

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir.—Last week the McGill Hockey and Skating Club held its annual meeting, which would be regarded as a disgrace by every true lover of old McGill.

In the first place, so few turned up that a quorum had to be recruited from passers-by and those about the corridors of Strathcona Hall. The treasurer's report was such that it was received with much mirth on the part of the men present, particularly when it was put by the chairman with words to this effect, "that it was about as good a report as that which had usually been made," a statement which I dare say was very true. Some gentlemen in the rear summoned up courage to move that it be accepted, and with a titter the motion was carried. An amendment to the constitution was moved, when it was suddenly discovered that the necessary quorum did not exist, and recruiting was again resorted to until the necessary 25 men could be counted, after which the motion was carried. Whether the quorum existed or not throughout the meeting is a question; whether the meeting was legally held or not is another question, for it was held on Tuesday, Nov. 17th, and the constitution holds that it shall be held on the first Friday in November.

I have said that the meeting was a disgrace, and to speak straight from the shoulder, where does the trouble lie? I say in the student body. We should come to a serious realization of the fact that the president of the Hockey Club becomes a member of the Students' Council, and that his election should be representative of the student body, and not carried out by some twenty-five rather indifferent students from the corridors of Strathcona Hall. It is interesting to

note that the increase in the number of our students has been accompanied by a decline in athletics, and it is not reasonable to suppose that this is entirely due to Faculty discipline. It means that the honour of McGill in hockey and other athletics is at stake, and if we are not to face a winter of defeat the hockey team will need our hearty support both in the way of players and audience.

This letter is not designed as a knock, but with a sincere desire to do something towards helping the general movement now going on for reform. The keynote I want to strike is that the seeming indifference of the average McGill student when it comes to the affairs of his college is eating at the heart and rotting the sinews of our Alma Mater. This hockey meeting that I refer to is one more example of indifference added to our already long list.

If each student in the college would make an attempt to attend at least one of these annual meetings of the athletic clubs during the year the quorums could be made four times as large, and in the

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