

could ever have been guilty of such egregious conceit as once fell to my lot! Truly,

"To say well is good, but to do well is better;  
Do well is the spirit, and say well the letter."

The one thorn in my going home last time, I remember, was the fact that after buying the photograph of the Year Committee, paying my subscription to VARSITY and sundry society fees, I found my funds for buying presents rather low. That reminds me, I really must try to get a few little trifles as remembrances this year. I simply have not had time to think of anything but "books." Yet I suppose I'll have to do my shopping on the way to the train.

But dear me, this is not getting that translation done. Well, I declare, two whole hours wasted! Plague on that hand-organ with its "Home, Sweet Home"!

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock, the President, Miss Hattie Latter, in the chair. The topic of the meeting, "The College Life," was treated in a most interesting manner by Miss Crampton, '04, who discussed college girls' fads and fashions, and Miss Rankin, '04, spoke admirably on the college girls' friendships and ambitions.

On Wednesday evening the Mission Study Class was addressed by Chancellor Wallace, of McMaster University. Unfortunately the west hall was in demand and the meeting had to be transferred to room 4, and the singing conducted without the piano. The attendance was much larger than usual, however, and all felt amply repaid by the Chancellor's excellent address. It was a very enthusiastic meeting, and the words spoken left an indelible impression on the hearts of those present.

The one condition, fortunate or unfortunate, as the case may be, of the Christmas holidays, is that they compel a retrospect of our work. The ghosts of the books on the curriculum rise before us, and to the dutiful they say: "Quiet, untroubled soul, dream of success and happy victory," but to the slothful comes the words: "Let us sit heavy on thy soul next May. Think on us then, with guilty fear; let fall thy pen, despair and die!"

The *Outlook* agrees with those who are advocating an increase in the length of McGill's session. It gives a list showing the number of lecture days, including Saturdays, in the sessions of eight universities: Harvard and Chicago, 205; Pennsylvania, 200; Cornell, 185; Toronto, 150; Dalhousie, 145; Queen's, 137; McGill, 135.

## SPORTS

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### SIXTEENTH CENTURY FOOTBALL.

Prof. Phelps, of Yale, has made a study of early football with especial reference to protests made against the roughness of the game. One of the most remarkable of these protests is found in the "Anatomie of Abuses," written in 1583, by Philip Stubbs, a Puritan.

This protest, quoted from Prof. Phelps' paper, is given below, and may give comfort to those who believe football is becoming less brutal:

"For as concerning football playing, I protest until you it may rather be called a frieendly kinde of fight, than a play or recreation; a bloody and murthering practise, than a fellowly sporte or pastime. For dooth not euery one lye in waight for his aduersarie, seeking to ouerthrow him & to picke him on his nose, thought it be upon hard stones? In ditch or dale, in valley or hil, or what place soeuer it bee, hee careth not, so he haue him down. And he that can serue the most of this fashion, he is counted the only fellow, and who but he? so by this meanes sometime their necks are broken, sometime their backs, sometime their legs, sometime their armes, sometime one part thrust out of joint, sometime another. Sometime the noses gush out with blood, sometime their eyes start out; and sometimes hurt in one place, and sometimes in another. But whosoeuer scapeth away the best, goeth not scot free, but in either sore wounded, craised ond bruised so that he dyeth of it, or else escapeth hardly and to no meruaille, for they haue the sleights to meet one betwixt two, to dash him against the hart with their elbowes, to hit him under the short ribbes with their griped firsts, and with their knees to catch him vupon the hip, and to pick him on his neck, with a hundred such murthering deuices; and hereof groweth enury, malice, rancour, cholor, hatred, displeasure, enemie, and what not els; and sometimes fighting, brawling, contention, quarrel picking, murther, homicide, and great effusion of blood, as experience daly teacheth."

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

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The final game in the intermediate division of the Association football series was played on the campus on

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