VIEW OF THE ST. FRANCIS AND MASSAWIPPI RIVERS FROM THE ARTS BUILDING.
The sudden and unexpected news that the Principal had resigned came as a surprise and shock to us all. The announcement was made by the Principal himself to the assembled student body. He preferred, he said, in consideration of the close relations that had always existed between the men and himself that they should hear it from him rather than through the public press. The announcement came as such a surprise that at the moment no adequate expression of the sorrow that all felt found expression; but later, when the realization of the loss the University in particular, and higher education in Canada in general, would sustain by his removal, genuine and deep regret was expressed. His resignation was not, he said, on account of any difference of opinion or strained relations with the governing body, or the students. His relations with both had always been of the closest, and friendliest, and no one could feel more sorrow than himself that these were soon to be broken. His resignation was simply and solely for private reasons. The state of the health of his mother in England required his
presence near her, and, it was on this account that he had decided he must return to England.

The place of Dr. Whitney in the educational life of Canada and his work at the University of Bishop's College demands a few words of recognition, although at this early date it is difficult to adequately measure the great debt that is due to him. For Canada itself the presence even of such a ripe and accurate scholar cannot but have had beneficial results to the cause of higher education, and although the location of Lennoxville, apart from the leading educational centres of Canada, to a certain extent has nullified the power of that influence and restricted its scope, yet those whom he has reached through his teaching, sermons and writings have felt the inspiration of his scholarship and have been stirred to more efforts in pursuit of a high ideal of culture. His stay in Canada was all too short to accomplish thoroughly that which he was capable of doing, but it has given an impetus to higher education in this part, which we trust will go on and gain strength even after his removal from our midst. His contribution to that great work of the late Lord Acton, the Cambridge Modern History, and the praise which has been passed upon that article by the critics, places him in the foremost rank of English Historians.

Upon his work at Bishop's College it is easier to place a value, because its results are already manifest. Of course, his own deep knowledge coupled with his diligence as a student (for Dr. Whitney is still a student) has been the best example to the men under him. His insistence upon accuracy and a higher standard has achieved results in the scholarship of the men which is bound to grow with the years. The standard of all the work has been materially raised, while the courses have been broadened and made more optional and honor courses organized for second and third year's work. There is also a good spirit abroad amongst the men which he has always assiduously cultivated and encouraged. Hazing, that bane of the freshman and the exaggerated reports of which have done harm to Bishop's in the past, has been abolished, largely owing to the personal efforts of Dr. Whitney. In every department of College life and work, educational, social, physical and spiritual, an advance is to be recorded in method, manner and result. In the social life of the place both Dr. and Mrs. Whitney will be much missed. Into every student function they entered with zest, and supported by personal effort and generous financial aid. And to
THE MITRE.

Dr. Whitney has been a warm friend, ever ready to contribute to its pages, and ever ready with advice and other help.

Lennoxville, and Canada too, will suffer a distinct loss in the removal of Dr. Whitney, but we are sure that the good wishes of all Lennoxville men go with him to England, where, freed from the onerous and trying duties of a Principal, he will be able to devote more time and achieve greater success in the line of historical research. And we are equally sure that Bishop's progress and Bishop's success will always hold a large part of Dr. Whitney's heart.

Death has broken in upon our numbers this Term for the first time in many years, and has left behind a gloom and cast a shadow over us that time alone can dissipate.

John A. Jackson, although only amongst us for a short time, had succeeded in winning his way into the hearts of all, and in occupying a place in all the departments of College life, that gave bright promise of a successful future both in his College course and chosen life-work—a priest of God.

The sympathy of the whole University goes out, with a sense of the loss it sustains, to the greater loss and deeper sorrow of his family,—his father and mother, his relatives and friends. The realization of Jackson's trust in the God of Love, who removed him, and his beautiful end, will act as a balm to the grief that is naturally felt at this time.

Unforeseen circumstances, which arose during the preparation of copy, necessitated the cancellation of our December number. Needless to say, as in the case with most College papers, those circumstances were connected with financial matters, into which it is not necessary nor proper to enter into detail here; but suffice to say, that an old account for printing, which was supposed by the present management to have been paid, was presented and caused a disarrangement of our plans. This extra and unprovided for burden will render it necessary to hew more closely to the line of economy and make THE MITRE still more dependent upon the prompt remittance of all subscriptions. The present issue will go forth as a January and February number, and subsequent issues will be published about the first of each succeeding month.
Ordination Service at the Cathedral, Quebec.

On the morning of the fourth Sunday in Advent, at an Ordination service held in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Quebec, two of our number, Messrs. F. Plaskett, B.A., and T. H. Iveson, B.A., were admitted to the holy office of deacon by the Lord Bishop of Quebec, assisted by a number of the clergy. There was not present as large a congregation as there should have been for an event so impressive and so solemn, one so full of moment and entailing so much responsibility. The service opened with a most interesting and thoughtful sermon by the Very Rev. Dean Williams, who, taking as his theme the life and example of John the Baptist, preached in his earnest manner a sermon appropriate at the same time to the occasion, and to the season of Advent. He compared the life of a clergyman of the present day with that of the Baptist of old, whom he pointed out as a true type of the minister of God, and impressed upon the candidates, in sympathetic terms, the importance of the step which they were taking, the responsibilities of their mission, and the course they must pursue if they would hope to prove successful in their ministry.

The candidates for the sacred office were then presented to the Bishop for Ordination by the Rev. Dr. Allnatt, and the Litany was sung by the Rev. E. A. Dunn. The choir under the able direction of Mr. Bishop, the organist, rendered in a very effective manner the musical part of the service. After the Ordination the Bishop officiated at the celebration of the Holy Communion.

The Rev. F. Plaskett, on the completion of his course in June and after ordination to the priesthood in September, will go to assist the Rev. A. J. Vibert in Labrador. The Rev. T. H. Iveson spent the Christmas vacation working in his future parish, Hawthorn, which is in the diocese of Ottawa.

Dr. Whitney on Inspiration.

A Sermon Preached at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Montreal, on Dec. 4th.

After speaking on the evil effects of the theory of verbal inspiration, which he held responsible for many doubts and much neglect
of the Bible, and which he showed to be specially used against
religion by secularist writers, Dr. Whitney quoted Dr. Westcott, late
Bishop of Durham, and the greatest biblical scholar of last century,
who said: "The purely organic (that is mechanical) theory of inspi-
ration rests on no Scriptural authority and if we except a few
ambiguous metaphors, is supported by no historical testimony. It is
at variance with the whole form and fashion of the Bible, and it is
destructive of all that is holiest in man and highest in religion."

I believe for my own part that there are many who imagine
they cannot believe the Bible because they cannot accept this par-
ticular theory of its composition, the theory that every word was
dictated, as it were, by the Spirit of God to the writer of it, and
that therefore not to accept every single word as absolutely true and
infallible, not to accept all the words as equally true and infallible
with each other, is to be a disbeliever, and to shut oneself out from
the spiritual help the Bible can give. To lay the same stress upon
the ages of the patriarchs as upon the Virgin birth (upon the Old
Testament chronology as upon the life of Christ) to make a belief
in the actual physical speech of Balaam's ass as essential as a belief
in the Resurrection is surely a mistake; the literal historic truth of
the Book of Jonah, for instance, is not as vital to a Christian's
wellfare as is the story of the crucifixion. And yet there are some
teachers who make no distinction between the two; there are many
souls who pass through misery and fear, there are more who pass
into open rejection of the faith, because they cannot accept the
smaller details although they would gladly love the Christ. The
Church has from the first kept the proportion of Scripture better
than this. It is the mistaken theory of verbal inspiration which is
the cause of these effects. And it is away from that theory, to the
truer, deeper and more ennobling view of the Church that I would
ask you to turn. For there is another view of inspiration which
fits in better with the individual life and with the continuous life of
the Church as a whole.

The preacher then turned to the history of the canons or ac-
cepted lists of the books of the Old and New Testaments, pointing
out, their gradual formation and approval by the Church guided by
the Spirit of God. Here no less than in the actual composition of
the books lay one great secret of their history: the Church set its seal
upon books through which, as it knew by long experience, God spoke
to men and gave them religious teaching. The Bible so formed gave
men a development of religious truth found nowhere else. The Bible was formed within the Church, but now from its reception let us turn to its writers. How could the writings of a man become the message of God? For, mark you, no mere allowance of a high moral inspiration in a writer of the Bible just as we speak of a high poetic inspiration could justify us, or could justify the earlier Church in recognizing in these writings a special message from God. By inspiration we mean that the writer received from the Spirit of God a quickening of his natural powers, so that he seized, with a divine intuition the religious, the spiritual, the moral truth. And it was the same spirit which taught the Church to receive the message and to see this truth. Here, not simply as a record of historical fact, but as a teaching of religious truth, man's spirit in the writer and in the reader alike was brought into close touch with God. Hence the importance of the human elements: the history of the writer, the features of his day, God's Spirit was thus the guide, but he left the inspired writer to be himself, his exalted self. People often feel disquieted at the stress laid in modern books upon this human side, upon the characteristics of the writer and his training and so forth. But let them reflect that God surely chose His messenger, as He chose His apostles, because of what He was, and so too He chose the age in which that messenger was to speak. Hence every detail of how his life, every detail of the long process of editing and formation of the books, speaks to us of God's method of sending His message. For that reason it helps us to understand the message, although it does not affect the value of the message itself.

But this is what is just so often forgotten; we lay stress upon some trifle, some minor point, some fact of remote Jewish history, some little detail of apostolic teaching, and so we discern not the body of Christ.

But if inspiration means all this, why has the Church never defined precisely what it means by inspiration? It surely was because it was an action of the Holy Spirit upon the process of composition needing for its full appreciation by the reader the illumination of the Holy Spirit again. No creed or formulary of any part of the Church has ever declared that the Bible is to be everywhere literally interpreted or that its historical and absolute accuracy except in regard to religious truth is divinely guaranteed, and for this reason it is wrong on the part of any one to lay upon Christian souls a burden heavier than the Church has seen fit to lay, to de-
mand that every single detail of the Bible, historic, scientific as well as religious, is to be accepted as infallibly true. We regard the Bible, the Church has defined and accepted it, as inspired, but not until the ages following Calvin was this interpreted as meaning other than that in the light of Christ, within the life of the Church, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we go to it for a religious teaching, which must be true; we take it as the inspired test of doctrine, so that in the words with which our Church has left the matter to us "whatever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation." And to the individual it is a source of richer spiritual life.

But remember the Church has not pledged us to any special theory of composition, either by individual writers or by lengthy process; the Church has not demanded of us any belief in verbal inspiration; the Church has never extended its doctrine of inspiration to cover every detail of the history or of the science or any details except the religious, found in the Bible. We must take a large and general view. This is the larger doctrine of the Church, and I believe it is one in which many Christians may well find comfort. A word us to the history. In the composition of the historical books, the writers used as they sometimes tell us, earlier records. Are we to understand that they, therefore, pledged themselves and us, pledged as it were the Holy Spirit Himself, pledged the religious teachings of the Bible to the absolute verbal truth of every little detail in those earlier records. Nothing in the claim of the Bible for itself, nothing in the teaching of the Church compels us to this, but we believe that when the books of the Bible are tested as other historical books, their accuracy will found greater as a rule, than that of other books. It has been so with the New Testament, so that we have for the character of Christ Himself a historical record in its evidence beyond far beyond that for any other character of the day. The historic value of the Gospels and the Acts has been most amply proved. The Old Testament is now passing through the same ordeal and the same study which has led to this result for the New. And again, if these writers used as they did, for instance, in the story of Balaam's ass narratives of a kind common in all early histories, even if, as in this particular case they made it the means of teaching a moral truth, viz., that God thwarted us again and again, when we
disregard His will and that He would by very chance save us from our very selves, are we pledged by a belief in inspiration to the absolute truth of the incident? We are pledged to the moral teaching, we need not be to the absolute fact of the narrative. As St. Augustine and Origen would have put it, we may have here something recorded that is figurative or maybe did not literally happen, but which is of spiritual teaching to ourselves; this is all the Church pledges us to believe.

Let us turn for a moment to science; you remember how, not many years ago, the early science of Genesis, the science that is of long ago, was opposed to the science of today, and we were told that the inspiration of Scripture demanded that we should accept that ancient science as inspired and reject the science that God was teaching us by His ordinary processes today. It was forgotten that it was for the grand religious teaching of the early chapters of Genesis we claimed inspiration and not of necessity for its science; the one we are taught by the Church to hold as true; the other belongs to the days when the Bible was written; it is the human, the temporary element, the literary vehicle, as it were, to which the inspired religious truth was attached. Science is always open to us to learn by the powers that God has given to us. Religious truth, the guidance into the things of Christ, inspiration, one necessary part of God's revelation of Himself, we can only gain by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. How were the men of that age, how are we today to learn that God is the great Creator? Science then could not, science now cannot, teach us that. That is the teaching of inspiration, it is the standpoint divinely given to the writers of old which can make our science, vaster and mightier of today, a consistent relation to God Himself. We must remember that the fathers, such as St. Augustine, did not hesitate to regard the spiritual teaching as of such supreme importance that some details, edifying in themselves, they did not care to press as literally true or absolutely true in fact. So, too, in the Middle Ages. With the Reformation men diverged; some found in an infallible Pope a ready source of mental peace; but they also found, as we believe, a cause of mental and spiritual bondage. Others, not the great leaders, but some of their followers, found in the theory of an infallible Bible a ready means of silencing opponents and of settling strife. But they also found, as some of us believe, a doctrine that must check mental and spiritual growth. Again in the words of Dr.
Westcott, it is at variance with the whole form and fashion of the Bible, and is destructive of all that is holiest in man and highest in religion.

How can I leave this great question to you better than in the words of John of Salisbury, one of the greatest of mediaeval scholars, when he was asked by a nobleman of the day, what was the number of the books of the Bible, and who were their authors? “Since my own belief on this subject is questioned, I consider that it is not of much importance either to me or to others what opinion be held. For whether we hold this opinion or not, brings no hurt to our salvation.” Then after stating the list of canonical books he passes on. “Opinions vary as to the authors, though in the Church the opinion has prevailed that they were written by those whose names they bear. But, why should we be anxious to discuss various opinions on the subject since we are agreed that the Holy Spirit is the one author of all Holy Scriptures? It is as if when you were certain of the writer a question was raised about the pen with which the book was written.” So John of Salisbury.

I have spoken, my brethren, under a sense of responsibility, personal and not in any way affecting those by whose kindness I am here today. We who have specially to teach the educated young, know what the difficulties of faithful, earnest men can be; we know how vital it is that no barrier should be built up by man and man alone between the learning, the thought of today, and the religion which is to be the very salt of human life. I have tried to reassure you; and to bring before you the teaching of the Church, and specially of our own part of it. Much I have had to say in brief; much I have not been able to support by arguments it were easy to bring did time allow.

What is, then, the upshot of what I have said. The Bible was written by men guided into religious truth by God’s Holy Spirit; the seal, as it were of the Church’s approval was set upon it in the formation of the canon, again we cannot doubt, by the action of the Holy Spirit. Its religious teaching then is the inspired test of truth. But, as you will notice, the share of the Church in the formation of the Bible, so the interpretation of the Church, guided by God’s Holy Spirit, is of supreme importance; individuals guided by the Holy Spirit again find in the Holy Scriptures a source of deeper spiritual life. But no Scripture is of private interpretation, and therefore the opinions of private interpreters, however learned
or however devout, have not the force of the Church's own interpretation. But just as the Church has authority alone in religious and spiritual things, so it is with the Bible. The Church does not settle for us our history, our science, our human knowledge that can be gained by human means. It settles for us our religion, and defines our spiritual life. So with the Bible. It was meant of old to teach men spiritual things, and that is its province still. It was never meant to teach us history, or science, in the same way that it teaches us religion. God does not save men trouble and work in that way. If you go to the Bible then you have a right to expect spiritual teaching, and find it you will. You know how spiritual and moral rectitude saves a man from many errors. And so you will find in the Bible a far higher standard of historic accuracy, a more careful selection of facts than in any other book of which we know. But you have no right to demand, as a guarantee of its religious truth, absolute accuracy, absolute infallibility in every fact or detail. Everything in it, in due degree, and not all things in the same degree, were written for our learning, our spiritual learning and edification.

My brethren, this lays upon us a special duty to study the Scriptures by the guidance of the Holy Spirit and as the Church has given them to us. Everything that touches a message of God is of supreme importance to us, for we would fain understand it in all its power. The Scriptures have a message from God to us, but it is a message which reaches only the listening ear and the seeking heart.—Montreal Gazette.

De Alumnis.

The Rev. E. J. Harper, B.A., '79, writes to us from Fort William, Ont., about the October issue of THE MITRE and remarks that the account of the trip taken by Mr. H. V. Routh, B.A., on behalf of the College is extremely interesting and ought to be productive of far-reaching results. Such efforts on behalf of educational institutions in the United States are common enough.

Another of our readers who has been very much interested in reading Mr. Routh's report is the Rev. B. Watson, M.A., '94. Mr.
Watson adds "I am unable to take any very active part in the work of the Association, but I shall always be glad to support, so far as I am able, any practical effort that is being made to advance the interests of the University."

The Rev. M. C. Shewen, B.A., '03, promised to pay us a visit at the time of the annual dance in November and we were much disappointed that at the last moment he was unable to come.

The Rev. F. W. Carroll, M.A., '00, has been spending the winter in Texas. We regret that Mr. Carroll is obliged, for the sake of his health, to seek work in a warmer climate.

Dr. W. LeM. Carter, M.A., '98, lately resident physician of the Jeffery Hale Hospital in Quebec, is spending the winter travelling in England and the Continent.

Mr. W. Moore, B.A., '03, in renewing his subscription to the Alumni Association, writes that he is glad to hear of the bright outlook and increased number of students in the College. Mr. Moore promises to pay us a visit during the year and needless to say, will be warmly welcomed. He also adds, "I have a piano rented this year and it reminds me of the times we used to have at the College when Findlay and I used to play so much together. I am taking lessons this year and my teacher thinks I am doing very well."

Messrs. W. E. Enright, B.A., and O. E. Rublee, B.A., both of '99, were among those who successfully passed the Christmas examinations of the second year in the Medical Faculty at McGill.

The Rev. A. B. Stevenson, M.A., '83, Rector of Fillongley near Coventry in the Diocese of Worcester, has sent a very generous contribution of two pounds to the funds of the Alumni Association and expresses the hope that he may be able "to continue to send regularly some small recognition of the debt" he owes to the College.

It is with very much pleasure that we learn of the great success
which has attended the work of the Rev. J. H. Nelms in Philadelphia. Mr. Nelms has our best wishes for the future.

The Rev. B. G. Wilkinson, M.A., writes from Leeds, England, that he has been able to leave his son Allan in Switzerland and take charge of a Parish in England. His address for the present will be The Rectory, Barwick-in-Elmet, Leeds.

We have received some interesting news of the Rev. C. B. B. Wright, M.A., '90, who is a brother of the Rev. R. W. E. Wright, M.A., Rector of Lennoxville. Mr. Wright has just been appointed by Dr. Nicholson, Bishop of Milwaukee, to a Canonry in All Saints Cathedral, Milwaukee, and pending the appointment of a sub-dean and precentor, will have full charge of the Cathedral. After leaving Bishop's in '90, the new Canon took Divinity courses in Trinity College, Toronto, and Nashotah Theological Seminary, Wisconsin. For the last twelve years he has been at the Cathedral in Milwaukee, and is secretary of the Diocese as well as Canon.

The Mitre seldom goes to press without having to record some success won by Mr. C. W. Mitchell, M.A., at Cambridge. As the result of examinations held just before Christmas, Mr. Mitchell has been awarded a special Cross Scholarship. We take this opportunity of correcting a slight error which appeared in our last issue. Mr. Mitchell is not to edit an Ethiopic but an Aramaic manuscript for the University Press.

We are very glad to be able to publish in this number the text of a memorandum prepared by the sub-committee of the Protestant Committee of Public Instruction, on the subject of the regulation and control of the A. A. examinations. This report will be considered in February and we trust will be adopted, because it will be seen that it both retains all the advantages of the old system and also removes the disadvantages under which we suffered.

The following are the terms which will be submitted to the two Universities and to the Protestant Committee.

1. That the University school examinations be the leaving examinations of Grade III Academy.

2. That for the future these examinations be known as the "University school examinations." They shall be conducted by the
Matriculation board of McGill University, which for this purpose shall include the following associate members:

(a) Two members of the teaching staff of the University of Bishop's College appointed by the Protestant Committee on the nomination of the College Council.

(b) The secretary of the Protestant Committee, the inspector of Superior schools, and one additional member appointed by the Protestant Committee.

Associate members shall have all the powers and privileges of ordinary members in regard to the matters affecting the interests of schools under the control of the Protestant Committee.

3. The arrangements for and conduct of these examinations are, as heretofore, to be in accordance with the regulations of the Protestant Committee. The date of these examinations, and the course of study and text books upon which they are based, shall be determined by the Protestant Committee.

4. That in accordance with the suggestion of McGill University, "University school examinations" shall be the official heading for all reports, examination papers, certificates and other blank forms connected with the examinations.

5. That the certificates issued to successful candidates shall be signed by the secretary of the Protestant Committee and stamped with the seal of the Committee.

6. That an annual report be made to the Protestant Committee giving the membership of the Matriculation board and the results of the examinations. The tabulated results of the examinations shall be filed in the Department of Public Instruction.

7. That the foregoing provisions, with the existing financial arrangements, shall be continued until terminated by a year's notice, either by the Protestant Committee or McGill University.

Arts Notes.

The Professors and Students of the College gave their annual dance on the evening of the 23rd of November. It was, if possible, more of a success this year than in previous years; and this was, in a great measure due to the hardworking Committee, who made all the arrangements, and acted as Stewards during the evening.
The Committee was composed of the following: Rev. H. F. Hamilton, Messrs. Iveson, Bonelli, Gwyn and Lewis.

The dancing was in the School dining-hall, which was very artistically decorated, with the College colors alternately radiating from the centre of the ceiling, and forming a continuous series of festoons around the room. The Common Room and corridors were profusely planted with pine and other evergreens; pink shades shedding a glamour over all.

The Patronesses, Mrs. Whitney and Miss Gill, through their tireless energy in introducing partners, added much to the success of the festivity. As in former years Dr. and Mrs. Whitney very kindly threw open the Lodge, replete with "sitting-out" places and cozy corners of a kind which one often reads about but seldom sees—solitary and secluded.

The School was well represented, the boys wearing their Cadet uniforms. The Diocesan College, Montreal, was represented by Mr. Fee, Bishop's Medical Faculty by Mr. Carmichael, while McGill Arts found a representative in Mr. Robinson.

Supper was served at about midnight in the College dining-hall, the ice-cream being particularly nice, one student however, didn't seem to care for it, if one may judge from the way he disastrously upset it. The hour was late, or rather, early when our guests began to think of departing, with a feeling of regret, we are sure, that there must be an end to all things, even to a dance at Bishop's.

The University Extension Lectures organized by Dr. Whitney last year proved such a success that another series is now being given in Sherbrooke. Mr. H. V. Routh, B.A., has already given two lectures in the Art Hall on Thackeray, and four others are to follow, another by Mr. Routh on Dickens, and three by Dr. Whitney on modern novelists.

During the Christmas vacation Dr. Parrock visited England, to see his father.

At the last meeting of the Debating Society for Michaelmas Term, an innovation was introduced. The Society was divided into two parties, designated by the colors red and blue. The reds brought in a series of motions which were opposed by the other party. The bills laid before the house were partly serious and part-
ly comic. Amongst the former might be mentioned the proposition
that the A.A. be conducted by a neutral body composed of repre-
sentatives from Bishop's and McGill, and the second motion that
Canada should help to support England's navy. The comic motions
mostly hinged on College jokes and words which can be taken in
two senses. Altogether the debate was a great success and com-

bined a good deal of amusement with instruction.

It would seem that the initiation at Bishop's, like hazing, is now
a thing of the past. As soon as a year can forbear to make the
Freshmen submit to compulsorily amuse their seniors, the custom
will in all probability die out. For those, who have never been ini-

tiated, will not be so keen as those who have undergone the ordeal,
to make their successors do likewise.

The Sacred Owl; therefore, has our sympathy, for no more,
with solemn countenance, will it preside over its mystic meet-
ings. It should be preserved in a glass case with an inscrip-
tion, that it may go down to posterity as a relic of the tyranny? which at
one time prevailed at Bishop's.

For all this we would warn "the Freshies" that it will be to
their advantage to behave with some deference towards their
seniors; for, should they shew signs of uppishness, they will soon
find out that there are more ways of killing a cat than drowning it.

Two of our number have lately had to mourn the loss of near
relatives. The Rev. H. F. Hamilton last Term received the sad
news of the death of his brother, who has been suffering from
a long and painful illness. Mr. Bonelli has lost his father, also, after
a long illness. They both have our heartfelt sympathy in the great
bereavements they have sustained.

Several students have had letters from Daintrey, who is lay
reading and teaching school at Harrington Harbour, Labrador.
He is getting on well and reports having a good time. He will be
much missed this year, especially when the Cricket-season comes
round. Bowlers are not too plentiful. We wish him all success in
his new work, and hope to welcome him back again next year.

"Do you want a key to get into the College with after 10 p.m. ?"
"Yes."
"Well, you'll find one in the harmonium."

When I think of the days that are gone, when I dream of the days that will be,
A curious kind of feeling seems to take possession of me.
Don't suppose for a moment that I advocate anything in the line of sentiment or emotion, since my nerves are not very fine.
But the fact of the matter is this—that queer feeling I cannot allay is caused by the thought of what I owe, and what I cannot repay.

The Examinations are now ancient history, but the results were made known so late that they are still fresh in the minds of all. That they proved disastrous to some is not an unmixed evil, for after all they are only a test, and failure at Christmas is perhaps a safe-guard against failure in June.

It was unfortunate that such an important factor as the electric light failed us in a time of so great need. During the last days of the examinations the faint light afforded by the primitive candle stuck in a beer bottle was trying both to the eyes and temper. Nevertheless the lack of light saved over preparation for the next day's exams.

Verdancy is the freshman's own characteristic, and this trait was most amply illustrated when the mock marks were put up. It was most amusing to see them in the corridor, some elated, others depressed by their unexpected fortune. Without exception they bit hard, and some so hard that they did not let go for two or three days, and then only when their pitying friends undeceived them.

When on the subject of the examinations we must not omit to congratulate Miss Blair on heading the list of the second year with a first class average.

The Arts Building has been invaded by a new game, and it is now even threatening the Divinity House. Rumor has it that it was brought from Quebec. It is at once amusing and instructive, and its fascination is undeniable. It is neither more nor less than a spelling game, and we are sure that the Faculty must feel very grateful indeed for such an aid to education.

Student.—"I am not skating today; I have water on the knee."
Sympathetic Lady Student.—“Oh, do be careful you don’t freeze it!”

Two definitions of “life” were found posted on the lower flat, one of which read:—“Life is the sum total of the forces that resist death.” Some wit tacked up a piece of bread at one end of the notice, and a mouse, suspended by its tail, occupied a similar position at the other end. Other students, not to be outdone, added an epitaph in Latin and other appropriate remarks.

After having spent $50 on the Racquet Court, $10 of which is due to the generosity of Dr. Whitney, we now have a dry, clean, light and cozy room, much different from the dark court of previous winters.

Surely the musical man, though reticent last Term will “shine” the forepart of the New Year. A chance to win renown in the Glee Club is open to him; and glory in the Common-room in rendering some of the latest hits, copies of which will no doubt be placed on file early in January.

Bishop’s has won for herself a record this year: The students abandoned cutting up pranks on Hallowe’en, together with a general celebration.

If a man’s friends stick to him when his money is gone the price was well paid.

Lieut. from Malta—“If love is blind courting may just as well be done in the dark!”

Eros from the Library—“Love is blind but chaperons are not.”

The lazy man wants things levelled down; the ambitious man tries to have them evened up.

“I suppose you hope to make a very cultivated young man of your boy, Curling?”

“Yes,” answered farmer Corntossel; “we’re cultivatin’ him the
best we can. Every now and then mother and me gives him a rakin' over."

Our thanks are due to the energetic students, who, delving in the dusty relics of the past, unearthed from way down in the basement, a harmonious addition to the Common Room. It caused such enthusiasm and was worked so hard on its first appearance, (at which, it be said, it gave the lie to its name) that it spoke no more, in spite of the heroic efforts of our esteemed organist. Perhaps this was just as well. Considering what a poor state of health it was in, it is not to be wondered at that its end soon came. With awful suddenness it ceased to be, save for a heap of splinters in the Common Room.

We were delighted to entertain at tea the other night the celebrated Dr. Mousefeld Poppingkoff, whose acquaintance we made last year. He took advantage of the hospitality of "the Shed" during his very brief stay. At tea he was so excruciatingly funny that one of the students, his feelings getting the better of him, was forced to rush hurriedly from the room!

"Allow me to give you a 'sup',"
"No, thanks!"
"Oh, do! they'll let you have two for $5.

"What kind of light did Noah use in the Ark?"
"An arc light, of course."

A student, whose name shall be withheld, shewed the limit of absent-mindedness the other day, when going out to see two lady friends. He was in such a hurry to be off that he went minus that necessary article of clothing which adorns the collar. His companion informed him of the fact only when he had gone too far to return, as, his coat collar being turned up, the absence of the tie was unnoticed. Had it not been for the timely assistance of his friend's pocket he would not have been able to pay for a new tie.

PERUNA SEMPER.
Oh! who can tell when "priceless" prunes
Shall cease at tea to grace our spoons?
Or when they'll be, at any rate,
Less frequent than they've been of late!
Resignation of Principal Whitney.

At a special meeting of the Corporation of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, held on Monday, 19th Dec., at the Cathedral Church Hall, Quebec, the resignation of Rev. Principal Whitney, D.C.L., was formally announced, and with great regret accepted by the adoption of the following resolution: "That this Corporation, in accepting the resignation by Dr. Whitney of his position of Principal of the College, would desire to express its deep regret for the loss which it will thus sustain, and also its high esteem of his personal character, his cultured scholarship and deep spirituality, as well as its appreciation of the ability, energy and judgment which he has exhibited in so eminent a degree in the discharge of the duties of his position." The resolution was moved by the Vice-Principal, Dr. Allnatt, and seconded by Dr. Hamilton, Chancellor of the University, and carried by a standing vote.

With a view to filling the vacancy, a committee was appointed, consisting of the Bishop of Quebec, the Chancellor, the Dean of Quebec, the Archdeacon of Quebec, Rev. Dr. Allnatt and Mr. Lansing Lewis. The duty of this committee will be to make enquiries, receive applications and report to the Corporation.

With regard to the proposed new Library, while the committee was continued with the object of modifying the plans, it was agreed that, in view of the coming change in the principalship, it would be better to defer action for the present.—Quebec Diocesan Gazette.

Athletics.

During the latter part of last term, several games of basketball were played. A most entertaining and novel match took place on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. A team, bearing the war-like title of Veterans challenged the School first team. The players thus bold enough to try conclusions with the club which has not yet been beaten, were enlisted by Mr. Bidwell, and consisted of Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Williams, Dr. Thomas and Mr. Routh, the majority of whom, though old in years, were unquestionably young to this particular form of exercise. A most enthusiastic crowd of students and schoolboys thronged the gallery and lustily encouraged the Veterans, who were by no means such tiros at the game as had
been expected. Mr. Bidwell especially played a most deadly game, except for the trifling omission to touch the ball on the ground every two steps, and Mr. Williams, relying on his recollections of football, ran through the opponents like a Rugby half-back. Dr. Thomas nearly increased the number of his patients by the energy of his play, and Mr. Hamilton could not have been more effective if he had been playing hockey. Mr. Routh, as usual, was here, there and everywhere and materially assisted in keeping the School score down to a minimum.

The Veterans also played the College team later with much the same result.

Two games have been played between College and School since our last issue. The first game resulted in a draw, while the second was a win for the College 7-4; their first victory since the inauguration of the club.

The Snow-Shoe parties, which were such a success last winter under the patronage of Mrs. Parrock, have been again started. The first one was held with Mrs. Whitney as hostess, and a large number of snow-shoers turned out. A pleasant tramp was taken, which included for the majority of the party a trip down the "Slide". Refreshments were served at Mrs. Whitney's on the return. We are looking forward to many more such pleasant tramps.

The "Slide" is in excellent condition for a swift descent this winter, and is the daily rendezvous of several enthusiastic ones. Some are so keen on the sport that they do not condescend to go down on snow-shoes, but use a more primitive method.

The Pottery Hill is also the scene of much toboganning and skiing.

But the great Canadian game of hockey attracts the most enthusiasm and elicits the greatest attention from the students, as naturally it should, for it is the typical Canadian winter game.

The Hockey Club this year, has entered a team in the Inter-City League, consisting of Bishop's College, Eastern Townships Bank and High School Rink teams, and it is hoped that with this practice our new and untried players may be able to develop, so that in future we will again be able to compete on an equality with the best of Eastern Township teams. Under the able and energetic
captaincy of Mr. Morey the team has made great progress towards this end.

The first scheduled match was played on Saturday, Jan. 28th, in the School Rink against a Sherbrooke team called the High School Rink team. The first goal was scored for Bishop's by Hughes almost directly from the face-off. A fierce and persistent attack was then made on Bishop's goal by the opposing forwards, and for several minutes the shots were warded off, but finally one found the net, and for the rest of the half, the High School Rink men had it all their own way, and managed to roll up a score of 9. In the next half; our men, some of them having overcome that nervous feeling incident to a first game, played much harder and better and kept the score down to two. It was only the good work of the Sherbrooke goal keeper that kept Hughes from scoring several times for Bishop's. Hughes put up the star game for Bishop's, and although closely watched made some spectacular rushes. Paddon also played a steady game. The Sherbrooke team was a well balanced one, and their men were decidedly superior in shooting and in combination.

Bishop's Team was made up as follows: Goal—Robinson, Point—Whalley, C. Point—Morey, Rover—Hughes, Centre—Paddon, Wings—Boright and Rev. H. F. Hamilton.

The second match, a postponed one on account of the death of Jackson, took place on Monday, Jan. 30th, on Bishop's Rink. This time the opposing team was the Eastern Townships Bank of Sherbrooke. This game was more even, the final score being 6-3 in favor of the Bank team. As in the first game Hughes and Paddon were the main dependence of the College team, Paddon scoring two of the goals, and Morey the other on a lift. The rest of the men played hard, but a little more combination would effect better results. For the Bank team the two Scarths, Harry and Ashley, were very much in evidence. The following composed the Bishop's Team: Robinson, French, Morey, Paddon, Hughes, Boright and Rev. H. F. Hamilton.

Divinity Notes.

The men have all returned from their Christmas vacation. Most of them were engaged in lay reading. Rev. T. H. Iveson, B.A., took charge of the Mission of Hawthorne and Leitrim in the Diocese of
Ottawa, to which parish he has been appointed incumbent, his duties to commence in July next.

Rev. Frank Plaskett, B.A., spent the vacation at his home in Toronto, and in visiting friends at Woodstock, Ontario. He assisted the rector of New St. Paul's, Woodstock, on Christmas day, and preached in All Saints' Church, Ottawa, before returning to College.

G. J. Bousfield, B.A., spent his vacation at Pembroke and Ottawa.

W. F. Seaman, B.A., took charge of the Mission of Brompton, in the Diocese of Quebec. Mr. Weary and Mr. Sowerbutts spent their vacation in Quebec, the former being at home, and the latter at Bishopsthorpe, the guest of the Rt. Rev. A. Hunter Dunn and Mrs. Dunn. Mr. Walling had charge of the Mission of South Durham.

Dr. Allnatt spent part of the vacation in visiting Rev. J. Henning Nelms, rector of St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia. Mr. Nelms was a student in Divinity last year at Bishop's; and Dr. Allnatt brings back a glowing account of his work in Philadelphia. It is rarely a newly ordained man enters upon a work of so responsible a kind as did Mr. Nelms, and it goes to prove the great need in the church today of men who have spent at least a few years of their life in the world of business. Their knowledge of the world and of men gives them a power and an influence far above the man who has been trained from his youth with a view to Holy Orders.

The Rev. Dr. Whitney is publishing in pamphlet form, the sermon on Higher Criticism, which he preached last June in the College Chapel, together with a reply to the recent sermon preached to the Provincial Synod at Montreal by the Coadjutor Bishop of Montreal.

We were pleased to get a letter from Mr. H. W. Sykes, B.A., recently in which he was able to tell of an increase in weight and an absence of cough. We hope that in the spring he will be able to return to us.

The latest conundrum in ecclesiastical polity—a lay-reader has resigned his parish.
The Rev. Principal Whitney conducted a Quiet Day in St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, for the Clergy of Ontario Diocese, last term, which was much appreciated by all present.

In Memoriam.

JOHN ALEXANDER JACKSON.

Entered into Rest on Tuesday, Jan. 24th, 1905.

Very seldom, we are thankful to say, has it been our sad duty to chronicle the death of a student, while in residence at our University. But such is the case at the present time. After a short illness, lasting barely eleven days, John Alexander Jackson passed away to his rest, at the Hospital of the Sacred Heart, Sherbrooke, in the early morning of Tuesday, Jan. 24th. On Friday, Jan. 13th, he had developed grave symptoms of appendicitis, and he was taken to the Hospital on Sunday, Jan. 15th. There he at once underwent a most serious operation. During the week following there seemed to be some slight hope of his recovery, but the spread of the affection necessitated a second operation on Monday, Jan. 23rd, which was successfully performed. However, the disease was too far advanced to be overcome, and in God's providence our brother gradually sank and passed peacefully away early the next morning. Mr. Jackson, who was a member of the First Year and was preparing to take Holy Orders, had already given good proof of his earnestness of life and strength of character. He was an athlete of no mean ability and a general favorite with all, and although his stay amongst us was of so short duration, his influence for good will not soon be obliterated. He bore all the sufferings and pain of his last illness with the utmost patience and fortitude, never hesitating for one moment in his times of greatest danger. Throughout his illness he was incessant in prayer and supplication, relying thereon for his chief strength, and there is no doubt that he derived the greatest spiritual comfort from the receiving of the Holy Sacrament on the Friday before he died. Those who watched him during his last days could not but be struck with his deep Christian faith and loving trust in his Heavenly Father. His body was brought up to the College on the Tuesday afternoon, and was placed in the Colleg...
Chapel, where a special Memorial Service was held at 10.30 p.m. Upon the casket were lying a beautiful floral cross given by the whole student body, a wreath from the students of his own year-'07—and some flowers from the lady-students, all testifying to the love and esteem in which he had been held. At 2 a.m. the remains were conveyed to the Grand Trunk Station, followed by the College Staff and his fellow students, and thence were taken by train to his home in Deseronto, Ont. The Funeral Service was held there in S. Mark's Church on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 26th, in the presence of a large Congregation, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. J. Costigan, and the Rev. Professor Dunn, who had accompanied the remains to Deseronto. A similar Funeral Service was also held in the College Chapel. His parents, with whom Dr. Whitney had maintained constant telegraphic communication from the moment that Mr. Jackson was taken ill, expressed their deep gratitude both to the Principal and others for all the kind attention their son had received, and said that they were thankful for his having been within reach of so many privileges during his last days. To them, as well as to all his many friends, we tender our most true and loving sympathy in the heavy affliction which they have been called upon to bear.

E. A. D.

The Muse That Failed.

O Muse! What would'st thou that I write?  
A poem tragic or artistic;  
An ode with wit and humour bright,  
Or something realistic?  

My time is short, in which to put  
On paper that which thou dictatest;  
So hasten, pray, and tell me, but  
Be sure it's quite the latest.  

It long has been my wish to voice  
My feelings delicate and gentle,  
So guide my pen, and may your choice  
Be somewhat sentimental.  

Arrayed upon my table are  
The best materials for writing,  
I wonder if the Morning Star  
Will find me still inditing?
THE MITRE.

I wonder whether everyone
Will speak of me with admiration;
And if the fame of what I've done
Will reach to every nation?

Enough I've soared on Fancy's wings,
And now, my theme, with thy direction,
What use are vain imaginings?
Away dull introspection!

Why, what is this? Dost thou, O Muse,
Deny me any inspiration?
I cannot write; thou dost refuse
To vouchsafe inspiration!

C. A.

Exchanges.

That the College Journal has come to stay, and that it is becoming an acknowledged factor in Academic life, is quite evident to one who peruses the various exchanges which reach us. There was a time, and not so many years ago, when very little thought was given to this kind of Literature which now occupies such a prominent place on our Reading Room tables and there was reason for it; for in many cases the magazines were very local in nature, small in size, unattractive in appearance and composed of articles and jokes which could, in most cases, only be understood by those who attended the particular institution to which they belonged.

The "University thoughts and events," which was written large on the cover, as being the contents of each, were only too often of a frivolous and childish character—more what might be expected of a school paper than of Universities' about to send men out into the world to be leaders in the intellectual life.

But a mighty change has come about in the past few years. There has been a general broadening out, and consequently, we have articles dealing with all sorts of problems and better expressing the thoughts of the University or College to which they belong. The local news and the product of the wits' brains are not by any means banished, but are given their place and quite the amount of space they deserve. Altogether there has been a decided advance in the tone of these magazines. May this improvement go on till they force themselves on their merit, not only upon present and
past students, but upon the outside world: Then will our Universities, which are not composed of the different faculties only, but of students as well, wield greater influence in the country and guide the thoughts of men in a far more universal manner than they do at present.

Especially noticeable was this improvement in the Christmas and Holiday numbers of many of the Journals. All of them showed the result of hard and careful preparation, and the striking covers of most in no way belied the contents. The majority of them reached a high state of efficiency, and reflect great credit upon the Editors who are responsible for them.

Among those which deserve mention is Acta Victoriana, which is a magnificent production, well deserving first mention among our exchanges. Next comes the O. A. C. Review and the Harvard Monthly, both well up to the mark. Other special numbers are Presbyterian College Journal, McGill Outlook, Varsity, College Times (Upper Canada College).

Space does not permit of our reviewing all these and others which have reached us. A large number have accumulated since our last issue and we take this opportunity to thank all Editors exchanging with us.

Mr. J. F. Crowdy, B.A., one of our firstclass Classical Honor men, who went to Upper Canada College a few years ago as a master, is Editor of the College Times. We wish him good luck in his position.

There is a good article appearing in Kings' College Record on "The Seat of Authority in the Church." We recommend it to the consideration of all who are interested in this vital question.

Queen's University Journal for Jan. 16th, is the Endowment Number, and gives a condensed history of the different faculties with a number of good views of the various buildings of the University. By taking advantage of their College paper to appeal for funds towards the endowment, the College has taken a very wise step.
and we feel sure, the response will quite warrant this mode of appealing for money.

Doctor (approvingly to patient). 'Well, Pat, you look better, you have evidently been following my advice and have taken plenty of animal food.'

Pat. (earnestly) "Oh, have, doctor. The corn and oats seem to agree with me all right, but I honestly believe that the hay is bad for my stummick." — Student.

Teacher.—"Johnny, can you tell me how iron was discovered?"
Johnny.—"I heard father say they smelt it."—*Ex. Queen's Univ. Journal.*

The *O. A. C. Review* suggests a Canadian College Journalists' Association like one formed in the United States. It seems to us a splendid suggestion and a discussion of the matter ought to be at once started in the various College papers so as to arrive at ways and means of overcoming some difficulties which would, no doubt, crop up.

Other exchangings received are *Dalhousie Gazette, the Argosy, Trinity University Review, Emerson College Magazine, The Reveille, Ontario College Monthly, University of Ottawa Review, Vox Wesleyana, T. C. S. Record, McMaster University Monthly.*

**Book Review.**


A Scotch dialect story, characterized by delicious humour and simplicity. The plot is not very elaborate, but the village characters and their gossip are irresistible and prove attractive enough to hold the attention to the very end. Aunt Wallace, Mr. Ogilvy, old Angus and Miss Perks are always provocative of sprightly conversation whenever they appear. The troubles of Jess in training her shiftless, but good hearted and well intentioned husband, David Houston, to more self reliance are finally successful, and develop enough plot to round out the book. The conversations are not too Scotchy.
As passers near a corner lamp at night,
When flickering snow-flakes sting the eyelids down,
Peer under gathered brows for sight
Of some familiar face,
And cannot tell, for blindness, if this might
Be one unknown or known,—
So you and I are nearing at slow pace
With muffled steps, and vaguely 'neath the rim
Of eyelash lowered for the blinding snow
Peer in each other's eyes and onward go
Uncertain if the face we saw so dim
Were that of friend or stranger. Answer me,
If then I call to you and bid you stand
Closer beneath the light, and touch your hand,
Saying, "Look again. For there may be
Chance in this moment for eternity."
Is it enough to go
Together onward through the night,
Or are your eyes still blinded by the snow?

Swinburne Hale, in Harvard Monthly.

John O. Duncan,
MERCHANT TAILOR,
OUTFITTER TO MEN,
WELLINGTON STREET, SHERBROOKE, QUE.
The "Editor" operation, as described in recent text-book, for overgrowths: "First cut it down, then cut it up, then cut it out."

Patient (after paying bill)—"Doctor, if there is anything in the theory of the Transmigration of Souls, you will be a war-horse."

"That sounds very flattering," remarked Dr. Price.

"Yes, you are such a splendid charger."

—Student.

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