

to say, it is productive of great benefit. Whatever may be said of the facilities, certainly the enterprise is not wanting in McGill.

Here the question of the practicability of the project naturally arises. It is not our intention, however, to enter into that. All that matter has been fully opened up already in our columns. We invite the interested reader to turn back to No. 8 of Vol. II. (Jan. 10th, '94), and there he will see a full and exact prospectus of a McGill University Club drawn up by Mrs. J. Clark Murray. It is sufficient to say that we consider the enterprise to be eminently practicable in every way. Its realization lies in the hands of the students. We have considered it our duty to draw the students' attention to our correspondent's letter in support of such a laudable object. Should the scheme find favor with the students of McGill, and further discussion of the subject be desirable, the columns of this Journal are free and welcome to any or all who may use them for that purpose.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A MCGILL CLUB.

DEAR MR. EDITOR :—

It is impossible to read the remarks of our newly installed Principal in the course of his first address to the students, without being infected with something of the enthusiasm with which he is inspired when he contemplates our University in the many phases of its work and influence.

We have a University that in some departments of its work at least acknowledges no superior and few rivals. Its present pre-eminence is not the result of a mushroom growth, but the outcome of legitimate development answering to the demands of our young national life, a development fostered by unstinted generosity at the hands of citizens of our own city and province, men of whom we are justly proud and to whom our nation owes a debt that cannot be computed in dollars and cents.

In all this extension of her spheres of influence and in the perfection of the efficiency of her several faculties, there is one feature in danger of being neglected, largely because the independent development of Faculty work is to some extent carried on at the expense of that to which I refer. I mean what has been called for want of a better name, the University spirit. The larger and stronger the Faculty, the more will a tendency manifest itself towards independence of its surroundings, and, therefore, a measure of isolation from the sister Faculties.

Look over any number of our esteemed college journal, and tell me, Mr. Editor, what one desiring to ascertain the prevailing spirit of University life is most struck with. I believe it would be this,—the

multiplicity of Faculty societies, with bounds and aspirations as broad and high as the limits of their respective Faculties, and the lack of common ground on which the social side of student life can find an opportunity to display itself. Faculty societies, with the purpose of fostering research and independent thought along the lines of their peculiar work, unquestionably serve a high purpose. But are we justified in wilfully subordinating the broader and more generous, if less defined, aspects of University life to these, even if they are more intensely practical?

Why has not McGill ere this established an organization broad enough to embrace all undergraduates, and graduates too, for the matter of that ;—an organization in which all petty Faculty rivalries will be sunk in the general desire to quicken and deepen our pride of University, that will bring Faculty into touch with Faculty, that will teach us who know each other as students to know each other as men, and that will beget in us the beginnings of that indefinable something that is so sadly lacking in us as Canadians, —pride of country and nation, for where shall we better learn it than here, and when better than now?

Last year the project of a Union club was frequently discussed in the columns of our College Journal, and, I am satisfied, met with much favor from the majority of McGill men. The advent of our new Principal would appear to be an opportune time for a revival of the project. The Constitution of such an organization cannot be evolved in a year, or in five years. The beginning would necessarily be small, but the possibilities of such an institution are beyond calculation.

McGill spirit just as much needs to be kept alive within her gates as in far away Ottawa, or farther away New York, in both of which cities McGill associations have been established.

As a student I appeal to my fellows to consider the subject. It does not lie with the Governors, or the Faculties, or the graduates, it lies with us who are still within the walls of old McGill, to see that this link, which shall so largely aid in maintaining and strengthening the unity of our University, shall be supplied in a form consistent with the other permanent institutions of McGill.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS.

### HYDRAULICS.

PROFESSOR BOVEY, DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE, MAKES AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE.

Professor Bovey's latest book, "A Treatise on Hydraulics," deals with a subject which is becoming