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EDITORIAL



Cheering at the games. ONE of the things most remarked at the game of Saturday was the lack of volume of the cheering. The McGill yell was heard but seldom, and when it did come, the two ends of the stands were invariably out of time with the centre. Now there is no excuse for this, for if a man is ashamed to lift up his voice for his University he may just as well stay away from the matches, and there is no question that yells of encouragement do buck up a team, as anyone, who will turn to the letter from the captain in the first number of the Martlet, can see for himself. The paragraph to which we refer is as follows:—"The men who don't play can help the team by coming to the game and cheering. Make all the noise you can and cheer us till you're hoarse! If we're winning, or if we're beaten to a standstill cheer us just the same, **for there is nothing that puts heart into team more than to hear their crowd yelling for them.**" That is Dan Gillmor's view, and you can take it from us that it is the correct one. On Saturday we are up against Toronto; then give the McGill yell, not as if you were a bunch of children in a kindergarten, but like a crowd of students with first-class lungs who are not afraid to use them.

For the yell leaders we would suggest that they agree beforehand upon the time of their yells, and also to watch when a yell is needed and then give the signal to the bleachers. It is earnestly hoped that everyone will pay attention to this, and that in the future the McGill yell may be heard even unto Cote St. Paul.

Mr. Dowie's Letter.

WE would like to draw the attention of our readers to the letter from Mr. Dowie, the President of the Athletic Association, on the question of the special supps. granted to the men in Science by that Faculty.

The general impression around the University seems to be that men who are taking these exams, and at the same time playing football or making the Track Team, will be obliged to forego one or the other on Friday or Saturday. Mr. Dowie's letter ought to correct this view, and we heartily agree with him that, instead of growling at the Faculty of Science, the students ought to be sincerely grateful to the members of that Faculty for their kindness and forethought in the granting and arranging of these special exams.



No. 22.

MR. MILLS—OF THE SENIOR RUGBY TEAM.

We regret to say that we have been unable to procure any authentic photographs of this celebrity, nor have we been able to find his well known physiognomy in any of the Annuals with which we have acquaintance. His cheery smile and sturdy figure, however, are almost landmarks and those that know him not, by sight at the very least, can hardly be counted students of McGill.

The gentleman in question not being in evidence, as a result of the attentions of the Queen's line on Saturday last, we are forced to resort to hearsay for any information regarding his life before we knew him.

Born at a very early age in one of the country districts of Ontario, he has on that account never, since the occasion of his first appearance, been unable to say "Truly Rural" with perfect fluency, while his semi-civilized existence soon developed in the youthful mind those attributes of craftiness, and on occasion, dash, which combined with his physique were to prove so useful in later, undreamt of, years on the gridiron.

The story of how Mr. Mills came to this University is one of those romances which one finds harder to believe than fiction.

A college student—a McGill man—was spending the summer in the bush near the Mill's domicile, and one day happened in. The son and heir of the family was engaged in a wrestling bout with the family kitten—since deceased—under the admiring gaze of his fond progenitor. The sight naturally recalled to the student the football field, and he was soon in animated conversation with our hero's father on his pet subject.

"And," he concluded, "it was that one 'Varsity man that won the game. If we could only have held him we would have won the championship." "Youse fellers was easy," remarked the young hopeful who had been listening with great gusto, "ef I'd bin there I'd 'a jumped inter that guy the first chance I got and fixed him for keeps." "Mr. Mills," said the student, "if your son does not go to college you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are wasting his talents. He will do well I am sure."

And that is how we now have him with us, and those who knew him will be able to say whether or no his youthful promise has been fulfilled—the "M" on his sweater will enlighten all others.

He has on more than one occasion helped the team to victory both by physical prowess and also by the craft of a past master in the game.

Nor are his triumphs limited only to the pursuit of the pigskin, for on the green cloth he is an opponent whom it is best not to treat too lightly, as the ivory spheres manipulated by his hand have an uncomfortable way of filling the pockets, and, incidentally, emptying those of his opponents.

We cannot have him with us always, but we hope that this, his last year, he will have the satisfaction of playing on a championship football team. Good-luck to our Mr. Mills.

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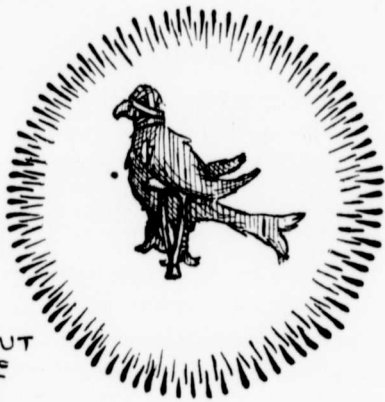
'Tis we, who toil and strive upon the field,
That men may honour Her to whom we owe
So much—our Alma Mater—now in straits,
Made desperate by time and apathy.
'Tis we, who while we aid her in her need,
She turns upon, and spurns our proffered aid.
"What do I reckon of games or won or lost,
Of teams triumphant or with shame o'ercome?
These rude and brutal sports disturb my thoughts,
And how then will ye get for what ye pay?"
Methinks the very essence of our life,
Is that we yearly throw upon the world
A horde of youths with hard-crammed knowledge full;
But knowledge undigested bears not fruit,
And healthy mind a healthy body needs.
And so, O Mother! this our prayer: to thee:
"That we who spend our utmost for thy sake,
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FOOTBALL.

Queen's 2 ON Saturday, October the 15th, McGill met Queen's and
McGill 6. succeeded in defeating them by a score of 6 to 2.

The teams lined up as follows:—

McGill.....	Position.....	Queens.
Murray.....	Full Back.....	Radden.
Ross.....	Half Back.....	Leckie.
Brydon-Jack.....	Half Back.....	Elliot.
Masson.....	Half Back.....	Moran.
Waterous.....	Scrimmage.....	Overend.
Irwin.....	Scrimmage.....	Smith.
Turnbull.....	Scrimmage.....	Bruce.
Mills.....	Wings.....	Young.
Gillmor.....	Wings.....	Kinsella.
Gartshore.....	Wings.....	Dowling.
Goodeve.....	Wings.....	Erskine.
Bignell.....	Wings.....	Smith.
Johnson.....	Wings.....	Sliter.
Forbes.....	Quarter.....	Reid.

Referee—Phil McKenzie.

Umpire—W. McIntyre.

It was a close, hard fought game, interesting from a spectator's point of view, especially if the spectator happened to be wearing McGill colours. The weather was ideal for football, no sun, thus no advantage either to one side of the other. The ground, owing to the rain of the last few days, was wet and slippery, and this accounts for the fact that very little running was done.

McGill's halves put up a splendid game. Ross at centre half was steady, catching and holding on to every ball that was kicked his way and when he came to kick he fully equalled and oftener outdistanced Lecky, the opposing centre-half. It is a very conservative saying when we say that this was easily the best game Ross has ever put up for McGill. His injury in the last quarter

was unfortunate, but it is hoped that it will not prevent him from playing next Saturday against Toronto.

Both Brydon-Jack and Murray put up splendid games. Both caught well and passed equally well. Brydon-Jack did a might gritty thing. He played through the larger part of the game with a broken nose.

This seems to us perhaps the greatest improvement in this year's team over that of last, that is their ability to pass a ball a long distance and be reasonably sure that it will land where they want it. Gray Masson, who played the flying wing position, worked hard and followed up well but his tackling was not nearly as effective as it might be. Some practice on the tackling dummy would help.

Forbes' tackling was easily the best on the team. he rarely missed his man.

Dan. Gillmor, the Captain, was handicapped by a bad knee, but he beat the handicap and put up a fine game. He was laid out once, but after a little, continued the game and stayed in it 'till the end.

The line was strong but missed Buster Mathewson to lead the bucks. It is hoped he will be out for next Saturday.

The yelling ought not to be looked on as a small part in the team's success. Ask any man on the team and he will tell you how cheering it is to hear the college shouting for them.

Remember men, that next Saturday McGill plays Toronto on the Campus.

Bishops College, 0 MCGILL II went to Lennoxville on Saturday to play
McGill II, 34 Bishop's College in the second intermediate game of the season. The final score was 34 to 0 in favour of

McGill

The McGill line-up was as follows:—

Billington, Dixon, Underhill, Davies, Douglas, McLeod, May, Oughtred, Dixon, Carnwath, Gallagher, Cockfield, Stanton, Goradine.

Andy Davies acted as captain as Digby was laid off with a bad arm. There is no need of specially mentioning any player as each man played his game well. The catching, running and kicking of McGill halves was specially good. Davies unfortunately got a bone in his hand broken in early part of the game but continued to play and says he will be fit for R. M. C. on the 22nd.

McGill III vs. St. Lamberts.

THE McGill Juniors did not fare as well as the Seniors and Intermediates in Saturday's match, being beaten at St. Lamberts by the score of 18-1. In the first half the McGill team was demoralized owing to misunderstanding of signals, allowing St. Lamberts to score 14-0.

In the second half the team bucked up and played good ball only allowing their opponents 4 points.

Owing to the non-appearance of one of the McGill outside wings the team was forced to play 13 men to opponents 14, which was a decided disadvantage. The backs were good, and the wing line will be all right with a few practices.

The McGill line-up was as follows:—

Stevenson.....	Back.	Wickson.....	Scrim.
K. Duggan.....	"	Leach.....	"
Taylor.....	"	Hall.....	Wings.
Vallance.....	Quarter	Finling.....	"
McBeath.....	Scrim.	K. Dugdan.....	"
Kirkpatrick.....	"	Armstrong, Capt.....	"

Referee, Mr. Walker, Grand Trunk.

FRESHMEN-SOPHOMORE SPORTS.

The Third Annual Sophomore Sports were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30. The day was fine but it was a little too cold for any record breaking performances. Of the new men who were out, Stanley looks good for the hundred and the four-forty. His performance in the 440 of 55 seconds was good when you consider the campus track and the fact that he was not pressed. In the weights and the discus MacDougall had things pretty much his own way, and while he did not break records, we may and do expect better things from him at the Interyear and Intercollegiate sports.

Coates won out in good style in the mile event and with Murray and Coates running against one another, we ought to see some good races before the track season is over.

The final score was Freshmen 41, Sophomores 58. This is one more victory to add to their already lengthy list.

The events were run off as follows:—

100 YARDS.

- 1st. Stanley.
- 2nd. Hovey.
- 3rd. Gale.

Time, 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ seconds.

16 LBS. SHOT.

- 1st. McDougall.
- 2nd W. J. Grant.
- 3rd. D. McGuire.

Distance, 35 feet.

HALF MILE.

- 1st. W. A. Walsh.
- 2nd. Wall.
- 3rd. Grant.

Time, 2 min., 11 sec.

HIGH JUMP.

- 1st. J. M. Smith.
- 2nd. Holden.
- 3rd. England.

Height, 5 feet.

220 YARDS.

1st. Gale.
2nd. Hample.
3rd. Pullen.
Time, 25 seconds.

BROAD JUMP.

1st. Ross.
2nd. McIntosh.
3rd. Hyde.
Distance, 18 ft. 4 in.

120 YARDS HURDLES.

1st. England.
2nd. Hample.
3rd. Williams.
Time, 20½ seconds.

ONE MILE.

1st. Coates.
2nd. Westgate.
3rd. Walsh.
Time, 4 min. 59 sec.

16 LBS. HAMMER.

1st. McDougall.
2nd. Grant.
3rd. Smith.

440 YARDS.

1st. Stanley.
2nd. Wall.
3rd. Williams.
Time, 55 seconds.

DISCUS.

1st. McDougall.
2nd. Grant.
3rd. Smith.

Distance, 99 feet 2 in.

The Annual Meeting of the McGill Basket-Ball Club was held in Strathcona Hall on Friday last. H. F. Thomson, the Vice-President, took the chair in the absence of the President. After the regular preliminaries, the election of officers for the coming year was held which resulted as follows:—

Hon. President,	- - - -	DR. BARNES.
President,	- - - -	D. S. FORBES, Sci. '11.
Vice-President,	- - - -	H. F. THOMSON, Arts '12.
Sec.-Treasurer,	- - - -	F. A. FORTIER, Sci. '11.
Manager,	- - - -	CALDER, Sci. '13.
Asst. Manager,	- - - -	G. K. HANNAH, Arts '11.
Committee-man,	- - - -	SEALE, Arts '14.

H. R. Cockfield, B.A., was requested to represent McGill at the meeting of the Intercollegiate Union to be held next week. The Executive of the City and District Basket Ball League, in which McGill had three teams last year, one senior and two intermediate, also meets next week. McGill won the Senior Intercollegiate Championship last year and came second in the Intermediate City League, although most of the old players are playing football just now the Gymnasium is always open in the daytime and the Executive hope that all Freshmen or others who have ever played the game will turn out on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays and get into shape. Some of the older men will be on hand to look over the new material and coach them. McGill's hopes for basket-ball honours are very bright this year. Every man of last year's teams is back with the exception of two; and there are men in college well able to fill their places. It is hoped, however, that a number of good new men may be found, especially as many of the teams will graduate this year.

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HEARD ON THE AVENUE.

That they are taking up football out west, and a team from a place called Toronto University is coming down to learn some of the finer points next Saturday.

That the American Government was weighed in the balance on Friday night and found wanting. Wanting Canada?

A newsboy stopped O'Ginnis on the avenue yesterday:

"Say mister, what time is it?"

"A quarter to two."

"Well, when it's two o'clock, get your hair cut," yelled the kid and beat it. O'Ginnis being insulted, ran after him (imagine it), until Jimmy stopped him to enquire the reason of the phenomenon. O'G. told him.

"Well, what's your hurry," said Jimmy, drawing his Ingersoll, "you've got ten minutes yet."

That the Annual Dime Dinner of the Sophomore Cigarette Smoking Society will be eaten in the near future, Combustibles and wet towels provided. Liberal allowance on all butts returned.

That the Glee Club held an unusually melancholy meeting last week. Rejoice ye merry discord dealers, and save your voices for the Toronto game.

Lost, stolen or strayed—singly or in pairs:—one school-bag and a cane. Handsome reward. Apply Sci. '14 or the War Office.

That the "Martlet" is weak mainly through lack of nourishment. The good bird does not live by bread alone, but subsists principally on a paper diet—paper currency and manuscripts preferred.

N.B.—This is a hint, take it.

Now, you little Darling, you mustn't be coarse.

That fly-paper is to be attached to the chairs during the Lit meetings. I wonder why?

THE MINING TRIP.

On Monday, May the Second, the Class of Mining, 1911, gathered on the steps of the Redpath Museum to start on the geological field work of the mining trip.

For four long weary days we trailed behind the tireless Dr. Bancroft through the rock gardens of Rosemount, Mile End, Cartierville, Lachute, St. Bruno and Mount Royal.

St. Bruno will long be in our memories. A mud road, a station four miles away, twenty minutes, twenty ardent geologists out of condition carrying pounds of specimens. That combination is worse than General Sherman's definition of war. A few fellows who care more for the show at Bennett's than they did for an afternoon in the country, caught the train, but the rest of us stayed behind and enjoyed the bracing country air and the hospitality of the Chateau St. Bruno.

Thursday night saw the party hustling about Windsor Street Station. Our car, the good ship Commissary Number 71, was waiting, and everyone was anxious to get stowed away.

The night was a memorable one. For the first time we had in our midst that brilliant star who was destined to lead us for the next few weeks, and he hailed as Captain "Koko," the boy wonder, should not pass unnoticed for was it not he who discovered the Rocky Mountains on the north shore of Lake Superior.

With such a galaxy of stars in our midst, even the most pessimistic predicted a successful trip.

At last, amid fond farewells and many yells, the train pulled out for the country that was to the most of us the great unknown.

Cobalt was reached on Friday and we immediately set out behind Mr. Graham to pick up a few points on the local geology.

That night the King died. We had been so long away from daily papers that most of us did not know of His Majesty's illness. His death was a great shock and a few were prostrated by the sad news.

Saturday Mr. A. A. Cole took charge of our arrangements and laid out a plan that satisfied everyone. By his very kind efforts, we were able to visit the Coniagas, Cobalt Central, Crown Reserve, Kerr Lake and La Rose mines, the Northern Customs Concentrator and the O'Brien cyaniding mill.

Sunday was spent at Gillies' Depot in order that those who wished might go to Ragged Chutes and see the Taylor Hydraulic Air Compressor installed there. Quite a crowd went to the Chutes but, unfortunately, forest fires were burning, and, as a few tons of dynamite were expected to blow up at any instant, a very careful investigation was not made.

Creighton mine and the smelter at Copper Cliff took a day of our time after leaving Cobalt. Sulphur fumes were in order and were enjoyed immensely.

Our trip westward then began, and to beguile the weary hours we played cards or found fault with anyone who had more than one suit case in the car. This led to a few heated words and ended by the Captain checking the old suit case that would hardly hold together and keeping the new one that had never been scratched. I think the Oxford Grad. checked a few pieces also.

Three hours in Winnipeg gave us a chance for a bath and a view of the city of the plains.

Sunday was spent in Medicine Hat.

At Coleman, we got our baggage car and the joy of the late risers knew no bounds. No longer would we have to get up before the breakfast tables were laid.

The mine at Coleman was our first coal mine and all enjoyed getting properly grimy.

A challenge was sent to the local ball team but they failed to put in an appearance and we left undisputed champions of the town.

Moyie provided a very pleasant and instructive time. The days were spent underground or about the mill and at night we played tennis. The superintendent of the St. Eugene, Mr. Braylock, is a McGill Grad, and did all in his power for us. He arranged a ball game and soccer match for Sunday and afterwards entertained us at tea. The local teams won both sporting events by a very close margin. Murray's pitching for the nine, and Stevenson's work at full back for the eleven, attracted a great deal of notice from the Moyie citizens. The fair sex were decidedly interested in the little fellow and fell all over themselves to try and get his photograph.

From Moyie we went to Phœnix via the Kootenay Lakes. While on the lakes the member from Woodstock, Ont., did some remarkable shooting. Twice in succession he hit the bullseye with a bullet from a blank cartridge. Unfortunately the range has not been officially measured and the record does not stand.

The climb from Eholt to Phœnix was a terror. Most of the time it was possible to run from the last car and jump on the engine. However, no one regretted climbing to Phœnix.

Arrived in Phœnix we were met by Dr. Porter who informed us that the citizens of the city had prepared a dinner for us. Better news could not have been told as the fare on the car, although good, did not vary much.

The dinner was all that could be wished for. A few of the Phœnicians were McGill men and the ones who were not were so interested in the college and knew so much about it that they were like long-lost friends, and in two minutes all of us including "Dutch" and Wunsch were at home. Judge Williams,

the "highest" judge, from the highest city in Canada, presided, and kept every one amused by his witty stories and reminiscences of the early days of the camp. By special request, a McGill yell was given as a prelude to the dinner and it made such a hit that we had to repeat it every few moments. The result was raw throats that had to be lubricated. The evening ended with a few songs and we wended our way back to the cars by a circuitous route fully convinced that the ore was the only low grade thing in Phœnix.

The following day we visited the Granby Mine and in the afternoon played the local nine. The result was somewhat disastrous, but the city paper scored only one error and one run against us.

The Mother Lode mine at Greenwood was visited next, and then we moved on to Trail. Here the Metallurgists joined us and together we inspected the plant and processes.

Rosslund was the last place visited. We reached there one bright Sunday and were put on the Centre Star siding. The Centre Star staff is composed almost entirely of McGill men and through their kind offices the car was soon supplied with running water and electric light. The McGill men in the west know how to treat visiting members of the clan.

The Centre Star mine and its surface plant kept us busy for a couple of days. The Captain was deeply interested in all he saw and even went so far as to make a few remarks (not in his note book) about a certain coal chute he stumbled into on one of his evening tours of inspection.

The trip was brought to a close by a smoker given by the members of the Rosslund Club which was greatly enjoyed by all. In this connection, a few words about a book by an ex-president of the Y. M. C. A. and the occupant of berth lower seven would not be amiss. The title is "Open Air Life in Canada, or Why We Slept on the Track." The subject is ably treated and shows that a great deal of thought was spent on the work.

A ball game against Rosslund, which resulted in a win for the home team, and trunk packing kept us busy Wednesday. The packing-up was a sad process as we all thought of the separation about to come, the different way the mines at Moyie, Phœnix, Rosslund and Coleman would strike us when we went in not as visitors, but as wielders of number two muck sticks.

C. C. G.



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NURSE.—“Oh! I'd rather be a doctor and put the poor creatures out of their misery!”

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HIS SON.—Deah old pater! Er — would you — ah — kindly fill up this — ah — inkstand?

“Take this prescription to the drug store and have it filled,” said the doctor to the pale man.

“How much do I owe you?”

“Fifty cents,” replied the doctor.

“Can you trust me for it.?”

“Certainly.”

“And could you lend me fifty cents to have it filled with?”

“Yes,” replied the doctor slowly, “give me the prescription.”

After scratching out one item the doctor returned the paper and a quarter.

“Here,” he said, “I had twenty-five cents worth of nerve medicine in that prescription, but you don't need that.”

Oh, woman! she was made to please
And bag men's trousers at the knees;
But man, poor man, was made, alack!
To button woman up the back!

FIRST CARD SHARK.—Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Wow!

SECOND CARD SHARP.—What's the matter with you?

FIRST CARD SHARK.—I've got a joker up my sleeve and he's tickling my funny bone. Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Wow!

PROF. N.— (referring to three hemidedral forms)—Now, gentleman, I have three of a kind here.

MAC.—No good, old man, full house here.

BARNETT.—What caused the riot in the Gym. when Heck was rehearsing his part in the play of Hamlet?

JONES.—Well, he held up the skull of Yorick and said, "Alas! You're not the only deadhead in the house."

ADVISER.—Yes, these courses will do. Now, is there any information I can give you?

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THE COMPLEXITY OF RELIGION.

VOICE FROM THIRD STORY (in holy supplication)—Oh, Lord, give me strength to resist temptation—especially to smoke—and to put the shot forty-four feet; but let me get a little sore throat before Tuesday so I can get signed off and escape the Hour exam., but let it be all right before Friday so I sha'n't miss the dance. Amen.

"How can I keep my toes from going to sleep."

"Don't let them turn in."

"Great lark, wasn't it?"

"Yes, a regular bat."

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COLLEGE SOCIETIES

Y.M.C.A. In the Mission Study department, the series of lectures on the peoples and religions of mission fields will be started on Monday evening, October 24th. The list of subjects and speakers will be published shortly and distributed among the students. The services of such men as Prof. Brodie-Brockwell, Rev. E. I. Hart, and Mr. J. F. Sinclair of the City Y.M.C.A. have already been secured, and other specialists on the different subjects to be taken up are in prospect. Indications point to a most interesting series, and as these lectures cannot be found in the University curriculum, and as familiarity with the subjects to be presented is essential to a modern educated man, a large attendance is expected.

Opportunity is now open for several men to take up the work of teaching English to the foreigners in the city. A class among the Syrians has already been started, *and others are in prospect. Those who wish to spend a part of one evening a week in a way that is both pleasant to themselves and of inestimable value to those whom they will teach, should communicate with S.S. Hawkins, Sc. '11.

The Sings held each Sunday evening in the Reading Room of Strathcona Hall from 9 to 10 are proving mighty good affairs. An orchestra has been arranged, and light refreshments are passed around afterwards. Any instrumental musicians who are proficient enough to play hymns would be welcomed in the orchestra.

Look out for the notices of Sunday afternoon meetings. Dean Bosworth gave a notable address on October 9th; others of like nature will be delivered during the session.

* For the Syrian Cement Co. ?

The McGill Medical Society. The McGill Medical Society is one of the oldest traditions of which McGill boasts. Founded by two of her distinguished sons, Dr. Wm. Osler and Dr. Francis J. Shepherd, the Society has come to be an indispensable adjunct to the Medical course.

It is the one common meeting place for all the students in the medical faculty and its growth and influence have in every way kept pace with that of the medical faculty as a whole. All medical students who have paid their fees are members and are entitled to vote on the questions and issues coming before the society, which questions and issues include all matters of general interest to the student body in the Faculty of Medicine. The Society maintains a reading room equipped with medical literature, a selection of good standard periodicals and newspapers representing all the different sections from which the Faculty of Medicine draws students. In addition, it conducts a prize competition for the best papers written by students, dealing with subjects pertaining to the Medical course. First and second senior prizes and first and second junior prizes are offered. The papers are judged by a committee selected from the body of the faculty. The faculty, nearly all of whom have at one time been active members of the society, keep alive a keen interest in it. At each meeting some member of the teaching staff presents a paper or address, the standard of excellence of which always has been very high. Many of the programs throughout the year contain interesting cases for diagnosis and discussion by the members. The society is a thoroughly healthy and democratic organization exacting no conditions or requirements for membership, and it is worthy of mention that every Med. from Freshie to Senior regards the Medical Society as his especial pride and rarely misses a meeting.

McGill Symphony Orchestra. The first rehearsal of the McGill Orchestra took place on Monday last, and if appearances count for anything, the society bids fair to easily surpass the high water mark of last year. Owing to the fact that there will be a greater number of public appearances, some of which will be on a larger scale than any attempted in previous years, it was thought advisable to appoint an honorary secretary and a librarian. Mr. D. E. Turner, who has been with the organization since its formation, was appointed Honorary Secretary and Mr. G. P. Morrison will continue to act as librarian. The first appearance of the Orchestra will be early in December, when it will supplement the vocal numbers given by the Orpheus Society by certain purely orchestral items, such as Maillant's Overture, Les Dragons de Villars and some numbers from Le Ballet Egyptien by Luigini. Some of the vocal numbers will be orchestrally accompanied.

The Orpheus Club for male voices held its first practice on Tuesday last, and was the scene of remarkable vitality in spite of the bad weather. Of the numbers put on for trial, Dudley Buck's setting of Annie Laurie proved the most popular with the members.

On Wednesday, October 12th, Montreal's music lovers will have an opportunity of hearing, at the Royal Victoria College Hall, Mr. Saul Brant, the recently appointed violin instructor at the McGill Conservatorium. At this concert the certificates gained at the June examinations will be presented. Mr. Brant who is an artist of the Modern school will present the following programme:—

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| (1) Sonata for Pianoforte and Violin (A major) | - - - - - | Handel |
| Andante—Allegro—Adagio—Allegretto. | | |
| (2) Romance | - - - - - | Sinding |
| (3) En Bateau | - - - - - | Debussy |
| Melodie | - - - - - | Tschaikowsky |
| (4) Concerto in D Minor (First Movement) | - - - - - | Wieniawski |
| Gavotte | - - - - - | Gossec |
| (5) Aria | - - - - - | Tenoglio |
| Menuet | - - - - - | Handel |

On the evening of October 27th, a pianoforte recital will be given in the Royal Victoria College Hall by Mr. O'Neil Phillips, who during the summer obtained two remarkable successes in London, the first at a recital in the Æolian Hall and the second at the Queen's Hall Promenade Concert. On both events the London newspapers accorded him the highest praise, the criticisms of the Æolian Hall recitals have already appeared in the Montreal press. Of the Promenade Concert, the London Daily Telegraph speaks most highly, drawing particular attention to the admirable manner in which Mr. Phillips played Cæsar Frank's wondrous symphonic variations. Speaking of this, the London Times remarks that Mr. Phillips displayed both great delicacy of touch and brilliancy of execution whilst both he and the orchestra made most of the fine climax at the end. It may be added that for the recital of October 27th, Mr. Phillips is making more elaborate preparations than he has perhaps ever done for a single concert before, and it is safe to assume that the music loving public of Montreal will have an opportunity to hear this brilliant pianist at his best.

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THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PERENNIAL SOCIETY OF STAR-SHOOTERS.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held on the mountain during the month of December. On the fifth, the members assembled in Westmount, but for the first few days the proceedings were interrupted by welcoming tears (of joy?) from the heavens.

Many important discoveries were made. Most prominent of these was the eclipse of the sun observed in the sextant. The honour of this discovery is credited to the eminent representative of the "ould sod". The naughty problem which has puzzled the foremost astronomers of countless ages, namely, "when is Polaris not Polaris?" was at last solved by the representative from Lunenburg (Nova Scotia, not the moon), who after protracted calculation, and by careful observation, found that Polaris was not where he properly belongs, when Venus was below the horizon. (Oh you Polaris!)

The society hopes presently to provide instruments powerful enough to eliminate the necessity of having to remove the roof of the Observatory, which heretofore the members have found a source of inconvenience.

The meeting broke up on September 30th after a busy month; the members declaring they were sincerely sorry they did not expect to attend the next annual meeting.

The Lit. At a very well attended meeting of the Lit. on Friday, Oct. 14th, it was decided conclusively, or at least to the satisfaction of the judges, that "as a democracy the United States is a failure." It was a very good debate and augurs well for the debating season at McGill. Mr. Harold Griffith, in opening for the affirmative, quoted the definition, "a democracy is a government of the people" and stated that he intended to show that the government of the United States is not such a government, and therefore not a true democracy. In the first place he found fault with the system of Presidential elections, and continued in the usual strain till stopped.

Mr. A. Lawrence of Sci. '14, followed the lead of Mr. Griffith, but in the opposite direction, and proved to his own satisfaction that the U.S. was O.K. Mr. Samson, in a very able speech, exposed the fact that the United States was on the brink of ruin. "In the United States they worship the golden calf: you can blind justice by throwing gold-dust in her eyes." (Some sentence. What!)

Mr. Hugh Griffith, of Sci. '14, then spoke. He was some speiler and one of his answers specially amused the audience, "My opponents," he exclaimed, "have said that in the United States they worship the golden calf. Well, is not one of the first principles of democracy religious freedom?" ("Ha! Ha!" chorus of the Martlet staff.)

Mr. Harold Griffith then replied for the affirmative, after which, while the judges were making their decision, the meeting was thrown open, and quite a lively discussion ensued. A vote, taken solely on the merits of the question, showed that the U.S. was not a true democracy.

By this time the judges had returned (the bars having closed?) and Mr. Angus of Arts '11, decided for the affirmative. The other judges were E. F. Newcome (the "People's Choice") and A. K. Hugesson.

The names of those who wish to try for a place on the Intercollegiate Debating Team should be handed in as soon as possible. Practice hard and get your second wind.

R. V. C.

Y.W.C.A.

The society held its annual tea in the Common Room on Thursday, and it was great success as all R.V.C. teas are.

The room looked very pretty, thanks to the labors of Miss Lil Campbell and Miss M. Ellison and the generosity of others who donated cushions while the table was adorned with scarlet barberries. The lights gleamed on many fair women, and everyone looked most happy.

The happiest people there were the freshies, everything was novel and interesting to their young and unsophisticated eyes, and besides, the tea was given in their honor and they were allowed to have all the ice-cream they wanted, so why shouldn't they have been happy?

To ensure the presence of all the Freshies, and to make each one feel that she individually was welcome, each Freshie was taken under the wing of a kindly Soph, or Junior, or Senior and escorted to the scene of festivity where, after being warmly welcomed by Miss Wilson, the President of the Society, she was piloted round and introduced to girls of the other years who displayed a kindly interest in her, while other nice people supplied her with ice-cream and cake. By this time we will suppose our Freshie to have soared to the seventh heaven of bliss, and at that high altitude to be making a mental resolve to write home that night and tell them what a glorious place college is, that she is not going to be a bit lonesome and also (we will hope) that she is going to join the Y. W. C. A.

Miss Hurlbatt's remarks came very opportunely at this moment when our freshie was, or is supposed to be, in such an enthusiastic and impressionable mood. Miss Hurlbatt said she wished to speak of something which she had omitted in the University lecture of the day before, and that was the importance of Higher Education in the making of character; because the influence of the Y. W. C. A. was towards forming gentleness and nobility of character, it was an important part of college life.

Then Miss Winnie Wilson, the president made a short speech of welcome to the Freshies.

After this everyone departed and several remarked as they went out that it was "the nicest tea they had ever been to," which if not a strictly grammatical remark, was a very gratifying one.

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THE DELTA SIGMA SOCIETY.

D.S. As we so carefully explain each year, the letters D.S. of the society name do **not** stand for Debating Society (though debates enter into the yearly programme) but the society was so called in honor of the R. V. C. founder—Donald Smith (Lord Strathcona).

The society is a literary one, though its programme also provides for debates, and, according to the constitution one of its aims is to promote "ease in public speaking." The Delta Sigma has been highly successful in all these departments, and its meetings are always well attended. Certainly entries for the Public Speaking Contest are usually many, but whether this is due more to our easy feelings when we rise to address the crowds that pack the common room, or to the fact that the winner gains a point for her class towards the year trophy, I shall leave the newcomers to discover for themselves. Far be it from me to tell them that the trembling knees and chattering teeth of the competitors and that agonized smile with which they gasp out "Madam President, Honorable Judges and Members of the Delta Sigma" are not the indications of "perfect ease in public speaking."

The debates are also well attended, and prove of great interest except to those poor unfortunates who sit at one end of the common room behind tables, and give, with more or less earnestness, all the reasons for and against women's suffrage, democracy, sports, etc., that can be unearthed by a careful study of "Poole's Index." There are three debates in the series: (1) Seniors vs. Juniors; (2) Sophomores vs. Freshies; (3) Winner of No. 1 vs. Winner of No. 2. The final victors gain a point for the year trophy.

As to the literary part of the Delta Sigma programme, it is accompanied with less worry and loss of sleep on the part of the performers. For one meeting scenes are chosen from some play, and the gorgeous costumes promised by the president to the reluctant actors are sure to prevent stage fright, even of the mildest type.

For other meetings some member of the Faculty is induced to give us a short address, and last on our list, comes that glorious event—the Delta Sigma Tea—which begs description.

But we must anticipate no more, and, in any case, the blood-curdling shrieks of the initiating Sophomores, and the terrified howls of the being-initiated Freshies, which are ascending to the reporter's ears are not exactly conducive to coherent thought and fluent writing.

THE INITIATION.

I suppose the event looked forward to by the freshies with most anxiety at the beginning of their course is the initiation. It is enveloped in a fearful mystery which is regarded with a mixture of eagerness and awe. This year the results of the initiation quite came up to the expectations of the "green freshies."

At the beginning of the week a solemn summons was issued to each Donalda of '14, commanding them to be in the locker-room at eleven o'clock Saturday morning. At the appointed hour the bunch of freshies gathered in the hall and slowly filed down to the basement, where, by a fearsome, black-masked figure, they were directed to a small, square room, marked "Immigration Office," where they were taken in charge by two similar personages. All were seated round the room and to-night the noble war-cry of '13, which is doubtless familiar to all my readers—it is to the freshies, I'll warrant. When a tolerable degree of efficiency had been obtained in this, each freshie was obliged to "do a stunt"; and the agonies those poor children were put through in the way of singing and dancing—usually the marks of rejoicing—are more than I would care to describe. The astonishing part is that they did not seem properly impressed, but made sundry highly impertinent remarks regarding their noble wardens.

Gradually the number of these "lambs led to the slaughter" was diminished. One by one they were led out of this preparatory room, typifying their life before they came to college, into a dark passage, and blindfolded. The victim was then put on a truck and wheeled down to another apartment, typifying college life, and indeed the terrible jolts and jars received during the passage were most suggestive of the unpleasantness of a matriculation examination, if that is not too childish a thing to mention here.

In this place they remained for some time, still blindfolded, and to appreciate the full horrors of their position you must bear in mind that all this time the most fearful groans, cries, howls and other infernal sounds were proceeding from the unknown regions around. To the midst of these terrors they were soon led. At the entrance to a dark cavern they were asked their names and character, and when these had been duly given they were given a red tape and charged to follow it. Up and down, round and round, did those unfortunate freshies wander, greeted every now and then by some fresh ordeal. In one place they passed under a wet towel; in another they were gently "wiped" with a basket-ball, while their tormentor sternly demanded whether they did their duty regarding subscribing to "The Martlet," and removing the plates of their elders and betters. By no means the least of their sufferings was the constant wailing kept up around them, and the continual sound of falling water, into which they were always expecting to stumble.

At last the end of the maze was reached, and after another catechism regarding their performance of their duty, they were led to Her Majesty. In the semi-darkness of the throne-room each freshie knelt humbly before the Sophomore President and promised to love, honour and obey the worshipful Sophomores. They were then graciously permitted to kiss the hem of her garment, and Her Majesty presented each with a bib in the form of a white banner on which was printed "Freshie" in green letters.

The tortures were now at an end and the freshies were led to the common-room, where a feast was provided which made them forget the woes through which they had passed. Each freshie was presented with a green and white certificate declaring her now "admitted to the great and glorious Land of College." The ceremony closed with three cheers for the Sophomores and the singing of the little cradle-song:—

"We are, we are, we are the freshie kids,
We do, we do, we do what nursie bids,
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(Oh! you naughty things!)

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MCGILL IN CEYLON.

Last week there sailed for the island of Ceylon a McGill graduate who during his student days contributed not a little to the life of the University. Mr. Murray G. Brooks, Arts '08, was one of the small group of men to whose efforts we owe the introduction of student government under the Students' Council. Now he has gone as the representative of the McGill Y.M.C.A. to take up the work of a foreign missionary in Ceylon.

Mr. Brooks is one of the ever-increasing number of Westerners who throng eastward to become educated, having been born in Indian Head, Sask. He took his matriculation and first year of Arts at Stanstead College, and entered McGill as a sophomore with the class of 1907. After completing his second year Arts he dropped out for one session to become Assistant Secretary of the McGill Y. M. C. A., with Mr. E. W. Sheldon as General Secretary. This was the year in which Strathcona Hall was opened, and the business ability of Mr. Brooks was well shown in the way in which he accomplished the very difficult task of getting the affairs of the Hall into running order.

This one year in Association work put Mr. Brooks back into the class of '08, and with it he graduated, taking first-class honours in History and Economics. During his senior year he held the positions of President of the Alma Mater Society, President of the Y. M. C. A., President of the Glee Club, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennis Club. It was in the first of these capacities that he, along with a few others, started the agitation for a change of the clumsy Alma Mater Society into the Students' Society with the Students' Council as its executive. The tremendous effects which this has had in the linking together of student organizations, the systematizing of their financial transactions, and the starting of an esprit de corps among the students can only be appreciated by those who knew the old regime as it was.

After Mr. Brooks' graduation he filled the position of General Secretary of the McGill Y. M. C. A. for one year, during which time the work of that organization prospered under his direction. He left the college work in the Spring of 1909, and became Secretary for Boys at the City Y. M. C. A. of Montreal. Now he goes to Ceylon to do further work in the Y. M. C. A., and will there hold the position of Associate Secretary for the Associations of the island, working in conjunction with Mr. W. W. Crutchfield, towards whose support the McGill Association has been contributing for two years past.

At the farewell banquet tendered to Mr. Brooks at Strathcona Hall an opportunity was given for those present to hear something of the nature of the field and of the work done in it. It is confidently expected that the fact that Mr. Brooks is a McGill graduate, and one who has played so large a part in the life of our University, will greatly increase the interest of the students in this work. There are not many colleges on this continent who support one of their own graduates in the foreign mission field, and the going out of Mr. Brooks to represent McGill is an event which should be of concern to every member of the University.

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DEAR SIR,

I should like to put before you, the facts of the case about certain supplemental examinations in the Faculty of Applied Science which are scheduled to come off on Friday and Saturday, the 21st and 22nd inst.

In the first place, the men who express indignation upon hearing of exams being held on holidays, quite forget that it is only owing to the kindness of the Science Faculty that these "supps." are to be given at all.

In the opinion of many, we are not entitled to them.

In the second place, these are not ordinary supplementals. The pass-mark means the saving of a year at college to most men, and, for some, it will decide whether they are to complete their course at McGill.

Owing to the necessity of using every hour of the session to cover the ground, the faculty granted these exams. only on the condition that they should not interfere with the regular time-table.

This virtually meant using Sports-Day and the Saturday afternoon following.

Dr. Porter, Chairman of the Examination Committee, explained this situation to me, and offered, if I thought it necessary, to report to the Faculty that the students thought the scheme unjust and wished some of the exams. transferred to Saturday morning. This would have necessitated a Faculty meeting and would have upset countless arrangements besides involving loss of time.

I told Dr. Porter that, as President of the Athletic Association, I could see no justification upon the student's part, for asking that this be done—taking the stand that a man's year at college was vastly more important to him than to see McGill play 'Varsity or to watch the Inter-Class Sports.

Dr Porter had stipulated at the outset that the examinations would not be held at such times as would prevent men from playing on the senior football team. He further agreed to change the hours of exams. should any student find himself unable to compete in the Sports on Friday afternoon.

My own opinion is, that instead of growling at the Faculty for holding the supps. on these dates, fellows ought to be thanking their stars—in other words, the Faculty—that they have been given a chance to take the exams. at all.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

K. W. DOWIE.

RE THE MILITARY COURSE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MARTLET.

DEAR SIR,

I have just read with great interest the defiant letter of our pacific friend "Pro Bono Publico." He is obviously trying to be funny, so that I am sure he does not really mean to imply that if Canada were at war he would not lift a finger to help her to victory—or is this "patriotic piffle?" It is no use saying that war is legalised murder or anything else of that sort. War is a real thing which has to be accounted for in all our national calculations. We must be prepared for it. It will be time to do away with firemen when fires are abolished.

Again, it is no use saying that he will fight for his country if occasion arises. How can he, if he does not know how?

War is an art and a science combined, and cannot be learnt from a textbook or in a day.

I have served for three years in a volunteer corps in England, and this has been enough to show me how almost impossible it is for a voluntary force to become really efficient. In my opinion, the sooner Canada, and England for that matter, follows Australia's lead in adopting some system of compulsory service the better.

Then, perhaps, when everyone has a rudimentary knowledge of the difficulties of the War Office, they would not try to increase them by airing their own little theories on the beauties of passive resistance.

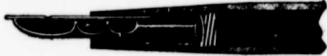
Incidentally P. B. P. may be interested to know that I am "not only a militarist, but a Liberal, and in all probability an anti-vegetarian." The last point, however, I have never thought worth investigating.

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A likeable feature in the **Varsity** system is its ability to force the development of good editorial writers by the sheer frequency of publication. At first, however, it is rather hard on said editors and we extend our sympathy in the difficulty in the opening numbers. We can see in our imagination the wielder of the editorial pen praying with great earnestness that something of note will happen—that there will be some row with the faculty—anything in fact to relieve that feeling of something to do and nothing to do it with.

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