

If we can place a team on the ice this coming winter which will carry off this lesser honor, although it is by no means a small one, then next year the McGill Hockey team will have a chance to re-enter the Senior series and make a noble effort, as it has done in the past, to include the Senior Hockey championship among the honors which the McGill U.A.A. has already obtained in the world of Athletics.

McGill has this year enrolled upon her books the names of several of the finest hockey players in this province if not in the Dominion. Some of these are new men in the University, and it is the old hockey-players in McGill who have worked hard and faithfully for the game who, together with the men new to McGill, but tried veterans on the ice, can win the Intermediate series for their Alma Mater.

There is, of course, one objection which might arise when the matter is looked at from the point of view of an experienced Hockey player, apart from the considerations which the fact of being an undergraduate lends to the question, and this objection is that it is unreasonable and unfair to expect men, who have for a long time held the foremost places amongst Hockey enthusiasts, and who have for the last few seasons played wholly on Senior teams, to lose their prestige as Senior men and descend to their old position of members of an intermediate team.

The objection is, we acknowledge, a serious one, and the argument deserves and should obtain due consideration, for, from the point of view which we have just mentioned, it is almost an insurmountable one.

However, when we add to the fact of position and experience in Hockey, the considerations which arise or should arise from the status as an undergraduate in McGill, then the point of view is inevitably and materially changed.

From the standpoint of the student loyal to Old McGill, his first duty is to do everything in his power to add to her fame as one of the greatest educational institutions in America; his second duty is to make the same effort for the same purpose as regards college life outside the class-room, in athletics as well as in other fields.

Every Undergraduate who takes a prominent part in any of these branches of student life has to make certain sacrifices of both time and energy and to undertake a certain amount of hard work.

In the special case with which we are dealing, the same principle applies. It is undeniably a sacrifice for men to content themselves with positions on a junior team when they could and would, as a matter of course, obtain foremost places on a senior one; but if as students they can see their way to make this sacrifice, then they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are indirectly benefiting their Alma Mater by directly helping and elevating one of the Societies which it recognizes; and the sacrifice is one which will be willingly and gratefully acknowledged by their fellow-students.

The very fact that one of last year's Senior teams is, if we are not misinformed, this year going to drop into

the Intermediate series only increases the necessity of the very best material we have in McGill playing for the College Club, for this new competitor for Intermediate honors lessens our chances of obtaining them; and unless we can counterbalance this by the combination of our most experienced players, then we will be farther away than ever from the chance of holding next year the position which an association like the McGill U. A. A. in a university like that of McGill College ought never to have lost.

It has been frequently stated, and in all probability will often be reiterated, for it is the great fact underlying the existence of the FORTNIGHTLY, that its great object is to promote, in so far as it can, everything which tends towards the good of McGill and the interest of her students, whose benefit is the paper's *raison d'être*, and it is with this end in view that we hope that this year a more general interest will be taken in Hockey by our students, and that the burden and responsibility of the work in connection with it will not be thrown on the shoulders of a devoted few as it has been to a great extent in the past, and whose services too often have not been sufficiently recognized.

#### UNIVERSITY NEWSPAPERS.

We have no wish to steal Jove's thunderbolts, but the following lines, written by a correspondent of the *Droghedcan*, will serve as a convenient peg on which to hang a few pertinent thoughts:

"There was a time when I imagined that to edit a School newspaper was a laudable and innocent ambition. I pictured the Editor sitting at his desk, with a large pile of manuscript before him and a waste-paper basket by his side, into which he occasionally threw a contribution which did not come up to 'our standard.' But sad experience has driven the vision from my eyes. I have learned the truth, and the truth is proverbially unpleasant. The pile of manuscript is a delusion and a snare; it is non-existent. In its place there is a pile of blank paper, and the horrible thought that that paper must be converted into manuscript by the Editor must press with a weary weight upon his heart and brain. The printer's boy has asked for more; he is insatiable. In vain does his hapless victim search the Editorial box in the hope that someone, anyone, has deposited a contribution there; in vain does he implore the School muse to furnish him with a set of verses. Pegasus will not be forced."

A great deal might be written upon the subject of College papers.

In fact, at the very outset, there is room for considerable debate as to what a College paper really should be. The probability is that if a thousand and one different persons were asked to express their views on this subject, they would give a thousand and one different opinions. This is well illustrated in the endless variety of college papers which reach us, from the pretentious *Quarterly*, which grapples with the great questions of the day, to the sheet which is little more than a com-