis-

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trict. Well do I remember the morning when in all the terrors of his office and tine splendor of a newly-laundered collar, he installed hinself as the despot of a smoke-iegrimed and battered kinglom, $7 \times 1+\times 22$. What aluguries of coming miseries we read on that awful brow, that comstenance that mover relaxed ints a smile, those eyes that semed ever on the look out for wrong domy! But we soms foush that our forebodings were sot to be realised.

IIs terrific expression proved not so much that be was by mature bloodthirsty and savage as that his wonted potations had leen interiered with. LInder normal conditions he was gentle and pacific, long-suffering and slow to wrath.

Mr. Camplell had the misfortunc to incur debts which he was little inclined to diselarge. Bailiffs often came to the school to pay their respects to him, but I gricve to say that hospitality was not one of his virtues. Two lads, on wione filelity be felt he might rely, were sitationed as scouts on cither side of the school. Their duty it was to keep a shirp lookout for the bailif's hoase or any animal that resembled the aloresaid horse, and in fact to report all suspicions circumstances to their sujerior. 'This confidence was rarely alnsed. For cwen the dullest boy in the sehorl cund not hut know that the faibhful discharge of his sluty improved his chances of reappointment. Some lads. however, public-spirited, rather than silfishly prudent, Hocd to urge the worthy man so a precipitate retreat through the cellar, though mone pursucd. Others, again. particularly, Wihen ice was glib, fishing good, or lexries rijx, would cry " jeace! peace !" When there was no peace. This invariably meatt a day or two's cuforced sojoura in the Brig. for Mr. Camplell, at the end of which tinc he unally capitulated, was released and commenced alresh to fear the visits of the afore-mentioned bailiff on other errands.

School Trustecs put up with this sort of thing as long as prosible: but patience, even the patience of Jol, has its limits. The Chaiman of
the Board ont onc of his official visits found Mr. Campleil in the schoolrooin. somewhat "under the inhluence," while his pupils, with true childish delicacy of lee ling, had adjourned in a body to the southorn roof of the school, where supproted by vanions slats and cleats, provided for such occasions, they basked in the strong Aprit sum. Mr. Camphell's engagement was cancelled, such cancellation to take effect from June soth. On Junc ioth Mr. Cample had evidently been imbibing, but still he managed to work through the forenoon and to stagger home at lunch-time. Julging hy the past we confidently connted on a prolonged recess, and were not disappointed. One o'clock came and no Camphell, two o'clock and no Camplell, threc o'clock and yet no Campbell. There could be no harm in sending for him after this time. His son and heir was despatched in quest of his missing sire and given to understand that there would be trouble if he did mot proince him in twenty minutes. Within the specified time our erring preceptor got under way, urged on and stecred by our agent who had attached himself to his cort-tails. The possibilities of the sitnation conh not be allowed to pass unimproved. The next moment a procession had leen formed as a tail to the nuclens thus provided. In such order we reached the schoolroom, where we toxok our jlaces to await development:. For twenty minutes we listened to a broken harangue on the sin of disiespect. The story of the forty children who had mocked the Hebrew prophet, and the she bears who dined at their expenice, was held up ar anexalluple of what we might expect to suffer. When lic had sufliciently harrowed our feelings he ordered us on our knees to pray for forgiveness. He led our devotions at extraordinary length. One by one we stole out as the shadows of evening lengthenced. When the last boy left him he secmed only getting under way. When I came back after the holidays he was gone.

When next I heard of Mr. Campbell he was lecturing to crowded houses in the back settle-
ments. A lecture on "Education" he introduced by the words "The ancient liritons of a thousand years ago are not the same as the ancient Britons of to-day." lipon another occasion while speaking on the " l'roblem of Life" he divided his stabject into four headings, " Vegetable Life, Anmal Life, Human Life and Spiritual I,ife," -and these were not solitary gems.

Some years later-l had meanwhile become a teacher myself-Mr. Camplell appeared in my
vicinity, " a changed man," to quote his own phrase, -which he had picked up at an livangelistic service. After a stormy career of six months, during which time he addressed me several letters, all opening with a reference to the fact that I, his former pupil, was now his co-laborer, all containing piteous appeals for assistance in the solution of a donen or two problems in the compound rules, and all closing with the compromising subscription, " Votreamic, J. A. Campbell," he once more passed out of my ken.

## Societies.

## MCGILL MEDICAT SOCIETY OF INDIERGRADITATES.

The seventh regular mecting of the Society was held on Friday evening, Jan. Sth, in the Medical building.

The following was the programme arranged :

1. 1'aper, " Functional tizoriers of the Stomach."
II. l'aper, "Allinism." W A. Divins, is A.

Mr. Jost's paper was an admirable one, and showed marked evidence of extensive reading and careful thought. The discussion upon the sub)ject brought out several points of inportance, and added considerably to the interest taken in the paper.

Mr. Dalpé's paper, though upon a subje:t comparatively new to most of the students, was none the less welcome on that account. The writer showed himself conversant with what literature there is on the subject, but the most pleasing feature of his paper was the knowledge gained through personal research.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the iwo gentlemen for their excellent papers:

The next meeting will be held on Friday crening, Jan. 22nd, for which a debate has been arranged.

MiGILL GIEE ANI) BANJO CLUBS. CukIstais rotk 1890.97.

It was a jolly crowd of thirty-one sons of old McGill which occupied a special car on the end of the Ottawa train the Monday morning after Christmas. Needless to say there was a camera at hand, and grouping ourselves about Miss Hollinshead, who was going to Ottawa to sing at our concert, we "looked pleasant." Prominent among the group might liz seen the towering form of our genia! president, the smiling countenance of our first tenor, the tragical visage of our elocutionist, and the already somewhat anxious face of our business manager.

Arrived at Ottawa, the afternoon was spent in rehearsing for the concert and in viewing the sights of the gay capital. Feelings of excitement and uncertainty pervaded our ranks, reaching their highest pitch when the curtain rose shortly after $\$$ o'clock. To the great relief and delight of all there was not a hitch from beginning to end; each item scemed to "go" better than evfr: before, and the audience showed their evident appreciation by giving us numerous and hearty recalls. Miss Hollinshead's numbers added greatly to the entertainment. At the unanimous requist of the club she sang as an encore,

Atter the eoncert an aljummment wats made to the housce of Mra. Labmonth whese dancing was indtalged in until ant eatle hotir ot the morninz. Necolless to sily a mose engoxable time was spent.

 Napabsec. Mrs. Jammomin will alwats luhal at warn phace in our learts lor lier kinduess ta as

 shonc down on a slecper looking lot ot strasglers.
 station oner the glass-like stucts of (Mtawa. Streamers wete somistretched an c:ach side of ont car, amomucing in letters of white on a red gromed that the Meciall Gilee and banjo Cluth were on the move. This was the lomgest journe that we had to make, but the time now passed and we arrived at Napmee at aboutsochose in the aternoon.

We did a bin of advertising in the unam Mecoll style on the way to the hotel, and som had the satistaction of learning that the concert hat was to be crowded in the evening. We were further informed that the hadies of Napane hat arramged to have a dance firs us atter the concert. All Napanee seemed to turn out to hear us, and we. onf our part. "did the hest we combid." The dance was pertetion. The dilfenty of introburtions was som surmondted. and ewerybody set to work with a will to thormehthy enjog themethes. So thoronghly did we succed that the lights had gone out in the streets hecome the hast daneer . had lett the hall. What a hong time it takes to get back to a strange hotel on a dark, moonkess mornius:

Napane had to be kit on Wednesday moming, and at eleveno clock, and atter cheering Napamee and its ladies to the echo, we steamed off towards the Limestone City.

On our arrival in kingston we heard that the ice had broken up the might before, and consequently we could not go ice loating as had at first
beon intended. The Kingston hoys, however, lost no time in prosidias us with a very comfortable - leatrie an. and with the (Blee clabinside, chewing slippery elm, frog in the throat, cte., the Bumja Chan on the root, making mote noise with Heir lungs that they ever did with their instra. ments, and one banners girding the car round ahome. we proccoled throngh the primeipal strects of the city. The herses, particularls, semed to apmeciate our apparance, one pair actually trying lo climh: ielegraph pole in their efforts to obain a bether view. We reached the penitenliary withont serions mishap and were fortunate enungh to be allowed togo through it. We found it most interesting, the great size of the place and the awfint hopelessmess of athy chance of escape impressing us most.

After the erening concert we were given a receptom amd supper at the house of l'rot. Waddell of the Rosal Military College. An enjoyable time was sient and many pleasant acquantances formed. bint all too soon, we had to leave to catch the night train for ( shawa.

Foun one oblock matil nearly six in the morning we bore up bravely being comforted with dreams of feather-heds. Which landed us on the foor whenever we brought up at a station, a prophetic warning.

When we had arrived at the hotel, and had been able to get lise fromt door malocked, we were received by the elerk who, upon emquiry, foumd that there wete two or three rooms which we could have. The majority of our party found a convenient situingre rom with a piano, a few chairs, and an indilierent hoor, all of which were well patronized.

The skating in Oshawa was very good on New Sear*s morning.

It was with a great deal of siatisfaction that we marched into the IIuftman House, Peterborough, on Vriday afternoon, to find it gaily decorated in our honour, and the management prepared to do everytising for onr comfort. A mamber of our undergraduates come from Peterborough, and
they had worked with a will, so that the concert hall was crowded, some people indeed having to stand. Needless to saly, with such an audience, we did our best.

After the concert we went back to the hotel, where great preparations had been made for a dance. The floor and music were excellent : the ladies we e charming.
"Tomect, to know, to love, and then to part, Is the sad lot of many a human heart"
Our recollections of leterhorough are of the pleasantest. and we were very sorry to leave it next day. One of our number, indeed, was so sorry that he stayed behind after the team started, but recollecting that he could not remain long without the business manager he jumped into the mearest bus and caught us at the uext corner. This is not meant as a reflection on the rate of travelling ; the conductor stopped the train.

Belleville, our next stop, seems to be a flourishing town. They have an excellent hotel and a good opera house, the latter being managed by two old Montrealers, who did all they cond to help us.

On Sunday afternoon we arrived in Brockville. a city which is well-known as a be antiful summer resort. We had a very pleasant time here, many of us meeting old friends, among whom we may mention Mr. Broome, the instructor of the cilce Club, who had done much to make our concert in Brockville the success it undoubtedly was.

The calls of our Alma Mater now claimed our attention. Someone was found writing out clectrical eagineering notes on Sunday night, and on Tucsday morning we arrived at Bonaventure once more, whell we had all had a good sleep and breakfast. The conclusion was general that we had had a first-rate time.

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## COMPARATIVE MEDICINE CLASS REPORTS.

Dr. Bruce Anderson (class 94) recently paid a visit to Montreal and took the opportunity of looking up some of his old friends.

At a meeting of the 3 rd year, Mr. Newcomb was unamimonsly elected valedictorian, a position Which he is sure to fill with distinetion.

Mr. (i. H. Lambert's return on the soth made a welcome addition to the and year, though to our surprise he is still going up in single harness.

Dean Craik kindly presented a thoroughbred horse to the dissecting class. With the assistance of the Faculty osteologist, the students propose momiting the skelcton.

The results of the supplemental in chemistry were highly satisfactory to all but one, who though he may not get be a chemist, as a dispenser of equine remedies has no rival in our pharmacy.

Mr. Wallis, of the 2nd year, was the happy recipient of a handsomely mounted riding whip, presented to him by the members of his class as a mark of appreciation of his effort made on their behalf.

Those who spent Christmas day at home ware unfortumate in being unable to attend the amual dimer given to the students by our popular Dr. Charles Mcliachran. Coming as it does at a time when our thoughts naturally revert to homes, which in many cases are far distant. it serves admirably to dispel that feeliug of loneliness which so frequently visits us at such times.

The dimer of 96 , with the accompanying songs, stories and toasts, made a happy Christmas day for us, and we finally said good-bye, feeling that the interest shown in us by our host and hostess gave a charm to student life which nothing could replace, which in after years will live as one oi our pleasantest recollections thereof.

McGill Y. M. C. A.
The Sunday afternoon meetings of the association were resumed on the toth inst. It was a missionary meeting. Mr. R. E. Lewis, of Boston, Travelling Secreiary of the Student Volunteer Moveurent, delivered an address, taking as his subject "The student as a factor in foreign missions."

Mr. Tory contimues his studies in the " Life of Christ " and will endeavor to complete the surrey, by the end of the term.

The thittenth amual meeting will be held Saturday evening, Feb. 6th, and every member is urged to reserve this date.
sir Wham Dawson has kindly consented to speak bsfore the assuciation on February ithat 3 o'clark

## GIIEL ANI BANJO CLI'B CONCLERT.

The long anticipated Glee and Banjo Club concert is a realized fact and to say that it was an unqualified success is a very mild way of expressing it. The advisibility of inviting the U. V. M. (Glee Club to aid our own Glee and Banjo clubs was never for a moment questioned, and when they took the house by stom through their brisk American mamer, and decided innovations in the line of entertainment, the blessings of the entire clubs were freely bestowed upon the Executive Committee, through whose wisdom Vermont's representatives were asked to eome and show us how they do it in Burlington. They did it well, but no better than the home clubs. who reflected great credit upon their instructors-- Messrs. Parker and Broome. Mr. Parker has brought the Banjo Club to such a state of perfection that it can truly be said nothing is a'sutint. It is safe to say that the McGill Banjo Club of '96-'97 has never been surpassed by the clubs of previous years and is perhaps equal, if not superior, to any club of the same nature ever heard in Montreal. Nothing less can be said of the Glee Club. Nor ought it to be otherwise: for they have had, in Mr. Broome, the careful training of a painstaking instructor and thorough musician, who has already won for himself a position in the very front rank of Montreal artists. In Messrs. Moore and Carter the Glec and Banjo clubs, respectively, have leaders who have worked indefatigably in their interests and of whom they are justly proud.
At their concert on the evening of Jamuary 15 th, at the Academy of Music, they bad, besides the
assistance already mentioned, the distinguished aid of Miss Maria Hollinshead and Mr Roland Paul. Miss Hollinshead's solos were enthusiastically received, comme dhabitude, and her number by Saint Saras, "Mon conur s'ouvre ia ta voix," a cantabile from Samson and Datila, -was especially deserving of the applause and flowers bestowed upon it, while the rendition of Greig's little song "I have thee" was the best it has ever been our good fortune to hear. Mr. Paul surpassed himself and is fast becoming the tenor singer of Montreal. That the andience sincerely appreciated hearing him at his best, wasevidenced by the ovation given him. Mr. Paul's rendering of Balfe's, "Come into the Garden, Maud," displayed his powers of handling difficult productions in such a manner that rounds of applause called him back and he sang "I am Waiting "-a sefenadt-with much elegance of expression. He also sang with the Glee Club in their choruses and along with Messrs. DuBoyce, Moore and Morison sang the vocal quartette which was encored as was also the U. V. M. quar-tette,-Messrs. Oakes, Lincoln, Vaughan and Bryant.

Montreal audiences always know what to expect from Mr. Parker, and they were not at all disappointed this time. He was born to please and, in his solo, lived up to his destiny and elicited great applause by the way in which he seemed to make the banjo become a part of himself. The readings and encores thereof were, with one exception, of a comic mature. That exception was Mr. Therrien's rendering of Dicken's description of an impressive scene during the Firench Revolution. He and Mr. Packard were vixorously applauded and deserved it all. In fact, encores were the order of the evening, and the most unstinted praise was lavished upon visiting and home clubs alike and in turn duly appreciated by them, as was shown by their prompt reponses. Much might be said of the students in the Gods but it suffices to remark that, with their pleasing references to different acquaintances in
the orchestra chairs and dress circle, they appeared to be what they assired every one that they were " all right."

A more pleasing end to the year's hard training and rehearsing could scarcely be imagined than the holiday trip through Ontario, brought to a final end, as it were, by the ammal Montreal concert. All honor is due Dr. Morison, the President, and Mr. Larmonth, the Business Manager, for their heroic and sustained efforts to bring the season to a brilliant and successful close, and every man in both clubs will heartily join in the oft-repeated non-musical chorus "They're all right, oh yes, you bet.'

## SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Durley, who succeeds Mr. Guest as assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Durley, we hear, has already made a good impression on those who have had the pleasure of meeting him.
' 97 is pleased to see Mr. H. C. Symmes back in our ranks again. He was prevented by illness from taking up work at the beginning of the: session.

A gentleman who is not afraid to sit on safetyvalves, requests us to keep our wit for the loortNiguris and not adastc it on him.

The boys say it was cold enough in Wimnipeg to freeze the arcs off an electric light plant.

The civils have a habit of rumning the testing machines to suit the results they liave calculated beforehand.
" Reg" Balfour was elected captain of the Sc. 97 hockey team. Sc. 97 wants to get an extra big hustle on, and every fellow should turn up to practice.

Some genius suggests that a drive would drati the students more together than a dinner.

Mr. Editor I cannot tell a lie-a freshman penned this:

[^0]Be heroic $b$ s.s and pay your dollar for the Fortmigheris.
The gentle sex had a musicale cake walk or cane rush on Wednesday afternoon, which entertained the class in assaying beneath exceedingly. We thought only men wore heavy boots like that.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred in the Testing Lab the other day. A splinter of scond growth, Douglas Fir, about ten feet long and weighing at least 200 pounds, flew from a beam that was being crushed in the testing machine, hitting Y -g on the head with, we are happy to say, no serious results. You must have a hard head George, bat be careful.

What was the matter with Ernie, when he appeared at lectures the other day without a necktie. Guess he got it on the neck as soon as he could lay hands on it.

We regret to state that our class mate, C. A. K . Cornwall, has been on the sick list for the last few days, erysipelas, we understand, being the cause of the trouble. We hope scon to see him ont again.
Our big miner says that Peterborough is the star place. Norman threatens to betake himself to Queens. liven the infinitessimal increment on our Moncton man's upper lip seems to droop sadly.
E. V. Moore was on hand to welcome our Glee and Banjo Club to Peterborough. Our ex-class mate says that Sc ' 99 is the place, even althougit he now inscribes himself Arts 1900, Toronto.

## MCGILI, LITERARI SOCIETY. <br> 

This Society reassembled after the holidays ai their regular meeting of Firiday, Jan. 8th. The minutes being read and confirmed Mr. Mcleod, Sc. '97, was appointed critic.

The programme opened with a reading by Mr. A. Huntley Duff, Arts ' $y s$, but owing to claims of the Glee Club our singing members were unable to give their usual chorus.

The debate was now opened by Mr. Archibald, Arts '9, who upheld the affirmative of the resolution, vi\%: "That the settlement of the Manitoba school question renders justice to all parties." Mr. Archibald went over the history of education in Manitoha, and yuoted largely in support of his views, contending that Mr. Saturier had met all requirements.

Mr. Place, Arts 'ys. now spoke in the negative, saying that although the settlement might finfil the conditions, yet, if separate schouls were the right of the Catholics, as he contended. then the settlement was unjust.

Mr. Butler, Sc. 'gs, contended that the Catholic population had its demands satisfied and that the resolution was decidedly true.

Mr. 13all, l.aw '99, the last prepared speaker in the negative, believed that separate schools were promised, were due, lut were not granted. 'That their grievance had been admitted but not redressed.

The debate was now thrown open and Messrs. Marler, Iaw '98, and Robertson, Arts '99, spoke it the affirmative, while Messrs. Ives, Law 'go, and laverty. Law 'yт. upheld the negative.

The leaders closed the debate and the question being put to the meeting resulted in a majority for the affirmative.

Mr. McLeod now gave his criticism, after which the mecting adjourned till Jan. 22nd, on motion of Mr. Trenhoime, in order that all members should be free to attend the Glee Club concert.

## Class Reports.

## MEDICAL NOTES.

Even the latest stragglers from the Christmas holiday visits are back again and hard to work. The many wind storms during the time they were away may acconnt for the number who have come back minus the usual adormment of the upper lip.

It is very gratifying that so large a proportion of final men going up for the anatomy "Sup" passed.

A petition is being circulated and largely signed by members of the and year. It is tor the purpose of having the funal exams. in anatomy held before instead of after Easter. Most of the class are of the opinion that this arrangement will allow them to better distribute their time among the primary subjects.

The Saturday Obstetric conferences are much enjoyed by members of the $f^{\text {th }}$ year.

No ; the anatomical structures net with in operating for inguinal hernia are not always the same: in some cases there is a vast difference (vas deferens.)

Mr. C. G. Gurd has an interesting collection of curios contributed by several nembers of his class.

Mr. W. R. Brown returned Tuestay from his western trip with the Glee club.

It is stated on good authority that W. S. Proderick is quite an adept at eliciting the cracked pot note.

Anxious little groups of fimal men are seen comparing "proofs" from Notman's. Mr. Stanfield hasn't been operated on yet; he is giving that moustache a little more time to develop.

Friends of Mr. l3onther ' 99 , will be glad to hear that he has fallen heir to a considerable fortune.

I'rof Cook's laboratory of private research is to be moved across the ball. When at the ielephone state secrets leaked out, as his liquid tones travelled over the library and were divulged by unscrupulous stulents.

Class 'gy bids fair to have a hockey teall that will astonish the city.

## I.EGAI, BRIEFS.

Characteristics of this Faccits:
The University is a leveller: it recognizes no social claims; it is the enemy of sentiment. To all its students it is the same; to none is extended the helping hand : each one is his own master. It awakens, it develops, it polishes, but it does not change the characters of its students. Nowhere is this leetter shown : nowhere do you mect greater extremes; nowhere does the incongruous strike you more forcibly; nowhere is the diversity of human nature better exemplied than in the faculty of law. There the wouldbe aristocrat rubs shoulders with the countryman: the city sport hob nols with the blue ribboner: the clown fraternizes with the sage. The characters of the men of the law faculty are cosmopolitan, varied, conservative : cosmopolitan by their universality; varied, in their contrasts; conservative by their unchanging permanency. The embryo judge by his solemnity, his frigidity, his dignity, his ponderosity, sets off the man who finds every word a joke; every phrase a witticism; every lecture one loug side splitting laugh. The unlucky unit is the very embodiment of all that is lugubrious; of all that is sorrowful : of all that is miserable : and yet, he jostles the wrong man: who laughs boisterously ; who converses audibly : who is a general nuisance. An insignificant nothing is the quiet mau, who is as doleful as any one, though he weeps not: who enjoys himself thoroughly, though he laughs not : who works like a Trojan, though he says not. But alas! amidst this imposing pageant is always heard the giddy exclamation; the nonsensical bon-mot ; the foolish remark of the inane scoffer ; the embittered aspirant ; the hopeless degenerate. They are all thrown together; some through necessity ; some through choice; some through chance. Circumstances brought about their acquaintance; circumstances brought about their good-fellowship; circumstances will eventually divide, scatter, estrange them ; circumstances will never assimi-
late these contrary, adverse, strong characters. These characters mingle not; they repulse each other: they have nothing in common. But they soften, they become pliable, they are easily moulded by an adept's hands. To triumph over these diversities, to subdue them all to one common plane, to remove, efface, annihilate their inharmonious elements, this is the sphere of the faculty of law.

The sympathy of all the faculty is extended to Claude Hickson '9s, in the loss he has sustained by the death of his father, Sir Joseph Hickson.

## ARTS NOTES.

One of the members of our Honour Pbilosophy class of ' 97 has achieved fame immortal. He has become the hero of an epic poem under the thin guise of a change of sex. This, however, has not deceived us.

The language used in the effusion is both artistic and lends, as is proper, archaic interest to the subject. It it a mixture of the tongues spoken by the settlers in this county from "la belle France" and "merrie lingland." We submit the and stanza to the notice of our readers:
" Do you know where dat girl he be, Petite, jolie ma'amselle, Dat girl you know belong to me l'etite jolie ma'amselle. Itis hair sometimes was curl so tight When be put on papier at night But when it rain it don't curl so well Ma chire, ma petite ma'amselle.'
A good deal of interest seems to centre around the philosophy class. We are certain that the contest for the medal will be this year conducted ai ct armis. We base our assumption on the report which has reached us that one of the fair who adorns the philosophic sanctum was seen in the very act of purchasing boxing gloves.

Our conversat. is to be held on Tuesday the 26th inst. It is hoped that the Faculty will support the festive occasion with great enthusiasm. Several of the committees have already commenc-
ed work. Mr. Edward Campbell is chairman, and Mr. Lawrence Macfarlane secretary of the general committee.

An important meeting of '97 was held on Tuesday, the 12th. A committee composed of Messrs. Brown, Macleod and Watters were elected to see after the class photo. The advisibility of holding a class-day, similar to that held in many universities of the United States, was diseussed and a committee of investigation was selected which is comprised of Messrs. Rowatt, Watters, Saxe, Willis, Wyman and president Howard. The feeling of the year seemed to be that such a meeting should be held provided that the graduating dimer was not interfered with.

Mr. : rustle has always been considered by his class-mate as a scion of a Caledonia house, but the sister island, of Hibernia, was immediately credited with his ancestry when he came out with the words, "The grounds will at that time be hall snow and half slush and ali mud anyway."
' 97 is doing ber duty in the hockey line. The team if unsuccessful cannot blame themselves with want of practice.

At a meeting held this week, Mr. W. Gordon Bishop, of '98, was elected captain of the Faculty hockey team. We may rest assured that Mr. Bishop will lead his team to victoty this year, as there is a great deal of promising material in the different years.

The annual drive and supper is under the management of the Juniors this year That it will be a how!ing success is already certain, as ' 98 always carry their undertakings to a successful issue.

98's hockey team are getting down to hard work, and their chances of carrying off the Art's championships are extremely rosy.

The Freshmen have been taking advantage of the fine weather of the last two weeks to get their hockey team into trim. No matches have occurred yet, the first one scheduled being with Art ' 97 , on Jan. 14, when 1900 will do its best to maintain the reputation earned on the football field. The following players have been chisen to form the team: Goal, Stevenson; point, Cleghorn; cover, Reford; furwards, Rowell, Ness, Rhinehardt and Grier.

One of our members, Harry Dubois, has lately left us to fill a position in the Western States. He was one of the most popular men of the year for the short time he was here. He has the Freshmen's heartiest wishes for success.
 SLow.


FEATHERS FROM THE LEAST WING.
At a meeting of the Donalda Department, held last term, it was decided that each of the four years should, in turn, give some kind of entertainment to the other three jears. The object of this plan was the fostering of college spirit. The fourth year was chosen to contribute first to the amusement of their jumiors. A play seemed the best form the entertainment could take, and as the fourth year are ladies of an ambitious turn of mind they decided to have an original one. Their intention, however, was kept quite secret, and so, when on Jan. gth, the other three gears assembled in the Theatre of the Museum, the programme came as an entire surprise.

A prologue bidding us watel the antics of the seniors, who laid aside their dignity for our bencfit, without criticism, came firs'. Then the screens were drawn aside and the fun began.

The plot of the dramatic triumph was as follows: A Donalda. Who is preparing for an exam. on the morrow, falls asleep over her books. During her sleep there appear in her dream, tortured by strong tea and philososhy, visions of spectres familiar to every college student.

St. Cecilia. adorned with white wings and a gilt halo, enters first on the arm of Mephisto, who is try:ng his best to look diabolical. St. Cecilia takes up her position at a hurdy-gurdy, which she superintends throughout the performance, and Mephisto undratakes the ushering about of the spectres. These are-first, the wooden horse of Troy, glorious in black poodle mane and tail, and possessed of an eye that can wink to periection. His remarks are aimost all in Latin, (where could he have learnt to speak it?) which the Donalda actually translates without the use of a key or
dictionary. Then comes Achilles dragging Hector by the hair. Then Charon enters, dragging his staff after him, and complaining of the shoals. Mephisto helps him along and soon he makes a return trip, accompanied by four sheeted forms. When questioned by the Ionalda they aeknowledge they are the ghosts of the committee on the lonalda cry. Their doom in hades is to repeat elernally their own horrible invention. The next passenger across the sty $x$ is the Ghost of Examinations, who used to spend her time flucking spring chickens. "When a pretty Donalda smiled at me I asked her the properties of hydrochloric acid gas, and straightway her hair lost its curl. When the individual trophy med. showed me his biceps, I encquired after the extremities of his fifth vertebral nerve, and he faded." The next spectre was received with great enthusiasm. He attributes his untimely fate to the effect of Canada's biting cold on a newly imported floweret. He speaks as follows: "I, too, belonged to the $\mathrm{F}-$ lty of $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{S}$. There did I strive to lead the youth aright. I did my best. Whene'er they went astray I cried, 'Oh, no! that's wro-ong.' I urged them on. Whene'er they stopped, I said, 'Go on, go on!'"

Jonalda-"Why, it must be Profes-'"
Chorrs-" Hush—sh—sh !"
But we all knew who it was, and Charon as he came back. remarked, "There's nothing like check, is there ?"

Next came Nefandissima, the Donalda who never went to class meetings, to Delta Sigma, or S. M. C. A., and was guilty of many other crimes.

Then came College Propriety, who has chosen death rather than live to see the state of things at old McGill, " the intercourse of honour lectures,"
"the awful library" and the " spacious ice-field." Charon thinks his work is done. but no, another passenger comes. 'Tis Mrs. Malaprop, who has yg times asked the Donalda what she intends to do when she graduates, after giving her views: on the proper education for a woman, she is hustled out be Charon, violently obiecting.

Next then enters into the Donalda's dream the vision of a Troubadour, who sings a song, half French, half broken Eughsh. (original. too.) to the tune of Rohin Adair. The Troubadour wakes her up with a kiss-the lights are turned outthe Donalda strikes a match and discorers it is two o'clock. Instead of going to bed sensibly, however, she joins in a dance :rith the varions;
spectres, after which the curtain falls and Mephisto comes before it anil recites the epilogue.
" The moral of this dream you'll clearly see, llon't work too hard and never drink strong tea."
The costumes were very cleverly arranged, and the six sirens who joined in the chornses. with which the play was interspersed, made a very pretty feature. Another thing for whicls the fourth year deserves great thanks, is the placing of hoxes of delicious candy among the audience. It was thoroughly appreciated.

We of the other years will have to rouse ourselves to great exertions if we hope to provide entertainments as amusing and clever as that of the fourth year.

## A TOLCHING: TALE.

They sat ineath the lixht of the dying jamp, the senior free andibold. And the fresbman maid, with the guile. lest face and the wavy crown of gold. 'Twas only a week since they firse had met, hat after thatglissful day
That senior hold had found that his beart had been stol'n by that maidjaway: And she blushedgandlsighed as be swore that his love coulignever, yever die. And sto ore to read that damsel's thought in ber lasshful, ©lowncast eye.

- Iho my pleadings rousckin your tender hean nofeelingl?" Ilisitheart beat fast. " Yies, that t'relf feeling., sir,"."she said, and into the darkness passerl.



## Exchanges.

READV TO FIGIT !
Aftir the Monner of the "Jlugolat " of " Alusical Connedy."
Some singers praise our Volunteers, And some our Jack upon the wave: I would sing the praise and bonour Of our soldier lads so brave.
That they're worthy of my siogitg All their ancrent deeds will prove, And 'tis true that at this minute They would die to show their love.
Rerrain-They're ready to batle, ready to wing
Ready to carry our banners in.
Oars is the gain,
'Tis yot in rain
We irust in our soldier lads.
In a manner diplomatic
I.et our statismen write and shout,

Till their fiogers grow rheumatic: I.et them twist their words about :

We'll ha' done with such-like vonsens. Sow's the time for foes to meet, And our boys will sbow their daring Fire the bugles sound "Retreat !"
Kri:rain-They're ready, sec.
"Little Fogland,' shout our foemen, Shout it alway with a sueer;
Rut when once our lion rousen, Thes they'll know the feel of fear.
When at last the war cloud rupkures, Death and woe will stalk around, And our soldiers will march forward, Crushing meerers to the ground!
Rrarain: Thes're ready, Sc.
C. 1.

In nonce of our exchanges do we notice a greater improvement this year than in The Argosy, from Mount Alison University: Their Christmas number, all pink and gold, is a very worthy production. It contains a large photogravure of the College Football Team, an article on Robert Iouis Stevenson by Mr. Webster, of Montreal : an interesting article on Japanesc Floral Art and some useful remarks on Hygicac in student life. "Sackvilliana" is the title of the personal column. Ve find here some racy sketches of lireshmen. Its poctry is quite up to the standard : this is not bad:

## As he slood in aduniration

Looking dowe alots his side.
Wits hi a whets juss ball-way open.
Bit betraged a look of pride.

From the stealthy way he did it, And the bright'ning of his fuce.
I'm certain that there must have been A woman in the case.

Cold weather and drifting snow seem to agree with The Owl. As a frontispiece we find an excellent picture of the football champions. The sage bird cannot forego a few more undignified pirouettes in honor of its pig-skin heroes, though the season is a thing of the past now. Several half-tone cuts represent the team and players in various positions, tackling, scrimmaging, etc. Ir. J. K. Foran contributes "The Story of an Owl." An aluminus waxes reminiscent, and gives us the benefit of his retrospection in a few humorous pages of the story. "The Pacific Scandal " is retold, reviving some unsavory passages in our politics. There is more than the usual quota of verse. Here is a song of victory:

1.

Oh : W'e've just returned to College from the snows football feld.
We to grod Toronto went
With our minds on mischief bent,
Ind our quick-revolving scrimmage made the Varsity forwarda gieh,
And that's the way we showed them what we meant.
Yes, that's the way weshowed them what we meant
choris.
As we walk the streets of (Itawa, with an unconcerned nir,
We hear the folks declare, "EIOw I wish that I'd been there!"
And even the newsbors stop their cries
To watch us with adauriog egen,
The boys that won the championahip of Canada.

## 11.

I tell you, they're no dufirs, though, the men we bed cofece.
lior they're athletes every one,
Fat to tackle, kick and run:
To be beates by theen woold have dowe wo ofber ceam dinprece.
But they bore defiel right bravely whet we won. Aad 'twas go discredit to there that we wom.

## 111.

O: It wis: worthy sunset to a дrami and ghorions day. Thone werve ineaten are char fricmis As the football meavon end


And The Owi's deighted cherring with their's ben s.

I anked my dove an the gloan ins. What made her so poom and sus :ruce.
Ands!e answered ane then, softy vilmas.
" Ans exil yat mever can du
if you nould do mato othets
As you would they should in mate, yont."
1 kis.d uy sweet love in the forming: It could not be siantul. you vere.
Since 1 only dial unto ancther What I wosull she wouh d, unto me. D:armontin l.it


Heing in torners, bow shonh he be still. The slim neck iwists. the syes beneath the wide Dent Clambian brows shrink prome anl territied.

Along the heardless cheak the muscles thrill J.ike smitten lutestrings Cim no strength of will silence this presence ever at his able, This hateful soice, that will not be deniel, That talks whh him, ami muters "kill and " kill"
 o dead rdel worh that shadered on his nomi. Onty this iron stone endures: and thence Iooks forth a soul in everlasting win. The ghoul of Caesar. maniac and got. Amiloather the weakuess of omipotence.
-Nichols.

## kositm Ins.

she phincked a roselbud by the wall Anl placed it in hisoutstretched bands: It w.s love's token, that was all. Aul he ronle off to forcign lands.
He kept the rose? H al in lis breast. And when the batile charge was led, They fonmi him slain amoug the rest : The roselbud stained a deeper red.
lhit st:e, beside the wall that day, A roselud gave to other hanils: Nor thought of that one horne awny by him who rode to foreign lands.

- Howdoin Orient.



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When foulish students make a monse,
And cough aloun, or blow their noses.
Or seripe their feet like little lings.
1 simulate a slouble ptosis,
And lieave a sigh-
A deep-dawn, pitiful, expansive sigh.
I'm bound to say :
Whenever I make reference To anti-vivisectionists
Who've put my name, without ollence.
I pon their very blackest lists.
I heave a sigh -
A sympathetic, curarising sigh.
I'm liound to say:
That when the Secomal Orals conte. And idle students do not know
Their work, but only answer dumb. 1 roll my eyeballs to aud fro. And heave a sigh-
An ominons, satis minus sigh.

## AT THE CliSTMM HOt'SE.

She steps :rom the steamer onto the pier Her neat traveling dress is au fait : But the things that it covers are made to ippear.
liy means of the magic $\boldsymbol{X}$ ray.
Notwithstacding ler celicate, innocent face,
Her pockets, her hoots, how they weigh:
lor they're stuffed full of kloves and juxels aud lace,
Brought to light lys the magic $\mathcal{X}$ ray.
-Vassar Miscellany.
l.arge checks are always fashionable for lawyers' suits.

As lireshmen first to colicge roant, (iay; lusty gallants just from home, To seek perchance for knowledge, They wear in luat. on vest or coat, Or radiant necktie round their throat, The emblems of their college.

They swear to Vic. they will be true, Their colors will be erer blue!

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But spite of hanners and of badges,
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1 met a dainty summer girl. She was not old, she saill . Her hant was thick with many a curl That clustered round her head.

She hat no rustic woodland air Ind she was smanty clad.
she wore upon her face of fitir A look that made me sal.
" Tell me what ats you, pretts mad, "That you so wata may heo"
"Alas' the"re seven an :lll." she s:ant. And looked dejecteds.
" Bat what are 'they" 1 prithee tell." She suswerel. "swen there be .
Tiwo 1 rasen an ms ankle lwell. lad two upon my knee.

- Two of them on ay arm do he They came when whit lan's brothes
The seventh gave ue this back eyeVou set how blue's the other."
* You go about, my ninsouse maid Your mbsthey are yet whole"
"Oh, yes." 1 aleeting smile betrayed The sadness of her soul.
* Why to youricte the wheet, my dear, If this is the result $\cdot$.
She said ${ }^{-1} 1 \mathrm{~d}$ ride it wholhot fear Though twis at catapnit'
- No mather if they're seventy. I noo my whed is given My heart forever more. Vet still on healers I have hatl my fill. My brases they are seven. - Mary. F. Nixou in N. V. Sun


## HAST THOL loukgottion.

Hast though forgotten, darling, The days of long ago,
The jovous hill, the meadon. The wood where orchids blow. Hast thou forgotten, arlug, The glow of chilhthool's dream, The vows we plighted then, hear, Beside the silver stream ? Hast thou forgotien darling. Our bued encircling light, The shining of whose klory. Makes e'en the darkness hrigh Thou hast forgotien, darling, The days of long ako. The shadows of the evening In silence wisisper low Thou hast forgoten, darling. My lonesome heart replies. Thou hast forgoten, dasling, The strain in echo dies.

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