

## Correspondence

### THE HOCKEY CLUB.

Mr. Editor:

Quite recently a graduate of this University who had in his day been a member of many McGill teams, told a meeting of men interested in hockey that athletics were on the wane at McGill. He then urged those men who intended to try for the team to give up smoking, dances, etc., etc., and to get into the very best training for the hockey season.

Mr. Editor, this advice was good but it has caused the writing of this article in order that through the columns of your paper the writer might ask the students of McGill University a few pertinent questions regarding the state of hockey at McGill.

These questions are:

(1) What incentive is there to prompt a man to give up his time and his pleasure in order to play hockey for McGill?

(2) What thanks does he get for his hard work on the ice?

(3) What support or encouragement do you, the undergraduates of McGill, give the men who are doing their best to win games for their college?

Mr. Editor, there is one answer to all these questions and that answer is "practically none."

As things are at McGill at present a player should not be blamed very much for not being enthusiastic about the team. Eighty per cent. of the undergraduates of McGill have no right to blame a man who does not train hard; it is their fault that there is no enthusiasm among the men. If instead of 50 or 60, there were 800 or 1000 students at every hockey game things would be very different.

This year there is a lot of good material in college and if the team is well supported it should make a good bid for the championship and next year should win it. The hockey team if well supported will improve immensely as time goes on since they know what their fellow students expect of them.

If there was any good reason why 900 or more students should stay away from the hockey games things would not be so bad. Because a team is weak is a poor excuse; it will never get any better unless it gets decent support.

The men playing on the team give up three nights a week. Surely it is not much to do for your college to walk down to the Victoria rink three times in the year.

This year the executive hopes the students of McGill will waken up and come to the games and in order to

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th**