McGill, of the College, played the game of the evening.—Almond also played a fast, strong game. Among the Stanstead hockeyists, Hall and Terrill especially distinguished themselves. The final decision of the referee gave the match to the College by 11 to 7.

The teams lined up as follows:—

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The QUEBECK DIOCRAS GAZETTE.

Since our last issue we have noted with much pleasure the appearance of the first number of the *Quebec Diocras Gazette*, a new feature in the system of denominational literature which we believe to have a great influence for good throughout the Sect. The paper, which is a sized publication in passepartout size, is issued monthly under the sanction of the Bishop and under the management of the Rev. R. A. Farrar, R. A. It aims at objects may be seen from the following taken from the introductory remarks to the January number:—

**JANUARY.**

"In the first place, if there is to be respect for science and enthusiasm, there must as a first condition be an honest presentation. For we do not believe that we cannot be interested, whereas if we are aware that the arts of life are being done by our neighbours, we are very likely to wish to adopt those things which are in accordance with our judgment, and try to do things and better things for them.

Certainly an all-inclusive body of church news such as the *Gazette* is nothing more than an eye-opener to the Bishop, but a journal of all that is being done in the Church throughout the Province, we consider to be a valuable exhibition of our natural real nature and to misrepresent it. But when we come, the genius who shall give to the world the same real man as he is to the Bishop, we shall try to do that.

**OCTOBER.**

On Christmas day there passed away at her residence here one who has been a valued member of this church for many years. The late Mrs. John MacMillan, wife of the late Rev. Dr. MacMillan, was a beloved and faithful member of the church. She was a faithful and devoted worker in the church, and her death is a great loss to the church and to her friends. The funeral took place at St. Paul's Church, under the charge of the Rev. Alexander G. Bell, D.D.

The question as to what are the true lines on which college papers ought to be conducted, although it may seem a simple one at first sight, is one upon which there seems to be great diversity of opinion. No doubt we find that the saying—"Our dear friend the unbiassed"—more fully verified than in the difference of ideas which we notice in the government of the various college magazines which meet our notice. True, all love at heart the same object, the welfare of the Institution which they represent, but here the resemblance ends.

The mitre: a study in which the endavour seems to be to create a favourable opinion of their institutions in the minds of the coming public, and for which purpose all which does not "look well in print" is carelessly eliminated, and all that moves the eye is great and wise. The student appears a paragon of learning, industry and virtue. In other words, it is a consideration of the guidance and general improvement of the student himself. Efforts are made to reform arms, to encourage the reader to commit to memory the attitude of the author, philosopher and friend "...." but why send arms at all? A glance will show the impossibility of reducing the rules of college journalistic to a common basis. This letter is concerned with the college paper, which aims to be the representation of the thoughts and occupations of a decided college student, if it did not fail in its object, represent them as they are. The reader will not be surprised to find the highest aims, the most thought, the "show" features of college life are deleted. The aim of the paper ought to be to give the best it has to stand out as the champion of what is best and the enemy of what is bad or unprofitable in college life. How do we reconcile these? Why simply three, by representing things as they are, we take the best possible way to succeed. We do as we think is right, not as we like, but as it is, and that is as it should be.

In the Laurentides.

It is only in the last few years that the vast region lying in the north of the Province of Quebec, the ancient district of the Richelieu, Magogine and the Montmagny,—watered—stayed to the St. Maurice, the Bacalan and the Montmorency with country tribes has become known to those who are neither lumbermen or trappers.
It is reported that Mr. Hunter, at present Lay Reader in charge of Megantic, is to be moved to St. John's to assist Canon Thorncroft. Mr. Barton (94) will succeed him at Megantic. Among present members of the College staff are giving Canon Thorncroft some assistance.

Notice to Advertisers.

Through an oversight of the printer one page of advertisements was omitted from our last issue. This we regret very much. Owing to the lateness with which it was possible for him to arrange the types and to get them arranged according to agreement. This was of course unavoidable. In future any change of advertisers or other business connected with the same must be in the hands of the Business Manager on or before the 25th of each month in order to affect the following issue.

This is Worth Reading.

Students and School boys are requested to give attention to our advertisements and so as far as possible to patronize those firms which have space for advertising in The Mitre.

Organ Recital

Given in the Chapel, by Mr. Arthur Dorey, February 13th, 1894, at 8:15.

1. Hymn, "Glory be to Jesus" (107).
2. Overture (Occasional Oratorio)...Handel
3. Aitken...March Triomphe...Ch. Collins
4. Song..."What are these are arrayed..."-Brentham
5. Prelude in E...Mendelssohn
6. a. Nocturne...Mozart
7. a. Scherzo...P. Capetti
8. Andantino...Chantet

OFFERTORY FOR THE CHAPEL FUND.

Offertoire de S. Cecile...J. Grison
9. Song...N. Adams

MISS COCHRANE.

11. Twilight Picture...H. K. Shelley
12. Marche Religieuse...A. Guilmant

(On the theme, "Lift up your Heads, from the Messiah")

The Bishop's Quiet Day.

The 25th of January will be long remembered as a "Quiet Day" at Bishop's with an unusual form of way of expressing himself together with his deep and spiritual insight into the realities of the spiritual life being the most thought-provoking and profitable addresses.

The services of the day began with an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7:15 A.M., at the church. The service began with hymn 157 and a part of the Combined service. After another hymn his Lordship began that long text speaking about the importance of the work done in our College in both Faculties, Arts and Divinity, and the influence which the College extended in the progress and upbuilding of the church in this Diocese, and which he considered to be of inestimable value.

Then with an impressive long to be remembered he took up the subject of "The Necessity of the Spiritual Life and Our Realization of God's Protection." He showed how we live in a spiritual world, and that God is all things in all things. That this day this hour should always be our greatest aim and desire. And in order to do so we must remember the words "know thyself" by which he meant a thorough and thoughtful examination of ourselves, a "probing" concerning our thoughts and meditations. He bade us remember also our blessed Lord's example in the world. He then concluded his address by showing how God will guide and protect us if we seek His guidance, but he will not make a machine of us or control our every thought. A hymn was then sung, the Litany was said, and followed by another address. Then followed another address on "The Terrible Danger of Lukewarmness" in which his Lordship pointed out what the spirit of congregation and lukewarmness would be if we realized more of God's presence with us. He pointed out also some of the signs of this lukewarmness as noticed in the responses of some of the professors and the conduct of some of the services in the church are sometimes performed. We must get rid of it and the smooth self-satisfied service. He then touched upon a few points which has been noticed. An antidote to lukewarmness is to think and dwell upon the wondrous love of God and our Saviour.

The morning session then closed with a hymn and the blessing.

At 2:15 p.m. we again met in the College Chapel. The singing of two hymns and a few moments of prayer were followed by another address by his Lordship on "The Hardening of the Heart" in which he pointed out some of the signs of this terrible sin, such as there being no response for spiritual things, also how lukewarmness might lead to this "Hardening of the Heart." This was followed by hymn 54, prayer and meditation, hymn 248 followed by another address on the "Duty of Self-Knowledge." We must conquer our minds and of self-complicity and concert. He pointed out to that knowledge of God as asking ourselves such questions as the following:—"What if others knew the inner sanctum of my heart? Am I such as I strive to appear to others? Do I realize the power and position of being a füsher of men." He then closed his address with a few remarks on the love which was a most profitable subject of meditation at all times, also the benefits of sometimes meditating on the "four last things," and also the importance of knowing this is necessary to the growth of grace in our hearts. A hymn was followed by the blessing concluded the service.

Hockey.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE VS. STANSTEAD.

These two teams met one another in the Sherbrooke Rink, Friday, the 8th inst. as expected an exciting game. Their puck was rewarded, and they succeeded in forcing the puck through the College goal posts occasioning a penalty for the Stanstead men, but they came on the ice for the second time determined to do their best to score. Five points were added, and the next period gave two more points to their previous 7.

Divinity Notes.

According to the report of the Bishop's College Chapel, which appears in the Quebec Diocesan Gazette, about $4,100 is still required to complete the ornamental floorings, stalls, and other woodwork.

Rev. Principal Adams, D.C.L., was present at the consecration of Bishop Hall, in Burlington, Feb. 2nd, and took part in the services.

C. E. Bispham, B.A., spent his vacation at Bech Plain as Lay Reader, and according to reports met with considerable success. The result of his work is seen in the progress made in the Sunday School. He was engaged in the work of the school, also engaged in the work of the Sunday School.
The arts: Students welcome back to their midst Mr. W. G. M. Robertson, who was laid off last term with a broken shoulder. It is a matter of great regret that he cannot yet take his accustomed place in the hockey team.

Mr. E. Clare Avery, who has just returned from Hamilton, Ont., where he has been spending his holidays, is desirous of forming a branch of the Canadian Club among the students and faculty of the University. This club, which owes its birth to the energetic citizens of the "Ambitious City," was formed last year. The Missionary Society and the Star of the Righteous Missions are the names of the best young men of the city on its Register, and is daily receiving applications for membership from all parts of the Dominion. Its aim and object is to cultivate a true patriotic spirit among Canadians, without which Fair Canada cannot become a success, and also to support and advance all Canadian arts, sciences, and literature. The fee for membership is nominal, being one dollar per year. Such an institution should commend itself to all Canadians — especially to those engaged in literary pursuits. It is to be hoped that the College members will endeavour to advance its objects, which are noble and much needed by our fair Dominion at the present time.

The photographs of the various athletic teams can be obtained now by students or friends of the college. The pictures are most favourably with those of last year.

At the meeting of the third year recently held to elect a valetudinarian for the year, Mr. E. B. Clare Avery was elected to that office. We congratulate the third year on their choice.

Medical Notes.

One of the most brilliant social events of the season was the wedding of Dr. J. McPhail to Miss Buriand which took place during the Xmas holidays. Dr. McPhail and his bride are now in England. The MITRE tendered hearty congratulations.

Congratulations are also in order to Dr. H. L. Reddy whose marriage to Miss Lowson was lately solemnized in the church of St. James the Apostle. Dr. Reddy and wife returned from a trip to New York in time for the former to resume his course of lectures at the beginning of the session.

Dr. Max Goltham (’92), a former house-surgeon of the Women’s Hospital, has been heard from in one of Pennsylvania’s most noted towns and reports considerable success in his practice there.

The mother of Dr. G. T. Ross, Registrar, died recently at an advanced age in Halifax, N.S.
 fifth dozen, but his cruel blows are arrested by the intervention of the form of a "wish of bewty"—as Jerry avowed later to the interested ear of the villain and the prostrate body of the hero. "You shall strike his body but through my own," says the noble girl. She turns out to be the daughter of Captain lainker. Will is, on his release, thrust down below and fed on bread and water, and sponge-cake, which the "wish of bewty" generously hands him through writing. The Captain's daughter to be fair, with long, yellow hair falling down her back, beautiful complexion, sweet voice, charming manner, etc. At the end of the page the judge I stopped Jerry and told him I thought it would be "more the thing" to have the heroine dark—"as the Queen of Sheba." I cared not whether she was right or left, as far as I cared about the story, all would be.”

Bishop's College School Notes.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 24th, a missionary meeting was held in the large hall. There was a large attendance, as it had been announced that Bishop Dunn and Chancellor Heneker would address the boys of the School on a subject of great interest. After some remarks by the Principal as to missionary work in the Diocese of Athabasca, the Bishop of that Diocese having given an address in the chapel on the previous day—Bishop Dunn spoke at length on the work which he had formerly carried on in South Acton, England. All present were deeply interested in his address, as well as in the manner in which he related the story. The Bishop had devoted all his spare time to mission work in two outlying stations, and he proposed that the boys of Bishop's College School should be interested in helping him. In the course of his address he pointed out the necessity of supporting such work, adding a visit paid by him to Marilboough College, England, and to the mission work carried on by the boys of Bishop's School. He expressed the hope that the boys of Bishop's College School would undertake to support such a mission, even though they should not be at liberty to do so. He argued that it is the duty of every English speaking member of the English School. The proposition was enthusiastically received by the boys and as far as can be judged, the new missionary work of the school has a promising future. He expressed his entire approval of the scheme, a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

The following new books have just been received for the School Library: The Refugees, General Gordon's Journal, Thumbnail Sketches, Stories for Boys, Out of Doors in Thailand, Arabian Nights Entertainment, Stories of Adventurers, Queer Stories from Russia, Great African Travellers, True Story Book.

As to the reading room, the less said the better. The school generally and the committee particularly are, of course, opposed to the cleaning of "decent" milk as I expressed myself to Captain Ede. Jerry said, "I won't fight any more." I got more

policy to insist on a fine being paid. The Reading Room is free to all, but a boy should reflect before tearing up a newspaper or magazine, for in doing so he robs others of what they have paid for. The chaplain of the hockey team takes an interest in the Reading Room, and the result will soon be apparent.

The vacany on the School staff caused by Mr. Dutton's resignation, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Gravalle S. Barley, late of Cambridge, University, Eng., and a former master of the Berthier Grammar School.

This year's hockey promises to be quite up to the mark, and some good playing ought to be seen. The junior and senior teams are playing again, namely: Mr. Lloyd, H. Macdougall, E. McLea and A. Gilmore. The rest of the fellows do n't want, and, indeed, there are no good men in the field. The secretary is trying to arrange matches with the following clubs: Stanstead, Bishop's College, Locke & Mitchell's, Collegiate Institute and Lennoxville.

In our last issue we spoke of the possibility of having a ring in the "quads." The ring is now an accomplished fact, thanks to the unpremeditated energy and perseverance shown by our much maligned friend—Tom Gill.

The photo of the prefects of 1893-4, which has lately come in, is an excellent one—rather smaller than former photos, but well finished and admirably grouped. The charm of the Prefects is equally good. Old Boys wishing for photos can obtain them by applying to H. B. Macdougall.

Owing to an epidemic of grippe, the dance which was to have been given by the boys at Christmas had to be cancelled. Let us hope, however, that the school will make up for this disappointment in the usual way.

The coming Kingstownians are now hard at work preparing for their exam. A great inducement is held out to some fellows in the fifth form science, who are not entering, but perhaps they have good intentions. Let us wish them success.

The singing and responding in chapel has much improved of late, and all seem to feel that this is as it ought to be.

By the way, most of the members of last year's lacrosse team have returned, including the stickwood defence. R. Tofted will be missed, as he was a good checker. We have often wondered why lacrosse is not more generally played in the school, it being the national game, and of the most exciting now played.

PERSONALS.

During the Christmas holidays the school was

played goal for the 1st. Victorians. He has the distinction of being the youngest player in the senior league.

A. A. Cuningham (head prefect B. C. S., 1891-2) met with a serious accident in December, during a fire which took place in his father's house; his hands and face are terribly burned, and he, however, has almost recovered.

E. F. She, one of our most popular prefects, decided to leave B. C. S. at the end of last term, and is now attending the Alberg School in Montrose. We hope to see him one of the successful candidates in the McGill Science examination in June.

R. E. Macdougall has been playing with the first Victorians. While in Ottawa he was unfortunate enough to get shot in the leg by a hockey stick, but after a short rest was able to continue playing.

H. Welch (B. C. S., 1892) is now working in the offices of the Grand Trunk, Freight Department at Quebec.

J. G. Holden (B. C. S., 1892) now of the Royal Military College, Kingston, spent the Christmas holidays in Montreal. His vacation was, however, rather spoiled by a somewhat serious illness, from which he has since quite recovered.

Old Boys of last year will be glad to hear that F. C. Johnson is doing admirably in the office of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Ry., Chicago.

"Busty" Smith (B. C. S., 1892) is now distinguishing himself as captain of the St. George's hockey team of Quebec.

Carl Fleming (B. C. S., 1890) has entered the North West Mounted Police.

W. Elliott, the standby of last year's fifth form, is preparing for a medical course, though not decided as to what University he will attend.

ODDS AND ENDS.

A Bully Story.

Scene:—Opposite Mrs. Povey's, 3 p.m.

Characters:—John, Robert and Jeffery, three boys of B. C. S.—A bull in charge of Mr. Povey and another man—Two wayfarers.

The bull appears, led by, or rather leading his owner and servant man, who hold ropes on either side, breaks loose, rushes at the two wayfarers and knocks them over. At this moment, John, wishing to combine all the facts of affairs, the latter appearing to think that it is not a wise
Van Elsen.

God spake three times and saved Van Elsen's soul.
He spake by sickness first and made him whole;
Van Elsen heard him not,
Or soon forgot.

God spake to him by wealth, the world outpassed
His treasures at his feet, and called him Lord;
And great fat
And proud thereat.

God spake the third time when the great world smiled,
And in the darkness of our world, he led his little child;
Van Elsen like a tree
Fell hopelessly.

Then in the darkness came a voice which said,
"As thy heart bleeddeth, so My heart hath bled,
As I have need of thee,
Thou needest me."

That night Van Elsen kissed the baby feet.
And kneeling by the narrow winding sheet
Praised Him with fervent breath
Who conquered death.

Frederick George Scott.

"There Shall Be No More Sea."

Like cities built upon a sea environed shore, the vapors of the past may often seem
Yet never more than the basis of their fame.
Are we. By sex or poverty divided more
Than half our converse (as the best) till age
Has broken our wills, and enlarged the widening mind
Of skittish weeds bestrewed along our strand,
Then better inland turn, leaving stormy flood
And seek some shelter from pursuing blast.
Nor will the world grow to show the wiser
Where we may safely rest, relieved at last
From gazing outward on the ever passing forms
Of comedy ships, which yet must meet their storms.
Where peaceful sameness reigns, the end will easier be;
No dread convulsions rend where there is no more sea.

Jerry And I.

Jerry had fitted up under my superintendence a retreat near the back-garden gate, where we prosecuted our literary labours. In my private opinion it was a perfect representation of a rugged western scene. Often and often did I squat myself down on our old fur-rug, smoking tea-leaves in my ascot pipe, and from under the crab-apple tree on my left I would plainly see a huge gaily bear rise and scratch himself, then walk slowly towards the stable. Again and again, the chief of buffaloes barked at me; I called them milch cows, pass along the lane—before the camp. I sincerely believe that Jerry was too matter-of-fact to make a good novelist. Still, he allowed that his muzzle loading gun and the camp stook did look sufficiently uncivilized. The tent-cover was one of my suggestion and consisted of a coarse canvas, and the lower branches of a maple tree. Such a fierce and menacing aspect did the place present that I reverently christened it. The Cowboy's 'can, tee always had a vivid imagination, I proposed to my boy to give it a name to himself, and as it was very unlike a canon, but until lately I firmly believed a cannon was a gently rising ground covered with bushes. Imagination, size, a cowboy's sensations of wonder and delight at finding he had encamped only a yard or two away from a strawberry patch! My son did not seem to take it as a canon, though he did his best to look barbarous by putting on a pair of top boots and taking off his collar. He lent me a scoundrel hat, bowie knife, and cartridge belt and I flattened myself. I very nearly approached the ruffian grace of the conventional cowboy. In this romantic dress and under these austere and terrible circumstances, the plan of the greatest novel of the age began to assume definite shape.

I showed Jerry that the hero was to be the only son of a rich baronet. After displaying great patience with the development of mind and character, it is sent to Lickewell Academy—which was under the advice of the famous Dr. Growler—to take the examination using the powers in a wider field than that of his home. While at this nursery of great men the hero, Will Bentham—a man of talents and talents of the highest'—is to be sent to Lickewell Academy, which was under the advice of the famous Dr. Growler—to take the examination using the powers in a wider field than that of his home.

The novelty of the situation gradually wears oil—lack of fresh water, and qualities of life, Jones, a fellow student, the landlock Indian of his age, and solid earth with some degree of regret, prevents Bill's voluntary abandonment from being altogether blissful. "I'd like a glass of real lemonade," thinks Jerry, who is the other, and scrambling along he manages to get on deck. "The Captain betrays some emotion, but it is not the usual Indian's emotion; it is as much an old tradition as is the explaining of him. "Lash this lubberly landsman to the gun amidships and give him four dozen," Bill is on board the vessel of a blood red in the eyes. The crew obey the orders of their Captain with great zest; but the dauntless boy grasps a marline-splice and disables the half sleep now is thoroly lashed down and belaboured by the Indian of his age, and solid earth with some degree of regret. The pain of his bites between his closed teeth, as he is on the point of satisfying his private feelings by the laying on of a
The Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Fourth Annual Convention of this Brotherhood was held at Oxford from November 13-15. The object of the Convention was held in Kingston and the proceeding naturally caught a maritl tone from the military surroundings. It's to the credit of the Oxford, which is a very important address of the Brotherhood, "Fight the Good Fight".

This year, however, the place of meeting was the city of Kingston and the proceeding was held under the shadow of the magnificent pile of buildings, in which are the legislative halls, the watchword was naturally government. An eminent English author has said, "The road of government is but a distinction and in all the plans and proceedings of this Convention the management seems to have fully realized the fact."

The sole object of the Brotherhood is the spread of Christ's Kingdom among young men, and the work is supposed to be done principally by young men. At the present time we are among the most important men of the Convention Hall old and middle aged men as well as the younger members. In an organization like this it is not surprising to find a great deal of practical work, not only in the field of the school but also in the field of the church. An Oxford man said as soon as think of admittance to a friend's room, at a time when that friend showed by his closed door that he wished to be alone, "I have met a friend at Oxford, and in place of the schoolboy familiarity which we see here, there is a code of polite- ness among the men which nobody dreams of infringing."

"...and lastly, this morning, I was walking up the oaks."

A great reliance on the doctrine of the Church as the guide of all that we do shall be to imitate. As we are not in the same manner of the Church, but back in the path of the best of the Church we must not be to imitate. We are not in the same manner of the Church as we are walking up the oaks.

The Convention opened with a Quiet Day, at St. Andrew's, the famous and beautiful Church of Quebec. Four familiar addresses were given on "Our Life, it's Dangers and How it may be Lifted". The Bishop urged his hearers to strive to be the leaders of the way. By means of this knowledge and the power of self control the two greatest dangers which we are to encounter in our walk of life, might be avoided.

At ten o'clock on the following day the dele- gate from the late mass meeting in the Opera House at 4 p.m. was a great gathering. Bishop Tuttle and the Bishop of Quebec were present. The Governor General was also present and made a very strong appeal to the convention in the highest terms of the work of the Brotherhood. In closing he impressed upon all the necessity of improving the mission schools and institutions and illustrated his point by the following anecdote:

"One night an accident happened to the screw-propeller of a great vessel while at sea, and the officer in charge of the engine room was not able to reach the ship's engine room in time. The crew took to the boats. By and by they saw the light of a steamer. How were they to at- tract the attention of the old ship so that it had been thrown into the boat, but how was it to be lighted? Everybody was asked to search his pockets for matches, but only one man had a single match, and that match he gave to the captain as the responsible person, so that he might light the lantern. The captain when he narrated the story afterwards told it as a matter of fact, that this one man, with one match, their only hope of attracting attention, should fail. With a beating heart he carefully struck the match, and lit the lantern, so that the steamer saw the signal, and they were saved.

Bishop Tuttle was then introduced. He expressly declared that it was a great pleasure it gave him to be able to join in with the highest respect and reverence, in asking a blessing for Their Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria. His long and solemn address of wondrous display by her have brought all nations to reverence her. He was also grateful in being permitted to express his sentiments in the Convention and the Bishop situated his feeling by saying that matters that were not different in Canada from the United States. A resolution was carried leaving the question of the time and place of the next Convention to the incoming council. A strong impression was made that this Convention would be tendered from Woodstock and it will probably be accepted.

The Sunday services were very impressive. The Brotherhood attended St. George's church in the body and the sermon was preached by Bishop Tuttle. His text was Rev. xxii, 13, and he dwelt at length upon the use to which God has made this Convention for Himself to us. He urged his hearers to guard against accepting the conclusions of the Higher criticism as found in the current form of the human side of Scripture from this source but the Bible, and not the crutch of the source of truth. The responses were grandly said and as the service was near conclusion the Bishop said: "The heartiness with which they sang and joined in the responses had an elevating effect on the whole congregation. I could not help feeling that we are determined to realize what the services of the Church of England may be and ought to be."

The brothers and friends were present and all present said that we were not so much in the navel as in the spirit in which we did it.
Owing to our late re-opening after the vacation we are rather late in presenting to our readers this our first issue since the advent of the New Year. In fact, it seems almost out of season for The Mitre to add its good wishes to the many expressions of good will which have been already received. However as good feeling should be able to flourish throughout the year and not merely at Christmas and during the infancy of the month of January, we wish you all prosperity and happiness for the twelve-month on which we have entered since our last appearance.

This is the season of good resolutions. Custom, or shall we call it a touch of the universal love of symmetry, makes us believe that there is a peculiar desirability in the selection of the New Year as a time for reforming past faults and beginning the performance of duties erstwhile neglected. Certainly the time is not unsuitable. Few would claim that, however much they may pretend to be amused by this process of moral house cleaning. It is not the sweeping and dusting of corners or arrangement of displaced furniture which seems to some advanced thinkers such an unending source of amusement, but the want of permanence in the results. Therefore we conclude that it is not the question of resolutions which most demands our thoughts, but the problem of how we may put our resolutions into practice with the best hope of keeping them unbroken. One answer to this question, which we sometimes hear, is that no resolution to amend ever is kept unbroken, that all sudden reforms are temporal, and that only gradual changes can be expected to endure. This though incorrect contains some truth. For let us consider the nature of a resolution of this kind with respect to its cause. Of course the cause of such a state of mind will determine to a great extent its probable result. If the conviction of past short comings is joined to a genuine wish for reform there is no reason why the resolution should not bear fruit, while on the other hand mere realization of the advisability of giving up some cherished fault without any diminution of the fondness for the fault seldom brings any good result. But what, says some one, has all this to do with the statement that no sudden reformation ever proves lasting? Why just this, that no man whose wish to turn over a new leaf is genuine ever makes a sudden resolution to reform. His change of habit may trace its beginning from some definite time, but the change of mind which has lead to it has been no sudden impulse without premeditation or reflection. No tree can bring forth fruit till it has reached maturity, and no resolution without time for reflection can give any good result. Thus to put the matter in a few words the important thing for us to consider is not “What resolutions must we make for the coming year,” but “What faults of the past are we really sorry for and prepared to give up at all costs?” If we answer this question truly, and regulate our actions accordingly we shall have solved the first and greatest difficulty in this problem. When this has been done, there only remains the struggle against habit, and the amount of success achieved will be in proportion to the sincerity and strength of the resolve. Perhaps some who read this may think that a great deal of trouble has been taken to prove a very evident fact, to these we would say that the question of good resolutions is one which holds a special place in the thoughts of every student at the beginning of a term. We have had the best possible preparation for such considerations. We have had the real character of our progress tested by the recent examinations; we have still fresh in our minds the interest of our friends in our success; their loving hope and trust have fired us with a determination not to disappoint them, and we have had time for reflection. Is it surprising that we came back with these thoughts uppermost in our minds? And to the students, all of you who have resolved to make this term a time of real work and improvement, we have nothing further to add but this: The Mitre wishes you success in your good resolves whatever they may be, and feels sure that if you are sincere, this term will not only be a successful one as regards college work, but will be a source of real pleasure to look back upon in years to come.