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LONG has the student public waited for the celebration, in immortal verse, of one of the nearest of our *affiliated* institutions. The exhilaration of the icy whirl, the skill of those who chase the fleeting puck, the order of those who sit upon the benches, the harmony of two and two keeping time to the upward strain, the glory of it all no uninspired tongue can tell. The tingle, known to every ardent skater, puts the mind in good form. To the general student the rink affords splendid opportunity of recreation, and is worthy the recognition it receives. As a promoter of good digestion, good feeling, good thought, its value is undoubted. Around it cluster many associations to be treasured when the glad and stormy days of college life are gone by.

Our hockey team, champions of Ontario, stand for one set of memories. Hockey is not only a feature of student life at Queen's, but a sport in which Canadians lead the world. It is something to excel in one of the raciest, cleanest and most manly of all games, one which tends to develop alertness, accuracy and grace, as well as strength. The rapid development of the game in Canada, and the way in which many in the United States affect it, is evidence of its worth. A man who can play fast, sure hockey has qualities that rightly command the admiration of his fellows, and clever combination of good play is instructive as well. With us it

is a game which fellows play for the love of it, not merely to win laurels; and so the number who play it heartily is limited only by the ice limit. The charming manner in which the girls handle the sticks, preserving their womanliness intact, augurs well for the future development of woman. In short, the game is very free from the taint of professionalism, undue roughness, and those little evasions which too often result from the determination to win a great game at any hazard. The loss of the football championship last year should teach us that no suspicion of rowdiness can harmonize with the real success of college sport.

Of course it must always be kept in mind that our object here is not merely to enjoy ourselves, even at the rink; and sport should be subordinate to the general work of preparation for after-life. Not that we should postpone living, but as students the ideal should ever be before us. While glad because of the good the rink affords, and mindful of the words, "loaf and invite your soul," we can see no good in general rink-loafing, often smacking of unseemly language. Profanity, in the rink or elsewhere, is utterly unbecoming to a University man.

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"Self-Government" has always been our Senate's policy towards the students, so far as matters of conduct are concerned. So arose the Ancient and Venerable Concursus Iniquitatis et Virtutis, hoary with misty tradition, dignified with fantastic ceremony, clothed with authority all the more terrible because undefined and impalpable. An awful phantom to the evil doer, its dazzling light was only the focused rays of public opinion. From time immemorial it held sway, virtually created anew each year and expiring when unsupported by the power that created it. Now it has taken a quite different stand. Partly for practical reasons, but chiefly to satisfy the understanding, it has become a corporate institution, with a written constitution, its officers representing the whole student body and enforcing law and order by constituted authority.

The change, no doubt, has dispelled all appearance of anarchy and tyranny, but it is so radical that court officials should recognize its significance.