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ELOCUTION.

"Is not half the talent and learning of England wholly lost because elocution is not taught in our schools and colleges?"

—BISHOP BERKLEY.

"Of equal honor with him who writes a grand poem is he who reads it grandly."—HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

ELOCUTION has been defined to be "the vocal and visible expression of the thoughts of another, by means of speech and gesture." "Oratory is the vocal and visible expression of one's own thoughts." Success in these arts is the result of culture, just as surely as good singing is the result of careful training. In both cases, natural gifts are a great aid alike to teacher and student, but they will never, even under the most favorable circumstances, supply the place of such training. The end to be attained in elocutionary discipline is to bring speech and gesture into complete harmony with the thought to be expressed, and it is the purpose of this short paper to show in what this discipline consists.

Elocution has to do with breath, voice, body, intellect, emotion. Proper breathing lies at the foundation of vocal culture, either in song or speech. Vicious breathing is the cause of most of the lassitude, and even exhaustion, which are so often consequent upon continuous public speaking, as well as of the diseases of the vocal organs which destroy the usefulness of so many of our most valuable public speakers. It is the function of elocution to develop breath power, and to teach economy in the use of that power. Thin, weak voices are invariably found where the breathing is feeble. Deep breathing is necessary to fulness of tone, and economy of breath is essential to smoothness of utterance and freedom from fatigue. Reading or speaking is an exhilarating and healthful exercise, and after proper practice, it may be

continued without fatigue for several consecutive hours.

In training the voice, the chief object to be aimed at is purity of tone. Nasal and guttural tones which are so prevalent among us are not, as is often supposed, the result of defect in the organs of speech, either constitutional or accidental, but of ignorance or carelessness in the use of the organs. Voice culture consists in training the organs to produce correctly all the sounds of the language, and in ridding the voice of all tendency to be harsh or husky. This is often a work not of weeks or months, but of years; but it is a work which the student, after being put on the way, can prosecute for himself.

Not only must the breath and the voice do their part, but the whole body must contribute to the expression of thought and emotion. Gesture is not a matter of individual taste or choice; it is regulated by principles which have their foundation in reason and the eternal fitness of things. Yet how few there are who understand such a simple thing as the difference in the significance of a gesture with the prone hand, and one with the supine hand!

Perhaps there is nothing in elocutionary teaching which brings greater surprises to the student than the study of gesture, which by most persons is thought to be entirely artificial, or dependent on the taste of the individual speaker.

All the mechanical training of breath, voice, and body as vehicles of thought and emotion are, however, merely subsidiary to the adaptation of these to the thought and emotion to be expressed. This involves a thorough analysis of the composition which is to be interpreted by the living voice. The thought and emotion of the author

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force the above to fit the air of "Three cheers for the red white and blue." We practised this song at every station, much to the delight of our audiences; and when we mounted the coach at New Glasgow, to drive to the Windsor Hotel, we made the town ring with it. Quickly dispatching a light meal, doffing our civilization garb and replacing it by the orthodox football rig we drove to the field of play. Mud, mud was everywhere. Then followed a most tedious delay which did not prove dangerous to the New Glasgow team. When at length all was ready, the following were seen to line out to play for the respective teams:

DALHOUSIE.		NEW GLASGOW.	
E. D. Johnson,	} <i>Back</i>	J. Stewart,	} <i>Half do.</i>
R. H. Graham,		J. H. Munro,	
Geo. Patterson, (Capt.)		E. McKay, (Capt.)	
J. A. McKinnon,	} <i>Quarter do.</i>	D. Patterson,	} <i>Forwards</i>
J. Pitblado,		Jos. Smith,	
J. G. Fraser,		C. Underwood,	
W. Thompson,	} <i>Forwards</i>	H. Townsend,	} <i>Forwards</i>
W. E. Thompson,		E. McLeod,	
J. D. Logan,		Jno. Fraser,	
J. A. Sutherland,		P. Shaw,	
H. Murray,		D. Fraser,	
G. Fulton,		T. Gillan,	
D. Martin,		W. Ross,	
F. Campbell,		A. D. Grant,	
F. McLeod.		L. McLean.	

How many of the above perished in the mud we have not yet been able to learn. McLeod kicked off for New Glasgow, and the mud frolic began. The ball was at once returned, and in a couple of minutes more was behind the New Glasgow goal line, and the first safety touch made. To run was impossible, and the Dalhousie backs contented themselves by dropping for goal whenever they received the ball. The leather was however so slippery that every attempt failed. During the first half, New Glasgow was obliged to touch for safety four times. In the second half, whatever advantage there was, Dalhousie can claim, because New Glasgow was on four more occasions forced to touch for safety. On such ground football, as the term is generally understood, was out of the question. The man most to be envied on either team was the Dalhousie full back, whose only task was to tackle one man, which he did so neatly that he did not soil his own pants. Barring the mud the game was most pleasant, the members of the opposing teams being exceedingly friendly, and losing no opportunity for cracking their little jokes at one another's expense.

The evening of Friday was enjoyably spent. An invitation was given the team to attend the meeting

of the Literary Society which most of us accepted. Here we listened to the reading of two interesting papers followed by a discussion. At 10 p. m., we adjourned to the Windsor Hotel, where we were given a dinner by the New Glasgow boys. Some of us may forget many incidents of the trip, but we venture to say none of us will soon lose the recollection of the dinner mine host of the Windsor prepared for us. When we had snatched a huge repast the toasts flew thick and fast. Speeches, witty and eloquent; songs, sentimental and gay, followed one another in such quick succession, that our reporter lost consciousness and forgot to take notes. When he gathered his senses together the company were singing "Auld Lang Syne." He enquired who had been most distinguished in the feast of reason, and found everyone unanimous in praising Martin's songs, and in saying that Mr. Bell in proposing "The Ladies," and Messrs. McKinnon and Thompson in responding to the same toast, were particularly happy. "Of course," added one of his informants, "Thompson was speaking on his pet theme, and it was to be expected that he would excel."

Owing to the state of the ground the match with Pictou County was indefinitely postponed. Saturday morning was spent in sight seeing, some of the boys taking a trip *ad inferos*; or if not that far at least to those subterranean regions where they dig dusky diamonds, all the year around, Sundays excepted. Others visited the different manufactories. All however, collected at the station at 3 p. m., gave three times three for the New Glasgow friends; stepped on board the train while waving their handkerchiefs to a few "ladies faires" who sported the yellow and black ribbon; took their places in the smoker singing with peculiar emphasis:—

"Whene'er there's a call for a game of football
I am always willing to play;
Tho' covered with mud and bespattered with blood,
I dot on the eye blacking fray;
It don't make me sick if I get a sharp kick
Anywhere twixt my chin and my knee;
Tho' weltered in gore I holler for more,
For—it always agrees with me.

Thus the trip ended. "Three cheers for the yellow and black."

DALHOUSIE VS ARMY AND BANKS.

"Foot her home again."—*Cymbeline*.

The return match between these two teams was played on Tuesday, the 20th inst. We have only space for a meagre account of the game, which resulted in a splendid victory for the wearers of the yellow and

black. A strong wind was blowing down the field, but otherwise everything was favorable to good playing. Crerar, Sr., at 3.30 P.M., kicked off for the combination. Pitblado returned the ball to a good position in the enemies territory and ere five minutes had passed Dalhousie had secured a try. The kick for goal failed. After the kick out, our forwards got in some of their fine work, and soon McKinnon found himself behind the opposing goal line with the ball in his possession. Try number two did not fetch a goal, but when Campbell made the third try, better luck attended the kick, and a goal was obtained. At the end of the first half Dalhousie had one goal, two tries, and five safety touches to her credit, and we felt that even with the wind, our opponents could not reach that score. Patterson opened the second half by kicking the ball to Crerar, Sr., who returned it beautiful, and for a few minutes our goal was threatened. But Johnson secured the ball and ending a good run with a splendid kick removed the danger. Patterson now thought it was his turn to get a try, and by a judicious run at the proper moment succeeded in doing so. In the closing minutes of the game Crerar broke through our scrimmage as he has a fashion of doing, dribbling the ball before him. Patterson snapped it up and made a fine dash which resulted in his landing across the Army and Bankers goal line. Once more the kick for goal failed; and with it the game ended. Our boys were the victors by one goal, four tries, and seven safety touches to nothing. For the combination Crerar, Sr., Clarke, Tracey and Noyes particularly distinguished themselves. The team work of our men was beautiful, the forwards doing their part especially well. Our quarters were beyond praise. Pitblado's kicking was most effective, while McKinnon and Patterson, made some pretty runs. Johnson and Laird had but little to do, but they did it splendidly.

AMONG the candidates for the chair of Archaeology in University College, London, rendered vacant by the retirement of Sir Chas. Newton, is Miss Jane Harrison, well known for her writings on Greek Art. Miss Harrison was formerly a student of Newton College, Cambridge, Eng., and has studied Greek Art, especially as expressed in vase-painting, with such success that she is recognized as an authority not only in England but also in Greece.

'79 TO '89.

It may be interesting to the readers of the GAZETTE to compare the number of students in the Faculty of Arts for the last ten years, and of Law since the Law School was started. The following table has been carefully compiled from the calendars, and we believe will be found correct in every particular.

Session.	FACULTY OF ARTS.			FACULTY OF LAW.			Total Undergraduates.	Total General Students.	Grand Total.
	Undergraduates.	General Students.	Total.	Undergraduates.	General Students.	Total.			
79-80	43	55	98				43	55	98
80-81	47	40	87				47	40	87
81-82	68	48	116				68	48	116
82-83	66	74	140				66	74	140
83-84	65	75	140	24	31	55	89	106	193*
84-85	68	73	141	44	13	57	112	86	194*
85-86	67	47	114	41	9	50	108	56	156*
86-87	73	55	128	36	10	46	109	65	170*
87-88	88	56	144	38	9	47	126	65	187*
88-89	89	62	151	42	15	57	131	75	200*

*Allowance is made for the number studying in both Faculties.

Of the 151 students in the Faculty of Arts the present session,

Nova Scotia sends.....	120
P. E. Island ".....	15
New Brunswick ".....	11
Ontario ".....	2
Ireland ".....	1
Idaho, U. S. ".....	1
Scotland ".....	1

The counties of Nova Scotia contribute as follows:—

Halifax, 51; Pictou, 20; Colchester, 14; Kings, 8; Hants, 4; Shelburne and Cumberland, 3 each; Guysborough, Yarmouth and Digby, 2 each; Lunenburg, Queens and Annapolis, 1 each; Cape Breton Island, 8.

Of the 89 Undergraduates, 15 are in the fourth year; 19 in the third; 31 in the second; and 24 in the first.

FOOTBALL.

Defeat. Draws.
VICTORIES!!!

During the past three weeks there has been great excitement over Football. Dalhousie's teams have met the Wanderers, Army and Banks, and New Glasgow. Their record is one not to be ashamed of as the following reports will show.

DALHOUSIE VS. WANDERERS (SECOND TEAM).

"With thee every foot."—*Coriolanus*.

On Thursday Evening Nov. 8th, the students in the 2nd fifteen football team, played a match game with the Wanderers' 2nd fifteen, on the grounds of the latter. There was quite a number of spectators present but the ladies for some unknown reason or other did not put in an appearance.

The ball was kicked off by Salter for the Wanderers and was instantly returned by Pitblado; then followed a series of "Squashes;" although the "boys," played one man less in the scrimmage, they proved too many for their opponents and slowly but surely worked them down the field until finally they compelled them to touch for safety. The Wanderers did not succeed in getting the ball to centre field for the remainder of the time, and when half time was called it was within ten feet of their goal line. After an interval of five minutes, Hamilton kicked off for Dalhousie and before it could be returned the "boys" were down on them. But the want of regular practice began to be seen and the Wanderers now began to gain ground. In vain did Davidson, Pitblado and Graham, try to break through the opposing ranks for every time they were brought down by Salter or Bremner. At last a kick from centre field sent the ball to our back—Johnson, who was instantly tackled by a Wanderer and the Dalhousie forwards had to fight at the distance of a few feet from their goal. The cry of "time" now brought the battle to an end, and it was decided a draw with a minor point in Dalhousie's favor. Both teams are in favor of a return match.

DALHOUSIE VS. ARMY AND BANKS.

"A good leg and a good foot."—*Much Ado About Nothing*.

The following from the *Chronicle* of the 14th inst., accounts for the look of sadness on the faces of so many students on Wednesday morning. To line up in goal is something Dalhousie had not done for three years. Though the boys felt unhappy at the time

subsequent success has restored to them their usual felicity:

ARMY AND BANKS VS. DALHOUSIE.

"The football match played yesterday afternoon between the two above mentioned teams proved to be the most interesting game so far played this season, it being keenly contested and void of anything unpleasant. Although the match was announced to commence at 3.30 it was after 4 o'clock before the teams took their places on the field. The 'combination' won the toss for choice of goal and chose the southern. Patterson "kicked off" for the collegians, and at the start the combination pressed their opponents very hard, Douglas by a fine run scoring a try for the Army and Banks in the first ten minutes. However, the kick at goal failed, and on the ball being started again from the 'twenty-five,' the game became more even, both teams playing in fine form and the ball being kept well in the centre of the field; thus the game continued until half time. The chief feature of the second half was a splendid run by Patterson for the collegians; this piece of play so encouraged his compatriots that they braced up in fine style, and from this point out were seen to better advantage than during any other part of the game. Nothing more was scored for either side, the game ending in a victory for the Army and Banks by a try and a couple of minor points to nil. For the victors Douglas, Crerar, Price, Duffus, Noyes and Clark played a good game, whilst Patterson, McKinnon, Thompson, Fraser and Sutherland were seen to the greatest advantage for the Dalhousians."

DALHOUSIE VS. WANDERERS.

"The better foot before."—*King John*.

In our last issue we described the first meeting for the season of these teams. On that occasion the Wanderers found in us foemen worthy of their steel, and willingly arranged another game for Thanksgiving Day. Our boys were determined to leave no stone unturned to uphold the credit of the college, and hard practices were the order of the day. The luxuries of Thanksgiving dinners were studiously avoided, and as a result fifteen men in the pink of form lined out at their captain's call on the eventful afternoon. The teams were nearly the same as had before measured legs together. Henry, the redoubtable half-back of the Wanderers was conspicuous by his absence, his place being filled by Miller. In Dalhousie's scrimmage, McLeod had given place to

Murray, while the loss of Mellish at half-back was supplied by Pitblado. Precisely at three Duffus kicked off. The ball fell to Pitblado, who ended a short but neat run with an elegant kick that landed the ball in Annand's hand, and the Dalhousie forwards were on him. Then ensued a series of scrimmages in which our boys had generally, the better of it. The quarters on both sides were playing a great game. For once the Duffus brothers found Rolands for their Olivers in the diminutive but agile quarters of their opponents. About the middle of the half hour, McKinnon dropped for goal. Unfortunately for Dalhousie, just as he went to kick, Duffus (J. N.) manifested a decided attachment for his unoccupied leg which so seriously interfered with McKinnon's kick that the ball went below instead of over the cross-bar. The Wanderers touched for safety. The friends of the college, and among the 1200 spectators there were many such, cheered a cheer that ordinarily would have been considered fully developed; but which, in view of their subsequent performances, must be regarded as a cheer in the embryo state. Once more before the needed rest came had the Wanderers to touch for safety, but at half time no decisive advantage had been obtained. When the juice had been satisfactorily, but by no patent process, extracted from several lemons the teams again lined out. Captain Patterson propelled the sphere some considerable distance toward the enemy's goal. It was returned to McKinnon, who made a beautiful run and a short kick. When the ball landed the Dalhousie forwards were on it. The ball was now in the Wanderers' territory, and there it remained for the rest of the game. Once the ball crossed the Wanderers' goal line, and Murray and Annand indulged in a supposed maul in goal but which was afterwards ruled to be a touch in goal. Murray won and the Dalhousians shouted. From the kick-out Pitblado got the ball, and made a fine run. From the next scrimmage the ball passed to McKinnon, who again kicked it behind the Wanderers' goal line, where it was again touched down. No score yet, Would the half hour end before Dalhousie scored? No. Laird captured the ball from the kick-out, and made one of the best kicks of the day, landing the leather within a few yards of the Wanderers' goal. Thence by short runs it was carried back to about the 25 yard flags. Here, after a scrimmage, McKinnon seized it, eluded most of his opponents, and made a short kick. The Wanderers back muffed, Patterson grabbed it, made a dash across the line, and fell with

the ball hugged to his bosom. To say the air rang with cheers is to put it mildly. McKinnon made a daisy attempt for goal, but only succeeded in striking the post. Time was shortly after called. For the first time in eight years the Wanderers were beaten. Patterson and Murray were elevated skyward in the regulation bounce. Congratulations were received with becoming modesty. It was a regular field day for Dalhousie. We cannot particularize where all did so well. The Dalhousie full-back we are bound to state did not play well; but that was his misfortune rather than his fault—the ball never got near him. Our forwards proved themselves to be all that forwards should be, and the success of the team is very largely due to them. Among the Wanderers, Miller, Annand, the Duffus Brothers, and Clarke were the most noticeable for brilliant play.

DALHOUSIE VS. NEW GLASGOW.

"I see this hurly all on foot."—*King John*.

The morning of Friday the 16th inst, broke amidst torrents of rain—fitting prelude to a day of mud. Nevertheless our boys set out on their annual football trip, matches having been arranged with New Glasgow for that afternoon, and with Pictou County for the next morning. The journey to New Glasgow was like most journeys of collegians, a huge success—that is to say it was enlivened by the gayest of songs, and brightened by the liveliest of jokes. One song was composed for the occasion by the poet *par excellence* of football, Martin. Our memories recoiled from the task of remembering any more than the first two verses, which we here re-produce; but we wish it distinctly to be understood, that Martin will make as many more verses as any of our readers wish.

SONG OF THE DALHOUSIE TEAM.

'Tis no wonder that we are light hearted,
In fact quite delighted are we,
For we have defeated the Wanderers,
In a beautiful game of Rugbes.

Chorus—Three cheers for the yellow and black,
Three cheers for the yellow and black,
Oh—Dalhousie College forever,
Three cheers for the yellow and black.

And now we are going on to battle;
With spirits determined to win,
For we have gained a reputation
Which we shall strive to maintain.

Chorus—Three cheers etc.

Most of us were Presbyterians, used to the idiosyncrasies of a Paalter which often makes "nation" "nat-i-on" and hence we could without much difficulty

must be fully understood and the pitch, force, quality, and movement of the voice be regulated accordingly. This is what is meant by modulation, and the study involved in it has led to the remark by somebody, that elocution is a good professor of literature, because in order to express vocally the work of any author, the reader must be in full sympathy with him, interpreting by his tones and gestures, the finest shades of the writer's thoughts and feelings. Indifference to the thought accounts for most of the expressionless reading which is so common among us. The minister or lecturer who reads his discourses, has his attention so engrossed in following the text of his manuscript, that the thought is left to take care of itself. This is clearly the main objection to pulpit or platform reading.

Enough has been said to show that elocution does not consist in the study of a few stock selections to be recited after the manner of the teacher. It is not noise. It is not spouting, and beating the air.

Many persons dispose of the whole matter by saying that all that is required of a reader or speaker is that he be natural. On this point it may be appropriate to quote the remarks of a recent author. He says:—

"Should one's delivery be natural? Yes, if his natural delivery be the best he can command. If a speaker has, naturally, a nasal tone, he should be unnatural to the extent of ridding himself of that tone. If he is naturally awkward, he should get rid of that phase of naturalness. It seems natural for some people to be unnatural.

"Shall one speak as he talks? That depends, to some extent, on how he talks. If he talks ill, he should not speak as he talks. In truth, the instructor finds no more gigantic task than the bringing of a stiff, angular, distorted self-conscious adult back to his child-like simplicity and self-forgetfulness. When an adult has made that return, he has touched the topmost round in art. The author has no higher hope than that he may be of some service in driving out affectation, exaggeration, superficiality, and in encouraging originality, individuality, and independent thought. There are those who are ever ready to

affirm that elocutionary and oratoric excellence of the highest order is the direct outflow of genius. There was a time when the author listened to wonderful oratoric flights, with the feeling that they were the spontaneous outbursts of direct inspiration. Since then, he has learned from the lips of orators that their skill is the outcome of the closest attention to details, the result of long-continued toil."

On this subject H. W. Beecher says: "But oratory is disregarded largely; and one of the fruits of this disregard is, that men fill all the places of power with force misdirected; with energy not half so fruitful as it might be; with sincerity that knows not how to spread its wings and fly. If you were to trace and to analyze the methods which prevail in all the departments of society, you would find in no other such contempt of culture, and in no other such punishment of this contempt.

"How much squandering there is of the voice! How little is there of the advantage that may come from conversational tones! How seldom does a man dare to acquit himself with pathos and fervor! *And the men are themselves mechanical and methodical in the bad way, who are most afraid of the artificial training that is given in the schools, and who so often show by the fruit of their labor that the want of oratory is the want of education.*

"I advocate, therefore, in its full extent, and for every reason of humanity, of patriotism, and of religion, a more thorough culture of oratory."

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

The reception given by the Halifax Y. M. C. A. to the students of the colleges on the Evening of Nov. 9th, was the most successful they have ever given. The students were there in force from Dalhousie, Pine Hill and the Business College. Our boys enlivened the proceedings, at intervals, by college songs. The refreshment tables were loaded with delicacies, to which all the students, but especially the Freshmen, did ample justice. The proceedings were brought to a close, at 10.30, by singing the National Anthem, after which the students, with the exception of those whom some young lady had

ensnared, formed in line some 70 or 80 strong, and marched to the Ladies' College, where they entertained the inmates with songs and cheers. Then all went to their homes feeling that they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

One of the students has given his experience at the reception as follows:—

Our boarding houses presented animated scenes on Friday night. Students in all quarters of the city might have been heard yelling in perfect agony over some blemish in their attire, and calling down vengeance upon some unfortunate washerwoman, who had left the marks of a hot iron on their linen. People living near a certain house where eight Freshmen reside were quite alarmed at the terrible noise in the top story. The poor landlady, it is reported, had to engage the services of two gentlemen of colour to carry up water, and when they all started to brush their clothes, the neighbors say it resembled the distant rumbling of a Charleston earthquake.

I started for the Y. M. C. A. about eight o'clock, and as I turned the corner of Prince street, I met about a dozen Freshmen busily engaged admiring each others apparel, by aid of the electric light. Every one of them had some excuse for being alone. One said that he had received a note from his heart's delight, that afternoon, saying that she had met with an accident while hanging out the clothes. Another said that a Soph. had got ahead of him and he was afraid that he would completely win her affections before the evening was over. I did not wait to hear any more, but hurried to the scene of action. When I got there I found quite a number of the boys assembled in one corner of the room. I immediately joined them, and found that Seniors, Juniors and Sophs. were consulting as to what was to be done with the wicked Freshmen, for at that early hour some of them had been seen entering the refreshment room two or three times. Few Freshmen were to be seen around us, but those who were in sight half terrified me, as I gazed upon their ghastly faces, half hidden behind an elevated collar. I noticed too that none of them exhibited the college colours, but I have since found out that they wore them under their coats, because, as I was told, the mighty Sophs. had warned them not to approach the refreshment tables with the colours in sight. They obeyed with such alacrity as only a Freshman, preparing for a meal can show.

Sweet music from the ladies, rousing choruses from our boys, and comic songs from the celebrated druggist of Hollis Street, made the evening pass away most delightfully. Towards the latter part of the evening, I met a Senior at the door, who told me that if I wanted to fill my aching void I had better hurry down to the tables, for the Freshmen had rendered it impossible for him to get a bite for over half an hour. I hurried down and found that for once a Senior had told the truth, for even yet I found it impossible to get my wants supplied. I marked my Freshman, however, and after waiting about half an hour I slipped into his place. He still lingered about the room and, when I left, he was ever and anon casting a longing look upon the cups of steaming coffee.

There only did the Freshmen seem to overcome their bashfulness. Evidently they thought that, as they were in the Y. M. C. A. building, they should show their *pie-eaty*.

No sooner had I arrived in the upper room, than my lady love, whom I had not seen during the evening, asked me to escort her to the refreshment table. After making two or three awkward apologies for my former neglect, I complied, and in a few seconds was again in the midst of a crowd of Freshies. In a few minutes we heard the National Anthem. The Freshmen knew what it meant and with tears in their eyes and slices of bread in their hands, they left the room. They actually turned green with disappointment, and loudly denounced the cruel fate that had so early torn them from their pleasure.

Then came the bustle of departing. Everybody was looking for everybody. A certain Pine Hill man took up a position at the bottom of the stairs, and offered to see every lady he met home, but the unfortunate embryo divine got left. One of our Sophs too was badly disappointed, and on his way home was heard uttering fearful threats against a certain milliner. The Seniors and Juniors also attempted gallant deeds, but with one or two exceptions were left. Two Juniors and a Senior were seen behind the door, wringing their hands with vexation, as they thought how three bold Sophs. had got ahead of them. As for the Freshmen they knew there were too many Sophs. near for them to try to break any rules, and behaved themselves as their mothers had warned them. All went home with hearts warm towards our hosts, and all agreed that the evening spent in their company was the most pleasant of the session.

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A REFORM is sorely needed in the management of the GYMNASIUM. Many of us lately have undergone severe mental gymnastic in trying to think what can be the object of the "Fee for the use of the Gymnasium, payable annually (says the Calendar) by all male students attending more than one class, except registered students of the Halifax Medical College." The natural supposition in the mind of every student, as he pays his Gymnasium Fee, must be, that in days of yore the College Authorities, thinking it advisable that Dalhousie students should receive

some physical as well as mental training, had gone to some expense in fitting up a gymnasium with suitable apparatus for the purpose, and that, in order to recompense them for their outlay, and to provide a fund for the maintenance and current expenses of the Gymnasium, including the pay of instructors, they decided to exact a fee from each student. And surely no reasonable person would think of demurring at the payment of a moderate fee for such a laudable purpose. Whether this natural supposition is correct or not, it is quite evident that this money is not expended on the Gymnasium. There stand the old parallel bars, the old vaulting-horse, the old dumb-bells, the old indian clubs, which have been familiar objects to Dalhousie students for years. We here tarry a moment to shed a regretful tear over the old horizontal bar, which, after many years of faithful service, has at last succumbed to age and infirmity, and been replaced by a new one.

The old apparatus of the Gymnasium, we think, could not have cost more than half the fees of a single year. The only additions made from year to year have been a few foils and single sticks, a set of boxing-gloves, and an occasional bit of repairing. Last year before we entered the new building three pieces of apparatus had been added, which cost certainly less than \$30. The instructors are only engaged during a part of the term, and receive but scanty pay for their services. In short we cannot see that an average of more than \$40 annually, including the pay of the instructors, has been spent on the Gymnasium, while the fees amount to an average of more than \$125.

Just at present there stands the Gymnasium, almost unused because almost useless. There are no foils, no single-sticks, no boxing-gloves, no jackets or helmets. Moreover, there will be no use in getting any of these things, unless some better accommodation is provided for their reception than an old wooden box on the floor, into which everything is to be thrown promiscuously.

That we may not be charged with being mere grumblers, we venture to make a few suggestions which, if they are followed, will place matters on a more satisfactory basis. In the first place, the Dalhousie Arts School and the Dalhousie Law

School meet in the same building, being students of the same University, and sharing equally in its obligations and advantages. Why should the Arts Department be permitted and expected to use the Gymnasium which is part of the College, and the students of the Law Department be not permitted and expected to do so?

As we can find no satisfactory answer to this question, why should the Arts Students be compelled to pay a fee for gymnastic instruction, and the Law Students be exempted from it?

Our first suggestion then, is, that the Gymnasium Fee be paid by Arts and Law students alike.

In the next place we propose, instead of an almost useless, because powerless, committee being appointed annually as a little company of figure-heads, that the gymnasium committee consist of, say, two members of the Faculty, two Arts students, and two Law students, and that this Committee have power to make provision for the proper fitting up of the Gymnasium.

Thirdly, let the fees paid by the students for the use of the Gymnasium constitute a fund to which this committee shall have access.

The room at the east corner of the building, which is intended as an auxiliary to the Gymnasium, should be fitted with closets and brackets, so that the weary, wandering foils, dumb-bells, clubs, gloves, etc., in their leisure hours may have a legitimate resting place.

As a far larger amount is collected in Fees than need be spent on the Gymnasium, why should we contribute this amount and then have to pay for foot-ball grounds and other needs of the Athletic Club? We contribute this fund, and yet when we go on a foot-ball tour we have to scrape together the needed money among ourselves, or beg it from our generous professors.

To recapitulate, then: Let the Law and Arts students be on an equal footing with regard to the Gymnasium. Let the Gymnasium Fees constitute a fund for the fitting up and maintenance of the Gymnasium. Let a Committee be appointed, consisting of professors and students, to have control of this fund, and to see that the Gymnasium is properly fitted up and maintained.

Since the students pay for the use of the Gymnasium, there is no reason under the sun, that we can see, why the money they contribute should be entirely controlled by others, and spent in other directions, while the Gymnasium is sadly in need of attention and outlay.

We think our demands are nothing but reasonable, and shall expect some recognition of them from the proper direction.

FOR the first time in the history of the College we have a READING ROOM which is worthy our support and patronage. In the Dalhousie College that was, the (so called) Reading Room, and indeed the only place of refuge for the thoughtful senior, and the timid ones of the freshies, from the crush and turmoil of the ever-raging scrimmage, was a small, dingy, low-ceiled, twelve by sixteen box in the lower regions, containing a "bee-hive," to make ashes for the sidewalk, a bench, to support the southern wall of the room, another bench, where the student might rest his weary limbs, and dispose of his burdensome bundle of books. Then there was a rickety pine table for exchanges, which also served as an auxiliary to bench No. 2, when the latter began to creak, and a crippled, dyspeptic chair, to play ball with. Behind the stove was the Montreal Witness, a faithful exchange of ours; on the other side of the room, yesterday's Herald, and the day before yesterday's Chronicle, with half-a-dozen local weeklies of various ages, from two weeks to several months. This dusty, dingy scene was looked down upon by three or four of Notman's groups of graduating classes; and over the mantle a picture in glowing colours of a battle field, in a frame under glass. In short, we had but a caricature of a Reading Room.

Now we have a large, airy, well-lighted room, well supplied with reading matter. The large, respectable table is covered with a goodly number of Magazines and Exchanges:—Harper's Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Century Magazine, Scribner's Magazine, Atlantic Monthly, Outing, Chamber's Journal, Nineteenth Century, Contemporary Review, Shakespeariana, Spectator, Science, Nature, Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine, Dominion Illustrated, Grip, Punch; besides our numerous exchanges from Canadian and American Colleges. It gives us much pleasure here to acknowledge the interest and kindness of Professors Alexander, Seth and MacGregor, who lend us four of the above Magazines.

On the newspaper stands are to be found Morning Herald and Chronicle, Recorder. The St. John Sun, Toronto Empire and Mail, Montreal Witness, New York Tribune, Herald and Voice, London Times; all weekly; besides all the more

PERSONALS.

CLASS OF '88.—(LAW.)

A. A. Mackay is junior member of the law firm of Ross, Sedgewick & Mackay, of this city. In spare minutes he plays forward for the Wanderers.

Hector McInnes has been admitted a partner in the well-known firm of Meagher, Drysdale & Newcombe. He can always be seen after hours at the Herald office, taking his regular political meal. We don't like to mention it, but Mac had his gown provided before the results of the final were announced.

H. S. Jones is going down to South America this winter to study revolutions. Well done Harry! try to get to the top. President Jones of the Republic of Cotapaxi is certain to obtain a hearing.

E. Armstrong is in the city waiting until there is sufficient red tape unrolled to allow him admission. He is at present engaged in bottling political explosives. Woe unto you Tories and boodlers when Ernest fulminates.

Intending applicants for advice formed into line last Saturday before the office door of Dan. McLennan at Port Hood. Last advices give \$7.80 as the price of advanced positions. It is said that some have been waiting three years for this opportunity. He will defend life, limb and property. He will arrest the oppressor, and restore the oppressed—for a reasonable fee. Let them down easy, Danny.

J. Roy Campbell after passing a most successful examination in the sister province of New Brunswick, was lately sworn in as Attorney-at-Law. He will practice in the neighborhood of the penitentiary at Dorchester, and will, we trust, meet with the success so hard a student and genial a fellow deserves.

We are informed that C. E. McCready, during the past summer, took a trip west, but so far as we know, he did not marry. Next year he goes up for his final, and we are willing to speculate that he passes at the top of the list.

Ed. Magee is at present in the city, waiting to be admitted. We saw him the other day at the Law School, and are happy to say that he looks as if getting through quite agreed with him.

Aulay Morrison is wielding the ferule at his home in Cape Breton. We miss his smiling face, lithe form and confident step, as we don our jerseys and march out, to do battle with the

Philistines. Aulay will ever be dear to the hearts of the members of our foot-ball teams of 1886, '87, '88.

H. T. Dennison, though not yet an L. L. B., deserves mention in this beadrill of fame. He passed his final *facile princeps* of those who went up to their examination without any training, other than a lawyer's office affords. We hope to see him back this winter to complete his course. Meantime, we heartily congratulate him.

HOW IT FEELS.

For the information of the ambitious youths who aspire to journalistic honors, and who will one day succeed us on the staff of the GAZETTE, we state below some of the peculiar sensations experienced by the members of the College Press of 1888-9, as announced in their salutatories on first taking the editorial chair:—

Acadia Athenaeum:—A slight fluttering about the heart.

Niagara Index:—Joy bedewed with tears.

N. B. University Monthly:—With diffidence.

Acta Victoriana:—Awe and reverence.

Another:—A feeling something like timidity.

Sackville Argosy:—With many misgivings and ominous forebodings.

Pennsylvania:—Glad to be with you.

Phisigma Monthly:—A peculiar pleasure.

Another:—A realization of grave responsibility.

Dallustensia.

Who was hugging Jock the Piper? Ask the girls!

The New Glasgow Pendulum made one of its oscillations on South St. one evening not long ago.

They say King Lear was seen the other evening a few feet in the rear of a fair one, exclaiming: Cordelia, Cordelia, stay a little!

Two Seniors are actively engaged in discussing what it means for lovers to change eyes. And this at Misogynist Hall too!

Mustachio and Whiskerandoes. "Coming events cast their shadows before." *Vide lobrum superius Natu Minimi.*

A Freshie, with his new cane, was seen making a desperate attempt to pass a lady at a street corner the other day. A Senior who was near by thought he was trying to play at single-sticks.

A student while discussing "Prohibition vs. High License," said that the best way to deal with the liquor traffic was to cut the dogs ears off right behind the tail.

The verdant Soph who tried to get a reduction on a twenty-five cent cane, says his friend is guilty of a base betrayal of confidence. The poor fellow is not initiated yet, and doesn't know that every student is an agent of this column.

And so the classic Jordan is in love! Thus he addresses the fair adored one.—(*Vides*) *Quam lentis penitus macerer ignibus.*

Poor fellow! We've been there and know what its like.

The *Natu Maximus* was heard involuntarily to ejaculate, "Amen!" as a Soph in the back seat painfully waded through the following:—

*"Felices ter et amplius,
Quos irrupta tenet copula....."*

Soph, (to Prof. who has been lecturing on the "Amative Emotion.") "I don't understand sir, how, if a man and his wife form a unity his love for self is different from the love he bears to his wife?"

Prof.:—"Be patient, sir, you'll find that out by experience."

Several medicals called at our Sanctum lately, looking for a subject,—Freshman preferred.

We have our eye on one of the verdants, who, when he *does* visit the college carries the "*vetitum stikum.*" P-I-t-n, beware!

On the night of the "Reception" a wicked Theologue was shying up to the dark-eyed Soph's lady love. Thinking to disconcert the little fellow, he said: Surely you never expect to get a B. A.! "I don't care as long as I get A. B. was the answer."

Prof.—"We like to take every young man that attends the college by the hand." But the time when the Prof's. come nearest to taking the hand of the young man, is when they are hauling in their fees.

A hyper-conceited and verdant Freshie, who exercises a rather *baneful* influence on a certain young lady was escorting her home from the Y. M. C. A. reception the other evening. A Soph and his partner succeeded in abstracting said lady from his loving grasp. Subsequently the freshie was heard to remark: "I wouldn't take a cow and try it again."

IT IS SAID.

That one is likely to be on hand hereafter.

That the philosophic dude got left there lately.

That he says it is always the way now.

That there may, however, be some policy in this.

That he is much given to such subtle reasoning.

That it would be better for him to confine himself to his old quarters.

That his chum like the clear-headed Percy of old, had planned a more excellent way.

That a funny editor is required at Park St. Church Sunday evenings.

That many believe him, since seeing his marked intimacy with the President of the City Y. M. C. A.

That a young dark-eyed Soph. is more to be pitied than laughed at.

That an up north semi-lawyer is a very strong monopolist—in some cases.

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We are of opinion that much of the time spent on Classics, except for the Specialist, is wasted; but, as we have to read and speak every day, the time spent on any subject which will enable us to do so more effectively is not wasted. Is it right, then, that Classics should be imperative while Elocution is not even optional?

DALHOUSIE Law School was started in the session of 1883-84, and has met with great success. The figures given on another page were taken from the calendars, but they require a little explanation, as they do not admit of a fair comparison between the number of undergraduates, in the different years. In 1884-85, the number of undergraduates, as given in the Calendar, was 44. This year the number is 42. This would seem to indicate that no progress has been made, but we wish to call attention to the fact, that, by the adoption of a new rule, five students who, in 1884-85, were put down as undergraduates, would now be counted as generals, so that for purposes of comparison the number in 84-85 should be 39, and in 88-89 42. The Law School is drawing students from all parts of the Maritime Provinces, and now that it can afford excellent accommodation to a large number of students, we may expect to see the numbers rapidly increasing.

THE Christmas holidays are drawing nigh and it will soon be time to make preparations for the annual "break-up." Would it not be well to substitute for the usual concert, an "at home" similar to that which was so kindly provided for us a few evenings ago, by the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association. The professors no doubt would be pleased to co-operate with us in such an undertaking, and it would be a graceful acknowledgement on the part of the students to their Halifax friends, for the many kindnesses which they have from time to time bestowed upon us. Besides, the students are not drawn together as often as they might be in such social gatherings which in many other institutions are almost of weekly occurrence. Let a move be made in the matter.

COMPLAINTS have reached us from several quarters, that the first GAZETTE did not give the number of students in the different faculties. We purposely omitted it, as we knew that all the students would not be in till after the schools of the Province closed. Had we published incomplete statistics no doubt many papers would quote them, and neglect to give its readers the corrected figures which would have to appear in a subsequent issue of the GAZETTE.

THE attention of Students is directed to the advertisement of a Liverpool publisher, Adam Holden, on page 48 of this issue. The large discount of 25% is allowed on books ordered. The firm is reliable, and we can assure the students, on the best authority, that orders are promptly attended to.

GRADE A. EXAM.

We see by the Journal of Education that of ten successful candidates for Grade A., seven were Dalhousie boys. The following are their names in order of merit:—

W. H. Fulton, B. A., '88.
D. M. Soloan, B. A., '88.
H. M. McKay, B. A., '88.
J. K. Henry, Class of '89.
D. K. Grant, B. A., '88.
F. J. Stewart, B. A., '88.

The boys were all in a group at the head of list, and their marks ranged from 79 to 71. This is an exceedingly creditable record for one year.

Literary Notes.

THE *Edinburgh Review*, for October, published by the Leonard Scott Publication Co., Philadelphia, contains an interesting article entitled "Tornado Stories." The following are a few extracts: "A surprisingly minute activity was displayed by it. Clothes and bed linen looked as if some person, out of pure mischief, had carefully torn them into small strips." Several chickens were completely denuded of their feathers... A carpet was taken up untorn from the floor to which it was securely tacked... A Dog was carried two hundred yards, and found dead with its head and shoulders drove into the ground. A heavy lumber wagon was lifted over a corn field one hundred feet across, and deposited intact on the other side... A cat was borne half a mile, and left as flat as if a cider press had passed over it.

Among the Colleges.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Sackville is going to have a Brass Band.
Harvard Athletics are at a low ebb.
Seven Harvard graduates are running for Congress in Massachusetts.
Wells College has elected Mrs. Cleveland President of its Eastern Alumni Association.
Yale has graduated about 13,444 students, of whom about half are living.
Dartmouth will soon have a Y. M. C. A. building of her own.
Vassar College is the next to agitate for the cap and gown.
Harvard and Yale Freshmen Football Teams will play in Cambridge, December 1st.
The first Baptist College in New Brunswick was recently opened at St. Martin's.
The President of St. Paul's School, Concord, has forbidden base ball.
The class of '91, Harvard, have formed a Hare and Hounds Club, with forty members. The Dalhousie boys might do likewise.
The Sackville *Argosy* is agitating for "the resurrection of its defunct college colors,—cardinal and old gold."
The Indiana Supreme Court has decided that college students of legal age may vote in college towns.
A Professorship of Physical Culture, with an endowment of \$1000, is to be established at Amherst, in memory of Henry Ward Beecher.
At Amherst, the examination system has been entirely abolished, and instead, a series of written recitations are given at intervals throughout the year.
A \$1,800 gymnasium has been built at St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, N. B. Over 100 students are availing themselves of the classes in calisthenics.
The following American colleges have over one thousand students:—Harvard, 1,690; Columbia, 1,487; University of Michigan, 1,475; Oberlin, 1,302; Yale, 1,135; Northwestern, 1,100; University of Pennsylvania, 1,069.
THE Russian Government has recently founded a University at Tomsk in Siberia. The courses of lectures were opened on September 13th, sixty-nine students being in attendance, all Siberians.

MR. GLADSTONE'S review of "Robert Elsmere," entitled "Robert Elsmere and the Battle of Belief," in the *Nineteenth Century* for May, has been issued in pamphlet form by the Leonard Scott Publication Co., Philadelphia, price 15 cents. Three editions of this pamphlet were exhausted within a few days, and a fourth is now ready. The Leonard Scott Co. have also ready a "Bibliography of Mr. Gladstone's Recent Writings," with explanatory notes. It may be had by addressing the publishers.

THE FAMILY EDUCATOR.—Webster's unabridged Dictionary is a great family educator, and no family of children ought to be brought up without having ready access to this grand volume. It will answer hundreds of questions of each wide awake child. It is an ever-present and reliable schoolmaster to the whole family.

"OUTING" for December is a reasonable and welcome number. The articles on the athletic organizations of the country are excellently handled, while the illustrations merit high praise.

The leading article, *Sport—Past, Present and Future* by Alexander Hunter, is the commencement of a most interesting paper on the wild fowl shooting of the Eastern States. The chatty, reminiscent style will please all, especially sportsmen, while the illustrations are well in keeping with the tone of the article. *Pickering Shooting on the Marshes*, by O. W. Hard, gives a good account of this kind of sport, while in *The Detroit Athletic Club* John A. Russell has furnished an excellent sketch of the origin and vigorous growth of this flourishing young institution. A poem, entitled *Gray Evening*, by C. P. Sherman is reasonable and pretty. Ernest Ingersoll concludes his *To the Pacific Through Canada*, and S. Smith contributes *A Critical Situation*, a story of the vicissitudes of a journalistic life. The series on *American College Athletics* is inaugurated by the commencement of a most interesting article, by J. Mott Hallowell, on Harvard University. *A Ride to a Russian Wedding*, by C. M. Litwin, is an exciting narrative of a strange race against time; and Mrs. Edith Sessions Tupper contributes a stirring little poem, *The Ace of Hearts*. Thomas Jefferson forms the subject of an excellent article by John P. Foley, in his series on the *Outdoor Life of the Presidents*. *Man's Three Follies* is the title of a witty poem, by Egbert L. Bangs. *The Ladies' Eastern Tricycle Tour* from the Merrimac to Naumkeag, is pleasantly described by "Daisie," and Frank Dempster Sherman closes the number with an exquisite little poem, *A Love Letter*. The *Editorial Department and Records* are as complete as usual.

This is a magazine which all should read. Buy it at the newsstands or send to "OUTING," 239 Fifth Avenue, New York.

important local weeklies from N. S., C. B., and P. E. I.

In this connection we are compelled to refer to one unpleasant circumstance. We wish it distinctly understood that periodicals must not be taken from the Reading Room, except by special permission of a member of the committee, namely an editor of the GAZETTE. It is matter for regret that this should have to be mentioned here; but it is necessary. In spite of a notice in the room to the above effect, the thing has been repeatedly done. Two or three of the magazines are missing now, and we are impatiently awaiting their return. We expect to dispose of the magazines in the Spring, and if the volumes are not complete, their value will be considerably lessened. If we are to have order and take satisfaction in the Reading Room, this rule must be strictly observed. We hope this admonition will have the desired effect, and that this annoying breach of a good rule will not again occur. Of course, if any student wishes to subscribe for any of the magazines after they have been in the Reading Room for a sufficient length of time, the manager of the GAZETTE will be glad to dispose of them in this way, at a low rate.

We would here remind our friends that this generous supply of reading matter has only been obtained by a considerable draught upon this year's GAZETTE funds, and that, consequently, though we ask no more, we do require our subscribers not to neglect their obligations, but to pay up promptly, and enable us to keep out of debt.

Although we are delighted with our new luxury, the powers that be must not imagine that all has been done that was required, and that they may rest in peace. At present we have to be content with a few chairs borrowed from our neighbor the classical Professor's room. We also need another, smaller table, and more accommodation of some kind or other for newspapers. We have no doubt that these needs will all be attended to in time; but we must keep hammering or they will be forgotten. Before this appears in print the walls of the room will have been adorned with framed pictures of the graduating classes of the past several years.

The students have shown their appreciation of their acquisition, by their free and constant use of it. The lady students are expected and cordially invited to walk right in; and the same invitation is extended to the Professors, provided they will conduct themselves with propriety, and not create disturbances while in the room. When the improvements here suggested have been made we will have as comfortable and useful a Reading Room as any modest and reasonable lot of fellows could desire.

ON another page of this issue will be found a Table showing the number of students of Dalhousie for the past ten years. By glancing down the column of Undergraduates in Arts, it will be seen that, although the number of students in some years has been slightly less than in the preceding, yet the general tendency has been upward. In the Session of 79-80 there were but 43 undergraduates; in 84-85 the number had increased to 68; and for the present Session there are 89—or more than double the number ten years ago. These figures give evidence of substantial growth.

Last year there was an increase of 15 undergraduates over the preceding year, while the present year shows an increase of but one over last. This at first sight may seem strange, but it is easily accounted for. The fact that up to our issue of Nov. 18th 1887, the continuation of the Exhibitions and Bursaries was not advertised beyond the session of 87-88 had the effect of causing the greater part of those who were prepared to compete, to come up for what might be the last competition. For this reason there was a greater number of candidates than in any previous year. Of course there can be only fifteen successful competitors, but as is generally the case, quite a number of the unsuccessful candidates remained to take the first two years of the course without the aid of a Bursary. Consequently the Freshman Class of the session of 87-88 was the largest in the history of the College. This had the effect of leaving fewer men to come up for the competition of 88-89, and as a result the increase in undergraduates

this year, falls short of the abnormal increase of last. Other influences have been at work tending to the same result. The lengthening of the term, the consequent increased expenditure, and the reduction of the Bursaries, must all help to lessen the number of the students, and as a matter of fact, to our own knowledge, these causes have done so.

Taking all these circumstances into consideration, we confess that we are not a little surprised to find the number larger than last year. The fact that there is an increase, shows that Dalhousie is destined to grow and that no temporary check can materially retard her progress. The growth of Dalhousie into popular favour has been gradual but sure, and now that the college building can accommodate at least 500 students we may expect her growth to be much more rapid. But we must not allow ourselves to be too much elated by her present prosperity or prospects for the future. Too much confidence is apt to beget a carelessness that would be detrimental to the best interests of the college. We would remind her friends of the necessity of persistent and increased activity in promoting her interests. If our college is to keep up with the rapid strides that almost all such institutions are making, if she is to continue to keep the position which she now holds among Canadian Colleges, her friends must come to her assistance with their money as well as with their good will. Dalhousie is neither sectarian nor sectional. On her register are found Episcopallians, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Catholics. Students are here from the Upper Provinces, as well as from each of the Maritime Provinces. Every county in Nova Scotia but one is represented. New Brunswick and P. E. Island send quite a number. Therefore we feel that, whatever a man's religious persuasion may be, or in whatever part of the province he may live, we need offer no apology when we call his attention to the wants of the college.

DR. JOHN WADDELL, who has offered a prize for the best article published in the GAZETTE, is a Professor in the Royal Military College, at Kingston, and not in Queen's College, as stated in our last issue.

IT seems to us that, in our College Curriculum, the advantages of a thorough training in Elocution are not sufficiently emphasized. We do not think that, in any of our Colleges, there is the attention devoted to the subject that there ought to be. And surely no sane man can deny that it is the study that will, perhaps above all others, be beneficial to him in after life. There are many persons in the world of extensive attainments and great intellectual powers, who, nevertheless, tire their hearers by grinding out their ideas in the same mechanical fashion as the man at the street-corner turns the crank of his hurdy-gurdy. No matter how philosophical the sermon, or how beautiful the poem, both can be completely spoiled by indistinct articulation and slovenly pronunciation. Too many of our preachers, alas! "With nasal twang, strain celestial themes through the pressed nostril, spectacle-bedstrid;" and many skip through the Lord's Prayer with a breathless rapidity that would make Booth turn in his coffin.

It would be no inconsiderable gain if Elocution did nothing more than bring about distinct articulation and a correct pronunciation.

Perhaps those "on the heights" deem these things of little importance, and put the matter off as did a certain teacher whose attention was called to a number of words he was in the habit of mis-pronouncing, by answering that he was not *immaculate*. But Dr. Johnson was not above declaring that, when he had anything to say, he tried to say it in the very best manner he was able.

We trust that the time is not far distant when Elocution will be made an optional subject in the third and fourth years. There is, indeed, a class in connection with the college which is very effectively taught by Mr. Waddell. Those who attend his lectures give him high praise for his thoroughness and attention to his work. But this class, third and fourth students are prevented from attending, as the time requisite for studying their other subjects will not admit of it. They know that they will not be able to overtake the study so thoroughly as to do justice either to themselves or their teacher, and they know that they will get no credit for it at the Sessionals.

Popular rumor has it that a highly respected local divine, fearful lest certain members of his flock should be vitiated by association with the *profanum vulgus* at a recent social gathering, made a counter demonstration, which, however, we are credibly informed, was not at all popular with the aforesaid objects of his paternal solicitude.

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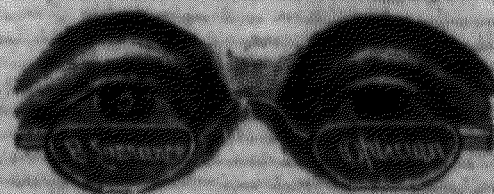
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