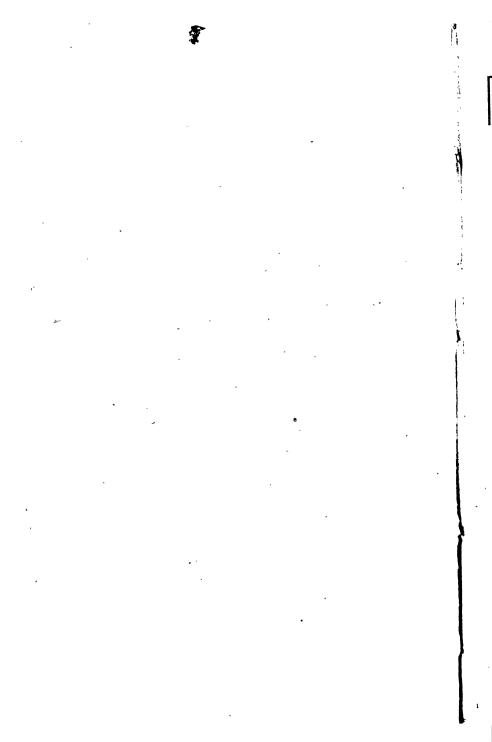
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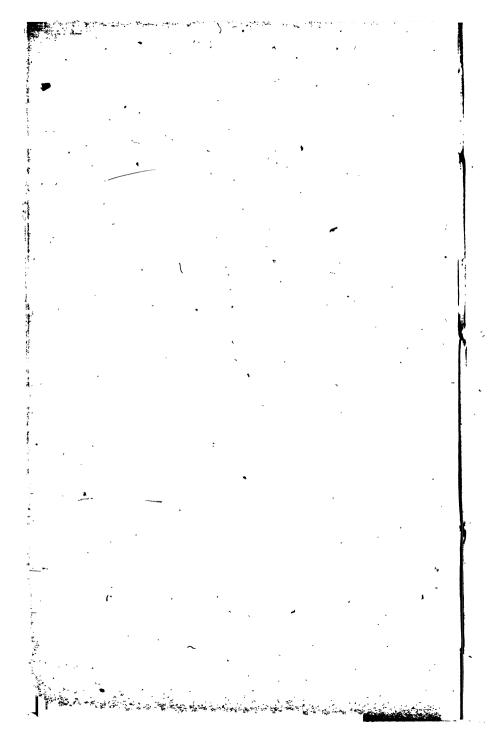
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#### REPORT OF THE

# Montreal Women's Club,

SEASON 1894-95.

HE third year of our club life is drawing to a close, and a brief retrospect of our affairs is necessary. The general condition of the club is highly satisfactory, many new members having been added, bringing our complete membership up to 91. We regret to record the loss, by death, of one of our most valued members, the late Mrs. C. T. Williams.

The Treasurer's report shows us a balance on the right side of \$87.69.

We have held fifteen regular meetings during the year, eight business meetings and seven for the discussion of Our regular programme was slightly altered, the paper on "Physiology" and the paper on "Music" not being given, but for the latter a very able and charming paper on "Emerson" was substituted. It is undesirable that the printed programmes should be in any way disturbed, but the circumstances were unusual; and whilst much regret was felt at the club not hearing these papers, yet the postponement was unavoidable. As will be seen from the reports of departments the subjects discussed were all important, and the discussions were carried on with much spirit. There is a tendency, however, to choose subjects too technical or abstract for the average woman. It should be remembered in arranging the programme that these papers are not to be read to a body of specialists. The wider culture of the day has certainly fitted women to take a very general grasp of a large range of subjects; but it should be remembered that we are women of varied tastes and talents, in fact we are not specialists; and whilst the function of a club should not be mere entertainment of its members, yet there are many subjects interesting in themselves and doubly interesting to us as women that would reach every member because in some relation to her own work in life. This, too, might be done without in any way lowering the ideal of the Club, and the result would be to increase the interest of each member, make discussion more general and intensify the esprit de corps that undoubtedly is a feature of our organization.

Apart from the regular programme of work, lectures were delivered on the following subjects: "Malformation of the Pelvis and the Spine," by Dr. James Chalmers Cameron, at which her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen presided, and to show the importance she attached to the subject brought her daughter, Ludy Marjorie Gordon; "The Bread and Butter of the Nation" was given by Mr. J. A. Robertson, Dairy Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada, a literary lecture on "Shelley," by Mr. Walter Townsend, and one by the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, on "Human Nature and How to Make the Best of it." These lectures were of the most valuable and interesting character, and, treating as they did, the three sides of our nature: the physical, mental and moral, were a fair exponent of the scope of the work attempted by the Club.

The practical work of the Club has not as yet brought forth a great result, the best fruit ripens slowly. The study classes grappled with two very difficult authors this year, Emerson and Browning, but the difficulties encountered have but whetted the appetite, and, like Oliver Twist, we are calling for "more."

Am excellent plan (arranged by the Home and Education Department) to introduce cooking into the public schools, has been rendered unnecessary by the sudden determination of the School Commissioners to establish a course in their new school, the Aberdeen. May all our plans for work find as speedy a realization. The petition presented to the School of Art and Design has really accomplished its object, the Council having resolved to establish classes for women, but as yet are undecided between classes in domestic science and those in applied design. However, the Council has asked for a report on the subject before making a final decision, and it is hoped that the importance of the latter work will be influential in opening the art classes to women. It should be gratifying to the members to know that the advice and cooperation of this Club were invited not alone in the matter of arranging these classes for women, but also in regard to the approaching International Exposition, to take charge of the Women's Department. A decision has not yet been reached as to the desirability of undertaking such a responsibility.

The social side of our nature has not been forgotten, three very successful teas having been given during the year.

The Club members are indebted to the President for the opportunity of meeting the distinguished lecturers, Mrs. Mountford and Miss Mary Proctor, daughter of the astronomer, Richard Proctor, and the study class through the kindness of Mrs. Reid and the Alumnae of McGill had a charming afternoon with the Rev. W. S. Barnes discussing Browning's poem "Old Pictures in Florence." We are indebted to many ladies outside and inside the Club circle for music at our monthly meetings—music too which was of a high type, and added much to the afternoon's enjoyment.

The prosperity of the year has been fitly crowned by the gracious acceptance of the Honorary Presidency by Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, who has on many occasions shown her warm interest in the Club and her sympathy with the work we are banded together to do. With an Honorary President known through the wide world and regarded as the noblest type of womanhood of the present day; with a President whose zeal, capability, and devotion to the highest interests of the Club cannot be equalled, much less surpassed; with members whose enthusiasm is as conspicuous as their ability, we can look forward with confidence to a year of greater prosperity than even those since the year 1892, each of which has been more successful than its predecessor.

Respectfully submitted.

MARGUERITA MACNAUGHTON,

Recording Secretary



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# PROGRAMME

# Oct. 28—Social Science.

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-How are Clubs Helpful to Women !. { Mrs. McGibbon. Mrs. Southwell. Miss Dodsworth.
Nov. 25—Home and Education.
Household Management Mrs. W. S. Barnes.
DEC. 23—ART AND LITERATURE.
Early Days of University Education MRS JOHN Cox.
JAN. 27—SOCIAL SCIENCE
Cooperation
FEB. 24—HOME AND EDUCATION.
Nursery Hygiene Dr. ELIZABETH MITCHELL.
March 23—Art and Literature.
The Stage in Relation to Art MRS. WALTER TOWNSEND. and Morals
APRIL 27—SOCIAL SCIENCE.
Women in Business
MAY 18-HOME AND EDUCATION.
Discussion on Citizenship

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Mrs. Wallace Stroud

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#### DEPARTMENT MEETINGS.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

#### NAME.

1. The name of this organization shall be the Montreal Women's Club.

#### OBJECTS.

- 2. The objects shall be mutual sympathy and counsel, and general literary and philantropic work.
- 3. This Club shall be divided into three departments, representing the different lines of work, namely Home and Education, Social Science, Art and Literature.

#### OFFICERS.

- 4. The officers of the Club shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.
- 5. These officers, with three directors nominated by each Department and elected by the Club, shall constitute the Board of Management.
  - 6. The majority of votes cast shall be required to elect-
  - 7. One of the Directors shall be designated as Chairman.
- 8. These officers shall be elected by the Club at each annual meeting.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Managers. In case of her absence these duties shall be performed by the Vice-Presidents in the order of their election.

#### SECRETARIES.

2. The Recording Secretary shall take careful notes of each meeting and report the same at subsequent meetings. She shall also prepare a memorandum of unfinished business for the use of the President.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall send out all notices of meetings and conduct the correspondence of the Club, keeping the same on file.

#### TREASURER.

4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the club, which she shall pay out only upon the order of the Board of Managers. She shall take and file vouchers for all disbursements of money, and shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures. A monthly statement shall be required by the Board, and full report of the finances of the Club, at the annual meeting, the correctness of which must be attested.

#### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

5. The Board of Management shall transact all routine business of the Club, fill all vacancies in its own body. They shall at their first meeting and annually thereafter appoint all standing committees. The chairman shall attend all stated meetings of her Department, arrange and provide for the work of such meeting and be responsible

for the fulfilment of the programme for the day. She shall, if required, report the work of her committee at the monthly meetings of the Directors, and shall report the work for the year at the annual meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP.

- t. A candidate for membership must be proposed in writing by two members of the Club who are personally acquainted with her. Such candidate must be proposed at a regular meeting of the Board. A vote cast by two-thirds of the Board shall elect.
  - 2. A candidate shall accept membership within three months of her notification, or such election shall be declared void. A membership thus forfeited or a name rejected shall not be reconsidered during the official term of that Board of Management.
  - 3. An initiation fee of \$3.00 shall be paid upon acceptance of membership, and thereafter an annual fee of same. All rights of membership shall be forfeited until such dues be paid. Membership thus forfeited may be restored by unanimous consent of the Board of Management and the payment of back dues.

Four additional By-Laws were added by the Directors at a recent meeting of their Board, and adopted by the Club at its Annual Meeting, held in Y. M. C. A. Building on May 14th.

4. If the conduct of any member of the Club, either in or out of the Club-room, be or have been such as to endanger the character, good order, or welfare of the Club, or be or have been prejudicial to its interests, the Board of Management may on its own resolution, and shall at the written requisition of fifteen members of the Club, call a

special meeting of the Board of Management to consider the question of censuring, expelling or suspending such member. At least six days' notice in writing shall be given each member of the Board of such special meeting, and the notice must specify the business to be transacted. Six days' notice of the meeting must also be given, by registered letter, to the member whose conduct is in question, and such member shall have the right to submit a written answer to the charge, which must be mailed, registered, to the Corresponding Secretary. At such meetings at least ten members of the Board of Management must be personally present, and the resolution of censure, expulsion or suspension may be passed if at least two-thirds of those present vote in favor of the same. The Board may by a vote of a majority of those present decide to hear the member whose conduct is questioned, and may by a majority vote adjourn such special meeting from day to day -no further notice being necessary. Any member censured, expelled or suspended as aforesaid shall be immediately furnished, by registered letter, with a copy of such resolution, and such member may at any time, within two weeks after such notice has been forwarded to her, appeal from such decision to a special general meeting of the Six days' notice in writing must be given to each member of such meeting, and the notice must specify the object of the same. Twenty-five members shall form a quorum at such meeting and the decision of three-fifths of those present shall be final.

- 5. All votes shall be by ballot, and in the event of a tie the Chairman shall have an additional or casting vote.
- 6. No report of the proceedings of the Club shall appear in print without official permission. Members will be held responsible for the observance of this rule by their guests.

## MEETINGS.

- 1. The Annual Business Meeting shall be called by individual notification.
- 2. Three shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Man agement and five of the Club. Regular meetings shall be called on the second and fourth Monday of each month during the Club year of eight months, from October to May inclusive, at 3.30 o'clock.
- 3. The Board of Managers shall hold regular meetings on the first Saturday of each month of the Club year, and also on the Saturday preceding the first meeting in October, if considered necessary.
- 4. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the Board of Managers by individual notification. Special meetings of the Board may be called in writing by the President or Secretary at the request of two or more of the Directors.
- 5. At all special meetings no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting was called, which business shall be clearly stated in the call for meeting.
- 6. The Annual Meeting shall be held the second Monday in May.

## AMENDMENTS.

- 1. The Constitution and By-laws may be amended at an annual or special meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present, the amendments having been proposed and approved at a previous meeting of the Board of Directors and a copy thereof appended to the call of meeting.
- 2. The deliberations of all meetings of the Club shall be governed by "The Woman's Manual of Parliamentary Law," Harriette R. Shattuck.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS

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Mrs. Julia Plato Harvey	
MISS AGNES MAULE MACHAR	. Kingston, Ont.
MRS. LYDIA M. VON. F. MOUNTFORD	Toionto, Ont.
MISS MARY PROCTOR	New York
MISS ANNIE L. JACK	. Chateauguay

#### ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Adams, Mrs. R. C. 1892	Andrew, Miss M. 1805
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Baker, Mrs. M. C. 1892	Baylis, Mrs. 1894
Black, Mrs. John 1892	Barnjum, Miss 1803
Bullick, Mrs. J. S. 1892	Binmore, (M. A.) Miss
Barnes, Mrs. W. S. 1893	Brett, Mrs. W. 1893
Brown, Mrs. R. G. 1893	
Costigan, Mrs. W. T.	Chaffeeg Mrs. B.
Cumming, Mrs. W. T.	Cains, Mrs. W • 1893
Caldwell, Mrs. Alex.	Costigan, Miss

Dyer, Mrs. W. A. 1894	Derick, (B. A.) Miss C
Duff, Mrs. J. M. M.	Dodsworth, Miss
1893	1893
Dobbin, Mrs. C. H. 1892	Dally, Miss
Dunsford, Mrs.	Dixon, Miss
1895	1804
Eglauch, Miss W.	Evans, Mrs. W. N.
1892	1893
Freeland, Mrs.	Francis, Miss E.
1894	1893
Fraser, Miss C. A.	Francis, Miss E. S. 1893
Francis, Miss G.	Ferguson, Miss
1893	1895
Grant, Mrs. Alex.	Grafton, Mrs. A. B. 1803
Gardner, Mrs. W. S. 1895	
Hunter, Miss	. Hayes, Mrs.
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Hunter, (B. A.) Miss G	Hardie, Mrs. John
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Kyle, Mrs A.	Kolmyer, Mrs.
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Lewis, Mrs. John	Liddell, Mrs. R. M.
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Lovell, Mrs. John	Liddell, Mrs. J. H.
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Lovell, Miss E. 1892	Lindsay, Mrs. W. B.
Linton, Miss	Lockerby, Mrs.
1893	1893

McKim, Mrs. Anson	Murphy, Miss M. 1895
Macnaughton, Mrs. W. G. 1892	Matthewson, Miss 1893
McGilbon, Mrs. Robt	Mitchell, Dr. Elizabeth
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McLaren, Mrs. Andrew	McIntosh, Miss J.
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Munn, Mrs. Stewart	McKeand, Miss
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McIntyre, Mrs. H.	McArthur, Mrs. Colin
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Martin, Mrs. George	Mullarky, Mrs. J. B.
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Morton, Mrs. Charles	McLea, Miss
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Parsons, Mrs. Allan	Philips, Miss May
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Reid, Mrs. James	Renouf, Mrs. E. M.
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Ryan, Mrs. C.	Ritchie, Dr. Grace
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Stroud, Mrs. Wallace	Stuart, Mrs. E.
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Sinton, Mrs. J. C. 1892	Sutherland, Mrs. W. D. 1894

Shearer, Mrs. James

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Southwell, Mrs. 1893

Simister, Mrs.

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Stokes, Mrs. R. G. 1893

Thrower, Mrs. Page 1893

Workman, Mrs. F. 1893

Warren, Miss 1892

Waud, Miss

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Smith, Miss Annie

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Townsend, Mrs. Walter 1893

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MRS. C. T. WILLIAMS

