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## EDITORIAL



**Mr. Nicholson's Letter.** WE wish to draw the attention of our readers to the letter from Mr. Nicholson on the question of the Gymnasium scheme. We think it sets forth clearly the attitude of the Governors towards that undertaking, and that it cannot fail to make plain to all, that the project, with the two reservations named, to which no one can take any exception, received their full approval and sympathy. We think it is a great pity that owing to this misunderstanding the Gymnasium scheme should have been so hastily dropped, and if it is possible we should like to see it revived again.

The Arts Faculty has started a Scholarship Endowment Fund and hope to raise enough to furnish scholarships to the value of \$500 a year. But this is purely an Arts undertaking, and as such will only concern the Arts Faculty; the Gymnasium scheme was intended to include the whole University, without any Faculty or year being specially prominent.

It seems to us that the difficulty lies in too many schemes being brought forward. First there was a proposition to erect Dormitories, then came the Gymnasium scheme; now we have the Arts Scholarship Fund, and the next thing we will hear of will be plans to build a rink with hot and cold ice and all modern improvements at a cost of a million dollars.

Why cannot the students pin their mind upon one project and stick to it, if they try this, it is more than probable that fifty years or so from now we may have something to show for our "College Spirit."

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 'Twere patent they had tramped o'er many miles?"

We fear that so depraved is mankind grown,  
 That of the multitude a very few  
 Would dream, should chance in this wise guide their feet,  
 Of handing back the goods if they were new.

Why should the loser grumble or complain?  
 A fellow-man has profited we plead.  
 He proves himself a benefactor, and  
 When good the day the better is the deed.

Yes, Sir, we must confess we give it up,  
 We balk at your conundrum, but we'll bet  
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At the London Collegiate Institute and Upper Canada College he is said to have displayed no symptoms of that managerial ability which has since brought him fame—if anything, his fondness for vulgar fractions gave to those wiseheads, who pretend to judge men by the company they keep, considerable ground for apprehension as to his future. Until his second year at college, we but dimly suspected his latent potentialities. Even when he and Professor Nobbs built the Engineering Building in his first vacation, his conspicuous success at marking time only elicited a gloomy prophesy that he would mark time for the remainder of his life.

Soon after that, however, Mr. Sm—er Mr. Little got into his stride, and has never since slowed up. Each sm—er little, success has inspired him to fly still higher. From being Track Representative for Science '10, he has become the father of the Intercollegiate Harrier Races, and is justifiably proud of his progeny. From assisting in bringing to McGill the poor but honest championship of the Suburban League (Section B), he has risen to the dizzy height of Manager of the Rugby Football Club. From the simple Science Sophomore has been evolved a deputy assistant demonstrator, replete with every modern improvement.

He is President of the new Montreal Amateur Harrier Union—the best President they ever had, as well as the first; in the notorious Arts-Architectural football game, he was an invaluable outsider on the winning side; and as to his final crowning success at the Junior Dance, we can only repeat that he is

said by some to have been at the first supper, and by numerous others at the second. In swimming, too, he has had his conquests, especially at Cataline Island—though in this case, dear reader, we don't mean altogether what you mean.

His success as guardian of the footballers' destinies is fresh in every athletic memory. Who does not know with what eclat he rescued his thin red tribe from the subjection and tyranny of the Union, and led them into the land of promise (of double rations and charming waitresses)?

Unfortunately, considerations of space render it impossible for us to make more than a passing reference to the exact number of hearts which he lost on the Pacific Coast, or even to his great original contortionist act in Kingston.

His views on bimetallism and the attendance rule are, of course, far too well known to require elaboration in these pages, and now that we are compelled to leave him, we reserve to ourselves the right of remaining very busy looking forward to the publication of his promised monograph on "Cafés to which I have been introduced."—especially the Frisco Chapter.

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In messing around the Library in search of material for an essay, the writer came upon an account of an ancient University and on reading farther into the past, he realized that it is but too true that the good old times have gone.

It is an account of the University of Bologna, an institution that flourished in the twelfth century, and, for all the writer knows, may be flourishing yet. The University was one of students and they seem to have had things pretty much their own way.

The principal student officer was the Rector, elected for a term of two years and who was required to be a "secular clerk unmarried, wearing the clerical habit" as the statutes put it, with five years' standing in the study of law and at least twenty-four years of age.

The only salary attached to the office was a portion of the fines exacted by its occupant, but nevertheless the Rector was bound to keep a certain amount of state—for instance the Statute provides that the Rector must keep at least two liveried servants. On the day of his inauguration also, when in the presence of the assembled University, the Rector was solemnly invested with the Rectorial hood, he was then escorted in triumph to his house by the whole body of students, where a banquet, or at least wine and spices, was awaiting them. In the 16th century, the custom came in of setting upon the newly-elected Rector, tearing the clothes off his back, and then requiring him to redeem the fragments at an exorbitant rate. A statute was passed in 1562 to restrain the "too horrid and petulant mirth" of these occasions, but it did not attempt to abolish this pleasant custom.

For these and similar extortions the office became so unwelcome, that it was made compulsory upon the wealthier students, and elaborate precautions were taken to prevent those who had it thrust upon them from absconding before their term was up. The Rector, therefore, was not allowed to leave the city without the permission of his council, or without giving sufficient security for his return.

Of the other officers in the University, the Peciarii, the Taxors and the Bedels, are the most interesting. The first of these, the Peciarii—were six in number and their duty was to supervise the keepers of the book-stalls. The Stationer was compelled periodically to submit his MSS. to this board and was fined 5 Bologna solidi for every incorrect copy he produced. Students who might detect clerical errors in their books were bound on pain of perjury to give information against the stationer: and both Doctors and students were bound at all times to lend their books to the Peciarii for the purpose of comparison,



The "Taxors" were officials who jointly with arbitrators appointed by the city, fixed the rents of houses used by the scholars. Five years "interdiction to scholars" was the penalty of refusal to abide by the decisions of the arbitrators or any other infringement of the regulations of the University. Four men were appointed by the University to assist the students in finding lodgings and other intermediaries were forbidden. Four merchants were also given licences to lend money to students.

The "Bedels" were a most ancient order—perhaps as ancient as the Rector—and all the Universities had them. They preceded the Rector on public occasions, collected the votes in congregation, read statutes and decrees, announcements of lectures by students, lists of books which the stationers or students had on sale, and other matters of general interest. The Bedels were paid by a special collection.

The disciplinary statutes of the University were few. The students of Bologna lived in their own houses, and as they liked. The usual practice was for a number of students to hire the whole house together and make their own arrangements as to servants, furniture and the like. The principal regulations were two—the wearing of arms and gambling. The wearing of arms at Congregation was forbidden, but the statute allows any one who fears his enemy's dagger to speak to the Rector and obtain leave of absence. The statutes against gambling make it an offence even to watch a game of dice played in public. Students are forbidden to enter gaming houses and this provision is expressly extended to the Doctors. A student is also forbidden to play in his own house during the three months before getting his degree—or as they put, rather sarcastically perhaps "going home a wise man"—and for one month after it.

With exception of the statutes relating to Academic dress, this is all the discipline imposed on the Students of Bologna.

But if the students were free and independent, the same cannot be said of the Professors, who were bound down in all directions. The Doctors were compelled to swear obedience to the Students' Rector and to obey the University regulations imposed upon them. The scholars, in order to enjoy the privileges of their order, were obliged to attend lectures at least three times a week; but a Professor requiring leave of absence for even a single day was compelled to obtain it first from his own pupils and then from the Rector and council; and if he proposed to leave the town, he was required to deposit a sum of money as security for his return. He is forbidden to "create holidays at his pleasure" and his scholars are bound on pain of perjury to give information against a truant doctor. Also for each day that he failed to secure an audience of five for an ordinary lecture, or three for an extraordinary one, he was treated as absent and incurred the appointed fine of 40 solidii.

Punctuality was also enforced. A Professor was obliged to begin his lecture when the bell of St. Peter's began to ring for mass, under a penalty of 20 solidii

for each offence, though he could begin earlier if he chose; while he is forbidden to lecture one minute after the bell has begun to ring for tierce, and to secure the observance of this last, every pupil was required under a penalty of 10 solidii each to leave the lecture room as soon as the bell begins.

Even the conduct of the lectures was regulated. The Professor was fined if he skipped a chapter or Decretal and he was forbidden to postpone a difficulty to the end of the lecture, lest it should be only a pretext of evading it altogether. The texts were divided up into sections known as "puncta," and the Doctor was required to reach each punctum by a specified date. At the beginning of the year he was bound to deposit a sum of 10 Bologna pounds with a banker, who promised to deliver it up at the demand of the Rectors: and for every day the Doctor was behind time with his puncta, a certain sum was deducted from his deposit by order of these officials. In order to enforce this and other statutes, a committee of students was appointed by the Rector to observe the conduct of the Professors and to report their irregularities to the Rector.

There was regular instruction in the composition of letters, and numerous professors went about from place to place teaching this art, and manuals of instruction "complete letter-writers" were widely used by everyone.

The average student of the Middle Ages seems to have been much the same as his modern brother. By far the largest element in their correspondence consists of requests for money. "A student's first song is a demand for money" says an old Italian letter-writer, "and there will never be a letter which does not ask for cash."

There were many models of letters for money which the mediæval student might choose from, addressed to parents, brothers, uncles or ecclesiastical patrons. One famous exercise contained twenty-two different methods of approaching an archdeacon on this delicate subject.

The usual excuses were made—the student was well and happy, but was in desperate need of money for books and other necessary expenses, for example:—"B to his venerable master A, greeting. This is to inform you that I am studying with the greatest diligence, but the matter of money stands greatly in the way of my promotion, as it is now two months since I spent the last of what you sent me. The city is expensive and makes many demands; I have to rent lodgings, buy necessaries, and provide for many things I cannot now specify. Wherefore I respectfully beg your paternity that by the promptings of divine pity you may assist me, so that I may be able to complete what I have well begun. For you must know that without Ceres and Bacchus, Apollo grows cold."

If the father was close-fisted, there were many reasons urged—the town was dear; the price of living was higher owing to a hard winter, or a siege, a failure of the crops, or an unusual number of scholars; the last messenger had

been robbed or had absconded with the money, the son could borrow no more and so on.

To such requests the proper answer was a letter commending the student's industry and remitting the requisite amount. Sometimes, however, the father excused himself and requires his son to moderate his expenses—he might have got on longer with what he had; that he ought to remember the needs of his sisters, he ought to be supporting his parents instead of extorting money from them, etc.

Occasionally also there was not only no money sent, but a reproof for wasting his time, for example:—"To his sons G. residing at Orleans, P. of Besançon, sends greeting with paternal zeal. It is written "He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster." I have recently discovered that you have dissolutely and slothfully, preferring license to restraint and play to work, and strumming a guitar while others are at their studies, whence it happens that you have read but one volume of the law while your more industrious companions have read several. Wherefore I have decided to exhort you herewith to repent utterly of your dissolute and careless ways, that you may no longer be called a waster and your shame may be turned to good repute."

The student once started was loath to quit academic life. Many letters contain requests for permission to extend their course of study, and one scholar called home to marry a lady of many attractions, answers that he thinks it foolish to desert the cause of learning for the sake of a woman, "for one may always get a wife, but science once lost can never be recovered."

Many letters testify to the expense incurred when attaining a degree. One man asks a friend to explain to his father, "since," he says, "the simplicity of the lay mind does not understand such things," that after much study nothing but lack of money for the inception banquet stands in the way of his graduation.

A banquet given by a successful graduate for his inception is thus described by one of the masters of Bologna in a letter to the student's father.

"Sing unto the Lord a new song, praise him with stringed instruments and organs, rejoice upon the high sounding cymbals, for your son has held a glorious disputation, which was attended by a great number of teachers and scholars. He answered all questions without a mistake . . . and no one could prevail against his arguments. Moreover he celebrated a famous banquet, at which both rich and poor were honored as never before and he has duly begun to give lectures which are already so popular that others' class rooms are deserted and his own are filled."

The letters of the students do not say much about the rows that took place, but one young man pleads for his father's help, because he says "having quarrelled with a certain youth, as the devil would have it, I struck him on

the head with a stick, so that I am now in prison and must pay fifty livres for my release, while my enemy is healed of his wounds and goes free.

But that the student was not always severely judged may be inferred from a letter of one professor of law to a student's father, to the effect that while there was no doubt that his son was one of a crowd that had sung a ribald song on an organ, the matter was of no importance, as the young man's general record was good and he was making excellent progress in the law."

On the whole, these letters show us that the mediæval student lived very much as we do ourselves at McGill, though it must be regretfully admitted that the position of the Faculty has changed very considerably from what it was in the University of Bologna in the fifteenth century.



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**Meeting of the Football Executive.** At the last meeting of the Executive of the McGill Rugby Football Club, the following resolution was drawn up and carried unanimously:—"Inasmuch as the present conditions regarding time for practice and the lateness of the opening of College are not consistent with the demands made upon the players by the standard of football in the Canadian Intercollegiate League, the players and Executive feel that it is advisable to withdraw from the Canadian Intercollegiate Rugby Football Union."

This resolution has, by this date, been placed before the Athletics Committee of Corporation for their discussion.

This step, which may be regarded by some as a drastic one, has only been taken after the most careful consideration, and anxious discussion, among the players and executive of the Football Club. The question has also been discussed with Dr. Yates and Dr. Turner, the two McGill men most instrumental in the formation of the C.I.R.F.U. eleven years ago. They have given their unqualified approval of such action, as have also Dr. Vaughan Black, the Honorary President of the C.R.I.F.U., and George McDonald, one of our best advisers.

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GARTSHORE—"Mother" is very susceptible to big dark eyes. Bill comes from Hamilton; perhaps that will account for it.

GOODEVE—"Chiloup," a recruit from the R.M.C. where the outside wings are made. He comes from Ottawa, and is said to have grown a moustache some years since.

IRWIN—"Oscar" was also born in the shadow of "Sandy Hill." Perhaps that is what makes him so wilde.

JOHNSON—"Dishonest Alan" also comes from Ottawa. Attends the Nickel when not playing football.

MOTYER—"Arthur" is a Rhodes Scholar, besides being the wit of the training table.

MURRAY—"Shrimp" has the distinction of being the smallest living undergraduate. He claims Ottawa, but has not yet been naturalized.

MATHESON—"Buster," the President of the Club, hails from "Spud Island." We would have liked to have him with us for more games.

PAISLEY—"Pep" comes from Ottawa, and learned football at St. Andrew's College, our newest prep. school. He is there with "all the powah in de woild" as a player, and is also some class as a comedy dance artist.

PRICE—"Bunny" or "the Cherub of Montmorency," claims to be a bold, bad man as well as a football player.

ROGERS—"Arry" 'as been 'ere before. He won several class championships with 1905, and figured on a champion Montreal team.

ROSS—"Rosey" comes from Dundas, near the "Jungle Town." He may become a doctor if football does not interfere too seriously.

TURNBULL—"Darling" or "Mike"; another of the "Old Guard"; comes from Hamilton, "la ville des morts," which has produced so many of the other best Canadian football players.

WALLACE—"Doctor" has been playing the same best game for some years past. In fact we have now to conceal his identity.

WATEROUS—"Chuck" comes from Brantford. As a freshie the best thing he does, outside of lettering, is football.

**English Rugby.** On Saturday, Nov. 19th, the McGill E.R.F.C. XV., won a strongly contested game from the Montreal team by 6 points to 3. This secures to McGill another championship, carrying with it a cup presented for English Rugby in Montreal.

The match was attended by a good number of supporters of both sides, though it is safe to say that had the game been played on the Campus, the spectators would have been present in much greater numbers.

The game was played under bad conditions of ground and weather and this was probably the cause of the somewhat ragged play. During the first half McGill had the wind in their favor and pressed steadily, scoring a touch-down in the first five minutes of play, the only score in this half. In the next half McGill were held to their own "twenty-five" nearly the whole time and within a few minutes of time Montreal evened up the score (3-3) by scoring a touch-down which, however, was not converted.

Some poor tackling on the part of the McGill backs was responsible for the Montreal score.

The score was still even when "no side" was called and so it was decided to play five minutes each way to decide the game. McGill had the wind again and at the end of the first five minutes scored their second try. During the remainder of play McGill played to hold their opponents without attempting to score again—and when time was again called the score remained McGill 6, Montreal 3.

The McGill back were too light for their opponents and hardly had their share of the ball in the "scrim," and when they did get it they did not heel out cleanly. The three-quarters had hardly anything to do in the game and the wings never got the ball. The halves should get the ball out to the threes rather than try to get through themselves as was rather the tendency on Saturday.

On the whole, however, the team are to be congratulated on the showing they have made under conditions not ideal and which demanded much enthusiasm and self-sacrifice on the part of the individuals.

**Basket Ball.** Of last year's team which won the Intercollegiate championship only three players are back at college, viz.: Calder, Forbes and Cockfield, while Forbes has signified his intention of dropping the game for the year. Despite these disadvantages, however, the Manager and Captain have been building up a team out of some promising material and on Saturday, Nov. 12th McGill met a team from the Central Y.M.C.A. and won in masterly fashion to the tune of 42-11. Y.M.C.A., however, had one or two substitutes on, which helped McGill considerably. On Saturday, the 19th, the Y.M. Harriers, a strong senior team, came up to the McGill gym and were



defeated after a strenuous game, the score being 37-32. The line-up was as follows:—

Y.M. Harriers.	McGill
Beecher (Capt.) . . . . . Guard . . . . .	Calder.
Goodfellow . . . . . " . . . . .	Fortier.
Copland . . . . . Centre . . . . .	Dixon.
Saunders . . . . . Forward . . . . .	Douglas
Donaldson . . . . . " . . . . .	Cockfield (Capt.)

In the first half Duffield played centre and Burrough forward. Calder for McGill played an excellent game, his combination work being a feature. Fortier defended well but will have to learn to pass quickly and surer. Cockfield and Douglas played well together; the former scored frequently, his specialty being one hand shots while he missed several easy ones right under the basket. Douglas is fast and works in the combination well but Dixon seemed lifeless. Taken all round, however, McGill has the nucleus of a fine team.

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It has been said before, so please do not write to us and say that we ought to have it—"Our Little—Tin God."

There is to be a "Conversat." at the Y. M. C. A. on Friday. With the exams drawing so close, these semi-annual tears ought really to be cut out.

The "Colonel" arrived from Cleveland, O., last Wednesday. Our noble friend is much the same as ever, except that he is so far Americanized as to wear the boots of the land of the Free. Query.—Does this bear out Mr. Youngheart's argument at the Lit last week?

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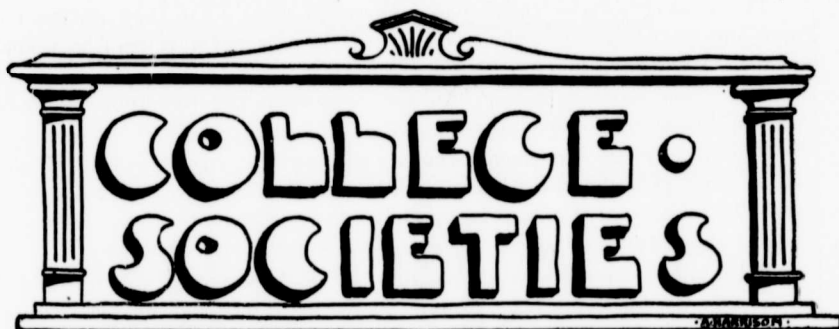
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**Arts Undergraduate Society.** The Arts Undergraduate Society has constituted a Scholarship Endowment Fund Committee consisting of the Executive of that Society and additional members chosen by them.

The committee so organised consists of Messrs. Weir, Currie, Dixon, and Angus from the fourth year, Messrs. Pearce, Hugessen and Johnston from the third; Messrs Bruneau and Morgan from the second; and Messrs. Johnson and McDermott from the first.

The following circular letter will be sent to the Graduates of the Faculty of Arts. Further information about the undertaking can be obtained from any of the members of the Committee.

McGILL UNION,

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DEAR SIRS,

The Arts Undergraduate Society wishes to show that the Undergraduates and Graduates of that Faculty desire to do everything in their power to promote the welfare of McGill University.

The Society thinks that this can best be done by establishing a Scholarship Endowment Fund, the interest on which will provide one or more scholarships for desirable students. The extent to which it will be possible to carry out this plan depends on the amount of the fund which the Society is able to collect. We expect to raise \$10,000. This would furnish annually scholarships to the value of \$500. If the sum collected is smaller something can, nevertheless, be done.

The main consideration in determining the exact use to be made of the fund and the conditions to be attached to the scholarships will be to attract to McGill students of ability who would not be able to attend the University without this help.

The Undergraduates themselves are contributing what they can to the Fund, and from this source alone enough will be collected to furnish an annual bursary. We think, therefore, that we can fairly appeal to the Graduates to help us. This action is taken with the knowledge and full approbation of Principal Peterson and Dean Moyses.

The object of the movement is mainly to show that a good, self-sacrificing, college spirit pervades the Undergraduates and Graduates of the Faculty of Arts. The wish of the Society is to enable every Graduate as well as every Undergraduate to show in this practical way his devotion to McGill.

Remittances should be made payable to the Bursar of McGill University for the Scholarship Endowment Fund. Such Remittance and all other correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, Scholarship Fund.

G. S. CURRIE,

Chairman.

HENRY F. ANGUS,

Secretary-Treasurer.

**Western Club.** The McGill Western Club held the second meeting of the year which was very largely attended at the Union on Tuesday, November 15th. A short but excellent musical and Literary programme was presented and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Five Hundred followed by light refreshments closed one of the most enjoyable gatherings yet held. Any Western student who has not yet attended any of these gatherings is cordially invited to attend the next meeting which will be held early in January.

**McGill Aeronautical Society.** This organization being one of the latest evidences of progress at Old McGill, has as yet perhaps not become as widely known amongst the readers of the "Martlet" as some of the other College Societies, the reports of which appear in these columns from time to time. It is hoped, however, that it will grow to be well-known, through the medium of these pages.

The wave of enthusiasm in things aeronautical which swept over Montreal last May resulting in an Aviation Meet, here in July, the first of its kind in Canada, did not fail to leave an effect upon the students here at college at that time. This effect, as of a smouldering fire, was fanned into enthusiasm by the influence of the Faculty of Science and resulted in the formation of the society.

At that time, generous financial assistance was rendered by members of the faculties as well as others outside the University who were victims of the "aero-bug." This made possible the carrying out of a scheme whereby a competition was held for school-children in which prizes were given for the best essays on the subject "Aviation." This was done to show the interest of the



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students of McGill in Aviation, as well as help on the Meet which was to be held. It was successfully carried through, and would doubtlessly have been reported in the Martlet at that time, as it was in the daily press, had not the editorial staff been away on its holidays.

While this ancient history is given with an apology, it makes its appearance now to remind some and to inform others of what has been done. We hope the latter are in the minority.

During this college year, the Society has not been idle, though the report of its meetings has not appeared preciously because of lack of available space. The following have been elected officers.—

President.....	G. A. JOHNSON.
Secretary-Treasurer.....	F. S. HEWARD.
Ex. Committee.....	J. H. NORRIS, N. KEITH-CEVALLE.

At its last meeting held in the Engineering Building on Nov. 9th, it was decided to carry on another competition, this time for McGill students, the prizes being given for the best model flying apparatus exhibited. Prof. Denley offered the use of the workshops and materials of the College to any embryo airman who wished to compete, provided that he sent in a drawing of his "stunt" to be examined and approved of previously.

The meeting listened with interest to Prof. McKergow's illustrated lecture on "Aeroplane Construction." He showed views of the various types of aeroplanes now in use, enlarging on their construction and explained some interesting problems which would confront those wishing to occupy high positions while at College. In concluding, he mentioned the fact that aeroplanes would never be able to compete with the railroad or steamboat as a commercial carrier because of the high percentage of the power per weight of machine, comparatively speaking, used to keep the aeroplane in flight.

In order to correct an erroneous impression which seems to have gone abroad, it may be said that the membership of this Society is **not** limited to Science students only, but is for all men attending college here. It is hoped that future meetings will see men of all faculties present.

**The Lit.** At the weekly meeting of the Lit. on Friday the subject under discussion was:—

"Resolved, that it will be in the best interests of Canada to enter into a treaty of reciprocity with the United States in natural products and agricultural implements."

Messrs. Cherry and Dewey upheld the affirmative and Messrs. Hemming and Youngheart the negative.

MR. CHERRY opened the debate and immediately plunged into voluminous statistics. He brought up the argument of the North and South trade routes, but did not attempt to prove his statement regarding them. Mr. Cherry did as well as could be expected with the position he was called upon to defend, but his arguments did not appear very convincing, and he should endeavour to avoid awkward gaps in his speech while searching for fresh facts to launch at his opponents.

MR. HEMMING, the first speaker for the negative, evaded all the questions of his opponent, leaving them to be answered by his colleague. He held Reciprocity is the first step towards annexation and enlarged on this theme. Mr. Hemming is somewhat inclined towards heroics and he should recollect that enthusiasm does not always take the place of sound argument.

MR. DEWEY piled up figures to an alarming degree and emphasized the advantages to Canada, which would ensue from the American capital which would come into the country through reciprocity.

MR. YOUNGHEART also dilated on the annexation side of reciprocity, on the ground that all foreigners are rapidly Americanized on arrival in the land of the Free. Considering the cosmopolitan character of the population of the U. S., this argument was somewhat weak.

He ended his speech in a strongly patriotic strain, but in spite of a leaning also towards heroics, his effort was the best of the debaters of the evening.

MR. CHERRY in replying was short, but very much to the point. He can evidently speak when the necessity arises and is particularly quick in detecting slips in his opponents arguments.

The meeting was then thrown open to discussion and a somewhat weak debate ensued. Mr. Griffith, Mr. Myers, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Farthing, Mr. Hugesson, Mr. Angus and Rev. Mr. Durrant presenting the question from various points of view. A vote was then taken on the resolution, which was lost by a large majority.

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**Arts Undergraduate Society.** The next regular meeting of the Society will be held in the Assembly Room of Strathcona Hall, on Wednesday, November 30th, commencing at 8 p.m.

Professor S. W. Dyde, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., of Queen's University, Kingston, has been engaged as speaker for the evening. The subject of his address will be announced within a few days.

Dr. Dyde is a well-known public speaker as well as a strong man in the lecture room. He is Professor of Mental Philosophy at Queens, a Shakespearean scholar of note and a man who keeps fully abreast of the times.

The proposal of our Society for an exchange of speakers with other Universities has been warmly endorsed by the Arts Society of Queens, and Dr. Dyde's visit to McGill will inaugurate the exchange scheme. Our Undergraduates' Society has been requested to send a return speaker to Queens at a date to be early decided on.

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“It certainly is.”  
“What do you smoke it for, then?”  
“Want to get my nickel back.”  
“Why? Did you swallow it?”





**D. S.** The Senior-Junior debate was held on Wednesday, Nov. 19th. The **Society.** subject was: "Resolved, that Conscription is advisable throughout the British Empire." The affirmative was supported by Misses Braener and Manny, '12, and the negative by Misses Paterson and Murchison '11. In spite of the alarming array of facts and figures collected by the Juniors from that "refuge of debaters," Poole's Index, the able speeches of the Seniors completely convinced the judges that conscription is not at all advisable throughout the British Empire. So '12 still upholds the record of being the only class that never won any of the intellectual contests, and '11 has added one more to its long string of victories.

**Athletic Club.** The first Basket Ball match of the season was played on November 16th—R.V.C. I. team vs. Aberdeen.

The R.V.C. team was victorious, score 15-6.

Two of the inter-class matches were played off on Saturday, Nov. 19th, (1) Seniors vs. Sophomores, (2) Juniors vs. Freshies. In the first match the Sophomores won after a hard fought game—score 15-14. In the second match the Juniors won, score 17-1.

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**The Societe Francaise.** On Thursday, Nov. 17th, Mademoiselle Bianquis gave a very charming talk on Francois Villon.

**1913 Class Report.** As we have only handed in one report, we feel that it is time to send in another. The names of the girls playing on the First and Second Basket-ball teams were announced at a class meeting. Miss Clara Fritz was elected Captain of the First, and Miss Kathleen Wilder Captain of the second teams. The first match was played last Saturday between the Sophs and Seniors. The game was close and exciting, the Sophs winning by one point. Several changes made in the teams at the last minute rather handicapped them. The next match will be played on Wednesday against the Juniors. All Sophs are requested to attend and make as much noise as possible.

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DEAR SIR,

A letter in your issue of the 10th inst., under the nom de plume, "Semper Spero," contains two misleading statements, one of them indeed without any foundation in fact, so far as is known to any University body or administrative officer either. I deem it my duty therefore to set your readers right in both connections.

The first of your correspondent's assertions which calls for remark is the following:—"Two years ago the Executive of the Union.....set on foot a project for raising a substantial endowment fund..... This project was blocked by the powers that be." If this project was ever broached it must have ended there. At least it never came to the notice of either of the two highest University bodies for approval. Nay more, it is practically certain that any suggestion to the above effect (if it were made in accordance with the original scheme for the foundation of the Union, namely, that this was to be the special business of the graduates of the University), would have been received with the greatest favour on the part of the University authorities, for time and again they have intimated their desire that the graduates should complete their efforts in the direction indicated and raise the remaining \$45,000, or thereabout, of the full amount aimed at, if for no other reason than to show the generous donor of the building and ground that they were prepared to do their share towards the support of this unifying agency in our University work. If what the Graduates' Committee had set out to procure were only obtained, the regular story of the annual Union deficit would no longer be heard.

So far as the Gymnasium scheme is concerned, the records go to show that both the Governors and the Corporation of the University set their seal of approval on the proposal, this fact being duly communicated to the President of the Fourth Year, Mr. G. T. Wilson, who represents the students in connection with this movement. Two slight restrictions were made, however, both of which were readily accepted, (1) that instead of the funds collected being placed in the hands of an Advisory Committee they should be deposited with the University Treasurer, who is the natural trustee for all funds collected under University authorization, and (2) that only the work of organization and a canvass of the graduates should be carried out during the summer months, the idea being that the canvass of other persons should dovetail in with the larger scheme which it was proposed to launch after the opening of the Session. It was intended that this should work out somewhat after the following fashion:—Two Committees would be at work, one representing the Governors, soliciting subscriptions for the larger interests and the other representing the students, can-

vassing for the erection of a Gymnasium. Should the first body, for instance, meet with a person who cared little or nothing for the general work of the University but had some concern for the physical education of such a large body of young men as are gathered together in McGill, information to this effect could be passed on to the student organization to be taken advantage of, and similarly, if the students in their canvass met with persons who had no interest in Athletics but had in some other branch of the University's many-sided activities, the Governors' Committee would be notified accordingly. In this way one Committee would help the other.

As to why the larger movement has not yet been launched it is only reasonable, I think, that we should be willing to abide by the judgment of the business men composing the Board of Governors. They are surely best qualified to know when the iron is hot. As a matter of fact the question of organization for this campaign is engaging their serious attention at the present time.

So that no person may take my mere statements as correct I append all the extracts from minute books and all the letters which we have in our possession regarding the Gymnasium scheme. I feel satisfied that in perusing these the students will be prepared to admit that the project was not "blocked," that they were not "prevented from showing their College spirit" in this connection, and, above all, that they were not told "that their services were not wanted."

Let us hope that the project is not dead, only dormant, and that before very long the much-to-be-desired gymnasium will stand out prominently on the College grounds as a proud monument of student efforts and student zeal.

Yours very truly,

J. A. NICHOLSON,  
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## MINUTE OF CORPORATION, APRIL 13TH, 1910.

The Principal brought to the notice of Corporation a circular which had been issued by representatives of the graduating classes, touching the erection of a Gymnasium, and pointed out the necessity of a change with regard to the proposal there made to place the funds collected in the hands of an Advisory Committee, showing that the University is the only proper trustee for such funds. With this change, and with the understanding that the interests of the University would be safeguarded in other directions, the sanction of Corporation was given to the project, on motion of Dean Moyse, seconded by Dr. Porter.

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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL TO GEORGE T. WILSON,  
CHAIRMAN, 1910 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, 14TH APRIL, 1910.

DEAR MR. WILSON,

As you may have seen from the "Gazette" this morning, I put before Corporation yesterday the print of your scheme for the 1910 Memorial **as a University undertaking**. A good deal of conversation resulted, especially as to the probable effect of this scheme on the financial efforts of the Board of Governors as referred to in the last paragraph of the Report to the Visitor recently published. It was held, in the first place, that your effort, when the time comes for it to be made, should be directed exclusively to what I may call student interests of which we understand that you wish to make the Gymnasium the main feature. If the scope of the campaign can be extended, the opinion was expressed that the endowment of the Union, as undertaken by the graduates, and the establishment of a dormitory or dormitories, should not be lost sight of.

Apart from this, however, the main difficulty expressed had reference to that paragraph of your programme which states that the Advisory Committee is to be trustee of all funds collected. A strong opinion was expressed, in this connection, that the Governors would not be likely to sanction this arrangement, and that when they have authorized your Committee to ask for and receive moneys, in the name of McGill University, such moneys should be handed over to the Treasurer who will, of course, keep them in trust for the purposes for which they have been received.

In conclusion, Corporation desired to express its best wishes for the success of your movement, which I shall now take an early opportunity of reporting to the Board of Governors of the University.

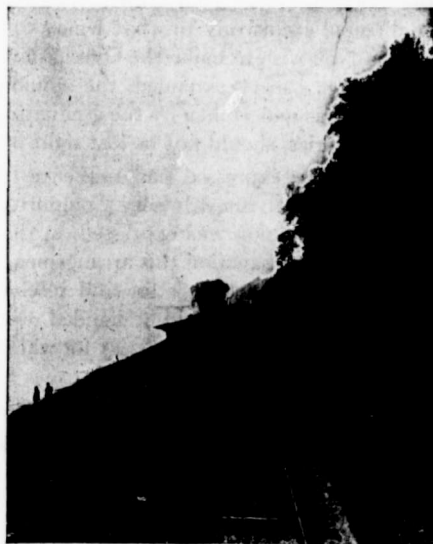
LETTER FROM MR. VAUGHAN TO MR. WILSON,  
5TH MAY, 1910.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors held last Monday, the Principal reported on the steps which were proposed to be taken by the Graduating Class of 1910 to raise a fund for the erection of a gymnasium. The Board expressed themselves in terms of cordial appreciation of the proposal of the Graduating Class, and approved of it generally, provided the funds to be received in response to the proposed appeal are handed as received, to the University to be held by it in trust for the objects of the movement, and on the understanding that the project of the Graduating Class shall be treated as a part of the larger project, which the Board of Governors have had in view for some time, of a general appeal to the citizens of Montreal in the University interest, and that no canvassing for subscriptions except among graduates is made before the Fall.

MINUTE OF CORPORATION, 6TH MAY, 1910.

Before closing the Principal stated that it had been arranged with representatives of the graduating class that although the general canvass on behalf of the Gymnasium should not be expected to be proceeded with until the autumn, in the meantime, the work of organization could be carried on and a canvass of the graduated begun.

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In your issue of Wednesday an announcement appeared from which your readers would be apt to gather the impression that the reason why the McGill Class of 1910 has abandoned its scheme for erecting a Gymnasium in the College grounds is that the movement failed to secure the approval of the authorities of the University. It is not the fact, as stated, that the Board of Governors "decided to refuse permission to the students to carry on the canvass," On the contrary, at the meeting of the Board referred to in your announcement, the resolution adopted and communicated to the Graduating Class was one of cordial approval, giving formal authority to the students to do all that they proposed to do in connection with this matter. Moreover a message was sent to the promoters on behalf of the Corporation of the University, when the scheme was first mooted, expressing best wishes for its success.

When the scheme was first mentioned in Corporation, it was stated that while the students wished to organize at once, the actual canvass would be undertaken till the Fall, when it is the intention of the Board of Governors also to prosecute a vigorous appeal for funds. But, in spite of this, permission was given, on request, to inaugurate the movement at once by appealing during the Summer to all McGill graduates. No restriction of any kind was ever imposed upon the students except the natural condition that all money asked for and received in the name of McGill University should be handed over, without delay, to the Honorary Treasurer of the University. The view taken by the authorities has always been that students might be successful in getting money for the promotion of student interests from quarters where an educational appeal might not be entertained, and for this as well as for other reasons they have encouraged the movement in every way.

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I have read with great interest the letter in the Martlet from the Secretary of the Students' Council re claims for damages done on Theatre Night and the night of October 21st, and also your editorial on the same subject.

The first thing that struck me was, why did they pay any claims for damages done on the night of October 21st? Theatre Night was a student function, especially of the first two years, and those of us who took no part in the disturbances will have to pay for the fun of the "rough-house" element, and will do it without question. The other affair at the Orpheum was not a recognized function of the University, nor of anybody connected with it. The first two years as such had no say whether it should take place, or should not.

In the face of this the Students' Council pays the bills, and asks the Governors of the University to deduct it from the Caution money of the first two years. They say that, although there were no legal claims against them, they paid the claims mentioned in order that the city should not be drawn into the affair, and possibly forbid any parades on the part of the students. If this was the reason—the welfare of the student body—why do they ask the first two years to pay for it? Since they have paid the bills they ought to take the money out of the profits of Theatre Night, or levy it in some way so that all will bear a share of it.

This is only one side of a many-sided question; to discuss them all would trespass too greatly on your space, which I fear I have done already.

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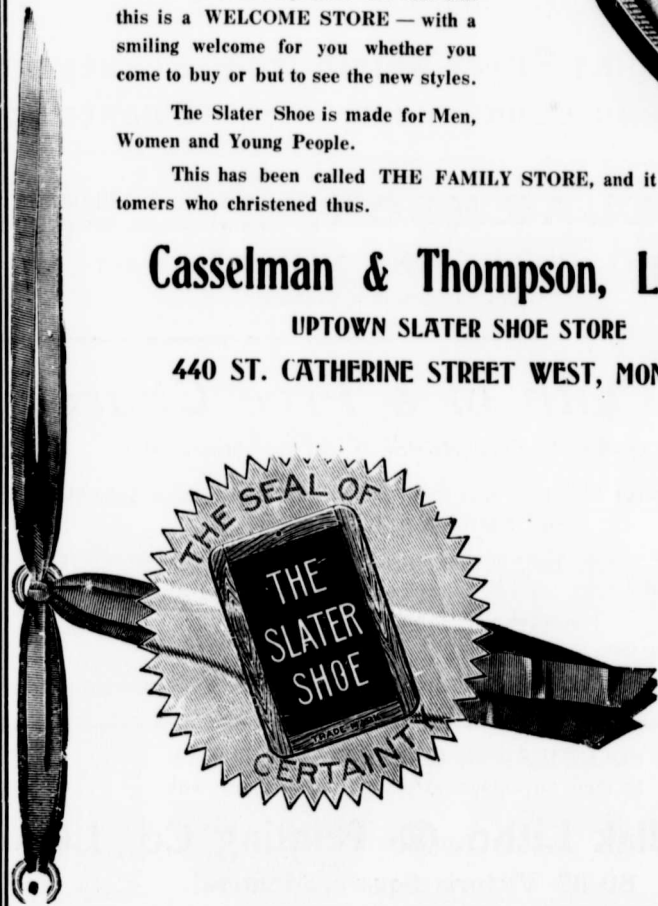
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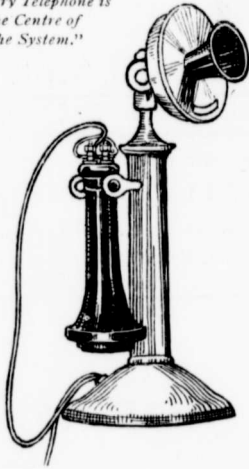


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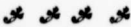
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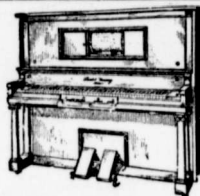
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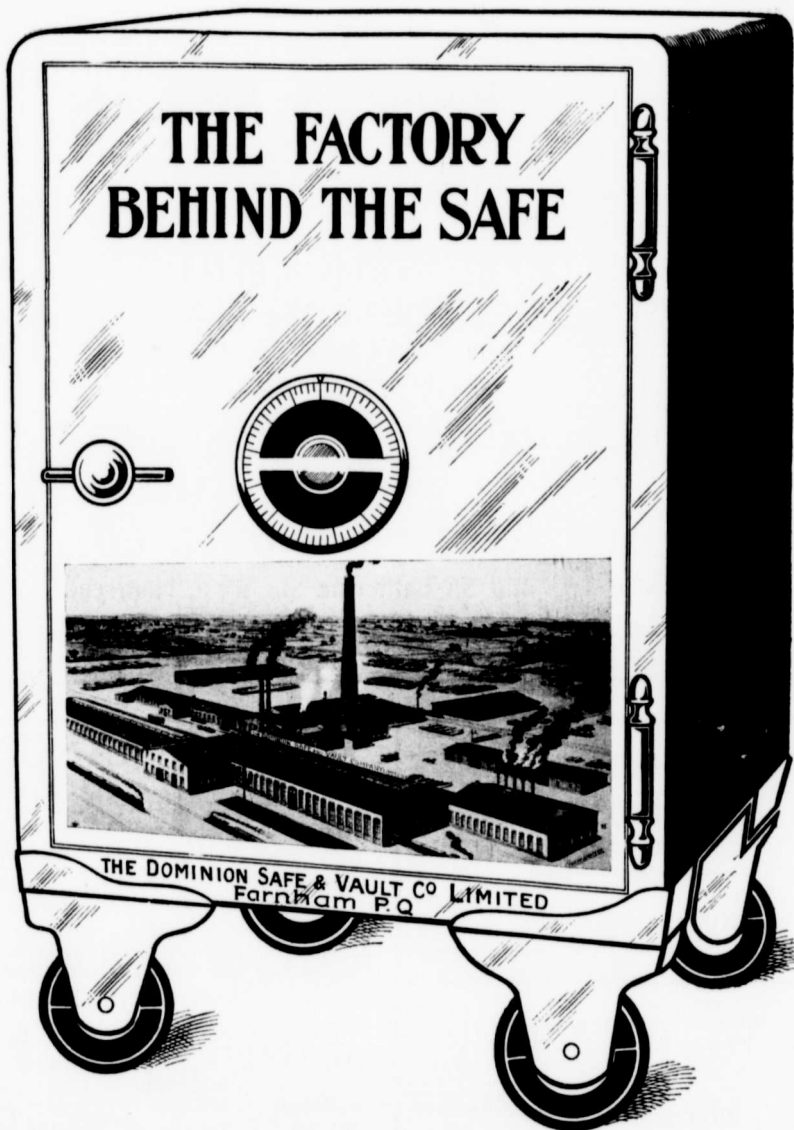


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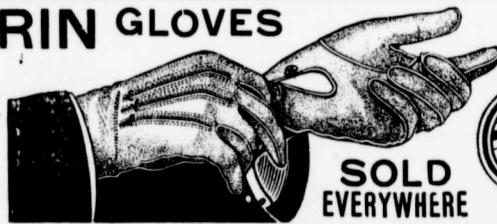
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