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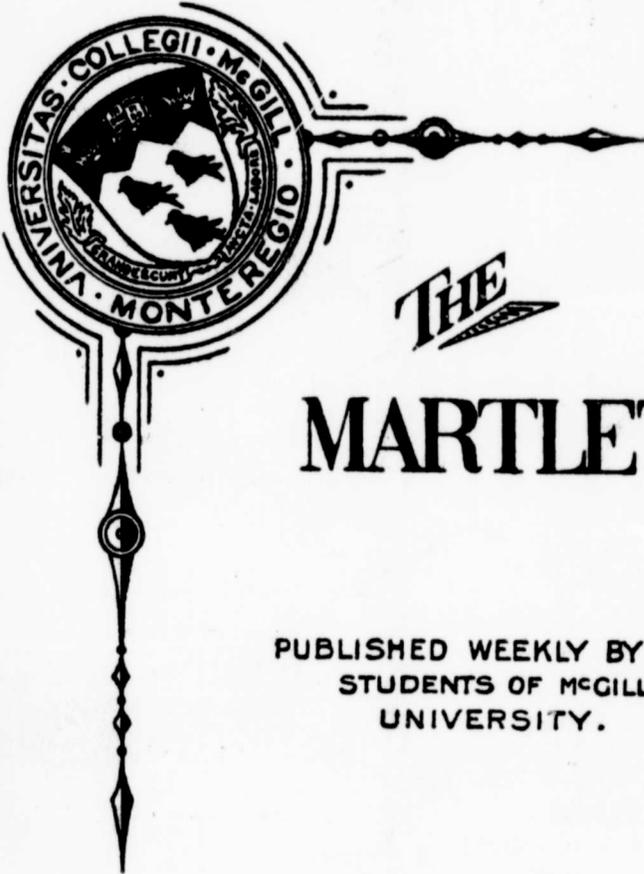
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Editorial

Throughout the holidays the Hockey practices were not well attended, but with the re-opening of College there was a decided change and on Monday there were between thirty and forty men in uniform. President Cassels and Assistant-Manager Scott put the men through their paces and kept every one of them on the jump. From present indications we would think that in all probability McGill will have a first class team this year and a star seven in 1910.

While it is too early to make any definite statement it would be no surprise if the defence lined out as follows:

Goal—Johnson.

Point—Mosely.

Coverpoint—Baillie (Capt.).

While Ramsey, McMurtry, Beaton, Blair, Masson, Drummond, Sargent, Bowie, and Ker, should all make a strong bid for places on the forward line. In making the final selections,

the executive has no easy task before it. In fact it is doubtful if a more difficult one has been faced by any executive.

Practices have been held on Tuesday at eleven and Wednesday at seven so that the team should be in fair condition when they line up against Carnegie Technical Schools on Saturday. It is to be hoped that everyone will make an effort to attend this game as unless a good gate is secured it is scarcely likely that any other American colleges will send teams here.

A mistake.—In our last issue there occurred in Miss Hurlbatt's article on Woman Suffrage an error which we deeply regret. In the article referred to we read "It has been a claim of women against men," instead of "It has never been a claim of women against men."



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The Woman Suffrage Question in England

(A Reply to Miss Hurlbatt)

The very able article which appeared in the last issue of the *Martlet* stated at the outset that the object of the Female Suffrage Movement in England to-day was to obtain the vote for women on the same basis as men. It must be admitted that a woman has, theoretically, the same right to vote as a man, and thus the first question to be asked is, what classes of women will be enfranchised if the present proposals succeed, and what will be the resultant good or harm?

In the first place, the author of that article admitted that many of the new female electors would be the wives of men who are already in possession of the franchise; and she justifies this by the statement that it would "increase the weight of the family vote." Presumably this means that the wife would vote for the same party as her husband, a proceeding which would simply double the married vote for either candidate without changing the present state of affairs in the least. This is obviously needless, and can do no possible good to women as a whole.

In the second place, it must be borne in mind that the test of wealth or property, which would hold good for women under this scheme, would be just the means of giving the vote to the rich, who do not want it, and of denying it to the women of the labouring classes, who do. This is the position recently adopted by the English labor party, and hence it is useless to bring up demonstrations of working women as evidence in favor of the present movement. In Aus-

tralia it has always been found that the well-to-do women are unwilling to go to the poll, and the same reluctance is shown in the Council Elections in England and Canada. Thus we can truthfully assert that most of the voters to be created under the present proposals look either with dislike or indifference upon the attempts of a minority of their class to force on them a responsibility which they do not want, and which will do them no good. This is the attitude of the Anti-Suffrage League just formed under the leadership of Mrs. Humphrey Ward, and supported by many other women throughout the country.

In the third place, the disgraceful behaviour of the Suffragettes, many of whom have been brought up in the best homes, or are University Graduates—witness Miss Pankhurst—prompts the question whether even educated women are fit to vote. What good can we expect from enfranchising creatures who invade churches, who assault policemen, and who shew themselves unable to keep their heads even in the most trifling matters? Is it not courting danger to expect them to give a fair decision on national problems of war or finance?

These three considerations may be summed up in a few words. Surely no scheme of Female Suffrage can be sound which does not take into account the interests of the poorer as well as of the richer women; which increases, with no object, the already excessive vote; and which places in the hands of those who have no use for it, or would misuse it, the most powerful weapon in the State.

So far we have been dealing with the results of the present Suffragist proposals in England. But any study of this question must lead to a discussion of the broader issues of a national suffrage for women. And here it may be useful to observe the experience of other countries. In Finland it has been found that the women neglect their homes and families to squabble over politics, and the husband of a member of the Legislative recently applied for poor relief, stating that he and his children were starving and their home in a disgraceful condition. In Australia the addition of the uneducated female vote has resulted in Socialistic laws, a huge National Debt, and a tariff on certain articles of 100 per cent., resulting in a rise in the cost of living. One of the principal dangers of Female Suffrage is the increased ignorant vote that it creates. It is quite true that there is no educational qualifications for the male voter, but is that a reason for increasing the danger which the male vote already entails? Then again nobody can deny that women are more likely than men to be influenced by priests and yellow journals. The latter, as the writer knows, played a very large part in bringing out the female vote in the last elections of the London County Council. The argument that the law deals more leniently with men than women can not be borne out by facts. The death penalty is imposed much more seldom in the case of women than of men, and magistrates often discriminate in

favour of female offenders. But supposing that women were given the vote, what would be the results of their influence on the problems which face Parliament and the great Government Departments? The Treasury? It is admitted that the weaker sex are not so competent as men to grasp intricate matters of Finance. The War and Marine Offices? The country would be in danger of its very existence if women—not understanding such matters—were to decide the strength of the army and the ship-building programme of the navy. The India Office? A weak, yielding policy would plunge India into a bloody revolution. The Foreign Office? A tactless and impulsive foreign policy would land all Europe in a war. The Colonial Office? Would the Empire like to see women interfering in its affairs? In every one of these cases the risk is too great and outweighs all other considerations. No comparison can be made with meetings of the Parish Council to discuss the Parish Pump.

From the foregoing list the work of these departments has been omitted, viz.: the Home Office, Local Government Board, and Education Office. Here there is certainly a large field for women's work. But it must be remembered that these departments deal more especially with home life and social conditions, and that they work hand in hand with the County Councils, for which women have the right to vote and to stand as candidates. The same is true of the Bor-

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ough Councils and Boards of Guardians, which control matters of local education and care for the aged poor. So that women already have a strong influence in making, and an even stronger influence in carrying out the laws which most nearly concern the home and family. Nor can it be said that they cannot prevent injustice to their own sex. There are female inspectors in factories where women are employed, who stop over-working and under-paying by the employers. But to demand that women should be allowed to sit in Parliament and vote on vital matters of national safety and finance because they are doing good work in three out of the ten great government departments is manifestly ab-

surd. Rather let us agree once and for all that woman is not fitted for the ups and downs, the continual strain of national politics. Nature has fitted her for very different objects—for the care of the home and the upbringing of her children, and to insist upon her taking part in man's affairs would be simply to defy the laws of Nature; she already has an extensive influence in all matters relating to the welfare of her sex. There is room for more legislation along these lines. But it is inevitable that her position in public affairs should be that of an advisor, not a legislator, and bearing this in mind there can only be one answer to the Female Suffrage Question.

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THE HOCKEY CLUB.

Mr. Editor:

Quite recently a graduate of this University who had in his day been a member of many McGill teams, told a meeting of men interested in hockey that athletics were on the wane at McGill. He then urged those men who intended to try for the team to give up smoking, dances, etc., etc., and to get into the very best training for the hockey season.

Mr. Editor, this advice was good but it has caused the writing of this article in order that through the columns of your paper the writer might ask the students of McGill University a few pertinent questions regarding the state of hockey at McGill.

These questions are:

(1) What incentive is there to prompt a man to give up his time and his pleasure in order to play hockey for McGill?

(2) What thanks does he get for his hard work on the ice?

(3) What support or encouragement do you, the undergraduates of McGill, give the men who are doing their best to win games for their college?

Mr. Editor, there is one answer to all these questions and that answer is "practically none."

As things are at McGill at present a player should not be blamed very much for not being enthusiastic about the team. Eighty per cent. of the undergraduates of McGill have no right to blame a man who does not train hard; it is their fault that there is no enthusiasm among the men. If instead of 50 or 60, there were 800 or 1000 students at every hockey game things would be very different.

This year there is a lot of good material in college and if the team is well supported it should make a good bid for the championship and next year should win it. The hockey team if well supported will improve immensely as time goes on since they know what their fellow students expect of them.

If there was any good reason why 900 or more students should stay away from the hockey games things would not be so bad. Because a team is weak is a poor excuse; it will never get any better unless it gets decent support.

The men playing on the team give up three nights a week. Surely it is not much to do for your college to walk down to the Victoria rink three times in the year.

This year the executive hopes the students of McGill will waken up and come to the games and in order to

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help them to do this season tickets for the games will be sold before the first match is played. These tickets will cost 75c and will entitle the holder to admission to the three league games.

These tickets will also be sold in conjunction with tickets for the rink on the campus.

Tickets for the rink will cost two dollars, but for \$2.25 tickets for the three games may be obtained along with a ticket for the rink.

The first home game is with Laval on the 20th of January. Let us all go and show that we are not entirely down and out yet.

W. L. CASSELS.

The Game with Carnegie Tech.

Editor of the Martlet :

Dear Sir,—“The Martlet” published before Christmas a number of letters dealing with the attitude of the student body towards the Hockey Club, and from the numerous comments on these letters it would seem as if there had been an awakening of interest in hockey at McGill. The opportunity will soon be given to the students to show whether this is mere paper talk, or whether there is behind it a spirit of willingness to serve the interests of hockey, and make our colleges the centre of amateurism in a sport which is so rapidly becoming professional. To those who play the game, opportunity is given of serving the college in a very material way. For all students there is the duty of encouraging the players by attending the games. An enthusiastic team must be the result of an enthusiastic student body, and the enthusiasm should be so deep-seated as not to be quenched by occasional reverse. A man who supports his team only when it is winning is a poor sort of a sport. Such a person almost merits the term “quitter,” for is not a quitter one who “lies down” in the face of defeat? No McGill team has ever

merited such a term, and it is the duty of the student body to share with the team the encouragement of victory and also the bitterness of defeat.

That those who play hockey are going to do everything in their power to bring back the honors to McGill is simply evidenced in the fact that before the close of the last term three largely attended practices were held. For so large a number to turn out at the height of examination time is extremely unusual and worthy of approbation.

In this first week of the new College term an opportunity is offered to the student body to show whether they will do their part. The Pittsburgh team are coming to the city as representatives of one of the youngest of the American Colleges, and the least we can do is to turn out in large numbers and give them a rousing welcome. In this game there is also an opportunity for advertising our University by our athletics. If no more than three or four hundred students turn out, it will certainly leave in the minds of our United States friends the impression that McGill is nothing but a dead, one-horse sort of an institution. There should be at least a thousand students at the game. Don't plead the fact that Saturday night is such a busy time, or in other words that you much prefer to see Ottawa Cliffside play Victoria, or hear Harry Lauder sing “I've something in the bottle for the morning,” than come down to the Victoria rink and support your Alma Mater. There ought to be such a noise in the building as to remind one of the days when the Victorias of Montreal played the Victorias of Winnipeg for the Stanley Cup in the same rink. Much of the enjoyment of the game depends on the size and enthusiasm of the on-lookers.

HUGH S. PEDLEY.

For Mr. Clouston's Earnest Perusal.

To the Editor of the Martlet:

Dear Sir.—I have before me two letters: one by Union Member published in No. 7 of your issue, the other by Mr. H. R. Clouston in the following number. The subject which these letters discuss is of particular interest to many fellow-members of the Union, if one may judge of numerous murmurs overheard. But it is not this matter that I request space in your next publication to vent an opinion. A much more important one, to my mind, calls for comment; more important because it brings into question the principles upon which discussion is based, and the methods used on this and other occasions from time to time, by your correspondents.

The former of the two letters referred to is a general complaint against the management of the Union reading-room. As you have published this it is unnecessary to remind you here of its contents. The letter

evidently invites discussion, certain detailed grievances being stated. The method of Union Member is occasionally slightly satirical; he claims that the House Committee by publishing a certain notice threatens itself with expulsion, as, obviously, no less penalty can be determined for a greater evil than that with which the notice deals, and the greater evil "is responsible for those very mutilations that the House Committee complains of." Otherwise his letter is sincere, serious and straightforward.

And now as to the second letter. Mr. Clouston's method is well worthy of notice. It opens with what one might suppose to be a frank acknowledgement of a certain welcome suggestion made by Union Member; it accepts his criticism as being sincere; and assures himself that he is met on his own ground without animosity. Discussion then follows in which Mr. Clouston strongly denies all slackness of management in regard to points mentioned by complainant. But

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what of his method? That is a hard question to answer. It is indeed so inconsistent that one is inclined to doubt whether there be any method at all. Or, in his own words, "should (his) mentality be of such a type that he says one thing and means another, just what does he mean?" for the last quarter of his letter is occupied with ridicule of a crude kind, and Union Member's "whole letter" is finally dismissed as a clumsy joke! What then, may we ask, of the "extreme interest, gratification, and very good suggestion?"

May one be pardoned for indulging in a simile? It is as if two men enter the ring for a bout (the "Martlet" should represent Queensberry rules). At the first blow of the glove the opponent takes his off and strikes back with naked knuckles and even descends to a—to be colloquial for once—"rough house."

Now, Mr. Editor, is it necessary or with good reason that such correspondence is published? Not that I think that the grievance and its natural reply should have no place in your paper. The "Union" is the Students' Club and the "Martlet" is the Students' publication.

Personally, I think sincere grievances have much greater demands upon you than sly pokes at professors, or illustrations. The House Committee has enough to do without calling meetings which may bring on local storms without clearing the air. Redress from that quarter should always be the last resort; it is the High Court of Appeal in Club matters. But my point now is that some plan of action should be adopted if possible which should protect a correspondent from such a galling attack as that I have mentioned, all arising, I am convinced, from a hasty reading of Union Member's letter. "It" has no reference to "House Committee"

but to the greater "evil," subject of the main sentence.

Is it not your right to demand modifications in, or to expurgate, material sent you without rejecting it altogether? I ask in good faith; I have no wish to add to the burdens of a staff busily occupied in the interests of "Old McGill." It may be you often do so. I but voice the sentiments of others in wishing that a like discretion had been used in this case. Mr. Clouston may have supposed he had the choice of weapons,—as a matter of fact he had within certain limits. What these limits are, I have attempted to suggest. Of the choice made it is enough to quote "*de gustibus non est disputandum.*"

I am, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. D. HARRISON, '07.

Consolation for Freshette.

Dear Freshette:

We read with pleasure and loud applause your very timely letter in a late number of the Martlet. We strongly approve of the sentiment therein expressed and sincerely hope that the state of affairs which you have so graphically depicted may be swiftly remedied. Most certainly the position of the seniors seems entirely uncalled for and we think that their ideas on the subjects you mention show a deplorable lack of experience and decided spinsterial tendencies. We ardently trust that the present Freshettes will show more foresight in these directions than their predecessors and improve their golden opportunities.

The cutting criticism of "Not a Senior," in the Martlet for Dec 11, was undoubtedly called forth by the strong and undeniable terms of your letter which certainly went to the heart of existing conditions with most disconcerting directness. It is a wise saying "If the cap fits you, wear it"

and it is very evident that several persons are making violent efforts to struggle into the headgear. That "reply to a Freshette" obviously attempted to make "Literary Tin Gods" of the Seniors and that reminiscent flight eulogizing the "Senior Prerogative" was wrung in at the psychological moment to enhance the effect.

Your position concerning the fortnightly dances was certainly well taken. There is no reason whatever why such an arrangement could not be carried into successful and immediate effect. The only pity is that it calls for a Freshette to bring the mat-

ter to our notice and thus casts reflection on the ante-medieval conditions of this University. It is certainly remarkable that the "Author of that bumptious communication is "Not a Senior" and it logically follows that the only remaining source from which such highly rhetorical and pretentious sentiments could emanate is the third year.

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About the College

XMAS RECEPTION.

Holiday time brought quiet days to the Union, and the place wore a sleepy air in contrast with the air of bustle and hurry seen outside and due to Christmas preparations. As the building had been used by an average of three hundred students each day, the effect of a reduction to fifty was indeed noticeable, hence the air of quietness about the place. One pleasing event took place on the afternoon of Christmas Day, when Mrs. Peterson entertained at tea. The reading room was cleared of its ordinary furniture and changed into a serving room. The tables were decorated in red and white and with Christmassy effects and as candles furnished the sole means of illumination, the room gained a charm not visible on ordinary days. The lounging room was decorated by plants and clusters of holly and when filled with students and their friends presented a pretty sight. Principal Peterson received the guests with Mrs. Peterson and members of the various faculties were present.

ALMA MATER DANCE.

One of the chief social functions at the University for this month will be the Alma Mater Dance, which will take place at the Union on the night of January 20. This date was decided on at a recent meeting of the Students' Council, and the function will be under the care of that body. It is the intention to hold such a dance yearly to replace the Faculty dance, so called, and to widen its scope by interesting all classes and years in the affair. The promoters desire it to become the University dance and as such seek the co-oper-

ation and support of the general student body. As the affair is directly in control of the Students' Society, it is anticipated that it will secure a record attendance. Such information as is desired may be secured from the president, the members of the Council and the secretary and communications should be addressed to the latter at the Union.

UNION NOTES.

The Union has now broken all membership records. The institution has squared away for a new year with a total membership of five hundred and five, but even that number is not sufficient and should be far surpassed before the end of this term. McGill Union will soon have a library and preparations are now under way to that end. Works of a light character will be secured, the intention being to offer recreation and entertainment, rather than the solid matter which may be found in such abundance at the University Library. By next month it is probable that the library will be an accomplished fact.

Reception to Arts Students.

Students of the Faculty of Arts, including the Donalds, were guests of Mrs. Moyse and Dean Moyse, on Saturday night. The home of the Dean in West Sherbrooke Street was thrown open and the hearty invitation issued was accepted by a goodly number of students. A jolly time was spent and to such good effect that the friendly warning of the clock that a new day was at hand, arrived all too soon.

UNION DANCE.

The annual dance of the Union will take place on Friday night, February 12, and will, of course, take place in the Union. This dance will be the chief social function of the month and the fact that it is being held close to that popular festival will render it a Valentine dance.

THE CAMPUS RINK.

The skating rink on the Campus has been ready for a fortnight and some of the boys have found time to use it. Comparatively few, however, have shown sufficient energy to cross Sherbrooke street and drop in at the Union to secure a season ticket.



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THE CAMPUS RINK.

Season tickets for the Campus Rink are now on sale at the Union. It was found necessary to raise the price of the tickets to \$2.00, but for an additional twenty-five cents a ticket of admission to the three Intercollegiate games which McGill plays at home is granted. In this way the advance in price will only be felt by those who do not care to turn out and support the University team.

Intercollegiate Hockey Schedule.

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 " —Queens at Laval.
 Jan. 29.—Toronto at Queens.
 " —Laval at McGill.
 Feb. 5.—Queens at McGill.
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REUNION OF R. V. C., '07.

At a luncheon given by the Misses Macaulay, on Saturday last, at which thirteen fair graduates of the R.V.C., '07 were present, an impromptu meeting was held at which it was decided to hold a reunion of the class the last week of Dec. 1909. Alumnae from out of town will be entertained by those residing in the city. A very pleasant reunion is anticipated. To carry out the necessary details a committee of five was appointed.—Miss Evelyn Coates, Miss Louise Armstrong, Miss Mabel King, Miss Esther Macaulay, and Miss Lottie Cheesbrough.

ALUMIN NOTES

Miss Margaret Craig, Arts '04, who has been teaching in Tokio, Japan, is home on furlough. Miss Craig expects to return to Japan in August.

J. G. Archibald, Arts '04, is spending the Christmas vacation in Montreal. During his stay in the city there will be a reunion of as many of the class of Arts '04 as possible. Mr. Archibald, who was President of the class in his final year will preside at the function, which will probably take the form of a dinner. Friday, January 15th, is the date at present set for the meeting. It is expected that at least half the class will be present and an effort is being made to have some communication from all.

The marriage took place in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, on Thursday, December 31st, of Miss Marion Fairbanks to Chauncey A. Adams, Arts '02. Mr. Adams, who was for two years the Secretary of the McGill Young Men's Christian Association in Colombo, was called home eighteen months ago on account of the serious

illness of his mother, and has been, for the past year General Secretary of the St. Johnsbury Association. Mr. and Mrs. Adams will live in St. Johnsbury.

Dr. Norman McNab, '06, late of the staff of the Western General Hospital, has been for the past three months surgeon on one of the Transatlantic steamers on the Glasgow route. Dr. A. A. Wilson, '07, is another of the recent medical graduates who have gone into maritime practice, being surgeon of one of the West India boats.

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F. S. Keith, Sci. '03, has resigned the managership of "Canadian Machinery" to go into concrete contracting in Vancouver, B.C., with Myrah E. Foreman, also of Sci. '03. Mr. Keith was married two weeks ago to Miss Mildred Lloyd, of Stratford, Ont.

Dr. A. W. Hunter, '06, of last year's House staff at the General Hospital is spending this winter in the Boston General Hospital.

Geo. H. McCallum, Sc. '07, is working in the Geodetic Survey between Ottawa and Toronto, on triangulation work.



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The Chaperon.

I take my chaperon to the play—
 She thinks she's taking me,
 And the gilded youth who owns the
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 A proud young man is he ;
 But how would his young heart be
 hurt
 If he could only know
 That not for his sweet sake I go,
 Nor yet to see the trifling show,
 But to see my chaperon flirt.

Her eyes beneath her snowy hair
 They sparkle young as mine ;
 There's scarce a wrinkle in her hand
 So delicate and fine.
 And when my chaperon is seen,
 They come from everywhere—
 The dear old boys with silvery hair,
 With old-time grace and old-time
 air.
 To greet their old-time queen.

They bow as my young Midas here
 Will never learn to bow,
 The dancing masters do not teach
 That gracious reverence now.
 With voices quivering just a bit,
 They play their old parts through,
 They talk of folks who used to woo,
 Of hearts that broke in fifty-two—
 Now none the worse for it.

And as those aged crickets chirp
 I watch my chaperon's face,
 And see the dear old features take
 A new and tender grace ;
 And in her happy eyes I see
 Her youth awakening bright,
 With all its hope, desire, delight—
 Ah, me ! I wish that I were quite
 As young—as young as she !

—Southern Collegian.

PROGRESS (?)

Does the world in its march through
 the ages
 Never weary of all it has won?
 Does it never reflect that the sages
 Have almost extinguished the fun?
 We fool with elaborate folly,
 We play on the very best plans—
 Yet is our existence more jolly
 Than Primitive Man's ?

Don't rake up the Ichthyosaurus,
 We know it was far from a pet ;
 But the motor-bus prancing before us,
 With little rapture is met ;
 And you cannot throw darts at the
 latter
 (The law interposes its ban),
 While a beast more or less didn't
 matter
 To Primitive Man.

Whereas Atavus Smith had a fancy
 To pulverize Atavus Jones
 For clubbing his fifteenth fiancée,
 Or moving his ancestor's bones,
 He took and he sharpened his hatchet,
 And Jones either fought him or ran,
 (The weaklings, we fear, used to
 catch it
 From Primitive Man).

Then woman—our sires had a loath-
 ing
 For females addicted to books ;
 The maiden accomplished was nothing
 Compared to the plainest of cooks.
 If physical force were the factor
 They knew it when marriage began . . !
 When his wife went processing he
 smacked her,
 Did Primitive Man.

—Queen's Univ. Journal.

Here and There

(Edited by H. R. Clouston.)

At ten Willie's teacher reproved him
Because wrongly a word he had
spelt
And when later sent home to his
father,
Will connected up close with a belt.

At twenty when out with his "cousin"
And telling how slushy he felt
The moon had a trick of revealing
Will connected up close with a belt.

At thirty engineer in a factory,
All greasy and grimy he smelt,
But things that he wanted set going
Will connected up close with a belt.

At forty he shot the landlady,
And a crowd came to where he had
dwelt
And they left on a tree by the road-
side
Will connected up close with a belt,
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PARDONABLE.
Her arms were soft and round,
He said,
And that is why he lost
His head.
He really can't be blamed
A speck—
Her arms were soft and round
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"Digging into some one's past."—Ex.

HIS EXPLANATION.

"Mr. Gibbons," said the teacher of the class in rhetoric, "point out the absurdity in this figure of speech: 'At this time the Emperor Frederick hatched out a scheme,' etc."

"It seems to me all right," replied the young man after some reflection.

"It does? Explain, if you please, how he could have 'hatched out' a scheme."

"Well, he might have had his mind set on it."—Answers.

A MATERIA MEDICA CHAT.

"I want some consecrate lye," he slowly announced as he entered the drug store.

"You mean concentrated lye," suggested the druggist, as he repressed a smile.

"Well, maybe I do. It does nutmeg any difference. It's what I camphor, anyway, I'll aloe. What does it sulphur?"

"A quarter a can."

"Then you can give me a can."

"I never cinnamon who thought himself so witty as you do," said the druggist, in a gingerly manner, feeling called upon to do a little punning himself.

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"Well, that is not bad, ether," laughed the customer, with a symptious glance. "I ammonia novice at the business, though I've soda good many puns that other punsters get the credit of. However, I don't care a copperas far as I am concerned, though they ought to be handled without gloves till they wouldn't know what was the matter with them. Perhaps I shouldn't myrrh myrrh. We have had a pleasant time, and I shall caraway."

It was too much for the druggist. He collapsed.

—Queen's University Journal.

Coincidence.

I waited in the drawing-room
 My lady fair,
 Who tenderly dismissed her friend
 Upon the stair,
 By tact, surpassing tact.
 I spied her photo on the wall
 (She isn't plain).
 I'll slip it in my coat, I thought,
 And then explain,
 My tact, undoubted tact.
 I tried to lift it gently down :
 It wouldn't come.
 I muttered words beneath my breath
 For I was done—
 'Twas tacked! securely tacked!
 "Student."

AW, DEAH BOY!

"I say, D'Orsay, have you ever heard that joke about the guide in Rome who showed some travellers two skulls of St. Paul, one as a boy, and the other as a man?"

"Aw, deah boy—no—aw, let me heah it."—Boston Transcript.

SHOTS AT TRUTH.

When a young man goes around looking as though he hadn't a friend on earth it is either a case of love or indigestion.

When a wise man falls in love his wisdom takes a vacation.

Every time a woman gets sick she wonders if she will look well as a corpse.

"Wealth is a sin," says a German Countess. Well, we are as innocent as a new-born babe.

The under dog is entitled to sympathy—if he didn't start the fuss.
 —Collegian.



Class Reports

SCIENCE '09.

Mid-session exams, were over and the crowd was dispersing for a vacation to be spent in the East, West, South, or Ottawa. Flow over wiers was forgotten. Flow of beers was now the important question, for can you wonder since on Dec. 19th, for the Civils was closed that subject, small in matter but immense in the eyes of some, which had been absorbing attention day and night, since August 20th, but Geodesy was a final and with sighs of relief our books were handed in and our fates in that particular sealed.

The journey homeward was now a live issue, so by appointment with His Majesty's Government, a special car was attached to Sunday's Maritime Express to convey some thirty students, the majority of whom were from Science '09, away from the toils of College life.

The I.C.R. is recognized as the best route to the East but the management made a serious mistake when they promoted "the man with the buttons, braid and cap bearing the words 'Parlor Car Conductor'" from news agent or messenger boy, for he may have been fitted for that sort of work, but for a Conductor, never! However, some information was given him, gratis, which may be an aid in reducing that swelled head, but he had the affliction badly.

Since our journey had to be started on Sunday it was mete that the day be observed in strict accordance with the wishes of the Lord's Day Alliance, which was done altho not exactly in the manner of the "Auld Kirk." Since our crowd were modest it was with difficulty that singing could be started, so Prof. McD., of the Arts Faculty, but pronounced by the

Science men, to be a jolly good fellow, and you bet he is if Science men so decide, was induced to give us a reading, which he did in his usual good style, the selections being received with much enthusiasm, showing the popularity of both reader and author.

After dinner, when the "Cup of Good Cheer" was broached and the pipe of peace was smoked, and music filled the air, J.S.N., having become enamoured with a fair maiden, from an Institution where co-education is not, and having to pass through the crowd was captured and held prisoner and was only released upon the earnest solicitation of the New Brunswick charmer. The injunction given to the blushing Jack was, "Go, fuss no more."

Soon all hands retired, to be awakened next morning by the mutterings of the occupant of upper 6, when he found that the porter had blackened his new tan boots which were to be the pride of P. E. I. during the vacation.

Now we are returned with our New Years' resolutions, the ripening fruit (to use Dean A— figure) and in April we will be ready to bid adieu to the Institution which has done so much, or so little, for us in the last four years. We sincerely hope that the surley Professor, who implied that Science '09 were dishonest in that they were striving to avail themselves of books, notes, and team-work in order to pass an examination, has reconsidered his words and decided that such epithets were not fittingly applied to any class, when embarking on the sea of graduate life to carry the colors of McGill always at the masthead.

SCIENCE 1911.

A special class meeting of Science '11 was held in the main lecture theatre of the Macdonald Engineering Building, on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1908, at 5.35 p.m.

President Matheson occupied the chair and expressed his regret at the number of students who were conspicuous by their absence, there being scarcely a quorum present.

After explaining the object of the meeting, the president suggested that the meeting adjourn until after the holidays. The suggestion met with approval by all and the meeting was brought to a close. It is to be hoped that the advent of the New Year will witness the taking of a deeper interest in Class Affairs by a number of the men of 1911.

We mentioned in our last report, a certain problem in proportion, which was causing dismay among the juveniles of first year science; and, since then, a more practical and decidedly more credent problem has presented itself.

This time the inquiring youth sought advice from the powers that be and forthwith consulted one of the Prof. with the following result, which is given in the language of the Prof. and Student.

Freshie.—Professor, is it ever possible to take the greater from the less?

Prof.—There is a pretty close approach to it when the conceit is taken out of a Freshman.



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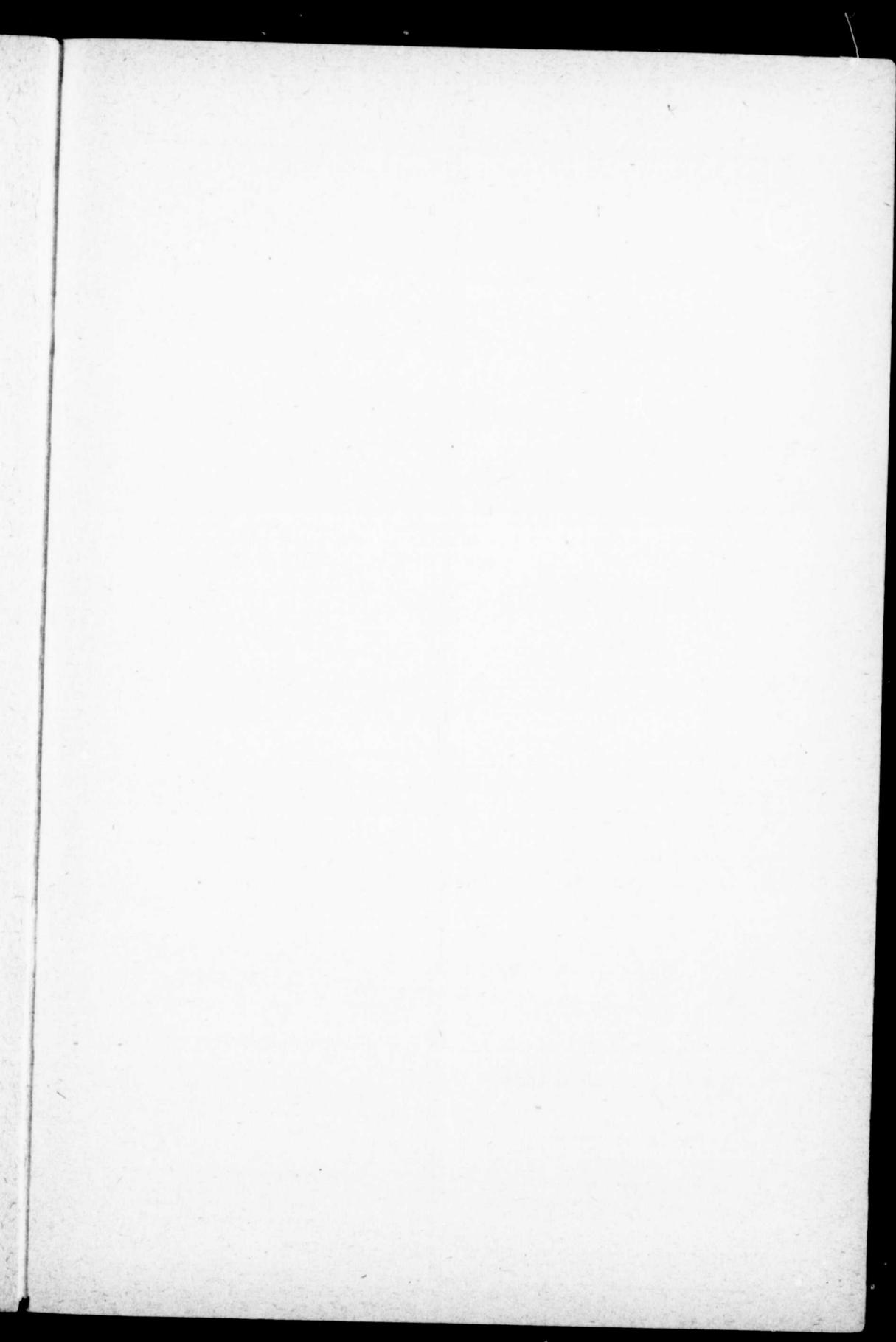
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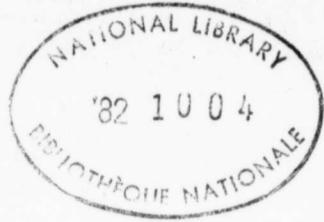
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