

they reveal nothing whatever. Most of those who have taken many examinations have felt that, given a fair understanding of the subject, it is possible to absorb great quantities of knowledge immediately before the test, and reproduce it when required. Yet many feel that the information thus obtained evaporates in a few days, so much so indeed that very few would care to stand another examination on the same subject two weeks later. It is also known that the man who receives the highest mark on an examination paper may not be the member of the class who has best absorbed the subject. These ideas are so familiar that the necessity for examinations is often questioned. If knowledge may be acquired in a short time, to be mechanically reproduced, only to fade away again at once, wherein lies the advantage of the process? The answer has been perhaps best summed up in the idea that the value lies solely in the necessity of preparing for such a test. The trials of real life call into play the same qualities as those used in preparing for an examination. The general review of the subject brings with it perhaps a more systematic knowledge of its contents, but the lasting value grows out of the necessity of "rising to the occasion." To-day, however, the great majority of us are fidgeting in the midst of the reign of terror inspired by the presence of "Exams." It is now the time to obey orders, it is not to reason why.

Athletics.

HOCKEY.

THE LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.
Toronto	3	1
Queen's	3	2
McGill	3	2
Laval	0	5

A SEASON OF SURPRISES.

The present season has been one of surprises; and the climax has been reached at the present stage when the prospect of McGill, Queen's and Toronto hitting the tape together in the senior series race has become almost assured. The first game on local ice, when Queen's and Toronto clashed, did not indicate anything in regards to the merits of the two teams. Queen's defeat, however, led to the general assumption that McGill would win in Montreal. But just at this point the first big surprise of the season developed when the score of 9-4 for Queen's was hung out. The interest of the students in the league race went up again. It was considered a certainty that McGill would be disposed off on local ice. Then the next field for conquest would be Toronto—in their own rink. Here developed surprise number two. McGill won from Queen's in Kingston. Hope almost vanished; the task of defeating Toronto appeared almost too great to admit of much confidence as to the issue. But surprise number three came in due