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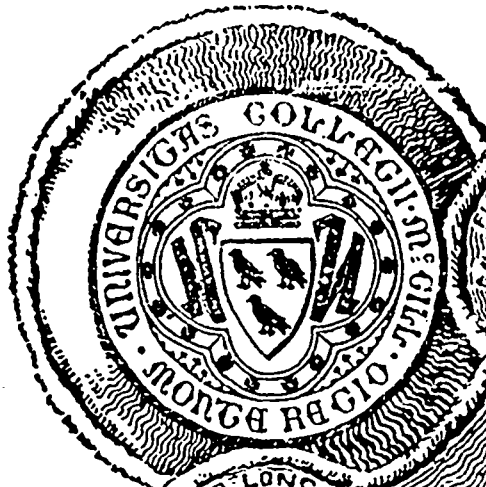
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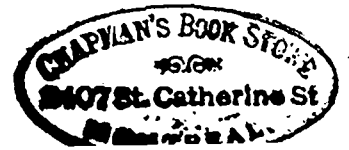
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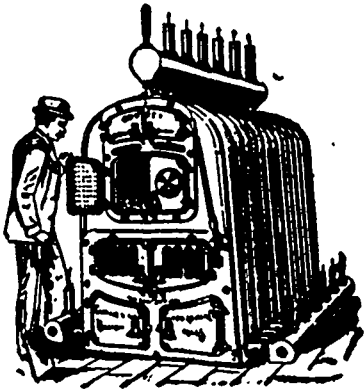
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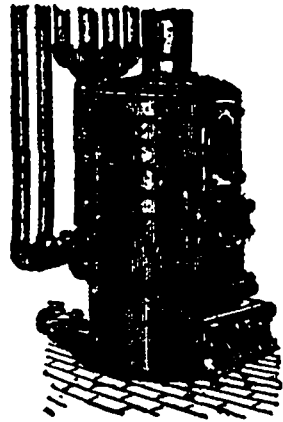
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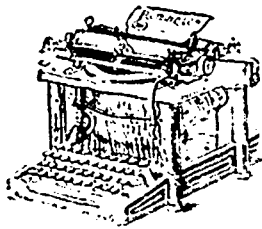
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## Editorial.

THE "Song Book," after many tedious delays, for which, however, the committee were not at all responsible, at length made its appearance last spring. It has been in the hands of the students for some time, and we now feel justified in passing an opinion upon it. That it leaves something to be desired, no one will question. That, however, it is superior to the old one, no one will deny. After a comparison with other books of the same nature, we can safely say that, on the whole, McGill has every reason to feel satisfied with her song book. We must, however, take exception to certain details of the work. Many of the old favorites have been left out and new songs introduced, whose only merit seems to be their novelty. Again, we are afraid that some of the songs have been arranged without due regard to the compass of the average student's voice. They are too high.

On the other hand, it is a pleasure to notice that many of the old songs have been arranged in brighter keys, and the accompaniments somewhat amplified. Some of the songs have also been arranged with bango and guitar accompaniments, thus providing for many a pleasant excursion. The new songs and glees are, as a rule, of

more than average musical merit, and we are glad to observe the presence of quite a number, of which both words and music have been written by members of the University. On the whole, the students are pleased with the book, and we beg leave, on their behalf, to thank the committee for their long and arduous labors in compiling a work of this nature.

WE were glad to see that, in spite of the dull day, our boys, with their old-time enthusiasm, made "sports' day" and "theatre night" the success they have always been. Is it not a pity that we should have to go outside our own grounds to hold our college sports. We look forward with impatience to the day when McGill shall be so equipped athletically that no one will say "we must go elsewhere in order to give the men a chance to do their best."

Nothing can be done in any direction without system: and this fact ought to be recognized in athletics in McGill. Until better facilities are offered for more systematic training, McGill can never hope to attain that position in the athletic world to which her size and importance entitles her.

**T**HEATRE night was again an University one. We are glad to note that "University spirit" is no longer a name only, but an established fact. This is, perhaps, as well shown as anywhere in the fact that the little "pleasure parties" made up after the theatre are often composed of "boys" from all the Faculties. These little parties used formerly to be much more in the nature of faculty cliques. The Fortnightly begs to tender the thanks of all the students to the committee for the able and energetic way in which everything was managed.

**W**E have recently heard certain rumors of a book soon to be published in the college. We have seen notices of meetings of "The Annual Committee," and several of our acquaintance have been "bustling and hustling" for some time about this "Annual." We, accordingly, determined to investigate the matter, and to publish in our columns anything of interest, which we might discover.

As some of our readers know, it has been the custom in our sister universities to the south of the line to edit annually a volume containing all available information about their "Alma Mater." A handsome book, well bound, well illustrated, with a happy combination of solid matter and light, serious and comic, historical and fictitious, interesting alike to the youngest undergraduate and the oldest alumnus.

By inquiry, we have ascertained that the present Junior year in McGill has determined to establish a precedent here: and to edit a book which they hope will be, and are sparing no pains to make a credit to the University.

We are informed that men and women elected from the Third year in each faculty constitute the editorial and business boards which have been at work all summer, and that nearly fifty pages are already set up in type.

The chairman of the editorial board has informed us that among other things, the annual will contain photographs of The Chancellor, Sir William Dawson, Principal Peterson and sketches of their careers; a History of McGill by Charles W. Colby, M.A., Ph.D., which will be illustrated by over seventy-five cuts; articles by Profs. Cox and Penhallow, with numerous illustrations of clubs, teams and points of interest in the buildings and grounds. Needless to say that all statistics available, in regard to graduate and college societies, in regard to athletics will be carefully tabulated, while numerous reminiscences of the joyful scenes of the past will refresh the mind of the weary student. The business manager states that the book will be in size 9½ x 8 . . , of about 250 pages, and will cost \$2.00.

Truly, by the above, the Junior year has taken upon its shoulders a considerable task: and, should it bring out a book in the near future which will contain articles and illustrations so full of interest to all graduates and students of McGill, we shall most heartily congratulate it upon its energy and ability and encourage all succeeding Junior years to follow its example.

**W**E wish to draw attention to the series of lectures on Ancient and Mediæval Architecture to be delivered by Prof. Capper in the Physics Theatre, commencing Thursday, November 5. These lectures are perhaps as important as any ever delivered in connection with the college. The subject is an intensely interesting one and ought not to be a matter of indifference to any student of refinement, whatever his faculty. We understand that the subject will be taken up in such a manner as to be easily intelligible to the lay mind, and that a free use of slides will be made to illustrate these lectures.



## Contributions.

### WOOD'S HALL.

On the southern side of Cape Cod, bounded on the one hand by Buzzard's Bay, on the other by Vineyard Sound, lies the little village of Wood's Hall. Nestling at the foot of a wooded hill, the grey, weather-beaten houses of the fisher-folk suggest simplicity of life and quaintness of custom. Notwithstanding the influx of modern ideas and insidious advance of the fashionable world, the village is still a delightful summer resort, where the chief occupation is work, and amusement is incidental.

No better place for a biological station could have been chosen. Cape Cod forms the boundary line between northern and southern farms. Sheltered nooks with a northerly aspect are the homes of the coarser, hardier plants and animals of the New England coast, while the more brilliant and delicate southern forms are almost every where abundant. Fresh water ponds, salt water inlets, stretches of sandy beach, piles of threatening rocks, quiet bays and stormy islands afford congenial homes for an endless variety of beautiful farms. The woods and fields are gay with a succession of wild roses, pink azaleas, graceful honeysuckle, scarlet lilies and spicy *Clectrsa*. Swamps are resplendent with rose mallows and orchids. The ponds are covered with fragrant water lilies. Mushrooms of curious hue spring up on every side. Two hundred and fifty species of *algae* have been found in this locality and the *fauna* is equally rich. Many interesting and beautiful places within easy reach furnish pretexts for non-scientific pilgrimages. Stretching towards the south-west are the Elizabeth Islands, which still retain their melodious Indian names, "Uncatena, Nonamesset, Great Naushon, Weepecker, Nashuwena, Pasque-nese, Cuttynunk and Penikese." The last is much the most interesting of the group on account of its association with Agassiz.

The island is now the desolate home of screaming terns, and the laboratory in which Agassiz held his famous summer school is in ruins. Nevertheless, it is easy to picture the master welcoming that earnest band of students who had "come in search of truth." School and master are gone, but the spirit which animated them lives, and is an inspiration to all, who are

" . . . groping here to find  
What the hieroglyphics mean  
Of the unseen in the seen."

Across the sound from Wood's Hall is Martha's Vineyard, and a little further east is Nantucket. The local etymology of the name is characteristic. An old sea captain, so the story goes, had three daughters. To Martha, he gave his beautiful vineyard; and to Elizabeth the group of islands which bears her name; only one island remained, so "Nan tuck it."

Charming drives and walks, good boating, excellent bathing, fine roads for bicycling combine to make Wood's Hall a most attractive place. For many years the village was the quiet home of fishermen, who lived apart from the world. One of the first intrusions upon their peace was the establishment of guano works, of which traces still remain in dilapidated warehouses, and a picturesque stone tower which, to the romantic stranger, suggests Norse adventurers. Another relic, more interesting to the scientist, is a curious alga, *Bachatrichia Quoyi*, found only at Wood Hall and in the Ladrões.

The United States Fish Commission established a station at Wood's Hall several years ago, and the commission buildings, with their beautiful aquaria and interesting hatchery, are most attractive.

The point, however, around which life and interest centres, is the Marine Biological Laboratory. The laboratory was opened in 1888, with scanty outfit and few resources, and in the



midst of the greatest uncertainty. At present, the M. B. L. owns three laboratories, supplied with the apparatus necessary for advanced biological work, a lecture hall and a dining hall. The buildings are of the simplest character, with unpainted, shingled exteriors, and rough, unfinished interiors. A steam launch and several boats and dredges enable the collector to secure an abundant supply of fresh material for work, and species new to the locality are so often brought in that the resources of the place seem inexhaustible.

Last summer two preparatory courses in zoology and two in botany were given. In the department of investigation great advantages were offered to advanced workers who, though carrying on research work, wished a certain amount of advice and supervision. In addition to the provision made for beginners in investigation, forty private laboratories were supplied for those engaged in independent research.

The laboratory is managed by trustees, and its expenses are met partly by the fees of students, and partly by subscriptions and the sale of biological supplies.

Dr. Whitman, of the University of Chicago, is the director, and to his devotion and self-sacrifice the success of the institution is largely due. The advantages offered in the department of instruction are unusually good. One man is not burdened with the whole field of nature. Last year, the staff included twenty instructors, a collector, an artist, and a laboratory assistant. Many of the investigators give a part of their time to regular instruction, and others deliver occasional lectures upon their specialties. Students have thus the opportunity of receiving the latest ideas from the greatest enthusiasts and best of teachers. All the instruction looks towards original work, and much of it is adapted to specialists, who are often heads of departments in colleges and universities.

In addition to the regular class work, a biological seminar meets every morning for discus-

sion. A course of lectures on the subjects of general biological interest is always given, chiefly by men not connected with the laboratory. Last season, such subjects as psycho-physiology and the properties of matter, were presented. One of the most highly appreciated lectures of the course was given by Prof. Penhallow upon the "Classification of Woods, according to their Histological Character."

The preparatory courses begin the first of July and end the middle of August, but the laboratory is open to investigators from the first of June until the first of October. In 1895, one hundred and ninety-nine persons, representing eighty-five institutions, were in attendance at the laboratory. Of these, forty-two were independent investigators, and twenty-one investigators receiving instruction. In 1896, of the one hundred and seventy-seven people at work, seventy-five were investigators.

The productivity of the department of investigation is second only to that of the famous Naples Biological Station. More than one hundred and fifty papers, worked out in whole or in part at the Laboratory, have been published since 1890.

Life at Wood's Hall may seem a round of work too exhausting for a summer holiday, but it is not so in reality. It is true that the greater part of the day is spent in the Laboratory but the latter part of the afternoon and the evening are devoted to recreation, differing somewhat from that of an ordinary summer resort, but refreshing to mind and body. Moonlight sails, delightful walks, impromptu concerts, clam bakes, etc., prevent monotony. The life is delightfully free, even bohemian. All dress as they please, but simplicity prevails.

The variety of type exhibited by the members of the Laboratory is very amusing. The attractive young woman in reform dress, the conservative girl who prides herself upon her femininity, the narrowest of specialists who regards his favourite worm as the centre of the universe, the

man who despises the conveniences of life are ever present. But, in the majority of cases, there are found originality without eccentricity, depth without narrowness, and a ready appreciation of all that is true and beautiful in every department of knowledge.

No more satisfactory and inspiring holiday could be imagined than a summer at Wood's Hall. The exchange of thought, the congenial society, the contact with broad minded men and women, the varied lectures, and the earnest discussion make life at the Laboratory most delightful and helpful, especially to comparative beginners in scientific work. McGill University has at last recognized the value of such a station, and has subscribed for and equipped an investigator's table at the Laboratory, and it is to be hoped that advanced students from our colleges will, in ever-increasing numbers avail themselves of the advantages offered at this unique biological station.

C. D.

[We understand that Professor Penhallow intends, in the near future, to give an illustrated lecture upon Biological Laboratories, with special reference to Wood's Hall.—ED].

## HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

CONNECTED WITH THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

### II.

To come down to more modern times, in this month three events happened, all relating to one, and that for a while the most distinguished individual in Europe. It was in the month of October (21st), 1805, that the battle of Trafalgar was fought, breaking down the naval force which Napoleon was endeavouring to establish. It was in this month (19th) in the year 1813, that the battle of Leipzig was fought, giving a blow to his military power which it never subsequently thoroughly recovered, notwithstanding all his gigantic efforts. It was in the same month (13th) two years afterwards, that he reached the shore of St. Helena, which he was destined never to leave alive. This month, therefore, witnessed the fall

of Napoleon, and marked the three great stages of his downward progress. The fall of Napoleon Bonaparte!—the author of the "Code Napoleon," which bears the mark of his mind as well as his name—the greatest crowned simplifier of legislation that ever existed,—who has, in that small volume, disposed of so many complicated questions, and bound together such a variety of materials, not indeed of political, but of civil freedom,—Napoleon Bonaparte, king of the kings of Europe, who *made* monarchs,—in whose ante-room sovereigns and princes were content to be his lacqueys,—Emperor of France, King of Italy, head of the Germanic Confederation,—before whom potentates sunk abashed, and broad Europe trembled.

The fall of Napoleon!—whose rise was so extraordinary, from a private station through the low degrees of military rank—who made his name renowned from the sands of Egypt to the snows of Siberia—who pursued his career of conquest until his banner had waved over the towers and palaces of almost every capital upon the continent of Europe,—whose mere name alone, after his first exile, sufficed to reconquer France, and to replace him on its throne—who, by one of the bitterest ebullitions of even regal spite, was exiled to a remote island, to spend his last days upon a barren and burning rock; but which little island could not hold his remains against the wish of a nation desirous of placing his corpse amongst the sepulchres of its kings, where it now sleeps with the mightiest.

The downfall of Napoleon! And from what? Naval and military reverses. And what are these? That he *could* fall from such a cause shows the mistake he had made in placing the physical above the moral power,—in thinking more of armies and navies than of humanity, its principles and rights. It was when he could no longer speak to the hearts of the people of every country in Europe—when "liberty and equality" were no longer promised by the advance of the French arms, but they too became subjugators and op-

pressors, it was when he loosened himself from that strong sympathy which only belongs to human rights, and to the prospect of man's happiness and enjoyment, that he became weak and powerless.

The moral strength was gone, the mere physical shell remained. And so Napoleon Bonaparte fell—

“To point a moral, and adorn a tale.”

the moral of the tale being that which I have shown in all the events which I have hitherto mentioned, and which October, in its record of battles, proclaims trumpet-tongued,—that human rights and the enjoyment of freedom are the only provisions for national strength, and the best safeguard of a nation's immunity from invasion and conquest.

Perhaps I should not dismiss these events without recalling that the first of these stages of decline in the life of Napoleon—the battle of Trafalgar—was marked by the death of an illustrious man in the list of England's heroes. I cannot praise the greatest name in the annals of heroism without reservation. Nor can I mention Lord Nelson without remembering that there were passages in his career which cannot be excused, and which any advocate who attempts to justify or palliate discredits his own moral sense by such an endeavour. I would especially name his breach of faith with the Neapolitan insurgents. With these reservations the career of Nelson was one which, I think, savoured more of the heroic in the limited sense of the word than is to be found in any other individual of modern times. He started in his profession with few advantages, unaided by patronage, and even in some degree kept down by a ministry hostile to him in political opinions. He possessed a genius which broke through the technicalities of the naval profession and applied his mental powers to new modes of attack, and that too with most brilliant success. He could even be disregarding of authority when victory was at stake; and at the battle of Copenhagen he refused to see the signal of retreat

which was flying at the masthead of his commander. He exposed himself as much as he did his men, to such an extent in fact that he had scarcely more than a moiety of himself to expose. Nelson had assuredly as ample a right as any man possibly could have to close his career by that memorable sentence, “England expects every man to do his duty.”

The records of October are by no means exclusively those of success on the part of popular efforts—it has also its martyrology in the list of deaths found in the calendar, from the suicide of Brutus, (B.C. 42), after his vain attempt to strike down tyranny in the person of the tyrant of Rome, to the assassination of Rienzi, (October 8th, 1354), who aimed at reviving the forms of old Rome and perished for his temerity. From these down to the defeat of Kosciusko, (October 4th, 1794), and the execution of Porlier and the gallant Riego in 1815 and 1823, we have a succession of admonitions that those who venture all in behalf of humanity most frequently lose property and life in the cause. Sacred be the memory of those who have acted thus nobly.

There is a last event which I extract from the calendar. It was in October that America was discovered. It was between the 11th and 12th of this month, in the year 1492, three small vessels, the largest not fifteen tons burden, two of them without decks, and upon the greatest calculation with only 120 men—some say not more than 90—were floating upon the Atlantic 750 leagues west of the Canary Islands, where human being was never known to have steered ship before. With the exception of one day they had been out of sight of land for thirty-five continuous days, and deemed themselves cut off from the world of human beings. The wind had shifted back for Europe: this they contended was an intimation that Heaven commanded them to return. Dark thoughts with respect to their leader were rising in their minds. Their organization and subordination were at an end. Columbus alone, with an unquailing soul, ruled, not by acknowledged

authority to command,—for that was gone,—but by moral influence, communicating from his own soul to theirs, enough of the longings and hopes which he entertained, to hold them on to their duty yet a while; his own heart, perhaps, beginning to sink and tremble at the prospect before him. Under these circumstances, at ten o'clock on the night of the 11th of October, he beheld a moving light; his own eye first perceived it—fit recompense for that clearness of mind and determination which had brought him there. He saw this light in motion as though guided by a human hand, and recognized in it the star of the new world. Four hours after the smallest vessel ahead gave the signal of land; and then the morning dawned, and there were green hills and fertile valleys sleeping in the sunshine—the island of San Salvador.

There was, however, something of a weakness in some other portions of this great man's life, such as his desire for the ennoblement of his posterity, and he provided that his family should always bear the title of "The Admiral." They were raised to the desired dignity and are now undistinguished amidst the crowd of Spanish grandees. Columbus also appeared not to have understood and appreciated the power and influence of the press, then beginning its mighty work among mankind. A subsequent adventurer—Americus Vesputius—took advantage of that great machine, paid reverence to it as though offering sacrifice to a deity on the discovery of the New World; and as if by some strange retribution for disregard of this rising power which should thereafter govern the Old and the New World, his name and not that of Columbus became the designation of the New World. In poetry only is it *Columbia*; not the only instance in which Imagination has been more true and just than History. These adventurers were unknowingly doing the work of future times: for what an era in history it was when America was discovered!

As in October, America was discovered, so in the same month George III. was doomed to en-

dure the penalty of his own tyranny and obstinacy, and compelled to humble himself for the misgovernment of many years as a retribution for the ambition and advance which seemed innate in his character, by submitting to sign a treaty recognizing the independence of America. Independent may it ever be!—more independent than treaties can render it, or fleets and armies sustain it:—more independent than she has yet become, owing to many blots and inconsistencies which still remain in her institutions:—the rancour of party spirit and the intolerance of diversity of opinion. Outgrowing these and realizing the great object of the charter of her national existence, recognizing the grand principle, "that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights; that among them are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness:"—may the United States rise into a nobler and a grander independence than she has even yet achieved:—the independence of mind and morals; and may that spirit return back from the New World to the Old, everywhere elevating humanity and carrying us onward toward the bright destiny which, from all the cheering intimations of the past, I trust yet awaits the human race in knowledge, freedom, and happiness.

One event remains still to be recorded—perhaps the greatest and bravest of modern times: that which is best known as the "*Charge of the Light Brigade*," the noble Six Hundred. This occurred on the 25th of October, 1854; by a singular coincidence the anniversary of the battle of Agincourt (just 440 years before.) The story is so well known that I need not record it here, it will live in English history for all time, and it is further immortalized by Alfred Tennyson:

"When can their glory fade?  
O the wild charge they made!  
All the world wonder'd.  
Honor the charge they made!  
Honor the Light Brigade!  
Noble Six Hundred."

In the different topics which I have brought together—the thread of connection of what else

might seem very discordant and incongruous, being simply that of chronological dates belonging to the same month of the year—I have, of course, been compelled to make a selection; but the events I have chosen all tend in the same direction, and each point confirms the instructive lesson of that which preceded it. They all demonstrate the importance and necessity of securing the enjoyments of freemen, if you would enlist

the spirit of freemen in support of national institutions and desire to ensure national safety, and the foundation of all true and lasting greatness in the mind and character of the great mass of the people. This lesson might be further enforced, and other useful instruction derived therefrom did time and space permit me the pursuit of the subject; but here I must leave it.

H. M.

## Poetry.

POSTHUMOUS POEMS OF CAPT. GORDON

### THE CREAM OF TARTAR KHANS.

A PAGE FROM THE HONOR HISTORY COURSE.

Oh, great was the reign of Zinghis Khan,  
The great Mogul, of the Tartar clan,  
A very remarkable fighting man,  
Who marched from the shores of the Caspian  
    With his horsemen by his side :—  
Who, several hundred thousand strong,  
Pursued the Emperor of "the Tong"  
From the proud Peking to the fair Kaifong,  
A city a hundred furlongs long,  
Where several million folks did throng :—  
    Till he stabbed himself and died !  
Oh, great was the reign of Zhinghis Khan,  
The great Mogul, of the Tartar clan.  
  
And great was the reign of the Khan Cublai ;  
One of the sons of his son Tuli,  
Who was the brother of Zagatai,  
Who both were the brothers of one Toushi,  
Who all had a brother they called Octai, —  
    But the family list is long :—  
Who was the Khan who marched right through  
The hole in the great big wall unto  
The royal residence of Hamcheu,  
In the country of silk, where the breezes blew,  
And the cocoa-nut tree and acacia grew,  
Till the last of the dominant house he slew, —  
    Of the dynasty of "the Song."  
Oh, great was the reign of the Khan Cublai,  
A greater man than you or I !  
  
And great was the glory of Sheibani Khan,  
An enterprising colonial man,  
Who the Siberian plant began  
On a fifteen thousand family plan, —

The brother of great Batou ;—

Who at Tobolskoi made his seat,  
And discovered the race with the cloven feet  
And the heads of dogs, the people who eat  
The ice of the pole in the place of meat,  
And live underground from the snow and the sleet,  
    If all we are told be true.  
Oh, great was the glory of Sheibani Khan,  
An adventurous anthropological man !

And great was the fame of Holagou Khan,  
Another exceedingly eminent man,  
Who trampled the Atabeks of Iran,  
Who slaughtered the brood of "the Mountain Man,"  
    And stormed and sacked Bagdad ;  
Who finished the Caliph Mostassem  
Of the race of Abbas, and from them  
Obtained the Mussulman diadem,  
And even threatened Jerusalem,  
And ousted the last of the Seljuk stem,  
    That wanted an empire bad.  
Oh, great was the fame of Holagou Khan,  
A very exceedingly eminent man !

And great were all of the Mogul Khans,  
The mighty tops of the Tartar clans,  
Who flourished before the Ottomans, —  
Their glory eclipses the great Sultans, —  
    The fame of the great Moguls ;  
Whose court was known as "the Golden Horde,  
Where thousands of waggons of gold were stored,  
And heaps of silver were daily poured, —  
I warrant you they had elegant board, —  
Great in council and great with sword, —  
    They must have had fine skulls.  
Oh, great were all of the Mogul Khans,  
Who flourished before the Ottomans.

ADDRESS TO THE DELTA SIGMA  
SOCIETY.

OBJECT AND AIM OF COLLEGE DEBATING  
SOCIETIES.

*Members of the Delta Sigma :*

The Donalda Literary Society needs attention and revision, for it has lost very much during the last four years. Since 1893 the members of our faculty have increased and its religious interests as embodied in the Y. W. C. A. have grown more intense. It is not right while these things are so that its literary side should be neglected.

The Donalda faculty of McGill is very young judging by the standard of colleges, and its many failings have been excused over and over again on this ground. But it seems a pity that the one great advantage youth has over age—enthusiasm and energy—should be wanting at this early day. There is no longer the excitement and pleasure in our educational advantages which we hear was everywhere present in 1880. We gaze with awe and not with any desire of emulation at what we call the clever classes, and we are content with studying and passing our examinations, thus missing the true spirit of our college course. This year there is a change. I have heard more comment on our lack of spirit than ever before, and I trust this talk will bear some fruit.

When the Donalda faculty was founded, a need was felt for some society which should be altogether literary—such a society as no college is without. Full of enthusiasm the classes sketched a plan of officers and rules, obtained official sanction, and the Delta Sigma was set upon its feet—its name chosen fittingly being the Greek initials of Sir Donald Smith. It was then a matter of much excitement, and was considered one of our greatest advantages. The meetings were looked forward to eagerly, the debates quickly taken up and carefully listened to. The Delta Sigma hour, in short, was as sacred from interruptions as any lecture time, and its importance regarded as equal to that of any course of

study. Other engagements were avoided or broken, which stood in the way.

At first the choice of subjects for debating and essay writing was left free to the committee, and those were chosen which were of special interest to the society. But the eye of authority was open, and when, at last, co-education was discussed with great warmth and much comment, a decree was passed ordering that lists of topics should be submitted to the Dean for approval. Since that time everything has gone smoothly, and the only fear we now have is, lest interest should drop from lack of opposition—for it is almost a truism that opposition begets enthusiasm which, if not the one thing needful, is at any rate very important to a literary society.

Such was the past of the Delta Sigma. The present is probably as bad as can be. We have the future in our own power. The situation is like that in which the trees are just now. They have no fruit on them, and the leaves are nearly fallen, all that still cling to the branches flutter in the wind as if anxious to be off, and are utterly destitute of life. But the tree is not dead for the sap has only retreated to the roots till a kindlier season will call it forth again. The attendance on our meetings has become sadly small, those members who appear doing so rather from a sense of disagreeable duty than for any other reason, seemingly not because they are interested, for their applause is slight. It has been impossible to fill up the debates with debaters, so that last year several of them had to be passed over altogether and a general air of uncertainty pervaded every meeting. The business of the society was conducted in a slovenly fashion, the meetings left unnoticed till very few could know of them in time, and then conducted with no sense of order or quietness. Blame attaches itself to everything but no one in particular is to be censured, for the primary cause lay in lack of interest. Surely if nothing can be done in the way of reform the society should be dissolved, as a waste of time and useless expense.

Perhaps you think this is to speak too strongly—that I feel no gratitude towards those who as committee have given time for the organization and as debaters and essayists for the entertainment of our meetings. I do not wish to be ungrateful, but I feel strongly in the matter. More time must be given or else all is wasted. It is of no use to plan a series of topics without devoting attention to carry them through, and it is wrong that essays should be prepared and debates considered when only a few are there to hear them read or discussed. But there must be life yet in what a few years ago moved such interest and enthusiasm among our students. Reform, I am persuaded, will revive the society and place it on its former, or a higher footing.

To do this requires time—the rarest commodity about McGill, which must be given cheerfully, not out of importunity, but from a desire of improvement. I do not ask for your help, but I tell you it depends on you whether the Delta Sigma shall perform its function, or whether the Donaldas shall be without such a society and do no original literary work.

If we are to change the aspect of affairs and to produce improvement in our meetings and through them in ourselves, we must attend to several matters.

For the season of 1896-97 three debates and twelve essays have been planned. Speakers have been found for one debate and writers for eleven essays. I trust they will not think their time thrown away if they spend enough to obtain a thorough grasp of their subject and prepare themselves to deliver it with artistic finish and style. Our object is to supplement the training of college in a very practical way, to keep up the literary reputation of our faculty, and to strengthen the feeling of fellowship, too weak at McGill.

It has often been asked what good comes to a student who, after studying four years, is whirled into occupations which lead her to forget all she ever learned. The answer is always ready: Her

mind has been trained to independence and originality of thought, and to ease in speaking, which can never be lost. Now, if college life were all it might be, this would be true in nearly every case. But when all one's time is spent in writing down the thoughts of others, in reading what great men have written before, and in learning old ideas by heart to set them down again on an examination paper, there is usually very little original thinking in the whole matter. And how much less improvement in speaking? We wonder how this is to be remedied, and in the present state of affairs there is no remedy at McGill. But one lies within our reach. In the Delta Sigma lies the power to effect a great reform. The professors have done all they can do for us, and we are mainly a faculty of good students. But we shamefully neglect some great advantages, not even recognizing them as such. If we can only understand them, and exert ourselves to use them, perhaps the good old days of the clever classes may come again, and we may even hope to have in our fortnightly meetings the enthusiasm which made the Oxford debating clubs prominent in the time of the French Revolution, and the turbulent German undergraduates at the head of reform during the middle ages.

Only take great interest in the proceedings—censure what is not done properly—propose any improvement which may occur to you—suggest topics for consideration—think and speak freely, and the result will be beyond all expectation.

In a great measure a student's life is a lonely one, composed of hours of solitary work. There is little or no social union between our undergraduates, and even occasions for intellectual union are few. Literary societies have as one object intellectual unity. They are specially designed that there may be interchange of ideas on old topics, and that new ones may pass from mind to mind. They enable some to measure their abilities by those of others and so to be reasonably elated or wholesomely dejected. They encourage, by interchange of enthusiasm,

studies outside of the college curriculum, and interests apart from study. They bring about a feeling of comradeship among the students and of loyalty to the Alma Mater, which could not spring from the mere taking down of lectures and writing of examinations.

The authors set down in the calendar for our study are the great men of the world. These who have formulated famous philosophical theories, who have discovered hidden things in science and mathematics, who have penetrated the mighty secrets of the earth and mind. With these great men our time is fully occupied, so that smaller men and less events pass by unnoticed. Modern political and social movements, the novelists, whole centuries of artists and musicians are left for us to review by ourselves, or not at all. And in the quiet lives we are compelled to live for four years, we may often hear nothing of what is going on, and care little for what we do hear, because of its seeming lack of interest. But when in essays and debates new subjects are brought before us, we are aroused to attention. The information we gain in this way is very valuable, both in itself and in its effects. Literary societies may have been the originators of many life interests, and when properly conducted, none of their members can be uninformed of what is passing in the world outside. Besides the new ideas which it is our object to engender, we aim at giving correct expression to them both in speech and writing. It has been said "Mastery in any art can only come by practice." Then, the benefits we obtain from speeches, impromptu and prepared, cannot be over-estimated.

Classification of knowledge, and ease in expressing it, deserve much attention. No less worthy are impartiality of opinion and self-confidence. I am persuaded that the Delta Sigma Society will reward the labour spent on it, and that its beneficial influence will extend far into many lives.

## THEATRE NIGHT.

Congratulations rendered on all sides to the Theatre Night Committee would seem to indicate that the night of the 20th was in every way a success. That McGill Night followed on Sport's Day lent a great deal to the success of the evening, and there is no doubt that the proper and only time to hold our Night is in the evening of the day on which our sports occur: further, perhaps it would not be out of place here to suggest that the Theatre Night Committee for 1897-98 be chosen next spring so that full arrangements could be made in the spring and early autumn for our University Night. As it was this year, after much inconvenience owing to the fact that there was no play on at the Academy, and that nothing could be brought on without longer notice than we had at our disposal, the Committee was obliged to postpone the date for Theatre Night from that assigned for Sport's Day. However, the wet weather of the 16th which caused the postponement of the games proved an advantage in as much as Sport's Day and Theatre Night were, as in former years, held on the same date.

As usual the procession, headed by a band of twenty pieces, left the college gates at 7-15 o'clock and proceeded down the avenue to St. Catherine Street. Here large crowds had gathered to see the boys, and amid smiles from the lookers on, class yells, yells for Alma Mater and mud galore the procession proceeded along St. Catherine St. West to Metcalfe St. A circuit was then made of Dominion Square, which was illuminated with colored lights and stormed with fireworks.

Proceeding up Peel Street to St. Catherine the march was made direct to the Academy in which most of the students, happily, were able to procure seats.

Medicine occupied the centre of the gods; Science the left hand side and Arts and Law the right hand side whilst Comparative Medicine sat with Medicine '98. The Professors representing the various Faculties occupied two of the lower



boxes which were distinguished from others by floral decorations. Bunting and McGill Crests aided by the faculty and class banners lent a brilliant effect to the whole scene.

The usual class and faculty yelling ensued for about a quarter of an hour after entering the theatre, when, after a couple of songs had been rendered in fine style by the students and a solo by Mr. Fimmie, the first item on the programme was announced. With Mr. Chevalier and his company everyone seemed to be more than pleased and beautiful flowers for the fair sex, and boxes of cigars for the other performers, together with a very handsome silver mounted cane for Mr. Chevalier were lowered from the committee box in the gods as a mark of appreciation on the part of the students. An intermission in the regular programme furnished an opportunity for more topical songs by the students, a solo by Mr. H. M. Robertson, and a solo with chorus by Mr. Percy Moore, all of which were well received. Finally a most enjoyable and successful evening was brought to a close with the drawing of Chevalier to the Windsor, after which, released from their restraint, the boys went where the spirit moved them, and as spirits were not particularly scarce many of them were deeply moved.

Mr. M. N. Burke made an excellent accompanist and the students are greatly indebted to Mr. Mackeracher especially and also to Mr. Turnbull for the fitting words set to some of our popular music.

The committee in charge of arrangements for Theatre Night was composed of

Law—H. M. Marler, Chairman, A. W. Duclos, B.A.

Medicine—W. B. Burnett, B.A., Treasurer ; R. A. A. Shore, B.A. ; F. J. Nicholson, B.A. ; W. A. Cumming.

Arts—W. G. Bishop, P. C. Duboyce.

Science—E. P. Bovey, J. W. Bell.

Camp. Medicine—J. C. Moore, D. P. Cullen.

## EXCURSION TO OTTAWA.

On Friday evening the twenty-third a bright and happy party left Montreal via the C. A. R. R. for Ottawa. It was the Geologico-Football Excursion whose mission was to first explore Ottawa and then yell the boys of Old McGill on to victory. The journey was a pleasant one. The youngsters representing the High School squealed merrily, the Freshmen played poker and sang about the Streets of Cairo, the Sophomores chaffed everyone from the portly conductor down to the newsboy, while the sedate seniors and juniors wrestled in thoughtful contemplation over dainty whist-tables.

On arriving at Ottawa the party was met by Messrs. Ami and Barlow of the Canadian Geological Survey, who conducted them to the Windsor where a hot dinner was awaiting them. After this the boys saw the sights of Ottawa.

On Saturday morning about nine, the Geologists gathered in a whirling snow-storm on the pier at the foot of St. Patrick's Street, awaiting the arrival of the steamer 'Emile.' They were bound for the Lida Clay-beds about eleven miles down the river. Dr. Adams, Prof. MacCoun, Dr. Ami and other members of the Survey headed the little party. The steamer was a gem—a sort of paste-diamond. It started a half-hour late at a terrific pace, continued a half-mile or so, ran up to a wherry and broke down. Fifteen minutes for repairs, and it again set forth, this time slowly and cautiously, examining each wave before it trusted it with the precious burden. This continued for three miles more, when the Emile again broke down and again left the scientists speculating on the probabilities of their ever seeing Leda or home again. Half an hour more, and the antediluvian steamer tried again, and this time with success for about an hour; later the still-hopeful party landed on the long-sought wharf, and set out in search of nodules. Numerous fossil fish-balls, several stone grasses, and falls innumerable were found on the snow-greased

shores, after which the party returned homeward. The results of the expedition showed how the leda-clays trip up their prey and capture them; how a few nodules contain fossils and most of them—clay; and how a certain member of the excursion missed his vocation in not being a ticket-puncher. Most of the party visited the museum and hustled thence to the football match. This game is chronicled elsewhere, and so we will say but a word. In the first half, Gleason, wind and sun beat McGill 11-0. In the second half, McGill, with no wind and no sun, tied foxy Ottawa, their Gleason, their Shea, and their tricks, 2-2.

It was a very clean match, excepting, perhaps, a slight difference of opinion in the grand-stand, wherein one of our Seniors challenged, grinned at and completely routed a giant of huge proportions, who was gifted with a flow of language consisting, in great part, of the monosyllable "Wah!" Of our team, Messrs. Grace, Sparrow, Schwartz, Levesque and McLea were the stars, while Gleason, Shea and Clancy did great work for Ottawa. The party arrived safely in Montreal about half-past ten.

Much credit is due to Professor Adams, the members of the Survey, and Messrs Campbell and McPhail, for the success they made of the excursion.

"LEDA."

#### OUR TRIP TO LANORAIE.

Bright skies, a genial sun, and bracing air, smiled upon the departure of the expedition to Lanoraie. The party consisted of three Professors and nine students of the civil and mining departments of the class of '98. The object, as far as we knew, was to demonstrate the accuracy of a similar expedition undertaken last year. For this purpose, we may venture to say, no better selection of men could have been made.

Peace and tranquility prevailed. Although intricacies of the "three-point problem" interfered to some extent with the boys chosen amuse-

ment on the way down the river, there was ample time and opportunity to indulge in the favorite pastime on our arrival at Lanoraie, and also on our return trip. The Professors showed not the slightest inclination to question the boys' methods of entertainment, but entered most heartily, each in his own way, into all that went on, showing, perhaps to our amazement, that they were men not unlike ourselves.

Professor MacLeod was himself, and, needless to add, everybody was satisfied with the arrangement and result of the work.

To hear his hearty smile floating across the water from Senator Drummond's comfortable yacht, was enough to cheer the heart of even him whose task it was to row against the stream with a forty-two foot float in tow.

Operations were concluded early in the afternoon of Saturday, and we proceeded on our homeward way, arriving in Montreal at seven o'clock.

W. M. M.

A sporty boy,  
A maiden coy,  
Were walking down the street  
He thought he would  
Henceforth be good  
To please this maiden sweet.  
He put his heel  
Upon a peel  
And,——landed on his ear.  
She thinks she heard  
A naughty word,  
She cuts him dead, poor dear.

Proud Father. — "Taken high degrees in your scientific course? I am proud of you my boy. By-the-way how can you prove that heat expands and cold contracts?"

Graduate — "Certainly. Don't the days grow longer in summer and shorter in winter?"

HINKS: "Was there much comment about the man who was lynched in your town?"

BINKS: "No, they dismissed him with a linc."

—Yale Record.

# Athletics.



## FOOTBALL.

Oct. 24th.

## INTERMEDIATE.

McGILL II.

vs.

QUEBEC.

Those who saw the match, saw as pretty a game of football as has been seen this year. Quebec are a strong team, but should not have made the score they did against our boys. The teams lined up as follows:—

McGILL II.		QUEBEC.	
McLennan.....	Back	.....	Pugh
Trenholme, H	} Half Backs	.....	Panet
Drinkwater ..		.....	Stocking
Gillies.....		.....	Tofield
Davidson.....	Quarter	.....	Riopel
McMaster .....	} Scrimmage	.....	Drum
Bond.....		.....	Foote
McLennan.....		.....	Rymer
Sise, P.....	} Wings	.....	McGreevy
Sise, C.....		.....	McGreevy
Robertson, S. C..		.....	Swift
Burnham.....		.....	Scott
Todd.....		.....	Pugh
Lyster.....		.....	Turner
Trenholme, A..		.....	Wade

The game opened with rushes on both sides, the play, however, being very loose. Before things had got well started, Quebec went over the line for a try which they failed to convert. Hardly had play been resumed when Panet kicked a goal from almost centre-field. Quebec again scored a rouge and things looked blue for McGill. All was Quebec, but not for long; this was only the prologue to the play. McGill now started to play the game and till half time the ball was kept, nearly all the time, inside Que-

bec's 25-yard line. Gillies, Trenholme and Burnham went over the line in quick succession. Drinkwater made some magnificent kicks in converting the tries, kicking one goal from the corner of the 25-yard line and the touch line. During the first half Trenholme was the bright particular star on the wings. He made some beautiful runs and was down on the ball all the time. Would there were more like him. Davidson at quarter is a host in himself. He not only plays the game for all it is worth, but he inspires his men. Any one who knows anything about football knows how much the personal magnetism of the captain does for a team, and Davidson possesses this in the highest degree. Drinkwater, as usual, played a grand game at centre-half. His long punts into touch were a feature of the game. Gillies also plays a very fast and safe game. The score at the end of the first half stood 22-13 in McGill's favor. The second half was more evenly contested, McGill scoring five to Quebec's four points. When time was called the score stood 27-17. This gives McGill a margin of 10 points when they play Quebec on the 31st. We feel sure our boys will win out the championship without great trouble. For Quebec, Panet played a great game at half. He is fast and hard to down and takes a beautiful drop. Lorne Drum in the scrimmage was the same old reliable as when he played for old McGill: on his knees, all the time in the scrimmage, handing out the ball with wondrous dexterity, unseen of the referee, scrapping our every point; teaching the referee his business, good old Lorne.

## McGILL VS. OTTAWA COLLEGE.

"Football as it should be played" would make a most fitting subject for a detailed account of the match played in Ottawa on the 24th inst., but this article will merely generalize on the match. The teams lined up as follows:—

MCGILL.		OTTAWA COLLEGE.	
J. Williams.....	Back	.....	Belanger
R. Molson.....	Half Backs	.....	Gleeson
Dr. Mathewson.....		.....	Beau ieu
E. McLea.....		.....	Shea
Levecque.....	Quarter	.....	Smith
A. C. P. Howard.....	Scrimmage	.....	McCready
J. Ross.....		.....	Clancy
N. Grace.....		.....	Boncher
Turner.....	Wings	.....	Tobin
Hill.....		.....	Lafleur
Amour.....		.....	Kingsley
Schwartz.....		.....	Quilty
Alley.....		.....	Green
Sparrow.....		.....	Foley
Richards.....		.....	Prudhomme

The score of 13 to 2 against us, and with which everyone interested is, no doubt, by this time acquainted, little represents the closeness and high order of the play. No one will, I think, deny that the best team won, but then this is not at all to the detriment of the McGill xv, as one glancing casually at the score might infer: on the contrary, the visiting team had the ball in the opponents' territory more than half the time.

Of the game put up by our forward line, and especially the "scrim," too much cannot be said in praise, and in this direction Ottawa College more than met their equal; and, not only this, but, contrary to newspaper reports, our forwards were fresher at the close of the match than were those of the opposing team. Our backs played their usual game, apparently as good as they are capable of putting up. When one mentions, in comparison, such players as Gleason and Shea, one must place such backs as McGill turns out in a secondary position. Gleason is, undoubtedly, one of the finest players at his position on the field to-day. Aided, as Ottawa College were on Saturday, by a very strong wind and the sun glaring in the faces of their opponents, and by such a captain as Gleason behind the line, they were able in the first half to run up a score of 11 to McGill's 0. Considering the prevailing circumstances McGill had done exceptionally well, and it was certainly hard luck that on resuming play the wind which, in the first half, had so favored their opponents, should almost die away, and that even the sun should hide his face behind the clouds for the greater part of the half under

conditions almost equally favorable to both. McGill made it more than interesting for Ottawa College in the second half, and the score of 2 to 2 speaks for the closeness of the game.

It may be said in conclusion that it does really seem too bad that we are unable to turn out backs who could at least hold their own with others, for, with a forward line such as we possess, under the guidance of a player such as Captain Schwartz, it seems hard that we should not obtain the championship. However, every student has a right to feel proud of our college team, and let us all do our best to help them on to victory in their remaining struggles by turning out to the matches encouraging them with our whispers. In the sentiment of that song rendered on theatre night there is nothing better to be done than to follow the example of science and try for the championship (trophy) "next year."

MCGILL III. VS. MONTREAL III.

The third fifteen of Montreal and McGill met on Saturday, the 24th, with the result that Montreal won a close hard game by scoring six points to McGill's three.

McGill won the toss and played with the wind, and sun behind them, but owing to the superior play of Montreal's wings were only able to score two points, while Montreal scored one in the first half.

In the second half, after Montreal had scored one from a touch-in-goal, McGill braced up and from a scrimmage about half-field the halves made a beautiful combination run and Skinner carried the ball across the line. It was a try, but for some unaccountable reason the referee called it a rouge. Then Montreal forced the ball down to McGill's goal, but were held for ten minutes within a yard of the line. McGill played fiercely, but Montreal got their try and won. In the remaining four minutes neither side scored.

Where all played so well it would be unfair to particularize but all of McGill's back division

played a perfect game, and McKay was especially noticeable for his clean tackling.

The teams lined up at 3 o'clock as follows:—

MCGILL, III.		MONTREAL, III.	
Lynch.....	Back	.....	Robertson
Skinner.....	} Halves	.....	O'Brien
Haszard.....		.....	Field
Shaw.....		.....	Campbell
Burton (Capt.).....	Quarter	.....	Reed
Hunter.....	} Scrimmage	.....	Webb
Rowell.....		.....	Allen
Cummings.....			
McKay.....	} Wings	.....	Reid (Capt.)
Packard.....		.....	Brown
Laurie.....		.....	Scott
Sutherland.....		.....	Wadsworth
McMaster.....		.....	James
Shepherd.....		.....	Hasley
Cape.....			

#### MONTREAL I VS MCGILL I.

On Oct. 31st, McGill again went down before her old time rivals the Montreals. McGill went to Ottawa on the 24th without great expectations of winning, and while sorry not to get the championship, were not broken hearted over their defeat. Against Montreal, however, the case was different. Our boys had really pushed Ottawa College harder than had Montreal, and they expected to win, though perhaps only by a narrow margin. It was not McGill's day, however, and the score of 15—1 about tells the story of the play. The teams lined up as follows:

MCGILL.		MONTREAL.	
Donohue.....	back	.....	Hamilton
O'Reilly.....	} half backs	.....	Fry
McLea.....		.....	Savage
Molson.....		.....	H. McDougall
Levecque.....	quarter	.....	Dr. C. Jack
Grace.....	} scrimmage	.....	Poff
Ross.....		.....	Baptist
Howard.....		.....	Meek
Morgan.....	} wings	.....	Armstrong
Hill.....		.....	E. O'Brien
Turner.....		.....	Massey
Alley.....		.....	Geo. James
Van Horne.....		.....	Murphy
Schwartz.....		.....	Prisseck
Sparrow.....		.....	Mason

During the first half things were fairly divided. Montreal started with some dangerous rushes which finally resulted in a rouge. They could not score again, however, and towards the end of the half, McGill had the better of the play, forcing Montreal to rouge, this making the score one all, when time was called. Montreal's back division played a magnificent game. The snap and vim show in the play of Savage and Hartland McDougall was an object lesson for McGill men. May they profit by it. Fry also played a brilliant game. Donohue for McGill played as sure a game at "back" as one

could wish to see. His low tackling was perfection and saved McGill a goodly number of points.

Our scrimmage did not play up to form at all, nor did the inside wings hold their men as they should have done. Levecque at quarter did not get a fair chance. Our wings were as usual fast and strong. Schwartz and Turner were down on the ball all the time, but the Montreal halves were too many for them. Poff in the Montreal scrim was a host in himself.

In the second half McGill fought desperately and held Montreal down to 5 points till within ten minutes of time. Montreal, however, seem always to score towards the end of a game and Saturday's match proved no exception to the rule. Before time was called they had run the score up to 15.

Though beaten McGill is not despondent. The boys are confident of beating Ottawa City on college campus and if they succeed in doing so, McGill, Ottawa City and Montreal will tie for second place. McGill has good material this year and what is more to the point will have the same material next year. With this year's experience to guide them, and a little more systematic training and combination in their play, we are sure that the boys will make a hard fight for next year's championship.

#### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

##### MCGILL II VS QUEBEC.

On Oct. 31st the game was called at Quebec on account of darkness with the score at 18—15 in Quebec's favor. We have again captured the intermediate championship and it will need a strong team to wrest it from our grasp. McGill possesses this year and will probably have next year the strongest intermediate team that has ever played for the college, and we feel safe in saying that no club in the Quebec union can put three such teams on the field as can McGill this year. The second team have practised hard and faithfully and richly deserve this honour. Capt. Davidson has a right to feel proud of his team and the team of their captain for the way in which he has handled them. The boys will no doubt rest for awhile before preparing for their match with the Ontario intermediate champions. Beware, however of "Les delices de Capira." The intermediate championship of the Dominion is not yet ours, and it will need a grand struggle to get it. Our boys are capable of it, however, and we feel sure that whatever the issue of the match with the Ontario men, nothing but credit will accrue to our boys.

McGILL III VS QUEBEC II.

On Oct. 31st, McGill had a walk-over, the score standing 34-0 at call of time. The game was too one-sided to be of much interest from the spectators' point of view. Our boys were good enough to win the junior championship and had the other teams been forced to put three teams in the field when they met McGill III. They would surely have won it. Where all played so well, special mention would be invidious but we must say that our back division, especially, showed to advantage. Berton at quarter has the making of a grand player in him.

SPORTS' DAY.

Our annual Field Day was not so successful this year as we had expected. The weather was extremely unfavorable, the tracks and grounds were in poor condition as far as making and breaking records was concerned. Many of the men, however, showed unmistakable signs of good training, and would undoubtedly have smashed some records in ordinarily good weather. Excepting for one or two unfortunate accidents everything passed off smoothly, and much praise is due the officials for the manner in which the sports were conducted. It is pleasing to note that many of our Professors continue to take a lively interest in our athletics.

The list of events, with the winners' names and scores is given herewith, together with the record and name of the holder:

1. Kicking Football—Lynch, 160 ft. 1 in.  
Record—Mathewson, 168 ft. 5½ in.
2. Throwing Cricket Ball—Robertson, 320 ft. 2½ in.  
Record—Robertson, 327 ft. 9½ in.
3. Throwing Hammer, 16 lbs—McLennan, 84 ft 9 in.  
Record—McLennan, 85 ft. 1¼ in.
4. Pole Leap—Archibald, 9 ft. 6 in.  
Record—Milburn, 9 ft 9½ in.
5. Throwing Heavy Weight, 56 lbs—McLennan, 21 ft. 4 in.  
Record—Brown, 22 ft. 7½ in.
6. Running Hop, Step and Jump—Robertson, 39 ft. 3 in.  
Record—Campbell, 42 ft 7½ in.
7. Putting 16 lb Shot—McLennan, 31 ft. 9 in.  
Record—McDougall, 35 ft. 9 in.
8. 50 Yards Run—Woodley, 2 min. 11 1-5 sec.  
Record—Barber, 2 min. 2 3-5 sec
9. Half mile Bicycle Race—Myers, 1 min. 15 4-5 sec.  
Record—Killaly, 1 min. 15 4-5 sec.
10. Running Broad Jump—Harding, 19 ft. 10 in.  
Record—Campbell, 20 ft. 11 in.
11. 100 Yards Dash—Moore, 11 sec.  
Record—Campbell, 10 2-5 sec.  
Kennedy, 10 2-5 sec.
12. One Mile Run—Woodley, 5 min. 20 1-5 sec.  
Record—Brodie, 4 min. 40 3-5 sec.
13. Throwing Discus—McLennan, 83 ft. 10½ in.
14. One Mile Bicycle Race—Coussirat, 2 min. 37 sec.  
Record—Coussirat, 2 min. 36 2-5 sec.
15. 220 Yards Run—Robertson, ————.  
Record—Campbell, 23 4-5 sec.
16. Running High Jump—Harvey, 5 ft. 2 in.  
Record—Killaly, 5 ft. 6 in.
17. M. A. A. Race—140 Yards Run, Robertson, ————.  
Record—Moore, 54 1-5 sec.
18. Three Mile Bicycle Race—Coussirat, 8 min. 27 1-5 sec.  
Record—Coussirat, 8 min. 20 2-5 sec.
19. 120 Yards Hurdle Race—Howard, 19 sec.  
Record—Campbell, 19 sec.
20. Faculty Team Race—Faculty of Arts.



## Societies.

### LITERARY SOCIETY.

Subject of debate: Resolved, that an imperial Zollverein, as proposed by Mr. Chamberlain, would be beneficial to the empire. The attendance on the 23rd was not up to the usual mark. Many of the members had gone to Ottawa to uphold the honor of McGill on the football field while others were absent on a geological excursion. But if the company was small the debate was animated. Every one present was determined to contribute his quota to the discussion: even the president was caught with the prevailing enthusiasm. The vote showed a small majority in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned after Mr. E. M. Campbell had made an able criticism of the debate.

The following subjects will be debated at the regular meeting of the society:

Nov. 6.—Resolved, that party allegiance is preferable to independent action in politics.

Nov. 13.—Resolved, that the jury system should be abolished.

Nov. 20.—Resolved, that the swiss system of referendum is desirable.

Nov. 27.—Resolved, that a protective tariff renders wages higher.

Dec. 4.—Resolved, that a national income tax is desirable.

Dec. 11.—Resolved, that labor organizations promote the best interests of the workingman.

Bibliographies on the above subjects can be had by application to Mr. Mott at the Library.

### MCGILL GLEE AND BANJO CLUB.

Mr. Edward Broome of this city has been secured as instructor of the Glee Club. His experience in conducting male choruses is great; his Welsh Choir having obtained the first prize at the World's Fair in 1893. Under his instructorship the club is destined to uphold its reputation.

Should a person wander through the college grounds on a Monday or a Friday evening, between the hours of 7 and 8, he would hear melodious sounds issuing from the top flat of the science building, indicating that the members were working hard in order to get things into shape for their Xmas tour. Already six or seven practices have been held.

The Banjo Club has not been idle, but under Prof. Parker's guidance is getting in good work, and will, no doubt, do honor to the name it bears. Members wishing to join either clubs should send in their applications to either of the leaders.

### MONTREAL VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the society for the present session was held on Thursday evening, October 9th, when the election of officers and other business took place. The second meeting was held on Thursday evening last, October 22nd, the president, Dr. Baker, occupying the chair. Mr. W. B. Wallis reported a case of parturient apoplexy in the cow, rendered exceptionally interesting by the subsequent occurrence of general subcutaneous emphysema. Dr. Martin explained the microbic origin of this condition in the human subject. Mr. Burns followed with an interesting paper on "Nursing and General Management of Veterinary Patients." In the discussion which ensued numerous points of practical importance with regard to ventilation, dieting, drainage, and regulation of temperature, were elicited.

Dr. Martin remarked that a majority of veterinary cases were due to gastro intestinal derangement, caused by improper feeding.

The president, after a few practical remarks, appointed Mr. Connolly as essayist for the next meeting. The subject of the paper will be "Influenza."

Mr. Hilliard will report a case. B. A. S.

## DELTA SIGMA SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of what we hope will prove to be the rejuvenated Delta Sigma Society was held on Monday, October 19th. The attendance was fair, twenty five in all; but considering that our department consists of more than fifty undergraduates we have a right to hope for a larger number at future meetings.

Business matters came first. As Monday proved an inconvenient day for some members, it was decided to refer the change of day to the committee. They have since reverted to the hour formerly sacred to Delta Sigma, 4.15 p. m.

Instead of the usual debate the Delta Sigma opened its season with an address from the president, Miss Holden. Her speech was exactly what was needed to stir our too sluggish spirits. All who were unable to attend the meeting are earnestly recommended to read it. For their benefit especially it is printed in this number.

A new feature of the meeting was the introduction of impromptu speeches. Subjects were given to victims selected at the president's discretion. They were allowed two minutes for reflection on their topic, and then the speech was called for. The first subject, "Is novel reading beneficial?" was given to Miss Carr. Miss Bourkewright spoke vigorously on "Strikes," and in a very few words Miss Edgar dismissed "College Athletics."

Miss Carr was elected reporter to "Fortnightly."

## UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

The regular weekly meeting of the Society was held on Friday evening, 16th October, at 8 p. m., President McMaster in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the programme of the evening was at once proceeded with. Mr. C. C. Ferguson, '99, read a selection from a "History of New York," after which Mr. P. C. Du Boyce, '96, led the members present in a time-honored chorus. Mr. E. M.

Hunter, '99, read an humorous essay on the "Origin of Man," though this is a somewhat deep subject, the essayist displayed considerable grasp of it and disclosed several important facts hitherto neglected by Mr. Darwin. The debate, "Resolved, that the present tendency to congregate in large centres of population should be discouraged," was then taken up. Messrs. E. Place, '98, A. P. Scott, B. A., '98, and J. G. Greig, '00, defended the resolution, while Messrs. M. C. Heine, '98, L. Robertson, '99, and J. R. Thompson, '98, supported the negative side of the question to such good purpose that they secured the verdict of the audience. Mr. J. J. Willis, '96, closed the evening with a pleasing critique.

The attendance was comparatively small; though the inclemency of the weather may be urged as an excuse, the Society does not yet receive the support it merits.

## MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY OF UNDERGRADUATES.

The second regular fortnightly meeting was held on Friday evening, 23rd October, in the Medicine Building. The programme arranged for the evening was:

1. Paper, "Cough and its Treatment," W. R. Penmyer. Discussion in above to be introduced by E. M. Von Eberts.
2. Report in a case of "Acute Hodgkin's Disease," E. C. McCallum.
3. Hospital and College Reporter's Statement.
4. Exhibition of Pathological Specimens.

Mr. Penmyer's paper gave evidence of careful study and research into a subject, the literature of which is by no means abundant or over accessible, was a specimen of excellent medical composition. Mr. Von Eberts, in leading the discussion, made a *résumé* of the paper, criticising points here and there; after which it was thrown open to the meeting for further discussion. This led to an interesting debate which greatly enhanced the benefit from Mr. Penmyer's paper.

Mr. McCallum's case, report of "Acute Hodgkin's Disease" was highly instructive and sug-



gestive. We expect to have the pleasure of hearing a most valuable paper on this subject from one of our graduates, due notice of which will be posted on the usual boards.

The two pathological specimens were accompanied by a short description by Mr. Drum.

On Friday evening, 6th November, the Society will hold a debate upon the subject: Resolved— "That heart depressants are always contra-indicated in fevers." This is a subject of great value to the medical students, and it is sincerely hoped that every man will make it a point to be present. Drs. Martin, Morrow and W. H. Hamilton have kindly expressed their willingness to aid the good work of the Society, and will act as judges on this occasion.

The last meeting was fairly well attended, but the number present left much to be desired in that line. There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the conditions of membership to the Society. Every undergraduate student in medicine is, upon beginning his course, made a bona fide member of the Society, and is entitled to all the privileges which this Society offers. This year a departure has been made and a programme has been arranged of such a nature as will make it possible for the members of the different years to spend an enjoyable and instructive evening. It is therefore greatly to be desired that the men of the different years will help on the good cause of the Society by regularly attending the fortnightly meetings.

#### Y. W. C. A.

The subject of the meeting of Oct. 9th was "Work and its Motives," the leader being Miss Derick. The reading was taken from St. John viii. 28 34. Miss Derick showed how all work, both in college and elsewhere, must be done, not for the sake of obtaining worldly honour or success, or even in the hope of winning happiness, but, excluding all thought of self, as a duty to our Master and a loving service for His children; and into such a life the only true happiness will enter.

On October 23rd Miss Ross gave an address on the Northfield Convention. She described briefly the buildings, scenery and pastimes of the place itself, and then set before us some of the great truths learnt from the various speakers: three addresses on the Blood of Christ. Rest and Service were considered more at length.

#### MCGILL Y. M. C. A.

The association was highly favored on Sunday afternoon, October 25th, in having the Rev. Dr. Murray to deliver an address on the subject, the "Temptation of Christ," which was treated in the strong, lucid style of the lecturer.

The meeting was certainly the largest held this session, and there were many other than students present. The lecture was highly appreciated by all present.



## Class Reports.

### MEDICAL NEWS.

The students of the Faculty of Medicine feel justly happy after sports' day and theatre night. There was not a man amongst us who did not enjoy himself to the fullest extent, and it seems quite reasonable to remark that hereafter such a thing as a Faculty theatre night on such an occasion will never exist.

Dr. Lafleur congratulated the students recently on the orderly manner in which the proceedings of University night were carried out, in contrast to those of his student days.

The senior year should figure prominently in the class matches for the trophy presented by Dr. Gunn. They are hopelessly negligent as regards practice, yet, with John Knox in scrimmage, we will hold our own. Our football officers are, Capt., E. S. Harding. Committee, Messrs. Gilday, Roy and Sparrow.

The fourth year will not immortalize the "Annual." Their photograph will not adorn it.

To celebrate the entry of one of our number into the matrimonial state, we were treated to quite an enjoyable impromptu concert. Several of the members of '97 figured prominently; but standing high above the rest was Mr. Jeremiah Brears' rendition of "A little more cider," in his own inimitable style. "Willie" Proderick also favored us with "Maggie Murphy's Home" in French, translated by Mr. Morse, B.A.

The great and placid mind of the "only Cook" seems peculiarly troubled during the present week. The cause justifies the symptoms; he is raking up the past and social history of any suspicious-looking Freshmen.

Q. Why trouble yourself, Mr. Cook? A. It is my (h)orders.

'99 is now enjoying the calm after the storm. She distinguished herself on that eventful Tues-

day by doing much to bring about that happy condition of affairs contained in the reply to the question, "What's the matter with medicine?" She distinguished herself again in the evening, but "Oh, what a difference in the morning;" a glance over the anatomy lecture room would show how she almost ex-tinguished herself then.

Since that time, she has quietly and calmly been "sawing wood," stopping only to straighten her fingers after the note taking of a *Materia Medica* lecture, or to note the various smells passed around in test tubes during the chemistry lecture, or to enjoy the sight of the scientist in pursuit of knowledge, i. e., frogs under difficulties. Already the question, "Did you see Zimmerman in the one mile," is failing to arouse excitement, and soon she will have forgotten that meetings might be called and needed twice a week.

### LEGAL BRIEFS.

Novelty is a power. Music charms. Both together, transform. Under their influence the old become young; the youth rejoices in his youth. Such was the Law Faculty on theatre night. The waiter saw it all. He pondered over it. He marveled much.

*The Acting Dean* enjoyed it; he laughed; he applauded; his pleasure was evident, was apparent in every movement. He was young again.

*Judge Doherty* was quiet, was dignified. There was the critic; he was cool, was calculating; he was amused. But ennui lurked near; was only a step away.

And then in the "gods."

*The Colonel* was admirable; his was the post of honor; he led the charge; his mission was courageous. Was spiced with danger. He clung to the banner.

*Mr. Howard* was a shock. Not "our" Mr. Howard. "He" was absent. But another Mr. Howard. On his noble brow reposed a grey topper; his eye sparkled with gaiety; his appearance suggested frivolity; he shouted; he whistled; he sang; he waved his hat; he stamped his feet. In a word, was like his confreres. Solemnity was replaced by facetiousness. He had found his youth; he revelled in it.

*Mr. Armstrong* was dapper, was neat, his surroundings influenced him; his wit was abundant, was refreshing. Like the oasis in the desert.

*Mr. Mac* was rural; his hat smacked of the wheat field. One looked for the hay rake. His manner was boisterous, was spontaneous. It betokened health, of the youth fresh from the fields.

When is *Sinn* original? When he makes a pun.

Why would *Dickson* make a good football player? Because he is such a kicker.

The first year is quiet, is retiring. The roll call keeps it from oblivion, from annihilation. The year is big. It has the physical giant. It has the mental giant. It is the numerical giant. Wake up, first year.

*Smyth*, '97, has the sympathy of all his confreres in his present deep affliction.

All hail, oh *Marler*, '98. You were the general on theatre night. The guiding spirit of the votive offerings. Your appearance inspired confidence. You were calm, were frigid in your collectedness. All hail, oh *Marler*, '98.

The class room had a deserted look on the day following theatre night. Tell it not in Gath! but true it is that two of our most solemn Professors were seen leaving the academy together; neither put in an appearance next day. Query for the Moot Court: Is the presumption for or against them?

### MCGILL, '97.

MCGILL, '97, has decided to have a class-pin, and a very dainty pin their committee have selected. About thirty designs were submitted; but, in spite of this fact, "Design number five," of Henry Birks & Sons, carried the committee-meeting unanimously. It consists of a white circular shield, with the McGill coat of arms and crest in the centre in red, a gold 9 on one side and a gold 7 on the other.

Messrs. J. G. Saxe (Arts), Chairman.  
J. E. McDonald (S.), Secretary.  
F. E. Rogers (Med.) C. H. Morris (Med).  
L. Boyd (Law). T. Montgomery (Law).  
G. Drinkwater (Sci.). R. P. Campbell (Arts).

### ARTS FACULTY NOTES.

Our reporter saith that everything runneth smoothly in the Faculty, and also reported that a meeting was held, at which Mr. Laurence MacFarlane, of '97, was chosen as representative to a *Conversazione* to be held at Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

'97 feels indeed pleased that '98 should have so recognized the ability of the graduating class, as to wish to get out an "Annual" for the purpose of having a group of '97 in it. We will, indeed, have our "photos" taken with pleasure.

We are pleased to note that '98 is, indeed, a stirring class. Incredible as it may seem, thirteen of them are taking Honor Philosophy. Plato's academy sinks into insignificance beside the acute perception and analytic power of some of the members of this class. '98 went to Ottawa in a body, and their thirteen philosophers preached patience and hope for next year all the way home.

A meeting of the "Sophs" was held on Friday, October 22d, and a debating club was formed. Meetings are to be held weekly. The following are the officers for the current year:

President, McKenzie.  
Vice-President, Gardner.  
Secretary, C. M. Cotton.  
Committee, Hunter, Ellis, Brown.

The "Sophs" are eager to meet any of the other years, in order to see who can pull most jerseys off their opponents' backs on the football field, and, incidentally, to find out which knows least about football.

Some of the boys of 1900 don't believe in going to the theatre, and incidentally, in paying their share for the banner. Are they not somewhat young as yet to appear in our classic halls. The officers for the year were elected on September 30th, and are as follows:

President, J. G. Greig.  
 Vice-President, Robert Elder.  
 Secretary, J. J. Walker.  
 Reading-room Committee, Horsfall and Charter.  
 Reporter, H. L. Cooke.

#### SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

The students of this faculty have been highly favoured in receiving a special course of lectures by Mr. J. A. L. Wadell, C. E., a distinguished American bridge engineer, assisted by Mr. Lee Treadwell, C. E., who is Mr. Wadell's engineer in charge of construction. The subjects dealt with were: First principles of bridge designing; practical considerations in the design of a bridge; the design of a bridge with a view to architectural beauty; together with numerous informal talks on details of designing, specifications, contracts, etc., etc., by Mr. Wadell; piers, foundations, and the Sioux City bridge by Mr. Treadwell. The lectures were for the most part illustrated by lantern slides and drawings. Coupled with the thorough grounding given us by our professors, they will prove of inestimable value.

Mr. Wadell is a Canadian by birth, and took his degree of Ma. E. at McGill; he is also a graduate of the Rensselaer Institute, Troy, N. Y. Mr. Treadwell is a graduate of the State University of Arkansas.

To both these gentlemen the students, especially of the Senior year, are deeply indebted.

No wonder Science '98 has such a good football team with such star half-backs as Tommy

McLean, Ernie McLea and Red McLennan; while as the forwards line up preparatory to beating some other year, the familiar faces of "toothless" Annie Laurie, Tommy Irving, the redoubtable Eaves and our worthy president may be seen. Our mascot, the only Sheff, walks along the touch line cheering on the team and laden with sweaters.

Willie Bryan isn't in it with our "boy orator"

We are taken to task by '98, in the last number, for not keeping the Freshies in order.

We thought that the Freshies were harmless enough, but our immediate predecessors always were a little timid.

The endeavours they made to practice what they now preach were truly pathetic. If '98 find the Freshies troublesome they should again take refuge in "their own back yard." They found it a safe place of refuge last year.

#### COMPARATIVE MEDICINE CLASS REPORTS.

At a general meeting of the students, the following gentlemen were elected as officers for the coming session:

III Year. President, W. Burns.  
 Secretary, R. G. Matthew.  
 II Year. President, J. P. Spanton.  
 Secretary, J. B. Hart.  
 Reporter, W. B. Wallis.  
 I Year. President, Hammond.

The return of Messrs. Parker, Newcombe and Hart makes a welcome addition to the strength of their various years.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Dr. Charles McCluhan on his record at the Hunt Races. The success of a good sportsman is always welcome.

The Sword of Damocles, in the form of chemistry, still hangs over the II. year men, but owing to the grinds held by Mr. Wallis it is fast losing its terror.

A Journal Club has been formed by the mem-

bers of the final year, for the purpose of reading and discussing current professional literature. The meetings will be conducted under the able management of Mr. D. Cullen. Members of the 1st and 2d years are heartily invited to attend the meetings whenever they can find time to do so.

The supper given by Dr. Thurston and Mr. Cullen was greatly appreciated by the large number of students present. The evening was rendered a memorable one by the excellent music dispensed by Messrs. Wallis and Bell. The gathering gave a pleasant opportunity for the older students to make the acquaintance of the Freshmen.

As a result of the above-mentioned gathering, at a special meeting of the students, it was unanimously decided that a "Faculty Club" should be organized, the object being the encouragement of such entertainments, the committee of the Club also to have charge of affairs relating to athletics. The Club is under the Presidency of Dr. Thurston.

We extend our thanks to the gentlemen forming the committee which gave us the opportunity of enjoying such a delightful programme on Tuesday night.

#### FEATHERS FROM THE WEST WING.

It might be interesting to know what the Donalds separately did on those dismal sports' day holidays. But probably the aggregate of what was done would not amount to much. We know of some who, in spite of wind and weather, had already seated themselves beneath the green-shaded lights of the library before the clock gave forth its nine deep tones. These individuals are quite ready for the April exams. Then there were those who got ready every five minutes to go and see the sports but somehow never succeeded in getting there. And there were others who thought it would be so unkind to the poor men not to put in an appearance. These arrived at the grounds before it was dark, and no doubt

inspired the athletes very much. And lastly perhaps it was not only one, who, having comfortably seated herself with all her "Kellies" within easy reach, remembered no more till it was tea time.

Prof.—"Alfred de Musset né en 1810 . . . Mourut en 1857." Mademoiselle, quel âge avait-il? Mademoiselle begins to cipher vigorously.

Prof. (continuing): "Il fut introduit dans le Cenacle en 1828." Mademoiselle qu'est-ce que Cenacle? Mademoiselle is not positive, but thinks c'est une petite place au dessus d'une chambre.

Mademoiselle—"Dans une langue dérivée, nous remarquons (a) la suppression des cas (b) la suppression du genre."

"We are much impressed with the report that we are soon to be treated to a Latin play. On the eventful evening, classical professors may be somewhat surprised to find signs of crowding in their neighborhood: it is to be seriously hoped no tricks will be played us with regard to the fitting moments to laugh and to weep.

We hear that when the dates have been given and the question comes "Quel âge avait-il donc?" the philanthropic professor now immediately produces a pencil.

The class of '98 are in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Moore (the recent Miss Cowan) in which she expresses her pleasure with the "remembrance of old days" that they had sent her.

The "Freshies" have occasionally lost their lectures because the Professor has been detained in the morning by circumstances over which he had no control.

A— (translating after reading): "Dulci Aquæ satiente sitim restinguere viro." To quench thirst by leaping into a river of fresh water.

It is absolutely necessary that each "Freshie" brings in a bottle of mucilage—at least for some lectures.

Logical S. S. Scholar—"The kings of Israel must have been awfully poor?"

Teacher—"Why, child?"

L. S. S. S.—"They all slept with their fathers, didn't they?"

Scientific laudlady gazing at *Impelopsis quinquefolia*—"Ain't that ample lobster a lovely vine?"

Overheard at Wood's Hall—First Zoologist: "How did the botanical lecture go off, last night?"

Second Zoologist—"First-rate. He was pretty hard on *Chara* and *Marchantia*, though?"

First Zoologist—"Why! What's the matter with their text-book?"

A DISCOVERY IN BIOLOGY.

I think I know what Cupid is,  
 Bacteria Amoris;  
 And when he's fairly at his work  
 He causes dolor cordis.  
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 A remedy specific,  
 Prepare an antitoxine, please,  
 By methods scientific.  
 Inoculate another heart  
 With germs of this affection;  
 Apply this culture to your own,—  
 'Twill heal you to perfection.

—Vassar Miscellany.

'YOU' KISSED ME, DEAR."

SHE.

You kissed me, dear, when you said good night  
 Under the full of the summer moon;  
 My soul was a maiden's, pure and white,  
 And free as the breath of the fragrant June.

But a woman's soul leaped forth to light  
 When you kissed me, dear, as you said good night.

HE.

I kissed you, dear, when I said good night:  
 Your face was fresh as a new blown flower;  
 Your eyes were sweet, with your sweet soul's light,  
 And I robbed your heart of its girlhood's dower.

But my darkened soul grew strangely bright  
 When I kissed you, dear, as I said good night.

May Hayden Taylor.

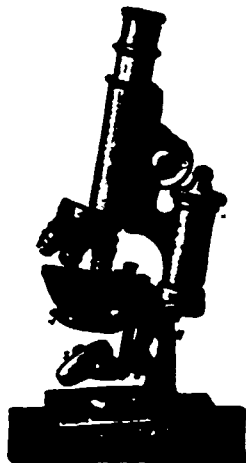
IF LOVE SHOULD DIE.

If Love should die, Sweetheart, to-day  
 Or in some hour that doth delay  
 Unborn in Time, would it make drear  
 Our lives or mar a summer's cheer,  
 Or even cloud a moment gay?

For Love, like death, is born to play  
 A minor part and hold its sway;  
 Then vanish from Life's stage: why fear  
 If Love should die?

Nay, Sweet; but rather let us say:  
 "Love came and Love hath gone its way;"  
 And drop, perchance, upon his bier  
 A withered rose, perchance a tear;  
 Let us no sadder tribute pay  
 If Love should die.

—Bachelor of Arts



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## Exchanges.

We think we are safe in saying that there is not a more scholarly magazine on our exchange list than the Queen's Quarterly. True it is that it is edited solely by the alumni, and the undergraduates do not seem to have much to do with the management; but this is remedied by the publication of the Queen's University Journal, which appears every fortnight, and is almost wholly devoted to recording college news. This is a system which we would like so see adopted at McGill, though it hardly seems practicable under present circumstances. This number of the Quarterly contains several articles worthy of any of the great magazines: "Ecclesiasticism in the Public School" is an exhaustive treatment of the subject. Grant contributes a brilliant paper on the social condition of the United Kingdom; "Our Atlantic Steamship Service" calls for a few remarks from Sanford Fleming; "Current Events" is the title of an anonymous review of the political situation the world over, in which we fancy we find traces of the trenchant style and broad thinking of Rev. Principal Grant.

Beside this weighty contemporary, the *Droghidean*, we we must confess, makes but a poor showing. It is the organ of the Drogheda Grammar School, and comes all the way from Ireland. A half-dozen pages constitute the whole paper, and it has no pretensions to elegance or literary excellence. However, as a proof of the enterprise of a grammar school, it shows that we in Canada have something to learn from "effete Europe." An ar-

ticle on "English Compositions" contains some very good advice.

"The Amateur Athlete" is a regular visitor. It is published weekly in New York, and contains all the latest news in athletic circles. The tone of its editorials makes for the elevation of sports.

From Columbia University comes the *Spectator*, published weekly by the students. This paper shows the extent to which athleticism is carried in some American colleges; out of fourteen pages constituting the October number, ten are given up to athletic news. An excellent photograph of the University crews forms the frontispiece. Here is a sample of verse from its pages:

### APPLIED MATHEMATICS.

"My daughter," and his voice was stern,  
 "You must set this matter right;  
 What time did the Sophomore leave,  
 Who sent in his card last night?"

"His work was pressing, father dear,  
 And his love for it was great;  
 He took his leave and went away  
 Before a quarter of eight."

Then a twinkle came to her bright blue eye,  
 And her dimple deeper grew.

"'Tis surely no sin to tell him that,  
 For quarter of eight is two."



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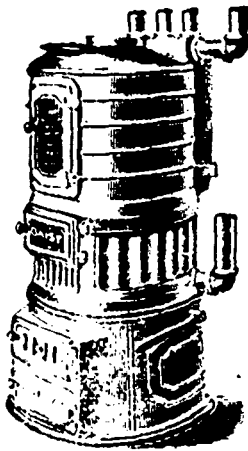
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My friend and I were closely bound  
By ties of deep affection,  
Because our tastes, we always found,  
Ran in the same direction.  
We loved the self-same books and tales,  
The self-same songs and dances,  
The self-same mountains, streams and  
vales,  
The self-same sports and fancies.  
But late my friend and I fell out,  
Young cupid, arrant bowman,  
Hath put our friendship all to rout—  
We loved the self-same woman.

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### AN AMUSING TOAST.

A well known young lawyer is credited with making a harmless bull at a banquet given by a local organization not many nights ago. Toasts were called for and to the young lawyer fell the honor of suitably remembering the absent friends. This is the way he announced it:—

“Our absent friends—how soon we would show them the depth of our regret at their absence if they were only here with us to-night!”

And the funniest thing about it was that nobody caught on to the bull until some time afterward.—About Town.

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Jinks '97—Have you heard that Binks has appendicitis?

Winks '98—No; but I am not surprised. Last time I saw him he was looking awfully seedy.

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Fortescue—Hello, Glisby, how's your wife?

Glisby—In pretty bad state.

Fortescue—Anything serious?

Glisby—I should say so. The fact is, she's got a girl with whom it is impossible to find any fault. Why, she's been in the house only two weeks, and my wife's lost ten pounds.

### A MODERN MIRACLE.

They say the “Miracle Age” has passed—  
I think they hadn't ought'er,  
For I dropped a burnt match from my boat  
And it lit upon the water.

—Trinity Tablet.

### OPERA MAXIMA DEI.

He looked upon the bending sky,  
And saw the zig-zag lightnings fly;  
He thought of planets whirled apace  
Though the infinitude of space,  
Yet said, “There is no God.”  
Then turned his gaze on woman's face,  
And said, “There is a God.”

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Sophomore: “I suppose you know why that subscription man fleeced you, don't you?”

Freshman: “No; why?”

Sophomore: “Because he saw that you belong to the ‘ninety and nine.’”

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One out of a hundred—99.

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“Dorothy says she was disappointed in England.”

“Why was that?”

“Things didn't look so English as she thought they would.”

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“My daughters do all their own dressmaking now,” declared Jones jubilantly.

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## WHO?

Who is it, carries down our mark,  
Sits down upon each little lark,  
And paints our conduct very dark?  
The Professor

Who is it, comes before our eyes,  
Bespectacled and wondrous wise,  
But whom we ne'ertheless despise?  
The Senior.

Who is it, the Soph'mores curse,  
Who gives in accents clear and terse,  
Free tips for running the Universe?  
The Junior.

Who tries to prove his knowledge great,  
But only shows an empty pate  
And lands way down the marking slate?  
The Sophomore.

Who is it, that's too green to burn,  
And thinks our kind advice to spurn,  
Who's forgott a more than he'll ever  
learn?  
The Freshman.

POLA V. RSE.

## DISILLUSION

The Freshman rose in girlish glee,  
The morn exams were o'er,  
"Oh happy day," she cries aloud,  
"I am a Sophomore."

Alas, alack, for the innocent maid,  
She'd no visions of woes in store,  
Till she got a note from a prof or two—  
She's not a Sophomore.

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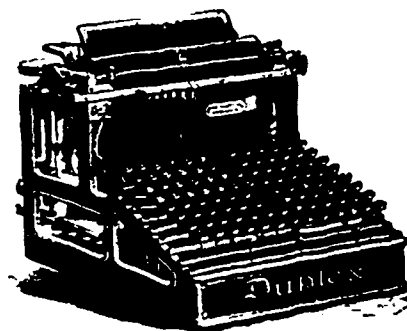
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