

force, eating and sleeping in the Union, to prevent these thefts and mutilations. Does "Union Member" still think that the committee is to be reprimanded, or does he consider it our duty to have the above-mentioned force installed?

Lastly, why has this been ventilated in The Martlet, without an attempt having first been made to have the House Committee rectify any supposed mistakes or mismanagement? The House Committee, not The Martlet, is the place for such a complaint if the man is serious about it. But just here, is it not possible that his whole letter is a poor specimen of a joke, which you, Mr. Editor, inserted in the sober and serious "Correspondence" when it was in reality intended for "Pinfeathers?"

Yours truly,

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Chairman of Reading-room Sub-Committee.

Mr. Derrom Upheld.

To the Editor of The Martlet:

Dear Sir.—In your last issue there appeared, over the signature of Mr. F. S. Fowler, a rather unfavourable criticism of Mr. Derrom's recent letter anent the hockey situation.

Mr. Fowler's remarks may be briefly summed up under the following general assertions:

1. That Mr. Derrom's letter was uncalled for and a waste of valuable space.
2. That Mr. Derrom has misrepresented the situation.
3. That the effect of such letters upon outsiders should be well considered before they are published.

To these assertions, jointly and severally, and to the whole spirit of Mr. Fowler's letter, I desire to take exception.

In the first place, it is pretty well recognized, both in college and out of college, that our college athletics have been

going to the bad for some years past.

There may be several minor considerations which affect our success in athletics, but the great thing is the interest shown by the student body as a whole, and with this our success is commensurate. Now, when from a membership of 1300 students who have each contributed three good dollars towards athletics, we cannot get together more than 25 who have enough interest in knowing how their money is being spent, and how the Hockey Club is being conducted, to attend the annual meeting, I think that we are justified in assuming that the enthusiasm and interest of the student body is at a very low ebb. And when a prophet arises among us and points out our weakness to us and cries to us to repent, should we say that his cries are uncalled for and straightway proceed to stone him? Be it far from us.

Secondly, Mr. Derrom has in nowise misrepresented the situation, nor has he said what he did not mean to say. The proceedings at the recent meeting of the Hockey Club were even more farcical than he has described them.

How Mr. Fowler, who was not present at the meeting (he was, no doubt, "boosting" by absent treatment can consistently throw discredit upon the reports of Mr.

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