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SUNSET.

Gloom comes with eve, and cloud-drifts lie
O'er summits old,
All lone and cold.
Lo! sunset's golden arrows fly
In splendid path across the sky,
And sombre gray
Is chased away.
So thou, dear heart, shall lose thy sorrow,
All glorious behold on high
Thy promise of the glad to-morrow.

—Brunonian.

TRUE ART.

To paint the picture of a life
Sincere in word, in deed sublime,
Noble to reach the after-time,
And find a rest beyond the strife:—

This is the highest goal of art,—
Is more a form of rare device,
The fruit of early sacrifice,—
The true devotion of the heart.

We work in shadow and in doubt,
But view our Model, and with trust
Toil on, till He, the Good, the Just,
Shall bring the perfect fulness out.

—W. T. Herridge, in *Presbyterian College Journal*.

JOSEPH HOWE.

THE great men of every age and nation have had poets and historians to sing their praise and recount their deeds. This was an end much sought after; to have one's name handed down to posterity, their lives fresh in the memory of the latest generations. The most renowned men of the ancient world felt how valueless was Fame and a good report merely among contemporaries. If they could only make their title to greatness good before the bar of History, this was a thing above all to be desired. So

thought the great Alexander. He knew the value of conciliating the Athenians, who were at that time the dispensers of Fame. But for their testimony, the martial exploits of that conqueror, the military genius which, with a mere handful of troops, shook the Eastern despots from their purple thrones, would be unknown at this day, or exist only in doubtful tradition.

The life of Joseph Howe, indeed, was well and minutely written by the late W. Annand, his old friend and colleague—whose work was a labour of friendship. Therein are recorded the doings of a most active life lived in most stirring times. Nova Scotians of the present day have powerful reasons for gratitude to Joseph Howe, of whose labours and struggles they reap the benefit. He was the pioneer of those reforms in the administration which have assisted so materially in making Nova Scotia a prosperous, peaceful and well ordered province. Born and bred a Haligonian, his sympathies lay entirely with the popular and reform party, whose recognized leader he soon became. The shocking state of municipal affairs—the poor forced to pay taxes, the affluent allowed to go free—excited his liveliest indignation. Then editor of the *Nova Scotian*, he published a letter in his paper accusing the Halifax magistrates of favouritism and shameless corruption. Authority frowned most majestically, and summoned the daring offender to that "Trial for Libel," on the issue of which hung the destinies of our province. The lawyers to whom he applied for assistance shook their heads and he was obliged to make his own defence. The young man of thirty-one, untaught in the intricacies of law,

unused to forensic debate, appeared for the first time in his life before a densely crowded court, a hostile judge, but a jury of citizens—in which alone lay his hope of safety. He addressed his case to the sympathies of the jury; implored them not to let him rot in Bridewell, to whose prison-tomb the magistrates consigned all offenders. One old gentleman could not stand his appeal and burst into tears of sympathy. Howe saw in these tears a sure hope of acquittal, nor was he disappointed. By this single speech a municipal system that had lasted through a century was smitten down for ever.

Then followed a stormy political life in which Howe cast his lot with the Reformers. He showed extraordinary talent as a debater. The opponent who ventured to engage him had well need of a long sword. The invariable result was the retreat of the enemy worsted or at least badly wounded. The gratitude of his fellow-countrymen at last pointed him out as Governor. But this highest honor came too late; for, four days after his appointment, Joseph Howe died, mourned alike by friend and foe.

We dare affirm that Joseph Howe was the the greatest man Nova Scotia ever produced. Those who have heard him speak in Parliament or on other occasions had but one opinion—that he was a finished orator. Scarcely ever did he end one of his great speeches in the Assembly, when friend and foe did not cheer him to the echo. Then Nova Scotia had a model Parliament if ever country could boast of one. It needs not individual mention of that galaxy of clever politicians and brilliant orators. Every Nova Scotian who studies the history of his country must know their names. It is certain that our province could then challenge any House of Representatives in America to show such a splendid gathering as her own. But among all those stars no man, except the divinely-speaking Johnstone, could be accounted the compeer of Howe. Though his eloquence was equalled by Johnstone's and his wit surpassed by Doyle's, his political sagacity and profound statesmanship bore away the palm from all others. His Southampton speech, on the relation of the Canadian provinces to Britain, was

considered by English authorities the best production of the kind in those times. He had set his heart on Imperial federation, as the most perfect form of government the provinces could have. But British sentiment was not ripe for such a grand binding together of her dependencies; and Howe was extremely mortified when, instead of the grand Union he advocated, Confederation took place. Here his political career may be said to have ended.

There are some who say, and not without reason, that the last chapter of his life will not bear to be written. The most violent of his own party accused him of traducing his country, of betraying the cause whose sworn defender he was. His popularity waned, old friends turned the cold shoulder, and former services were forgotten in the recent fault. But it cannot be that what seemed treason in Howe towards his party was also treason to his native province. His was an honest nature. No man had a fuller sense of what Patriotism meant than Howe. Country was a sacred name in Howe's ears. Let not this cloud which darkens the sunset of his life obscure a fame otherwise most fair. A single one of the great acts of self-sacrifice which the history of his life contains, should, in the judgment of a people whom he served, atone for a hundred similar faults. But for the resolution which his vigorous colonial intellect could summon up and infuse into the minds of his fellow-countrymen, tyranny might yet brood over this fairest province of the east, and old ocean, that "wraps freemen in her loving embraces," only have the shores of a down-trodden people.

A SOLID silver hatchet recently found in Sonora, will adorn the museum of Princeton College. It weighs a hundred ounces, and, as bullion, is valued at \$1 an ounce. It is four inches long, wedge shaped, and was evidently hammered by some primitive people. It was brought to San Francisco and purchased by Mr. Henry G. Merguard, who will present it to his Alma Mater.—*Ex.*

DR. MCCOSH, of Princeton, is going to give a course of University lectures at that college, on the "Religious Aspect of Evolution."

THE HISTORY OF DALHOUSIE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

It will be remembered that the Alumni Association prize for the best History of Dalhousie College was awarded in March last to Mr. George Patterson, M. A. The prize history was printed by the Alumni during the summer, and has been for some little time before the public.

By one of the conditions on which the prize was offered the essay had to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Alumni before the 1st of March, 1887. Mr. Patterson, because living in a country town, was unable to begin the task of collecting material till late in the fall of 1886; it was not to be expected, then, that his work would escape without some marks of hurried composition. But too much praise can hardly be given for the care taken in executing what the author styles "the humble part of an historian's duty," every statement being ratified by references to original authorities.

Such a history could only be written by one to whom it was a labor of love, and who was animated by a proud desire to point out the thorny path his *Alma Mater* took to her position at the head of the Universities of the Maritime Provinces.

Beginning with the romantic story of the occupation of Castine by Sir John Sherbrooke, and the application of the customs duties then collected to the founding of a University, Mr. Patterson traces minutely all the ups and downs of the future of the old building on the Parade. References to contemporary history are made judiciously and throw a flood of light on the story. A sketch of the life of Dr. McCullough, that foremost warrior in the fight for the improvement of the system of higher education, is given. During the period when the proper functions of the college were suspended, the Board of Governors is considered as the College, and their proceedings are detailed.

The history is carried down to the passing of the Act of 1863, which placed Dalhousie on its present basis. "Henceforward," Mr. Patterson adds, "he who runs may read the story of Dalhousie's reverses and triumphs, as it is written in the columns of the daily papers, or the pages of the annual calendar. If we look at the progress made year by year, we may feel disappointed that it is so slight; but if we compare the Dalhousie of to-day with the Dalhousie of 1863, we are inspired with a thankfulness too deep for words. . . . In 1863 there were sixty students enrolled: in 1887, one hundred and sixty,—the number almost trebled in a

score of years. A staff of six professors has given way to one of eleven, with two tutors and eight lecturers. Two of the original six are living the 'life Elysian, whose portal we call Death,' the others remain, each year adding to the number of pupils by whom they will be held in grateful remembrance."

Copies of the work are for sale and can be obtained from Mr. Boak, the Secretary of the Alumni.

REVIEW COLUMN.

To all our Exchanges we extend our heartiest greetings. To the old ones, we say that we are glad to see you back; to the new ones, we offer encouragement and welcome. We are sorry that we are so late in our notice of exchanges; but in the last issue we were debarred from any mention through lack of space. Our exchange column has, of late years, rather fallen into neglect; but we mean to try and improve it this year, believing that, if well conducted, it will prove one of the most interesting features of the GAZETTE.

Of our new exchanges, one of the most conspicuous is the *Educational Review*. We are thoroughly pleased with the *Review*, and only wonder how the Maritime Provinces have done so long without it. There has certainly been a great need for it, as its enterprising editors have recognised. An awakening interest in education, however, is fast making itself felt; and to stimulate this interest, the *Review* very timely makes its appearance. Its first numbers give high promise of success in the accomplishment of its purpose. It is a thoroughly readable and instructive paper. The editors are able and practical men of their profession, and aim at conveying information in the most pleasing manner possible. Mr. McKay, the editor for this Province, is one of Dalhousie's most distinguished graduates. He has already won distinction in the American world of science, and bids fair to reap yet greater honours. We wish the *Review* every success.

THE October No. of the *King's College Record* presents a good appearance. It contains a Criticism of Prof. Roberts' recent volume of verse; The Mermaid Tavern, and other articles of general interest. The *Record* is evidently laboring under the same financial difficulties as the GAZETTE. May they both, ere long, rise far above the perplexities which so frequently embarrass College journalism!

Few exchanges which come to our table exhibit so much literary ability as *The Varsity*

of Toronto. It is evidently a representative College Journal, and the work of filling its columns is not left exclusively to its editors, as is usually the case.

THE *Presbyterian College Journal*, (Montreal), for November, is replete with interesting matter. As articles of more than ordinary merit, we might mention "Elizabeth B. Browning," "Study of Words," "College Cares," "Civil Death," and "Securing Students for the Ministry."

THE Illustrated News Co. of New York, have undertaken to furnish an American reprint of the *Illustrated London News*. This enterprise is commendable and will be appreciated by all lovers of good reading. The *Illustrated London News* is one of the world's most famous papers. Its matter is invariably of a high-class character, while the numerous and excellent illustrations with which it is so richly embellished, render it doubly attractive. A late number contains a sensible article on "Buying Books." The writer favours devoting a certain percentage of one's income to the purchase of books. "Books," he says, "are the most permanent of companions, the most trustworthy; but unless we possess them, it is impossible to thoroughly appreciate their value."

The Illustrated News Co. furnish this valuable paper for the moderate price of \$4.00 a year, or ten cents a number.

THE *University Gazette*, (McGill Coll.), contains the first No. of a serial entitled a "Country Boy," by the distinguished writer, Nihil V. Erins. In the course of the salutatory the editors say,—"the Freshmen have two evils to guard against—that of becoming bookish mopes, and that of degenerating into idle pleasure-seekers. The young man who enters college with no care but for the lectures, who takes no interest in college life outside his books, is making a grievous blunder; is losing one-half the good that college life should give; is cultivating a selfish and prejudiced spirit, which is bound to tell against him in after-life. He should be shaken up and out of himself. Such a career is only less dangerous, less blame-worthy, than that of the man who comes to college to have a good time, and who spends the whole of the session, year after year, in idle dissipation, under the impression that he is gaining experience, and sowing wild-ouTs in fashionable and very good society, while, in fact, he is making a fool of himself."

WE are always pleased to come across a copy of the *Ætna*—the organ of the *Ætna Life*

Insurance Co., as it is usually bright and newsy. Its motto is a good one—

Keep pushing! 'tis better than sitting aside
And sighing and watching and waiting the tide;
In life's earnest battle they only prevail
Who daily march onward and never say fail.

FOOT BALL.

DALHOUSIE v. WANDERERS.—The best game of the season so far, was that played on Nov. 6th, on the Wanderers' grounds. Both clubs had strong teams on the field, and those of the spectators who had come out to see a good game were not disappointed. The day was cold, yet a very large number of people turned out to witness the match. It was essentially a "forwards' game." The quarters played so sharply that the ball was seldom passed out and consequently no brilliant runs were made. During the first half the Wanderers were obliged to touch for safety once. From the start of second half the black and yellow pressed their opponents sorely. A series of scrimmages took place very close to the Wanderers' goal line and prospects for a score in favor of the college were favorable. However, Henry, by a long kick sent the ball away out of danger and immediately after Dalhousie had to touch for safety. The game, after being very closely contested, ended in a draw.

The Wanderers were:—Burns, Oxley, Henry (Capt.), Duffus, J. N.; Duffus, W.; Bentley, Thompson, Troop, Tracey, Jones, Wyide, Wainwright, Salter.

WANDERERS v. LAW SCHOOL.—This match resulted in a defeat for the Law School by a goal to try. During the first half our boys showed up well, and by close playing succeeded in getting a touch down, which was not improved on. A short intermission over, then play was resumed, and after very hard play, Henry getting the ball, secured a touch down, which Duffus converted into a goal.

The Law School were:—Miller, Morrison, Brown, Lovitt, Jones, Mackay, Freeman, Laird, MacNeill, Whitford, McInnes, Armstrong, Bowser, Lockhart, Hamilton.

ON Wednesday, 2nd November, the Dalhousie Juniors defeated a team of Wanderers under 21 years by a try to *nil*. The game was very interesting and well fought. The work of the forwards and quarters being very effective. There is some excellent material in this fifteen, and no doubt by dint of steady practice on their part Dalhousie in a few years will be the possessor of one of the strongest football teams in Canada.

The Dalhousie Juniors were:—MacKinnon, Murray, H.; Grierson, Sutherland, Davidson, Hamilton, Pyke, Fulton, Fullerton, McLeod, F. J.; McGlashen, McCurdy, Gratz, Campbell, Moore.

DALHOUSIE v. ACADIA.—When Saturday 12th dawned, and Dalhousie boys peered into the gray light of dawn to see if the weather-king favoured the match with Acadia, a dismal sight greeted their purblind eyes. The heavy rain falling gave every appearance of a bad day. Nevertheless all hurried down to the depot and boarded the Western bound express. But soon the spirits of the footballists rose, and presently songs were struck up in the way that Dalhousie lads alone know how to sing. Wherever all the songs come from is a wonder, but the supply seemed inexhaustible. At Hantsport one of our sturdiest forwards was left behind while trying to cut a fancy caper. Nothing daunted the famous runner started in pursuit and that Western Railway Company would have sustained the dreadful disgrace of their swiftest engine caught by an amateur, had not the lawyer's predicament been noticed and the other fourteen of the team straightway leaped upon the bell-cord. After frightening the sober inhabitants of Windsor half out of their wits with "Saw my leg off," Wolfville was soon reached. To the college campus then repaired both teams, and the ball was kicked off at 11.30. From the kick-off Acadia got on the ball pretty well, but presently it hovered dangerously near their goal until Brown claimed a touch-down, which was not allowed. Then followed some close playing, Dalhousie forcing the ball several times across the line. Dalhousie got another run in by Patterson, but neither was this allowed. At length by a series of kicks and short runs Acadia worked the ball up the field and Dalhousie touched for safety. Then Wallace of the Acadia team, grasping the ball while the whistle of the umpires was heard calling it back to a scrimmage whence it had been heeled, struggled across our goal line and claimed a touch-down. It was now nearly half time and Acadia was unwilling to give up her touch-down. Suggestions from the Dalhousie captain, that the disputed point be left until the match was finished, remained unheeded; and while the Acadia men were holding a caucus in the middle of the field, our captain followed the proper course of withdrawing his men from the field.

After the wet clothes of the students were stripped off and all signs of the recent fray removed, things assumed a more pleasing aspect. Dinner was served in the Acadia Hotel and was enjoyed by all. The visitors were then entertained in the college hall with music, etc., until

the train for Halifax arrived. On the home journey songs were again resorted to, that our spirits, clouded by the unsatisfactory match, might not weigh us down. The trip was pleasant in itself though the game was worse than unsatisfactory.

We entirely agree with Prof. Jones in his remarks at the dinner, that foot-ball, played in strict adherence to the rules and the decisions of the umpires and referee, is a glorious game. But when rules are little regarded and every man is captain of the team, there is no meaner game played on the turf. Such was the experience of our College team on Saturday.

Dalhousie has played this season with the Wanderers, Bankers and Garrison, and no such dead-lock occurred. We hope the last of such experiences has befallen our team.

THE WADDELL AND McNAUGHTON PRIZES.

THE WADDELL PRIZE.—J. Waddell, B. Sc., Ph. D., again offers a prize of the value of \$10 in books for the best article published in the DALHOUSIE GAZETTE, during the Sessions 1887-'88. The prize will be subject to the following conditions:—

1. All Alumni and Registered Students of the University (whether in Arts, Law, or Medicine,) for the Session of 1887-'88, shall be entitled to compete.

2. Articles must be written in prose; may be on any subject, and must not exceed in length four columns of the GAZETTE.

3. Articles intended for competition must be in the hands of the Editors of the GAZETTE before the first day of February, 1888.

4. Articles intended for competition shall become the property of the Editors of the GAZETTE.

5. Should any student who has contributed papers, desire to withdraw a paper from the list of competing articles, he may do so by notifying the Editors on or before April 1st, 1888.

Two Law Students have kindly offered a second prize to the amount of \$5, subject to the same conditions as above.

THE McNAUGHTON PRIZE.—Rev. S. McNaughton, of Preston, England, has again offered a prize of \$5 for the best poem appearing in the GAZETTE during the Session of 1887-'88. The poem must not exceed in length one column of the GAZETTE. Other conditions are similar to those of the Waddell competition.

Dr. Alexander, Professor of English Literature in this University, has kindly consented to be examiner.

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WE should be doing injustice to the enlightened spirit which actuates our Faculty of Arts did we leave unnoticed the changes they have recently made in the Curriculum in behalf of the students. That innovation, whereby the burden of Third and Fourth year work is lightened, deserves special attention. One important thing the professors in the college seem to have fully realized—that a moderate amount of work well done is worth more than a great deal ill done. It may be a matter of surprise to some to hear that the Matriculation Examinations of 1868-9 supposed a knowledge of twice as much classics as the Bursary Examinations of 1887-8. Yet a student of the former year would, we fancy, be rather disturbed in mind if the Matriculation papers of this year were set before him. The principle of thorough work seems to be the

secret of the success of Dalhousie as a University. It is a matter of the utmost importance (we now refer to the more liberal education of the Third and Fourth years) that the student be not driven; that he have abundance of time to ponder the problems of his subject, to start new lines of original thought—which alone can be said to really benefit a student.

That such was the idea of our Faculty when contemplating the change we can well believe. It is not hard to foresee that the new arrangement will give satisfaction to all concerned—professors and students alike. There will be less mechanical work and more individual endeavour; fewer ill-prepared class lessons, more real knowledge gained. The student need no longer think by proxy but push boldly on to conquests of his own.

Certainly Third and Fourth year men can have no further cause to complain of press of work. There may be those who, after the sterner drill of the first two years has given them the nature of "plugs," may contend that the ordinary course of the two latter years is easier than is necessary. But they will be the more benefitted and won back from the too common vice of mental gormandizing to proper modes of study. Even Freshmen and Sophomores, who find the rod so heavy upon them, will afterwards learn to kiss the hand that now afflicts them.

WHEN we again take up our pen to say anything concerning the various Class Societies and Debating Clubs in connection with our College life, we do so with the feeling pervading us that this topic of all topics is getting monotonous. Perhaps there has never been an issue of the GAZETTE since its inauguration, which has not had some allusion in its columns to the necessity and importance of this branch of our work. We say *our work* because we think that it should be personally considered by every student, not only that it should form a part, but that it should form an essential part of his College training. But how few students there are who ever view these societies in that light. They look upon them as a pleasant pass-

time for an hour or two for one night of the week, never for one instant supposing that any attention or special preparation outside of their mere presence is demanded of them.

Our attention has been called to this matter through the fact, that while we have a number of Students' Societies for literary purposes, there has as yet been no provision made for their accommodation. We are not desirous of attaching any blame to those who have this matter in charge, when perhaps every effort that can be made is being made to effect the object, but it is a matter of regret that such accommodations have not been provided for at an earlier date.

Our College year is short, we convene late in the fall and are compelled to organize our clubs hurriedly, and unless the opportunity is afforded for getting at once into work, we find that the time of the year most favorable for such gatherings is spent, with no results. The students being scattered, are then very reluctant about even putting in an appearance. And then no sooner does the tocsin of the Sessional Examinations sound, than there is a general retreat all along the line, so that at the end of the year not more than one half of the meetings have an attendance sufficient to form a quorum.

But while we are thus laboring under these unavoidable disadvantages, the students themselves are not without blame, and it is only too apparent that there is an undue lack of interest and zeal manifested on their part toward this work. The more we see of the college life of the student, and the more we mingle with the world outside of college, the more we are convinced that a punctual attendance and hearty support of these various Literary societies is of permanent and primary importance.

We need urge no reasons in support of this. They have been urged time and again and are apparent to all. We may be placing too high an estimate upon this branch of our work which has always been relegated to a secondary and unimportant place, when we say that it should receive at the hands of professors and students the same degree of recognition at least as is given to any subject in the curriculum.

Outside of the many advantages to be gained in an intellectual point of view, and which none of us can well afford to ignore, there are other reasons which render the success of these societies desirable for Dalhousie students.

The students are for the most part, of necessity, widely scattered in various parts of the city, and, with a few exceptions, clubs of students for any purpose, numbering more than two or three, are unknown. Thus, outside of the meeting in the lecture room, which is not always conducted on the broad principles that should characterize the social fabric, the students have little or no opportunity of meeting each other at a social gathering. We have not even the proverbial "receptions" that form such an important trait in the social life of some of our sister colleges.

These organizations then should aim as far as possible to supply this need, to draw the students together in social intercourse, and produce a friendly rivalry with each other outside of the selfishness that too often pervades class work. The students would then be more of a unit; their love, loyalty and attachment to the college would be increased; a broader and more brotherly sympathy for each other would be cultivated, which would be a source of remembrance in all after life,—thus educating ourselves to be earnest, enthusiastic and sympathetic workers and not mere spectators in the great school of life for which we are preparing.

IN another column we reprint from the GAZETTE of last May a notice of the Waddell and McNaughton prizes. The value of the former has been considerably increased, and also supplemented by a second prize. We therefore naturally expect a corresponding increase in the number of the competitors.

As our readers will perceive, the sphere of competition, too, has been extended. All alumni, as well as registered students of the University, are now entitled to compete. This need not deter any student from competing. It should rather provoke him to greater effort. Good articles are always in demand; and, even if a

competitor should not be successful in gaining a prize, the satisfaction of having written a good, readable article, to say nothing of the practice gained in so doing, should be reward enough for him.

We believe that there is not nearly enough attention paid to the subject of composition among our students. There is no royal road to the possession of an easy, Ciceronian style in writing. It can only be obtained by long and continuous practice. Our ordinary Arts Course, in so far as it does not provide for this practice, is defective. In the First Year only have we any class practice in composition, and that of the most meagre and rudimentary kind. After passing the Freshman stage, we are left to our own guidance, and as a consequence only a few attempt or pretend to improve themselves in this respect.

Now this should not be the case. If self-interest is not a sufficient motive to induce a student to try and improve his style, let him have some regard for the credit of his college. To get through the Course and take a Degree by sheer plug, is creditable neither to the student nor to the college; but we fear it is too easy to do, and too often done.

How can this be remedied? How can our students be induced to shake off this carelessness—a carelessness so prevalent that it is becoming disgraceful? The Literary Society has just been suffered to fade away into nothingness for want of—shall we say literary interest? Well, partly that and partly from absolute unwillingness to undertake the exertion of composition. The old excuses about want of time, and unsuitable subjects, only serve to conceal the real state of feeling. If there was the inclination present these excuses would not be thought of. Are the Waddell and McNaughton prizes to be also barren of result? We hope not. Last year's trial, though but tentative, gave ground for reasonable hope. If these prizes are made permanent, we confidently expect to see a literary spirit awakened in our college, which will be both abiding and creditable.

THE thanks of the Law Students are due to the authorities of the Medical College for the use of their Lecture Rooms, while our apartments in the new College were being completed. Although they were not what could be desired, still their very wants and defects seemed to impart a relish to our work, that led us to think of the privileges of the students in the primeval days of old Cambridge.

We must also thank the Barristers' Society for the generous use of their splendid Law Library in the Court House—a privilege which the students by their attendance seem to have thoroughly appreciated.

At times, as we monopolised all the reading accommodation to the exclusion of the Barristers themselves, we could not have blamed them if they had moved the Court for a "change of venue," or a "discontinuance." But they have not, and we were allowed to enjoy its privileges to their fullest extent.

OUR Freshman Class this year is the largest we have ever had—a good comment on the chronic complaints of those who say that Dalhousie does not attract many new students. We have advantages here that are not, and cannot be possessed by any Maritime, and few Canadian Colleges. In affiliation with the University are Schools of Law, Theology and Medicine, while a central position and accommodations, which, when completed, will be almost unrivalled in the Dominion, promise to the intending student a degree of convenience that he cannot well afford to overlook.

WHAT has become of our Glee Club? Is the atmosphere of the new College uncongenial to this Society? As we walk through the quiet walls, we have a sense that there is something lacking—something that we have been used to and don't like to do without. It is no second thought that informs us that it is our old college songs we miss. Surely we are not going to give up this pastime along with other time-honoured, though less enjoyable customs! We regret very much that Mr. Penny is not with

us this Session to lead the Glee Club; but his absence should not cause the Club to collapse. We feel sure that there is musical talent enough in the College to conduct a Glee Club independent of instructors. It may not be the success that the Glee Club was last winter under Mr. Penny; but there is no reason to suppose that it would be a failure. Let our musical students try what they can do.

DALHOUSIANS IN THE ACADEMIES OF NOVA SCOTIA.

It has been noticed that nearly all the vacancies which occurred this autumn in the Academies and High Schools of Nova Scotia have been filled by Dalhousians. As seen by our notice of the graduated class of '87 in a previous issue of this paper, three of them are principals of Academies and one of them principal of the Model School, Truro. It may not be uninteresting to the friends of Dalhousie to draw their attention to the remarkable fact, that nearly all the Academies and many of the best High Schools of this province are in charge of former students of this University. We do so with an honest pride for which we offer no apology.

At the head of Sydney Academy is B. MacKittrick, B. A. '77. This position Mr. MacKittrick has held for nearly two years, and during that time the Academy has been steadily improving till to-day it is one of the best Academies in Nova Scotia.

As mentioned in our last issue, J. E. Creighton, B. A. '87, is principal of North Sydney Academy; Donald Fraser, B. A. '87, principal of Baddeck Academy; and F. H. Coops, B. A. '87, principal of Port Hood Academy. Judging from the college record of these gentlemen and our own personal knowledge of their abilities, we are confident that they will prove successful.

In charge of Pictou Academy is A. H. Mackay, B. A. '73, and under him, on the teaching staff, are W. R. Fraser, B. A. '82, H. Mellish, B. A. '82, and I. Gammell, B. A. '85. Pictou Academy, with its more than provincial fame, attracting as it does, students from all parts of Nova Scotia, from New Brunswick and Prince

Edward Island, from Newfoundland and the West Indies, is a sufficient proof how successful Principal Mackay and his coadjutors are.

Eben. Mackay, B. A. '86 is principal of New Glasgow High School, and D. H. Mackenzie, who took two years in Arts in this University, is vice-principal. This school has had its share of brilliant Dalhousians. Such men as Tutor Murray and George Patterson, M. A. were predecessors to Mr. Mackay. From its past and present advantages in this respect, we might conclude, what is certainly true, that the school is flourishing.

But we must hurry along.—W. R. Campbell, B. A. '87, as before stated, holds the important position of principal of the Model School, Truro. Frank Jones, B. A. '84, Dugald Stewart, B. A. '86, Henry Mackintosh and Angus Macleod are respectively the principals of Digby, Shelburne, Lunenburg and Kentville Academies. The two last named gentlemen spent two or three years in this University.

S. A. Morton, B. A. '86 is one of the masters in Yarmouth Academy; and Miss Forbes, B. A. '87 is principal of the schools at Great Village.

Thus we have shewn that Dalhousians are at the head of High School education in this province. They are standing witnesses to the thoroughness of the work done in their *Alma Mater*, which, though comparatively a young institution, has already given a wonderful impetus to higher education, not only in Nova Scotia, but also in the maritime provinces.

Y. M. C. A.—The first meeting of the College Y. M. C. A. was held on Saturday evening, Nov. 12th. Considering the disagreeable state of the weather, the meeting was fairly well attended. Addresses by Rev. A. Simpson and Prof. Seth made the exercises very interesting as well as instructive. Among other good words of advice they especially warned students to beware of that fault to which they are so preëminently liable—intellectual pride. Circumstances have rendered it impossible for meetings to be held earlier in the Session, but since the Association has got into operation, work will be energetically carried on. The Association aims at the moral and spiritual improvement of the students generally, and accordingly all are cordially invited to attend the meetings.

LAW SCHOOL NOTES.

H. A. LOVETT, who has joined the Classes of the Second Year, spent the First Year at the Law School of the Michigan University.

THE First Year Class has been increased since the first of the month by five or six. They now number more than the other two classes combined.

E. M. McDONALD, LL. B., will succeed to the practise of the Hon. Jno. D. McLeod, at Pictou. We predict for "Ned" a prominent place at an early date in the Courts of the County.

T. S. ROGERS, who attended the Lectures of the Second year of the '86-'87 Session, and J. FAGAN, a General of '84, were also among the successful ones at the above examination.

McDONALD, ROGERS, THOMPSON, HANWRIGHT, LYONS, CLUNEY, and LANE, LL. B.'s, of '87, referred to in our last issue as attending the final examination of the Barristers' Society, have, we are pleased to learn, all successfully passed. We extend our heartiest congratulations and join in wishing them every success.

DALLUSIENSIA.

We wish our contemporaries to note that this column is not intended for the public, but belongs exclusively to the students at present attending College, who are alone expected to understand its contents.

"ORA et labora" is translated by a Freshman, *Praying is laborious.*

A smart ingenious Freshman was seen coming from St. John's Church, last Sunday evening, between a cane and a lady.

A popular Soph, of the water proof family, and some half a dozen Freshmen, were, a week or two ago, on the penitential stool in the Salvation Army barracks.

LAW itself is sometimes guilty of lawlessness. We judge from the frequency with which its votaries unlawfully obtrude themselves upon the domain of Psychology.

γυνή τῶ ἀνδρὶ μαχομένη ποιεῖ.—Prof. to Freshman Class: "How do you account for the case of τῶ ἀνδρὶ?" Freshie who seemed to know: "It is the Dative of Disadvantage. (Applause.)"

A Dalhousie Freshman, as he gazed with a look of love in his blue eyes at a ring upon his finger, unconsciously gave utterance to his thoughts within the hearing of a wild Soph: "My girl

gave me this before I went to Rimouski." N. B.—That same Freshie sports a cane. How advanced in wickedness he must be!

PROF. to rosy cheeked Freshman: "Good morning, sir. It's quite cold to-day." Freshman rather archly: "Oh! it's nothing when you're used to it." It is sufficient to add that that Freshman hails from the cold north of N. B.

AN "innocent Freshman" reminded us that in our last issue, our Latin was faulty. The verdant youth drew our attention to "natu minimus Freshie." We acknowledge that the expression is ungrammatical. It should read *natu minimum Freshie*. Rule: Minimum must agree with Freshie in gender, etc. We beg its pardon.

It is alarming the way the Freshmen are caned, moustached and "mashed." They sadly need training. But in the discharge of this duty the Sophs are handicapped by "the powers that be." We would respectfully say that, if there is a limit to the privileges of the students, there is also a limit to the prerogatives of the professors. Tyranny, in any form, is inimical to the best interests of society, and is the generator of rebellion.

OUR sanctum was invaded by the infuriated victims of last issue. We were unarmed. Since then, however, we purchased the following offensive and defensive weapons:—(1) A crooked barrelled gun to shoot round the corners; (2) A Nordenfeldt gun to bring down the Freshmen multitudinous.

LAW SCHOOL FACETIÆ.

"CABBINED, cribbed, confined!" were the expressions ejaculated by the venerable librarian a few nights since, as the shades of night began to encircle him, and he found himself alone within the corridors of the new College, his exit cut off by lock and key. As the thoughts of incarceration, of the consternation which his absence would cause in his family, and of the sweet night's repose in store for him, flitted across his mind, he evidently considered as his pedal projectiles forced their way through the panels of the door, that the *lex effugendi* rather than *lex domicilii* should prevail.

OUR MAGE(E)stic Senior has just returned from attendance on the Courts of the Western Circuit, where he has been industriously and laboriously engaged as counsel in the grave international problem, as to whether the murderer of a woman is extraditable for manslaughter

ter under the Canadian Statutes, 49 Vic., Chap. 142.

It is also rumored that he contemplates joining the joint High Commissioner at Washington, to confer on matters relative to the evangelization of "bucket shops."

PERSONALS.

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Owing to non-payment of subscriptions, we are this year considerably behind hand. Please pay up all back subscriptions, and in future don't let your subscriptions accumulate.

DR. J. H. KNOWLES, B. A., '82, is practising his profession in Gloucester Mass., U. S.

NEIL MCKAY, B. A., '86, is principal of the High School at Portage la Prairie, N. W. T.

R. M. LANGILLE, B. A., '85, and H. H. K. FITZPATRICK, B. A., '85, are studying law in the University of Michigan.

H. M. SMITH, B.Sc., '84, who was home on a visit this summer, has returned to Edinburgh to continue his medical studies.

REV. FREDERICK TOMKINS, M. A., D.C.L., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Dalhousie during the Session of '56-'57, and now a Bencher of the Inner Temple, London, was Honorary Secretary of the Reception Committee of the International Law Association which met in Guildhall, London, in August.

REV. L. H. JORDAN, M. A., B. D., pastor of Erskine Church, Montreal, and a graduate of this University, has been recently appointed to the Chair of the new Lectureship established this year in the Montreal Presbyterian College. The Montreal Daily Star of the 25th ultimo, has a biographical sketch of Mr. Jordan from which we make the following abstract:—Mr. Jordan took his Arts' Course in Dalhousie College and graduated B. A., with the Governor General's Gold Medal in 1875. In the following year he began the study of Theology in Princeton College N. J. Here he spent two years and took his Third Year in Union Seminary, N. Y. In 1878 he took his Master's Degree from his Alma Mater and in the following year was licensed to preach

the Gospel. The three succeeding years he spent in Europe, combining travel and study. He first studied in the University of Edinburgh, where he became a Medalist and on several occasions a prizeman; and from this famous seat of learning he took the degree of B. D. in 1881. Afterwards he studied in the Universities of Leipsic and Berlin. With such a brilliant and extended College career, Mr. Jordan on his return to his native land, at once took a foremost place in his chosen profession. His first charge was St. Andrew's Church, Halifax. Three years ago he accepted a call from Erskine Church, Montreal, where a larger sphere of usefulness presented itself. In addition to the duties of his Lectureship, he still ministers to this large and important congregation. We do most heartily wish Mr. Jordan unbounded success in his ever increasing field of usefulness."

AMONG THE COLLEGES.

THE Matriculating Class of the University of New Brunswick this year, numbers in all thirty-one students, among whom are several ladies.

AT the University of Berlin last year, one hundred and eighty students were dropped for lack of diligence, forty-eight of whom were foreigners.

TWENTY-NINE Colleges and Universities gave this year the degree of D. D. to fifty-five persons; and twenty-eight gave the degree of LL. D. to fifty-one persons.

THE new catalogue of the University of the City of New York, just published, shows 131 students in Arts and Science, a gain over last year of 26; 631 in Medicine, a gain of 53; 69 in Law, a gain of 7. The three Faculties number 91, a gain of 7. The graduating division in Arts and Science enrolls 15.

A ROMANCE OF RURAL LIFE.—"Widower Jones," the new story by Edmund E. Sheppard, editor and publisher of *The Toronto News* and author of the "Farmin' Editor's Sketches," and "Dolly—The Young Widder up to Felder's," which were popular features of *The Toronto Weekly News*, will be begun on the 21st of November in THE CANADIAN FIRESIDE WEEKLY. THE FIRESIDE WEEKLY is a first-class story paper which is rapidly achieving a large circulation in Canada. For sale by all newsdealers, price 5 cents a copy. Sample copies can be had free by addressing THE FIRESIDE WEEKLY, No. 9 Adelaide street west, Toronto.

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

EXPERIENCE.

Some fellows like to write of getting left,
Of girls who flirted, and then cast them by,
Or when, love-lorn, they were of hope bereft,
But not so I.

Some fellows joke in jovial sort of rhyme,
About their thoughts in retrospective view
Of how they got left, such and such a time,—
I seldom do.

The reason? If for reasons you will call,
Those men, who treat such things as light as air,
Have never either loved or lost at all,
But I've been there.

—*The Williams' Weekly.*

MRS. HAYSEED (whose son is at college)—
"George writes that he is taking fencin' lessons."
Mr. Hayseed—"I'm glad o' that. I'll set him
a diggin' post-holes when he gits home."—*New
York Sun.*

POET—"A penny for your thoughts."
Beautiful maiden—"They are not worth it."
P.—"What were you thinking of?" B. M.—
"Of your last poem."—*Bates' Students.*

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