

glass and a loaf of bread. In such cases who is most in the wrong: Society or the Jean Valjeans? He entered the galleys sobbing and shuddering, he went out hardened; he entered in despair, he went out sullen, a soul fitted for hell by the acts of society.

As I considered these things I thought how much good might be done, how that many people might be lifted out of despair this winter by those who have a heart in them, and who use their head for something more than a peg on which to hang a hat. Thinking of how this could be done, of the tact it required, I thought of Monseigneur Bienvenu in the same story—how I would like to have his spirit—and how he treated this same Jean Valjean. Surely he showed the *mind* and the *spirit* of Him whose coming to the earth for our sakes we celebrate at this Christmas time. Surely he knew the true source from which flows the desire and the power to do good when he wrote. "Oh, Thou who art! Ecclesiastes names Thee the Almighty; Maccabees names Thee Creator; the Epistle to the Ephesians names Thee Liberty; Barnabæ names Thee Immanence; the Psalms name Thee Wisdom and Truth; John names Thee Light; the Book of Kings names Thee Lord; Exodus calls Thee Providence; Leviticus, Holiness; Esdras, Justice; Creation calls Thee God; man names Thee Father; but Solomon names Thee Compassion; and that is the most beautiful of all Thy names."

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Where is that shivering, thin-blooded mortal who sees nothing appreciable in our Canadian winters? Let him invest in a pair of steel blades, and on a night when silvery rays of moonlight sparkle in each icy crystal, betake himself to a frozen lake or river, and there disport himself. If it does not make him feel his life in every limb, and scatter indigestion and dyspepsia to the four winds of heaven, we shall no more prescribe.

But this is a perverse world. We cannot do the things that we would, and even in the line of skating we must be content with such conveniences as we have. The rink which skirts the back-door path to College has all the accommodations that an institution of its kind affords. It is true that it shuts out the sight of the spangled heavens, and we miss the forests that generally edge a river's banks, but perhaps there is compensation made on other sides. Permit us to say with all solemnity, beneath that semi-circular roof we find, to say the least, more enjoyment than sorrow. We have our Mr. Wardle, who converts his legs into a pair of compasses; our Mr. Winkle, who with the wild gesticulations of a man signalling an express train sails into the midst of the ladies. Of course, he is "horrid." We have the beginner, ever attempting the "spread eagle,"

and, lastly, those who furnish strong evidence of the co-educative tendency of Queen's, with special emphasis on the "co." All these, the ubiquitous "kid" notwithstanding, play about in sweet confusion, enjoying simultaneously a physical and social culture. The pessimistic and suspicious may nod their heads and gently insinuate, but never mind, have a skate.

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There has just come to our notice a report of the "Students' Representative Council," of the University of Edinburgh, which suggests a lack in our own A.M.S. At last a practical and well defined relation between the A.M.S., the Athletic Committee, and the various Athletic clubs seems to have been reached. The A.M.S. is now, more than ever before, the representative student-society of the University. It exercises a direct and healthy control over all matters that effect the students in general. From it the officers of the different clubs, and the managers of all student enterprises receive their authority, and to it they submit an annual report and financial statement. One thing more, we think, is needful; a report of the society itself should be printed for circulation among the students. In this would be an abstract of the minutes, giving a brief account of all important business transacted during the year, and a complete statement of all receipts and expenditures which are controlled directly or indirectly by the society.

The cost of issuing this report would be trifling, and it would be a boon to every student who desires to keep himself thoroughly posted as to the work of the society. Further it would give all an opportunity of knowing how the public funds are expended, and would make possible such a study of finance as is now not thought of; it might possibly be the means of developing latent talent, which would be of use not only in the management of A. M.S. finances, but also in preparing future Dominion budgets.

If any one considers such a report unnecessary, let him remember that the annual expenditure of the Society is between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Surely such an amount would justify the printing of a report for the calm perusal of all interested. We, therefore, commend the suggestion to the consideration of the new Executive, hoping that they will feel the pulse of the students in this respect and act accordingly. We add the names of some of the committees whose reports are embodied in the report to the students of the University of Edinburgh: Sister Universities Committee, Social Residence Committee, Students Committee, Amusements Committee, Field Committee, Relations with Home and Foreign Universities Committee, together with most elaborate financial statements.