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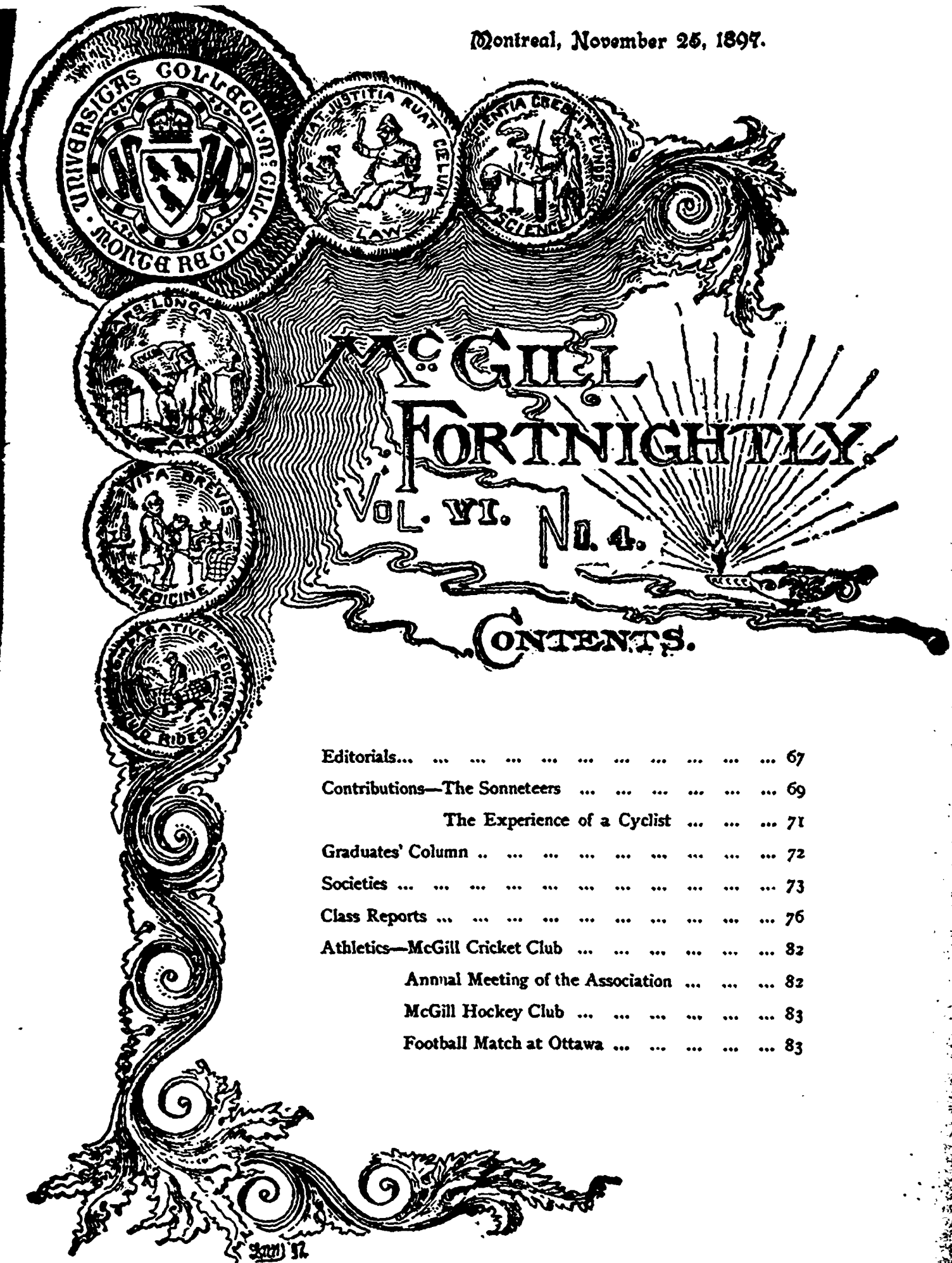
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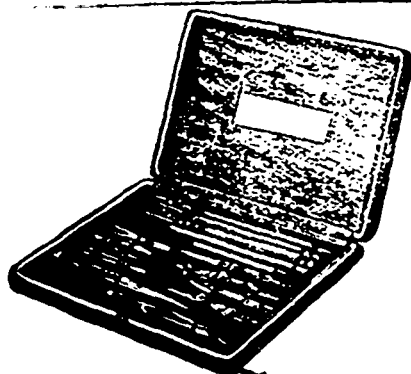
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## Editorial.

ARTS and Science were conspicuous only by their absence from the general meeting of the Athletic Association. This is the more to be regretted as the officers for '97-'98 were elected. Our report of the meeting shows that all the offices are held by members of the Faculty of Medicine. This fact, far from being a source of weakness to the Association, only serves to point out once again that the Medical Faculty takes as much interest in track athletics as all her sister faculties combined. We hope the committee will devise a plan for doubling the money now available for the athletic clubs. If it is decided to petition corporation to raise the grounds' fee we can hardly expect an increase for next year unless that body acts with unusual celerity.

COLLEGE men can have no two minds about the Inter-Collegiate Football League. As our relations grow more intimate with the Upper Canadian students, we better appreciate the advantages to be derived from such a combination. Our Varsity trip is, we think, at the bottom of the present agitation, and the game then played was a good example of College football. Probably our cramped financial position has heretofore prevented us from taking an active initiative in the forward direction. In the future we shall at least be able to afford home and home matches with an eastern division of the Inter-Collegiate League, leaving the championship to the issue of a contest with the winners of a western series. "For College students to do battle

on the football field with the coal-heavers and policemen and foundry hands of city teams is as unfair as it is important. It is no arrogant patrician feeling that makes it unpleasant for College boys to play against teams composed of such men—it is simply due to the desire of every man to associate with his kind": so says the *Varsity* editorially. The above has certainly its element of truth, yet we can have no quarrel with our present opponents for being energetic bread-winners. If, however, they cannot play good, clean football, let them have a combination of their own, and play as coal-heavers and policemen are popularly supposed to do.

THE McGill Graduates' Dinner, on Thursday evening last, of which an account is given in another column, was a great success. Of the subjects broached,—the need of fresh funds for the College, which, as our Principal put it, might be supplied by the gift of a carefully selected gold mine in British Columbia; the question of preserving some records of the Graduates as they pass from College; the idea of a University Club; it is too early to know what will be the result. But it was quite clear that the old loyalty and affection for the College were still alive. Such meetings take the place of revivalist meetings in the Church. Old memories are awakened, former associations recalled, early impressions deepened. Some few amongst the many are moved to testify by something tangible to their awakened feelings. So mote it be!

THE foot-ball game on Saturday, in which McGill was beaten by Ottawa College, brings the season as far as McGill is concerned to a close.

As every one will remember, the Quebec Rugby Union was, at the commencement of the season, composed of four teams. Of these Ottawa College and City were considered by many to have the brightest outlook for the championship.

McGill got early to work, about the middle of September, while Montreal and Ottawa Colleges started about two weeks earlier.

From the beginning, McGill under able captaincy showed signs of becoming an important factor in the League. The individual players with perhaps one or two exceptions turned out regularly and willingly to practice, and within two weeks of starting a large nucleus of the Senior Team had more or less become moulded into shape.

McGill's first match with Ottawa College, her splendid and decisive victory, the absence of all objectionable, rough play and the unbounded en-

thusiasm of the students are still fresh in the minds of all those who witnessed the game.

The games with Montreal, Ottawa City and College again, are also too recent to require further note. Seldom, if ever before, have teams been so equally matched.

The fact that one aggregation gave cause for its just suspension mars what would otherwise have been one of the most closely contested series for the championship in many years.

McGill as usual had no small share of ill-luck, but even with the loss of her captain, who also held the keystone to the back division, and two other most reliable men, whose positions it was almost impossible to fill, her team held together, practiced steadily, and, when the final game was played, fought gamely and creditably for the almost of their Alma Mater. The Students of the College, whose honour the Club has so well upheld during the season, appreciate the hard work, the steady and rigorous training, the persevering enthusiasm which the members of the team have undergone, and they thank them for it.

Of all mass meetings within our recollection, the one held to discuss the Students' Club was the most amusing. The Committee sought to discover the true reasons why the Club is not popular. The complaints ranged from garret to cellar, from dirty rooms to muddy coffee. The reasons (?) came in so thick at one time, that the Chair almost called a halt, but soon after insisted on the most frank criticism. The Committee attended in force and seemed a bit surprised at the statements. On the whole the Club is bound to succeed. There are no insurmountable difficulties even at \$12.50 a month. The few essential changes of management will cost the Committee little and yet give those who have gone further and fared—better (?) a chance to return to the happy family where the rooms are clean, turkeys are tender, toast is hot, coffee is coffee and service is prompt.

## Contributions.

### THE SONNETEERS.

In looking back on those rhymists who have given us thoughts and images worthy of lasting remembrance within the narrow compass of fourteen lines, I am by no means disposed to adopt the Johnsonian meaning of the word "Sonneteer" as implying "a small or petty poet." To countenance such a heresy would be to proclaim that, while "brevity is the soul of wit," diffuseness is the spirit of poetry.

All our best poets, those whose more extended flights of genius have been the happiest, have excelled in the sonnet. Witness Shakespeare, Spenser, Milton, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Byron, and numerous others, to say nothing of Petrarch and his brother poets abroad. Within the restricted fourteen lines, the cause of the despised sonnet has been nobly defended by the poet Wordsworth:—

"Scorn not the sonnet; critic, you have frown'd,  
Mindless of its just honours; with this key  
Shakespeare unlock'd his heart; the melody  
Of this small lute gave ease to Petrarch's wound,  
A thousand times this pipe did Tasso sound;  
Camoëns smoothed with it an exile's grief;  
The sonnet glitter'd a gay myrtle-leaf  
Amid the cypress with which Dante crown'd  
His visionary brow; a glow worm lamp,  
It cheer'd mild Spenser, call'd from Faery-land  
To struggle through dark ways; and, when a damp  
Fell round the path of Milton, in his hand  
The thing became a trumpet, whence he blew  
Soul-animating strains—alas, too few!"

The sonnet, from its very brevity, and from its completeness within itself, has an advantage over other forms of poetry in its power of readily ingrafting itself on the memory; and, when in its perfection, it possesses a charming selection of cadences which find their echo in the awakened poetic sense long after its music has died upon the ear. Who can read aloud Milton's fine sonnet, on the *Massacre in Piedmont* without feeling stirred as by the clang of some far-off battle? With the opening lines, the majestic flow of the verse sweeps over the sense with a peal like the distant roll of artillery:—

"Avenge, O Lord, thy slaughter'd saints, whose bones  
Lie scatter'd on the Alpine mountains cold!

Even them who kept thy truth so pure of old,  
When all our fathers worship'd stocks and stones,  
Forget not; in Thy Book record their groans  
Who were thy sheep, and in their ancient fold  
Slain by the bloody Piedmontese that roll'd  
Mother with infant down the rocks. Their moans  
The vales redoubled to the hills, and they  
To heaven. Their martyr'd blood and ashes show  
O'er all the Italian fields, where still doth sway  
The triple tyrant, that from these may grow  
A hundred fold, who, having learn'd thy way,  
Early may fly the Babylonian woe."

Even those master-minds that, in spite of their undoubted claim to the divinity of poetic inspiration, have been justly accused of obscurity and mysticism in their more prolonged efforts, have yet rayed out perfectly clear and transparent when using the sonnet form of versification as the medium of thought. The more ambitious works of these brilliant but fitful geniuses confuse us with their very wealth of imagery and wild license of commingling fancies. To attempt to fathom their "deep obscure" is bewildering. It is like gazing on a summer-night's sky when the myriads of heaven's lesser lights are glancing, crowd upon crowd, from the deep blue above us, till the sense aches with the diffused splendour of those countless worlds of beauty. But, closer to the moon's orb, we see perchance some planet of a more distinct and concentrated glory,—and here we have a type of that gem of poetic creation, the scorned and despised sonnet. Within its narrow scope of words, but wide-reaching realm of thought, the singer no longer runs heedlessly after a meteoric fantasy; he has neither time nor space to go in search of a mere Will-o'-the-wisp. The Puck of Fancy, that freaksome, tricky sprite, must be caught, caged and tamed; imagination must be the slave, reason the lord-paramount of the hour.

What a world of forceful thought lies in our grandest sonnets! These are the truths that speak to the soul through the medium of a few ringing words more powerfully than all the field-preaching in the universe. Who, after reading them, could go incontinently and commit an unworthy action? There is a sonnet of Byron's whose recollection lingers with us in our moments of higher musing, and which exhibits a striking



instance of a poet's power to exalt and ennoble through an appeal to the better portion of our nature. We allude to the Sonnet addressed to George IV, upon the reversal of the attainder of Lord Edward Fitzgerald :—

"To be the father of the fatherless,  
To stretch the hand from the throne's height and  
raise

His offspring, who expired in other days,  
To make thy sire's sway by a kingdom less—  
This is to be a monarch, and repress  
Envy into unutterable praise.  
Dismiss thy guards, and trust thee to such traits,  
For who would lift a hand except to bless?  
Were it not easy, Sir, and is't not sweet  
To make thyself beloved? and to be  
Omnipotent by mercy's means? For thus  
Thy sovereignty would grow but more complete;  
A despot thou, and yet thy people free,  
And by the heart, not hand, enslaving us."

Once more, to quote Wordsworth, the most prolific of our modern sonneteers, we would instance his description of a London morning in a sonnet composed on Westminster Bridge, as a proof of the power residing in this species of composition, to present a perfect picture, which shall leave its trace indelibly on the mind, or to enforce the impress of some single feeling never to be effaced. You stand with the poet where he stood—on that bridge spanning the waters : you see with his eyes and feel with his heart. The smoke of the great city is not. You hail the beauty of the morning in its clear, unsullied glory, rising over the sleeping city-world. The hush of a deep repose, undisturbed yet by the noisy jar of crowding life and riot cares, rests wherever the gazer turns. You feel, with your spirit-guide, that around and about on every side lie the dwellings of fellow-mortals; for it is in the, *here* pardonable familiarity of the epithet, "dear God," that you are made to feel at once that you are not alone looking on empty "towers, domes and temples," but where the "mighty heart" of humanity is beating silently in many a slumbering homestead :—

"Earth has not anything to show more fair,  
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by  
A sight so touching in its majesty,  
This city now doth like a garment wear  
The beauty of the morning; silent, bare,  
Srips, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie

Open unto the fields and to the sky—  
All bright and glittering in the smokeless air,  
Never did sun more beautifully steep  
In his first splendour valley, rock, or hill;  
Ne'er saw I, never felt, a calm so deep!  
The river glideth at his own sweet will;  
Dear God! the very houses seem asleep;  
And all that mighty heart is lying still!"

After such instances as I have given of the higher and nobler purposes to which this same "pipe" has been tuned, I hesitate, however heretical may appear such a dereliction of a bounden duty as his true worshipper—to introduce a single specimen of the sonnets of Shakespeare. Beautiful as these small niche-images are, they yet show insignificant beside the colossal figures of his dramatic canvas. Shakespeare, whose every line could be pregnant, when he so willed, needed not to present to us men's minds cramped within the focus of this "glow-worm lamp." The rarest dissector, and the wisest and most profound expositor of the human heart shows, in his indulgence of the sonnet form of composition, like a very Achilles sporting and trifling with his own strength, a hero in his softest mood, discursing sweet harmony by means of this "small lute," while toying with Amaryllis in the shade. The form in which poets of less transcendent genius have embodied their loftiest aspirations was to him but the outlet of personal feeling—the only escape for, and relief to, that natural egotism which never obtruded itself into the higher conceptions of his genius. As such, they have a value independent of their extreme intrinsic beauty. For the present, therefore, I resign them to that "Silence," at once eloquent and dumb, which has been so aptly and well-depicted by the pen of Richard Flecknoe :—

"Still-born Silence! thou that art  
Floodgate of the deeper heart;  
Offspring of a heavenly kind,  
Frost of the mouth, and thaw o' the mind;  
Secrecy's confidant, and he  
That makes religion mystery:  
Admiration's speakingest tongue—  
Leave, thy desert shades among,  
Reverend hermits' hallow'd cells,  
Where retired devotion dwells—  
Where thy enthusiasms come,  
Seize our hearts, and strike us dumb!"

H. M.



## Graduates' Column.

### ANNUAL DINNER OF THE MONTREAL GRADUATES' SOCIETY.

It might seem strange that the McGill Graduates' Society of Montreal should be the very last to institute an annual function in connection with the Association. We have received and published reports of banquets held in the farthest extremities of Canada by our fore-runners in the halls of McGill. Nay, many who have changed their flag and country were among the foremost to thus testify that change of latitude and nationality had not dulled the ardor of the loyalty to Alma Mater: "*Cœlum, non animum, mutant.*"

Perhaps is it that we in Montreal, so near the focus, living in the strong light of her fame and greatness, do not feel the same need of fostering such sentiments by means which a carping critic might, with some share of reason, stigmatize as fictitious.

Last Thursday, on the 18th instant, took place the first annual dinner of the Montreal Society. Many factors contributed to make it a success. The Windsor cuisine—and cellars—supplied the wants of the inner man; the company was made up of men of all ages, strangers largely the one to the other, but bound together by the fact that the same hand had given them the right to add to their names those mystic letters which form the envy of the "vulgus." The elite of professional society was present; leaders in judicial, scientific, medical and literary circles, with many of a younger generation, who are fitting themselves for future command by present obedience.

Tables were laid in the Ladies' Ordinary. The room was gay with flowers in profusion, College colors, and national standards and the arms of the various provinces.

The menu was simply pretty; printed in red on rough cream paper, with the arms of McGill on the cover.

An excellent string orchestra enlivened the evening, with selections from the latest operas. Fully one hundred and fifty guests sat down together.

That the menu was faultless, all those who have dined at the Windsor can testify. The speeches that followed were remarkable for one quality,

that is too commonly lacking in postprandial efforts: the speakers were mindful of the axiom that "Brevity is the soul of wit."

Mr. Peers Davidson, the Chairman, set the ball rolling by proposing the time-honored toasts of "The Queen" and "Alma Mater." He explained the *raison d'être* of the present reunion, namely, the desire to introduce a little recreation into the serious pursuits of the Society. He apologized for the absence of the lady graduates, and referred to the great strides McGill had made in the past few years, and to the illustrious list of benefactors, professors and graduates that glorifies its annals.

The task of responding on behalf of the governors and teaching staff fell to Principal Peterson. In his accustomed happy style, he dwelt on the changes of recent years. He praised the work of the Graduates' Societies in behalf of Alma Mater, and pointed out various outlets for their money and their energy. A fact he deplored was the absence of chairs of sociology, political science and economics. By the addition of such courses, McGill would become something more than a mere educational machine; it would be truly a centre of learning.

Sir Melbourne Tait followed on behalf of the Graduates. Mr. S. Clay, Law '98, aptly expressed the sentiments of the undergraduates, and Dr. Ruttan proposed "Sister Societies," represented by Mr. Conroy, President of the Ottawa Valley Graduates' Society.

The speeches were agreeably interspersed by songs and readings, given by Drs. Fry, Wilson, Lauterman and Mackenzie, and Mr. G. McDougall. The gathering broke up about midnight, unanimous in the conviction that the Graduates' first dinner was something worthy of annual repetition.

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Robert Bell, M.D. (1878), B.A.Sc. (1885), (McGill), Assistant director of the Geological Survey, and one of Canada's greatest explorers in the far north, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Great Britain, one of the highest honors attainable by scientists. The vacancies by death in the restricted membership of the Royal Society are few, and the list of scientific men of a class eligible for election is always large.

## Societies.

### UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

At the meeting of this Society, held Friday, Oct. 20th, it was decided that the prize of books offered by Mr. Baikie should be awarded by public competition in the Molson Hall on the evening of January 14th, 1898.

The debate of the evening was "Resolved that the control of a University should be in the hands of its Graduates." Mr. Horsfall, Arts '00, and Mr. Dewitt, Arts '00, led the affirmative, and were supported in the audience by Messrs. Blythe, Robertson and White. The negative was championed by Mr. Bernique, Law '90, and Mr. McNaughton, Arts '01. Messrs. Place, Cotton, Ives and C. Cotton also spoke in favor of the negative. The debate was well-balanced among the speakers and keenly contested.

During the evening, Mr. McNaughton, Arts '01, gave a reading.

Mr. Campbell, the critic for the evening, gave a brief criticism of the debate, making several suggestions to the Society's benefit.

The meeting of November 6th was one of the most interesting of the year.

Mr. Archibald, Law '00, read a well-prepared and carefully written essay on "Modern French Fiction." The essayist gave special attention to Zola and Daudet, as representatives of the class of writers most popular to-day in France. The evening's debate was on the resolution: "That the amount of wealth transferable by inheritance should be limited." The affirmation was led by Messrs. Irving, Enright and Cotton, while those supporting the negative were Messrs. Graham, Grace and Patterson. After the respective sides had been opened, the audience took part in the discussion as follows: affirmative by Messrs. White, Place and Ball; Negative by Messrs. Brown, Askwith and Ferguson.

The evening critic, Mr. Geo. McLeod, gave a personal criticism of each speaker's style and oratory, which was highly appreciated.

Nov. 12th. A regular meeting of the Literary Society was held to-night. As there was no important business to be taken up the President immediately called for the programme.

Instead of opening with the usual song, we had a piano solo by Mr. Shaw. The applause which followed could be reduced to temporary quiet only by a second performance.

Mr. Patch read an essay on "The Modern Newspaper," which was introduced by an interesting sketch of the past history of journalism.

Next came a debate on the resolution "That Canada should be annexed to the United States." The speakers on the affirmative were Messrs. Mitchell, Robertson, Thompson and Horsfall; on the negative Messrs. Heenev, Worth, Cotton and Blythe. The resolution was thrown out, and the meeting closed with a good critique by Mr. S. G. Archibald.

Nov. 19th. Another meeting of the above Society was held this evening. The secretary read a communication from the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society, asking us to send a representative to their At Home, to be held in January. To this invitation the secretary will make suitable reply.

A Committee was then appointed to bring before the next meeting nominations of men for the intercollegiate debate. After disposing of the above items of business, the Society proceeded to enjoy the programme which had been prepared.

Mr. Dewitt gave a very good recitation for which he was roundly applauded.

Owing to the "unavoidable," a few numbers of the programme were missing, so the debate was entered into at once. The resolution was that "A representative should vote according to the wishes of his constituents." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Duguid, Archibald, Heine, Cotton, and Irving, and the negative by Messrs. Ball, Brown, Locheid and Williams.

The negative won the debate, according to the decision of the meeting. Mr. Patch then summed up the proceedings in a pointed criticism. Referring to the small attendance he reproached the Fourth Year for not turning out in stronger force to these meetings. Mr. Patch's able criticism brought the meeting to a close.

J. R. T.

## Y. M. C. A.

Notwithstanding the multiplication of Student Societies to such an extent that there will soon be as many Societies as there are students in the University, the Y. M. C. A. continues to come in for a fair share of patronage and, all things considered, is meeting with encouraging success in its work. Especially can this be said of the regular Sunday afternoon meetings for Bible study. A series of Studies in the Book of Genesis constitutes the general subject of the present year, and already a number of topics of both theoretical and practical interest have been ably handled by the leader and intelligently discussed by various members of the class. On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14th, a special missionary meeting was held under the auspices of the Missionary Committee of the Association, when the Rev. John McNicol, B.A., a graduate of the University of Toronto, made a forceful presentation of the cause of the Canadian Colleges' Mission, in which it is desired to interest the christian students of "Old McGill" and through them as many as possible of the other educational institutions in Eastern Canada. Mr. McNicol tellingly described the origin and object and *modus operandi* of the mission in question, and his words should go far to convince all who heard him of the duty and privilege combined in being actively interested in the work of Christ in the "regions beyond." It is earnestly hoped that they will issue in something definite and tangible on the part of the local association before many days have passed.

On every hand there are gratifying evidences that the students are coming more and more to regard the Association building as their own. It is being used this fall as never before. On a recent Friday afternoon, everyone of the four apartments that make up the quarters in use was occupied with a gathering of some sort, and various student organizations are beginning to make application for the use of the rooms for their periodical meetings. On Saturday evenings, especially, there are always many present, for then, in particular, social gatherings are being held that are meeting with very distinct approval. A crokinole tournament has been started and is well under way, which is exciting considerable interest among those who play. Others prefer to engage in games of chess and draughts or halma and parcheesi and a few occasionally play the piano. Refreshments are served about

half past nine, and altogether a pretty jolly time is put in. In addition to the students who are always welcome (and, by the way, need not ring the bell), should the eye of any friend or supporter of the Association, not a student, chance to light upon this paragraph, we should be pleased to have him consider himself personally invited to drop in and see us on the very next Saturday evening or on any other that may be more convenient.

A. H. G.

## Y. W. C. A.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. of Nov. 10th was in charge of Miss Sever, and a very interesting paper was read on the temporal blessings of following Christ.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting of Nov. 17th was addressed by Miss J. Ogilvy, B.A., taking as her subject "The Circle of Duty." The different points of our duty to ourselves and to others were discussed in a most instructive and impressive manner, and an earnest plea was made for the doing of duty because it is a beautiful thing to do, not merely because we feel we must.

## MCGILL UNDERGRADUATES' MEDICAL SOCIETY.

A most enthusiastic meeting of this Society was held on Friday, the 5th.

The presence of Prof. Shepherd, the Hon. Pres., added an additional feature to the regular programme. The papers were:—

1. "Gonorrhoea in the Male," by S. M. Dickson, B.A.
2. "Paranoia," by F. T. Tooke, B.A.
3. "Differences in Blood for Different Groups of Animals," by G. E. M. Carnwath.

The discussion on treatment in the first paper and of noted Paranoics in the second was interesting and profitable. Mr. Carnwath's paper was a study of the gradual evolution of the highest mammalian blood from the respiratory and nutritive processes of the Amoeba.

Mr. Tooke's paper dealt with the features of this form of insanity, and, beside the use of local instances, the cases of Guiteau, Prendergrast and Louis Riel were cited as well-known instances of the frequent termination of the fully developed disease.

Prof. Shepherd spoke after the programme and related instances in his own experience illustrating points brought out by the papers.

W. S. G.

## DELTA SIGMA.

Resolved that: "Preferential Trade" is undesirable for Canada" was the subject that many members of the Delta Sigma assembled to hear discussed, Nov. 4.

Miss Rorke, '00, and Miss Marcuse, '00, maintained that by giving England "Preferential Trade" we give England all, even our revenue, and we receive nothing in return, except the ill-will of the other nations and of the other British colonies. We also discourage the manufacturers. Miss Hurst, '00, and Miss King, '00, in taking up the negative side, believed that, as the goods become cheaper, trade will increase and Canada's resources will be developed. They thought also that the mother-country and colonies would be bound together much more closely. We will likely receive something in return, for already England has broken her treaty with Germany. There was an open debate for a few minutes before the votes were cast. Then it was seen that the affirmative had won 14 to 13.

M. E. R.

## MONTREAL VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of the Society was held on Thursday evening, Nov. 11th, in the library, the President, Professor Charles McEachran, occupying the chair.

There were present also Drs. Martin, Thurston and Sugden, and a full attendance of members.

Some minor business in connection with the binding of the magazines in the Library being attended to, the Chairman called on Mr. Pfersick for his case report, which proved to be the removal of a decayed upper molar in a horse by trephining, the patient eventually making a good recovery. A discussion ensued, assisted by the Chair, as to the advisability of frequently performing this operation, unless the owner insisted upon it, it being generally conceded that it was undesirable, owing to the difficulty in having the resulting wound treated, and in the opposite molar growing up into the vacant space.

Mr. Paquin followed with an essay on rabies. After tracing its history from the time of Aristotle to the present, he enumerated the various theories as to its causes, the most direct one be-

ing that of inoculation with the saliva of a rabid animal. The different periods of incubation, which he stated might extend from three days to a year or more, were attributed to the quantity of the virus inoculated, also the extent and locality of the wound.

The symptom of the raving form and the mute or paralytic form were carefully described as was the manner in which the animal being at one stage unable to swallow would go into convulsions on being given water, which had been the cause of this disease, being erroneously called hydrophobia. As regards differential diagnosis between this and certain other diseases with which it might be confounded, he especially pointed out the inclination of an animal to bite itself or any object coming across its path, and to swallow, before paralysis of the pharynx occurred, stones, chips and other foreign matter.

As preventative measures after inoculation, he stated that cauterization or excision of the wound, if performed within a reasonable time, had in most cases enabled people to escape, owing to the fortunate fact that the virus was very slowly absorbed. The wisest course to pursue, however, was at once to go to the nearest Pasteur Institute, where a cure and immunity for from three to five years could be obtained in 90 per cent. of the cases. A vapour bath at 120 degrees, for 15 or 20 minutes, was also often successful.

This cure was discovered by Dr. Buisson 35 years ago, who, having been bitten by a rabid patient and the symptoms being developed in himself, resolved to die in a vapour bath, which to his surprise completely cured him.

In conclusion he pointed out the folly of killing dogs that had bitten people, when the proper course should be to keep them quietly in confinement to notice whether symptoms of rabies were developed or not.

Dr. Martin in response to a request from the Chair then addressed the meeting.

He stated that rabies attracted more attention in Europe owing to its greater prevalence there. During a visit to Paris he had spent some time at the Pasteur Institute and had been much struck with the affectionate manner of the afflicted animals, also their peculiar shrieking bark, which was so characteristic that people were able to detect a rabid animal by hearing it.

It had been proved, he said, that the virus trav-

elled along the nervous system, for if a subject were inoculated, and the nerve trunk then divided, it would often escape.

Continuing, he described the method in which the virus was prepared for inoculation against the disease, and with regard to the periods of incubation stated that a bite on the face was most rapidly fatal.

The President then thanked Dr. Martin and congratulated the Society upon the opportunity they had had of listening to such an able authority.

Considering the ground had been so well cov-

ered he would not detain them beyond mentioning that it was not necessary to have a scar, the mere fact of having one's face licked by a rabid dog was sufficient for inoculation.

The disease he said was most frequently seen in foxhounds and mongrels, owing to their habits of cohabitation, but during his practice in Canada he had never yet come across a case, though it was stated that an officer in Quebec some years ago had died from the bite of a rabid fox.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

W. B. WALLIS, Secretary.

## Class Reports.

### LEGAL BRIEFS.

Mr. Honan has the sympathy of the class in the recent sad loss of his brother.

We are all pleased to see Mr. Rogers, Third Year, back again after his serious illness.

The first year men should add an extra alarm clock to their stock of movables.

"More haste, less speed," be sure to wait long enough after answering to your name to find out whether the lecturer wishes to give you credit for more than one lecture.

Every body is trying to "look pleasant" in anticipation of having his photograph taken.

There has been some remarkable improvements made in our Post-Office department. One dark night the old pigeon holes were sprigged away by some good fairy and replaced by the regulation automatic self-delivering letter board, and to this has been added a bulletin board, so that now we are sure to see all our notices—if the lights are turned on.

On receipt of the invitation tendered our Faculty to send a representative to a conversazione, given by the University of Laval, a meeting of the Undergraduates' Society of the Faculty of Law was held, Nov. 17th., when Mr. Burnet, Law '99, was elected to represent us. We are sure Mr. Burnet will do honor to our Faculty.

Where is our Moot Court? Is it to become a sweet memory of the past or is there some valid reason why it should be kept in the back-ground? If there is no reason, then whose fault is it? Surely our Dean has on several occasions offered us all necessary aid, but the proffered aid has never been practically accepted. Surely we are not going to allow one of the most im-

portant institutions in connection with our Faculty become extinct on account of lack of interest on our part. This Court, instead of being made a side issue to be improved only when we have nothing else to do, should be made one of the most important features of our University training. With the able Professors which we have who would be pleased to preside for us we might get a training which would be equal to actual experience. There seems no reason why we should have let nearly one half of the present year pass without one session or without even re-organizing this Court.

Now, if this feature of our training is not to be allowed to pass out of our University, there should be some thing done immediately. It rests with the Students.

### FACULTY OF COMPARATIVE MEDICINE.

#### AN EXPERIMENTAL STATION AT LAST.

For years Dean McEachran, who is also Chief Veterinary Adviser of the Government, and head of the Live Stock Quarantine System of Canada, has persistently urged the Government to enable him to carry on experimental and research work in connection with diseases of Animals.

It remained, however, for the able and accomplished present Minister, the Honorable Sydney A. Fisher, to be the first Minister of Agriculture to appreciate the necessity for such work.

The circumstances which immediately led to this action by the Quarantine Staff was the discovery for a second time within four years of Tuberculosis in the cattle belonging to the Government at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Sixteen head having been examined post mortem by Dr. McEachran, and ten have been reserved for experimental purposes, and will be removed to the station being built at Outremont by order of the Minister of Agriculture.

Professor Adam has been appointed as Bacteriologist to the Department of Agriculture, and he, with the necessary assistants, will conduct a series of ex-

periments on guinea pigs, rabbits and calves, with a view to determining the effect of milk from Tuberculous cows on animals fed with it; also the relation between human and bovine consumption, etc., etc.

We hope that this is but the beginning of much valuable research work in Canada. Why not utilize this station for producing vaccine lymph, for making Tuberculin, for testing and reporting on commercial vaccine and antitoxines.

The field for such work in Canada is large, no where else in this Colony are such efficiently equipped pathological laboratories in existence as those at McGill University, and with the addition of Professor Adam to the Government Veterinary Staff in Montreal nothing is wanting but necessary funds to carry on the work.

This should be forthcoming to supply a want long felt in the country.

Last year the number of schools of Human Medicine in the United States was reported to be 151, with an attendance of 21,000 students, whilst the total population was estimated at 72,000,000.

The number of Veterinary schools was 9, with an attendance of 474 students, whilst the total number of domestic animals, not including dogs, was about 163,000,000.

The above figures hardly suggest an overcrowding in our Profession, but rather that the public, from lack of material, have not yet realized the necessity for skilled Veterinary Surgeons. The system of "making out as best one can," when things go wrong on the farm, and the loss it entails, has much to do with the existing depression in Agricultural Interests.

It follows, therefore, that a sufficient number of Veterinarians, in our at present ill-recruited ranks, will, by exemplifying the old maxim of "a stitch in time saving nine," bring about a prosperous reaction to all concerned.

A well-known breeder of hunters has promised to read an essay shortly before the Veterinary Medical Association on "Conformation." No machine having yet been invented which can in any way affect this class of horse, the opinions of the above authority will be of great practical value.

Professor Charles McEachran, whose charming and hospitable country residence on Back River most of us know, has returned with his family to their home on Sherbrooke street for the winter.

Many of the members of the Final Year are taking advantage of the kindness of the Surgeons connected with the Montreal Hospitals by attending daily at the Operating Theatres. This and many other advantages derived from our connection with McGill University will help to explain the question asked one of our class this summer in New York by a practicing Veterinarian, viz: "Why am I always asked, when called to a case, if I'm a McGill man?"

The weakness numerically of the Junior Years enables our Professor of Anatomy to go round four or five times at the grinds. This has its advantages from

a "proficiency" point of view, but must utterly destroy the surreptitious morning snoozes we remember so well in our time, when one question per head was all the hour allowed.

"Nil Desperandum." A report reaches us from the First Year that the Professor, failing to obtain a satisfactory answer from Mr. S— to five consecutive questions during a grind on the bones, was rewarded at last for his perseverance by asking "How many legs a horse had?"

That we do not always realize that which is for our own good is manifested by the very diplomatic look of enjoyment we assume when our worthy Dean says: "I shall be pleased to meet you, gentlemen, for an extra lecture on Saturday morning."

The following gentlemen have satisfied the Examiners as to their "Proficiency" in Chemistry. Messrs. B. K. BALDWIN, Bell, Lambert, Cullen, Hart, Fahey, Cleaves and Henderson.

#### MEDICAL NEWS.

Much honor reflects upon Dr. Buller and the chair, which he so ably occupies, by having been called to England to attend a consultation at the bedside of Lady Mount-Stephen. Here his opinion which was shared but by one of his colleagues proved subsequently to have been the correct one.

Our Medical Library is slowly but surely increasing in the number and value of its books, and a very good number of students take advantage of the opportunities offered them for reading and studying here, in the calm retreat of its tripe alcoves; the good behavior of its frequenters, their earnestness, and the high degree of efficiency of the service are very commendable indeed.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

Since the last issue of the FORTNIGHTLY, things in the Football world, have been more as they used to be for '98.

We have successfully met and defeated both the First and the Second years.

With both years the matches were hotly contested, and kept the spectators guessing as to the result until the whistle for time actually blew.

'98 has an invincible forward line; they might be likened unto Cornwell's iron-sides.

With the second year the score was 7-3.

With the 1st year the score was 5-1.

We are glad that the Second Year have defeated the Third Year, as this will give us an opportunity to wipe out OUR defeat by the Third Year, and show them that their last victory was only due to our being in such poor condition.

On Thursday, Nov. 11th, a meeting of the Four Years was held to elect officers and delegates.

Some of the elections were very closely contested, but Macaulay, Harvey and Scanlon went in unanimously.



The results were:—

For President of Dinner—Mr. H. J. Schwartz.  
 For Representative to Toronto Varsity—Mr. L. J. O'Shaughnessy.  
 For Representative to Trinity—Mr. W. R. Jamieson.  
 For Representative to Queen's—Mr. D. A. Whitton.  
 For Representative to Bishop's—Mr. J. H. Macaulay.  
 For Representative to Laval—Mr. J. Scanlon.  
 For Representative to Graduates' Society—Mr. F. W. Harvey.

One of the most interesting and amusing parts of the ceremony was the nomination speeches.

Each man who nominated a candidate did his part well, but, while Mr. Francis with his "enthusiastic stump speech oratory," and Mr. Fox with his "unparalleled wit and humor," were good, there was one preeminently better.

Mr. Fagan (justly called our "silver-tongued" orator) made a speech that few who heard it will ever forget. Its diplomacy, pathos, humor, wit, learned quotations, and masterly delivery were absolutely unrivalled.

It has been noticed that at one of our hospitals there has been for two succeeding years an "anaesthetist" with "auburn locks." As one of our Doctors says, this ought to establish a precedent. We heartily agree with him. For instance, in our year "Piggie" could have it. In '99 Bowles, and in 1900 there would be numerous candidates with "Titian hair."

"Dr. Plouffe" announces to the class that the "Trois Beans Quartette" will favor them on Friday next with their latest popular song entitled "Trois Tasses de thé, Alphonse."

We would like to intimate to the Fourth Year Science reporter that in making Medical jokes he had better call "a spade a spade" and spell it right too at the same time.

#### IN WARD M. - M. G. H.

Chas. P-t-rs.—"Nurse, do you take the pulse in the axilla or the mouth?"

Nurse.—"As a rule."

Even the patient smiled!

#### THIRD YEAR.

We must apologize for the rawness of these un-scholarly notes. Owing to a sudden call from without the city, our official Class Reporter has been forced to leave his thankless task in the hands of a novice.

If the satire of our criticisms, the delicacy of our innuendos, the humor of our remarks do not reach the high standards hitherto set forth, it is because we are not imbued with the witty inspirations necessarily present in one of Hibernian extraction, as is the case of our worthy reporter.

Thursday, the eleventh of November, will long be

recorded in the traditions of this class as a day whereon an act of charity was performed, the extent of which perhaps has never been equalled. Beholding the destitution of the Century Class it was proposed that a little gift in the form of a football match should be presented to them. This was done and they were allowed to win by a few points. It gladdened the hearts of the cheerful givers to witness the smiles or rather leers on the usually expressionless visages of the recipients. Every portion of their separate anatomies beamed thankfulness, even to the bristles of Coates's beard. This manly adornment was, by the way, very useful in removing a considerable amount of snow from the ground during the progress of the game. This appendage was later on employed as a means of friction in restoring vigor to wearied limbs.

We would not counsel other years to follow our example in this matter of voluntary donation, for kindness repeated might render the Class of 1900 a little more proud of themselves than they are: if that were possible.

Our year has in its possession a notorious "kicker," who kicks and kicks hard against every single motion passed during any meeting at which he chances to be present. As a remedy for this wretched creature's locomotion, a "kicking-strap," such as used in the case of an obstreperous horse, might be desirable, or for milder treatment a nice tightly-fitting muzzle.

We were greatly pleased at the appointment of Mr. Sutherland as Treasurer of the Four Years. As a class we can certainly vouch for this gentleman fulfilling his duties in a very capable manner.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. Shore, by reason of his elevation to the presidency of the McGill University Athletic Association. This is a case of the right man being in the right place.

We would bring to the notice of the Committee of Management of the Students' Club a very original and at the same time sensible suggestion. It is to the effect that a Bar be organized in connection with the Club. The management will immediately see the wisdom of this proposal. What could be more delightful than to drop in between lectures with your fellow-students and, over a convivial glass of hot toddy, or some other equally stimulating beverage served by a buxom maiden of prepossessing appearance, discuss the topics of the day? We trust this plan will be adopted. Financially, it would be a decided success.

#### SECOND YEAR

It is rumored that one of our fellow-students was found one morning by some friends sleeping in the porch of his boarding-house. After they had awakened him and set him on end they asked him where he had been. Sneaking very thickly, he said, "I don't know, it was either a marriage or a funeral. But," continued he, raising his voice in exultation, "At any rate, it was a great success."

Last Friday night, a number of the Sophs accompanied the Freshmen to the Academy to hear "The Circus Girl." Our juniors are a jolly good lot of fellows, and it was a real treat to be with them.

Who is the happiest Sophomore? Why! Le-ter. Nothing ever worries him, not even coming late for lecture, for then his happy voice can be heard singing "Better late than never."

Two of our football players are suffering from swelled ears as a result of blows received on the battle field. It is feared that tin-ears will be necessary.

Since last writing our class team has played both the Fourth and Third Years. The former, owing to their superior weight, downed our brave fellows, but the latter were defeated by 1920 in a very interesting battle. When the Third Year lined up against our men last Wednesday week, with Gordon Alley and the invincible Sparrow in their ranks, all hope went from us. True, we had a good team, but none of them belonged to the Senior class.

The game started with Tobin as referee, and so did the fun, for it was soon evident that our men had the Third Year at their mercy. Not even the flying Sparrow was able to escape with the ball, although once he came near it. As for Alley, he appeared to get winded, and consequently received many a joke from the spectators which he thoroughly enjoyed.

The snow which covered the field seemed to dazzle the Third Year, and so did our new centre scrimmager, Coates, who played a rattling game. If an opponent managed to get through our forwards with the ball, he was sure to tumble when he caught sight of our full-back, Bert Lynch, who wore stockings of different hues. Thus by bewildering costumes and good playing did 1920 overcome '99 by a score of 5 to 0.

All students wishing to take a trip to England next summer in a cattle ship will apply early to Mac. Seat number forgotten.

Second Year Students are considering the advisability of buying a percolator.

Some of the gallants of the Century Class enjoyed "The Circus Girl" very much. After attending nearly every performance they met some of the pretty maidens, and now it will be hard work killing time till the show comes back.

Con. Cartwright is suffering from a sprained wrist as a result of football.

The Freshmen seem delighted to think that the Sophs haven't rushed them. Well! it is too bad to see so many fine young men go through McGill without being initiated. No wonder they find Histology hard.

Mr. Cook, our aged janitor, stands at the door of the Chemistry lecture room to see that the Sophs don't hurt the Third Year men. Our seniors must have won a pretty warm spot in the old gentleman's heart.

## ARTS NOTES.

Dr. Murray had good cause for wonder on Monday. Early in the morning the class knew that Arthur Ross, by his recent conduct, had fallen under the jurisdiction of the Matrimonial Committee, and so an unusual number of stragglers took occasion during roll-call to congratulate the happy man.

Needless to say, Mr. R. was carefully elevated after the lecture.

The Matrimonial Committee are requesting the President to summon a meeting of the Year for Monday next, when the matter will be officially noticed, and a "date" arranged for the class.

## GREEK CLASS.

Prof.—Where are your exercises?

Class, (unanimously.)—Unprepared.

Prof. (in remembrance of youthful teaching).—"And he rose and spake unto them another parable, saying: "They all with one accord began to make excuse."

It seems a pity that the quill of the feather from the east wing will not be able to pen the remainder of "The Innocents Abroad," as one of this now famed trio has been compelled to retire from the scene of action.

'98 (men) sympathize.

## THIRD YEAR.

It is announced that the "downy Nightingale of '99," will sing at the Library next Friday. Doubtless this will prove a great attraction.

At the Zoological Laboratory the old adage comes true, "The early student catches the biggest and best worm."

Prof. in Statics:—"Take moments about any point A."

Student (muttering):—"To find those "moments" will take me hours."

What is the matter with a Hebrew club? Surely our theological friends are not to be behind their brethren. Let them organize at once and, even though the session is so far advanced as to preclude all possibility of putting Job and his friends on the stage this year, yet we suggest that an early start might make it a possibility in the session of '98-'99.

A Committee appointed for the purpose of considering this question, gives the following report:—

Whereas our "Ajax of the yellow wheel" still persists in shewing his pedal extremities; it has been resolved "That owing to the inclement state of the weather, all wearing of knickerbockers shall be abolished, in or about the precincts of '99."

## A HOT TIME IN 1900.

The greatest event of the season was a meeting on Friday, 12th, to discuss the class-pin. Only Science 1900 have answered Sec. Ireland's letter, and they don't

want a college-class-pin till 1899. Almighty Voice was present in full war paint with all his tribe. In a terrible war-whoop he moved, seconded by Weinfeld, that no pin be adopted till next year, because many men will be swallowed up in that awful whirlpool, the Intermediate Exam. In 3 minutes the meeting became a cyclone. Cohen moved, seconded by Jeakins, that an Arts 1900 pin be adopted at once. His seconder said 1900 are a darn sight smarter than any other year, and will safely navigate the dangerous current. Nutter said: "hang the other faculties, I want a pin now." McKinnon, Nutter, Rowat, Weinfeld, all tried to speak at once, till Mac said he'd throw them out if they didn't give him the floor. The racket became worse and worse, till finally a vote resulted in a victory for Almighty Voice by 16 to 10. The mob rushed down stairs, Cohen at the head, calling upon the gods for vengeance on "those gas-bags." In his rage, Nutter tore his hair and said he'd have a pin if he has to go to Klondyke for it. Rowat fairly shrieked and raced up and down like a hen with her head off. In another corner Almighty Voice and his trusty chief, Walker-John, performed a war dance on the corpses of some of their victims. Napoleon was last seen in an excited group of the defeated tribe rushing down the avenue surrounded with a dark blue halo.

Nineteen of the class have joined the French Club, and enjoy the company of the ladies very much. Cochrane is going to lodge a complaint against Weinfeld's feet to prevent them from walking all over him.

Dr. Johnson has discovered that Cooke and Dixon are only 10 years old. We discovered that last year.

De Witt refused to join the History Club unless ladies are admitted. Ferguson has been appointed Secretary of the Classical Club; Hardy has been put on the Pres. Theo. College Reading-Room Committee; Ireland has been appointed to the Executive of the Historical Club. We are sorry for the Club.

Jeakins wants a class photo. Well done, boom it up. "Napoleon" has given up shaving himself in disgust. He came near dissecting himself so often that he sometimes thought he was studying Medicine. As usual, Rowat is now favoring the class with some more new songs. The last one is "Dance my darling baby." Did any of the members receive an invitation to the christening?

There is a thief in this Faculty. Car tickets are continually disappearing. The Reporter had six stolen from his overcoat last week.

Some of the victims who have suffered from our roasts are forming an alliance to murder us. Let all take warning from Cooke's fate. We (the Reporter) patted him with snow till he howled for mercy.

Come one! come all! and join the smash.

For if you fight me you'll soon be hash.

Like "99" and "01" when 1900 made mince-meat of them.

#### FIRST YEAR.

Dr. Nansen was momentarily expected at the College, and whispers of "Slope" floated through the halls. In spite of it, however, the Greek lecture went on.

When the students got seated there was found to be *one* empty place. Hardly had the lecture begun when a thundering crash shook the room. Through the clouds of dust it was seen that several square feet of plaster, loosened from the ceiling, had fallen on the empty desk, inflicting slight wounds on those sitting near—moral?

The professor—"master of himself though *plaster* fall"—received the interruption with his usual "sang-froid," but, for fear of further danger, adjourned the lecture.

The accident happened quite opportunely, as it was just in time to see the noted explorer driving down the avenue after having visited the Library.

While watching him, Med. '90 came up, with other Medical students, and our pleasure was marred by seeing them childishly attack the Arts' Building, smashing several windows with snow-balls.

#### FEATHERS FROM THE EAST WING.

##### THE DONALDA MUSICAL CLUB.

Whoever is the patron deity of clubs, he certainly has not drowsed in Olympus this year; for they have sprung up like mushrooms (the Faculty would say toadstools), though we hope they will not have as short a life.

The Donaldas have for the past fortnight heard nothing but "Club," especially "Musical Club." It has long been felt that there should be such a Club among the Donaldas, and we are glad to say that we will soon have it. When it was known that there formerly had existed a "Glee Club," the agitation increased, until a meeting of the Four Years was held to decide for the renewal of a similar one. Miss Derrick spoke, and, as usual, gave many useful hints. She told us about the old Club, which only died because it had become, by reason of having an outside teacher, more of a task than a pleasure. The Club in prospect will be kept essentially a College society. It will be open to all Donaldas, whether graduates, undergraduates, or partial students. It will be a musical club in its broadest sense, not only music strictly, but anything connected with music, will form a part of the programme. At the meeting, a temporary committee and secretary were elected to draw up a constitution and suggest officers. Their work met with the approval of the students, and the only thing which now remains is to obtain the assent of the Faculty.

On the morning of November 6th, 1897, the Spectator visiting McGill would have seen yet stranger sights than on his last visit. Even that witty person would have been at a loss to account for the agitation which pervaded the East Wing when a certain cart, instead of coming up the avenue, turned to the Science Building. However, this would have been perfectly clear to him had he looked into the cosy Reading-room an hour later and beheld the wondrous sight! Had the load been deposited with the Science savages we could have said with Whittier, "Of all the sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these, 'it might have been.'"

In the Reading-room stood a table beautifully decorated with red and white carnations and ribbon, and loaded with the contents of that mysterious cart. But through it was "a thing of beauty," it was *not* "a joy for ever," for the breakfastless "Century" girls soon made havoc with the good things provided, though they were not quite in the state of the followers of Aeneas, who called for the remark from Tulus, *Hens etiam mensas consumimus.* The menu cards were truly artistic, and indeed the whole lunch showed that the Century girls had been at work, for who else could produce such results? Among the chief features of the programme were the toasts, especially that of Miss Sever, in which she welcomed our new member, Miss McGregor. The men were not neglected either, and the song, "Hop along, Brother Johnny," burst forth with one accord. The "Siren Wail," suggested unconsciously by one of our worthy professors in a psychology lecture, was another feature which delighted our hearts. To enter into all the details of this wondrous feast would take too long, suffice it to say (we think the Third and Fourth Years will agree) that it was literally a "howling" success.

B. C. M.

Miss Seifert's companions very much regret that her late accident has proved so serious as to cause her withdrawal from College life. Yet they hope it will be but a temporary absence.

'98, West Wing, has always been faithful to the interests of the Donaldas. And so when the Historical Club was under discussion there was not wanting one to demand whether its "Virile" aspect was destined to continue during the *whole* of the next six months.

That Century Class is very much alive. They are not only the originators of the Musical Club, but they revived, for their own benefit, the Class Luncheon institution; and, further, they took a most credible part in that well-prepared debate on Preferential Trade. May the life of the Donaldas department ever continue as vigorous, and as green!

Professor.—This animal is provided with two eyes. Puzzled Junior.—I can't see the other one. Professor.—No wonder, it is on the other side of the board.

Professor.—We will re-translate the sentences which will be most useful for conversation. For instance, Das Bier is gut.

#### SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

Mr. Wm. P. Olds, B.A., a graduate of Victoria College, Ontario, anxious for advancement in the world of Science, has entered McGill, and intends to sit for two years at the feet of her worthy professors. Mining is his choice.—Welcome, old man, to our joys and sorrows.

D. C. T. Atkinson represented Science at the Graduates Banquet on the night of the 18th. He appeared for lectures the following morning, and reported a highly enjoyable evening.

At a meeting of the Fourth Year, recently held, Wm. M. Macphail was unanimously elected as valedictorian for the Graduating Class.

Business of this nature makes one reflect on the uncertainty of our fate as Seniors. It brings before us the reality that the time is short. "Thoughts of the last bitter hour come like a blight over our spirits," and vague forewarnings of the future assail us and lash us into a very frenzy. Forecasts of those evil days, when we shall say we have no pleasure in them, are constantly before us, and the trip hammer of our apprehensions beats upon the anvil of our latent energies with a clang and a jangle that deafens us to everything, even to its own promptings and advice. How best to overcome this? What the remedy? Were wise who wist!

"I'm onto you," said the hydraulic ram to the specimen of concrete, "but you're a brick." And the brick succumbed through sheer di-stress.

"Hullo, boys! doesn't look much like football this weather, does it?" and other similar remarks were heard mournfully repeated through "The Halls of Science" on Friday, the day before the great event to which all were looking forward, namely, the match between '98, last year's champions, and their challengers, '99.

It was decided then to postpone the match until this rather unwelcome visitor, the early snow, should go, when the great crowd of disappointed spectators will have a chance of seeing a game of purely *amateur football*.

#### THIRD YEAR.

Look pleasant, please, might be taken as a motto for the Third Year men just now. The Annual wants photographs, and photographs it must have. So Ninety-nine is posing and looking pleasant and getting its hair cut, and in other ways making a martyr of itself in the cause of our historical record. If there are any books which tell a man how to appear at ease when his head is in the vice-like grip of a photographer's fork, we should like to borrow them just now. The results as shown by the proofs, are sometimes good and sometimes bad, but always interesting. The success of the artist in making our too long nose look short, and our too short nose look long, and in causing incipient and shadowy moustaches to show up strongly in the picture, has been noticeable.

#### SECOND YEAR.

Although the lectures in Physics often partake of the nature of a vaudeville show in which new and original experiments are introduced, yet such undue levity as has been exhibited lately is beneath the dignity of a Sophomore. Now, gentlemen, please don't do it again, the Professor cannot hear himself think (at least, so he says), and, consequently, the experiments invariably go wrong.

Professor of Mechanics.—"Should we attempt to walk on a perfectly smooth surface in which the friction equals zero, we would not move."

Fe-gy.—"I tried that several times last winter, and invariably the resultant was a motion in a downward direction with great velocity."

Same Professor:—"Gentlemen, you should be more concise."

Sise (half asleep):—"Were you speaking to me, sir?"

Our knowledge of "Descriptive Geometry" equals *a.* and Fe—gy wants the study prohibited by Legislature

FIRST YEAR

The *enfant terrible* of the year received a well merited ducking the other day, and it is to be hoped that this will cool his ardor for some time at least

The freshness of the Arts' Freshmen was the subject of a touching reference last week. Science for extends in:

kindest sympathies.

There seems to be some one in the Faculty who takes a delight in tearing down or mutilating notices. Notices of meetings, even of the First Year, ought to be respected. It is to be hoped that this protest will be effective in preventing further offences in this direction

At a recent meeting of the Year, E. A. A. Cowen was appointed Captain and A. P. Glasco and T. Schwitzer a committee to look after the hockey interests during the coming season. Vice-Pres (Sir?) Charles H. Tupper was in the chair, where he showed marked traces of hereditary genius in the management of public affairs

**Athletics.**

ANNUAL MEETING OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above Association was held in No. 1 Lecture Room, Arts' Building, on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., at eight o'clock, President Lynch in the chair. Owing to Mr. Campbell Howard's illness, Mr. Fred. Tooke was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Mr. Colby's motion in regard to holding the annual meeting in the autumn instead of later on in the session was carried. It was also moved, seconded and carried that this be the annual meeting for the session of 1897-98.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mr. Shore, showing a balance of \$13.01 in the right direction; this report was adopted by the meeting.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, resulting in the return of the following:—

- Hon.-President.. . . .Principal Peterson.
- President . . . . .R. A. A. Shore, B.A.
- Vice-President.. . . .J. W. Woodley.
- Secretary.. . . .J. L. Todd.
- Hon.-President.. . . .Principal Peterson.
- Treasurer.. . . .H. Hill, B.A.

On considering new business there was considerable discussion in regard to the financial backing of the games and athletics of the University. It was ultimately decided to appoint a committee representing the several faculties of the University to consult with the Grounds and Athletics' Committee to see in what way the financial condition of the Athletic Association can be ameliorated who are to report at a future general meeting.

The committee elected consists of Messrs. Turner, Patch, Byers, Archibald and Burke. The meeting then adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Recd. from Grounds' Committee.. . . .     | \$275 00 |
| " " Entry fees.. . . .                    | 33 75    |
| Balance from '96 '97.. . . .              | 23 40    |
|                                           | \$332 15 |
| Paid rent for M. A. A. Ground, 1896.. . . | \$ 10 00 |
| " Mr. Thomas Graydon.. . . .              | 2 00     |
| " Secretary's expenses.. . . .            | 3 25     |
| " Henry Birks for Prizes.. . . .          | 161 30   |
| " for Tickets to Glee Club Concert.. . .  | 9 00     |
| " " Cricket ball . . . . .                | 2 00     |
| " " Programme and invitations.. . .       | 59 00    |
| " " Band.. . . .                          | 30 00    |
| " " Police.. . . .                        | 2 50     |
| " " rent of M.A.A.A. Grounds, 1897        | 25 00    |
| Sundries.. . . .                          | 9 15     |
|                                           | \$319 20 |
| Balance.. . . .                           | 13 01    |

FOOTBALL.

McGILL vs. OTTAWA COLLEGE.

The football team accompanied by a number of enthusiastic supporters, left for Ottawa on Saturday morning last to battle in the last struggle for the championship of the Quebec Rugby Union. Courage had in a large part to take the place of Hope as to the probable result, for Howard, McLea, Bond, Gillies and Davidson were not on the muster roll of players.

Four were still suffering from injuries received in previous contests, while Gillies found it absolutely in-

possible to leave the city. These were serious gaps in the well drilled cohesive organization, which had throughout the autumn contests done such brilliant work. It is always a serious matter, to have to swap horses when crossing a stream.

Ottawa College, on the other hand, played its full team, with one exception. All which made our men more determined to prove as they did that they could fight an uphill game, and to the end with great pluck and steadfastness.

A strong easterly wind blew up, and slightly across the field. The ground was hard and very slippery, making it almost impossible for the forwards to tackle or even reach the half backs.

The Ottawa City Club had taken a vast amount of trouble to proclaim and give effect to a boycott against the match. As a result the audience was not large, but what it lacked in numbers it made up in enthusiasm. Brilliant plays on either side evoked generous applause. It was football from beginning to end, clean, manly and good proof that gentlemen who play for the sake of the game can meet in a keen struggle for supremacy without slugging or brutal attempts to maim opponents.

Mr. Hartland Macdougall, the capable referee, has not to recall a single unpleasant incident throughout the game.

At 2.15, the teams lined up as follows :-

|                      |                     |           |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Grace.. . . . .      | Back.. . . . .      | P. Murphy |
| Molson.. . . . .     | Half.. . . . .      | E. Murphy |
| Glassco.. . . . .    | " . . . . .         | Gleeson   |
| Sutherland . . . . . | " . . . . .         | McGuicken |
| Jones.. . . . .      | Quarter.. . . . .   | Smith     |
| Ross.. . . . .       | Scrimmage.. . . . . | Clancy    |
| King.. . . . .       | " . . . . .         | Boucher   |
| Ogilvie.. . . . .    | " . . . . .         | McCreadie |
| Tobin.. . . . .      | Wings.. . . . .     | Ross      |
| Duffy.. . . . .      | " . . . . .         | Leveque   |
| Turner.. . . . .     | " . . . . .         | Lafleur   |
| Moore.. . . . .      | " . . . . .         | McGee     |
| Alley.. . . . .      | " . . . . .         | Murphy    |
| Schwartz.. . . . .   | " . . . . .         | Fahey     |
| Hill.. . . . .       | " . . . . .         |           |

Umpire, Dr. Clifford Jack.

Touch Judges, Mr. Graham Drinkwater, B.A.Sc. and Mr. Bonner.

Time-keeper, Mr. Whitham, Pres. Q. R. F. U.

Ottawa won the toss. It is needless to say which end they chose, for footballers just as surely as the wiley fox always want to run down wind.

In our scrimmage, Ogilvie replaced Howard; King, instead of Bond, faced Clancy at centre; Jones took Davidson's place at quarter; Murphy at right half found Glassco opposite him in the place of Gillies. Turner as Captain filled that proud but anxious position in a most creditable manner. All the new comers put up fine games, and gave comfortable assurance that we have fine material from which to draw a championship team for next year. During the first half, McGill's scrimmage work surpassed all expectations. Time and again the ball was forced back by sheer strength. It was the policy of our men to keep the ball

close in hand, while College sought by constant effort and open play, to take full advantage of the wind. We were dreadfully but fairly penalized in free kicks. One followed another in rapid succession.

The saying that enthusiasm is the true allegory of the lute of Orpheus, and that no great victory is won without it, does not apply to football. Rather is the eagerness which oversteps the line that temper of the mind which gets the best of judgment.

Our backs caught surely, and saved many a point by plucky runs from behind. Of this first half, McGill's brilliant rushes and Gleeson's long punts were marked features. It ended with eleven to the credit of College, made up of 4 from a try, 4 from a held in goal, one touch in goal, and two rouges. Spite of ominous figures hope had not gone, but fortune was not for us.

College changed its style of play, kept almost constant possession of the ball, and broke down the scrimmage which had earlier proved so great a tower of strength to us. McGill's wing line showed up splendidly. Schwartz and Hill did some beautiful tackling. The play gave proof of what even one half hour of working together had done for our men. Spite of desperate efforts, College could not add another point to their figures, while often during the half it seemed as if only the hardest kind of luck kept us from scoring.

Team and visitors met with hearty welcome, and the mutual cheers which ended the afternoon were sincere tributes to the good will which existed between University and College.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HOCKEY CLUB.

Great has been the influence of the "rink on the campus." Never were class matches on the ice so popular and successful as last year. Never before had the annual meeting attract half the crowd that attended on Monday afternoon. Perhaps, too, the hope that a league would be discussed, induced a few medical men to attend while Arts' and Science saw a strong motive in securing a *few* of the officers for their own nominees.

When Arts No. 1 was packed to the door, the proceedings opened. The reports show a few interesting facts. In the treasurer's statement, we see that last year hockey was not favoured with a "grant," owing to short funds, and no games scheduled for out of town. The balance of \$39.40 was the only asset.

Hockey is certainly an inexpensive game, when only \$0.80 appear for equipment—i. e. for pucks.

The game against Cambridge cost \$27.00, the items being supper, sleigh hire, entertainment.

The total "sundries" for the year amounted to \$0.65. The balance on hand is \$11.10. This with the \$75.00 granted by the Grounds Committee makes the hockey club one of our wealthy institutions. The secretary reported as follows :-

The season which has passed was a memorable one in many respects, a greater interest being taken in hockey than we think has ever been the case before.

A series of inter-class and inter-faculty matches was arranged, the latter in particular, causing a great deal of enthusiasm. Unfortunately, owing to faulty lights, the original schedule was not carried out, and not all the matches were played off, leaving the faculty championship in a somewhat undecided condition. The only match played by the University team was against the Cambridge Hockey team, whom we easily defeated by 17 goals to 1. We regret that in spite of all our efforts we were unable to secure a match with Queens. As regards the proposed inter-collegiate league, we have received very satisfactory letters from "Queens" and "Varsity," and sincerely hope that this season will see it fully organized.

In conclusion, I might say that Professors Capper and Porter have very kindly presented a trophy to be competed for by the different faculties.

A. W. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

[N.B.—The trophy will receive more attention from the FORTNIGHTLY in another issue. At present a joint committee of the donors, the executive of the hockey club and athletic association are preparing the conditions of gift and competition.]

When the reports had been adopted, the meeting elected the following executive for '97-'98:—

Hon.-Pres. . . . . Professor Capper.  
 Pres. . . . . W. Bishop, Arts '98.  
 Vice-Pres. . . . . P. Butler, Sc. '98.  
 Secy.-Treas. . . . . A. Davis, Sc. '98.  
 Captain of team. . . . . E. McLea, Sc. '98.  
 Committee:—Science: R. Howard, N. Yuile,  
 Arts: A. Rowell, H. Molsen.  
 Law: M. Robertson, S. Archibald.  
 Vet. Sc.: W. Wallis, Humphries  
 Medicine: S. Ross, A. Mussen.

The inter-collegiate league next occupied the meeting. The communications from Queens and Varsity were very enthusiastic. Varsity only reserves her right to remain in the Ontario Hockey Association.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the delegates to the Rugby conference at Queens, on the 24th, be empowered to represent McGill's hockey interests as well. There is a strong probability that the league will be formed, and then we shall look to the hockey club to secure a "championship" for the University.

#### DID SHAKESPEARE GOLF?

New golf links having recently been opened at Stratford-on-Avon, the question naturally arises, had Shakespeare any knowledge of the game? It seems so, for we find in "Much Ado About Nothing" an unmistakable allusion to a characteristic St. Andrew's gesture in the words, "I know you by the wagging of of your head," while in "Titus Andronicus," we encounter the pertinent query, "What subtle hole is this?" In "Richard III." again we meet the line, "Put in their hands the bruising irons of wrath," and in "Henry VI." (part I.), the statement, "I'll call for clubs." Falstaff's ruling passion was evidently golf, for we know that on his death-bed he "babbled of green fields." There was certainly a course on Prospero's island, else why the question, "Why hath thy queen summoned me hither to this short-grassed green?" There are, we believe, some commentators who prefer the reading, "To tee or not to tee, that is the question." But, apart from this disputed question, we find in "Hamlet" a reference to the fault of "striking too short." This compilation of quotations from the "myriad-minded" man ought surely to settle the controversy.—*The American Shakespeare Magazine.*

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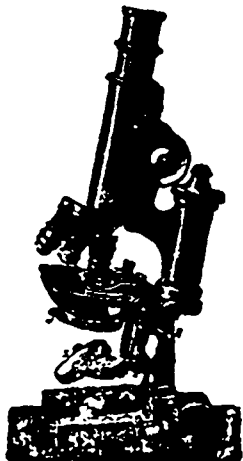
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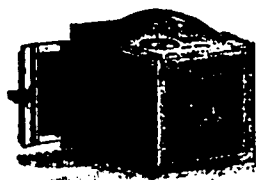
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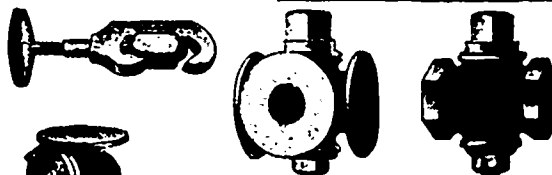
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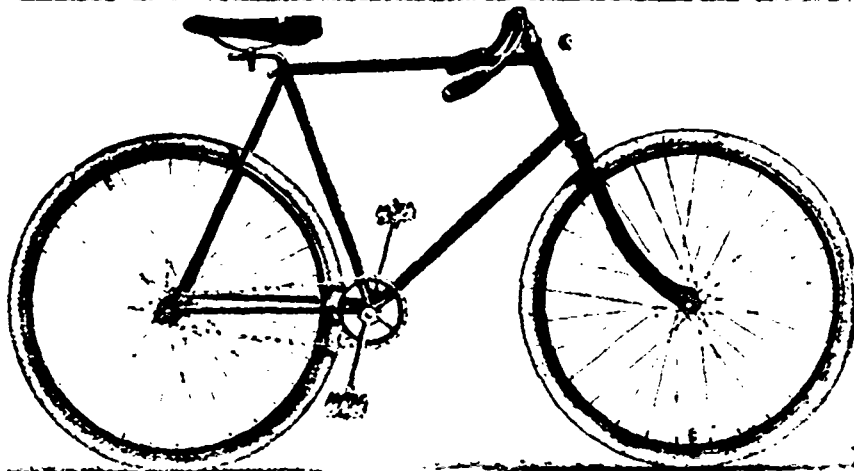
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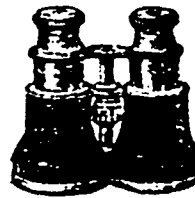
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