

Today, alas! behold the modern bard
Through want compelled to write in
praise of lard,
A breakfast food, umbrellas, shoes or
teas,
And thus employers and the public please.
O'er themes like these, designed but to
amuse,
The poorest rhymster never could en-
thuse.

Happy am I, that in this doleful time,
A better subject lures me into rhyme;
In clarion tones, to all the race of men,
I sing the praises of the Class of Ten.
Come Orpheus then, and quickly tune my
lyre!
Ye Muses Nine my stammering tongue
inspire!

'T is only three short seasons since there
came
This band of youths and maids, unknown
to fame
Save by the marks, obtained with painful
skill,
By which they forced an entrance to
McGill.
Oh what a band were we, my country-
men,
When verdant Freshies in the Class of
Ten!

Those who survived the kindness of the
Profs.,
Returned next year to act the part of
Sophs.:
Acquiring knowledge by incessant toil,
And constant burning of the midnight
oil.
Some learned to smoke, drink cider and
to cuss,
While others went on Friday nights to
tuss.

This year, as Juniors, in the library,
Our time is spent in studious reveries;
Or in the lab., the smithy or the shop,
We work until the Prof. commands to
stop.

Patient we plod in one unceasing grind,
Yet trust at length a sure reward to find.

Concerning life o'er at the R. V. C.,
This is a foreign theme, unknown to me.
Yet Rumour whispers, of the maidens
there,

The Class of Ten has more than usual
share

Of wit and beauty, depth of heart and
mind,

And all the graces dear to womankind.

Fain would I have the vision of the seers,
And wisdom to foretell the coming years.
To show the glory, honor, praise and
fame,

Enumerate the time, the place, and name
Of deeds, undying in the hearts of men,
Performed by members of the Class of
Ten.

But Fate forbids my halting, uncouth
rhyme

Disclosing secrets of the future time.
Yet when I reach the mansions of the
blest

I think I'll see, outshining all the rest,
A band at once familiar, and again
Become a member of the Class of Ten.

R. V. C.—"No! Don't
ARTS'11. be too previous in buy-
ing '11 jewelry. There
are some marks in our class (for evidence
see football games), and perhaps, if you
wait till some skating parties and dances
come off—however, it doesn't do to
make rash promises for other people."