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EDITORIAL



IN this opening number of Volume Three of the Martlet the editorial is the most difficult nut to crack. What to say, and avoid the usual platitudes, how to say it so as to avoid the opposite danger of too much brevity, is a task that can give points to the toughest exam paper ever printed.

The opening of the College brings to most of us a number of varied feelings. To the Freshman it is, or should be, the beginning of four or five years which, if he uses them wisely, will prove the best he has put in, to the Soph it means a trifle more work and a little more side; to the Junior it means the choice of his profession; while to the Senior it brings too often the melancholy fact that this is his last year at the best of Universities.

But as there is no use dwelling upon these things, and as graduation is yet many months off, it is better to turn to the present and see what is opening before us. As this is the opening number we may perhaps be pardoned if we discuss ourselves first. The Martlet is about to enter upon its third year and the Editorial Board are as usual buoyed up by hopes of "copy"—of copy that will stream in so fast that it will keep one member busy reading it. They (the Board) are dreaming visions of stories, verse, drawings, jokes, articles of all sorts and shapes and sizes with which the hearts of the students during the coming year are to be delighted. That this dream may in some degree be realized is our earnest prayer. Send in your effort, no matter what is may be, and keep before you the inspiring thought that, all unknown as yet, there may be lurking within you the germs—we believe that this is the correct expression—

of some mighty poet, a fascinating writer or an immortal artist. Think of the joy and pride of the Editor if the coming year discovers some rival Kipling or a second Gibson—it is a great thought. Of course everyone will take the paper, that is understood. But should any of our readers chance to meet any one so misguided or unfortunate that he has not yet subscribed, we trust that they will let the light into his darkened mind and show him the straight path wherein he should walk. If any feel like criticizing let him do so, but do not merely point out the error of our ways but also give us some suggestions as to improvements.

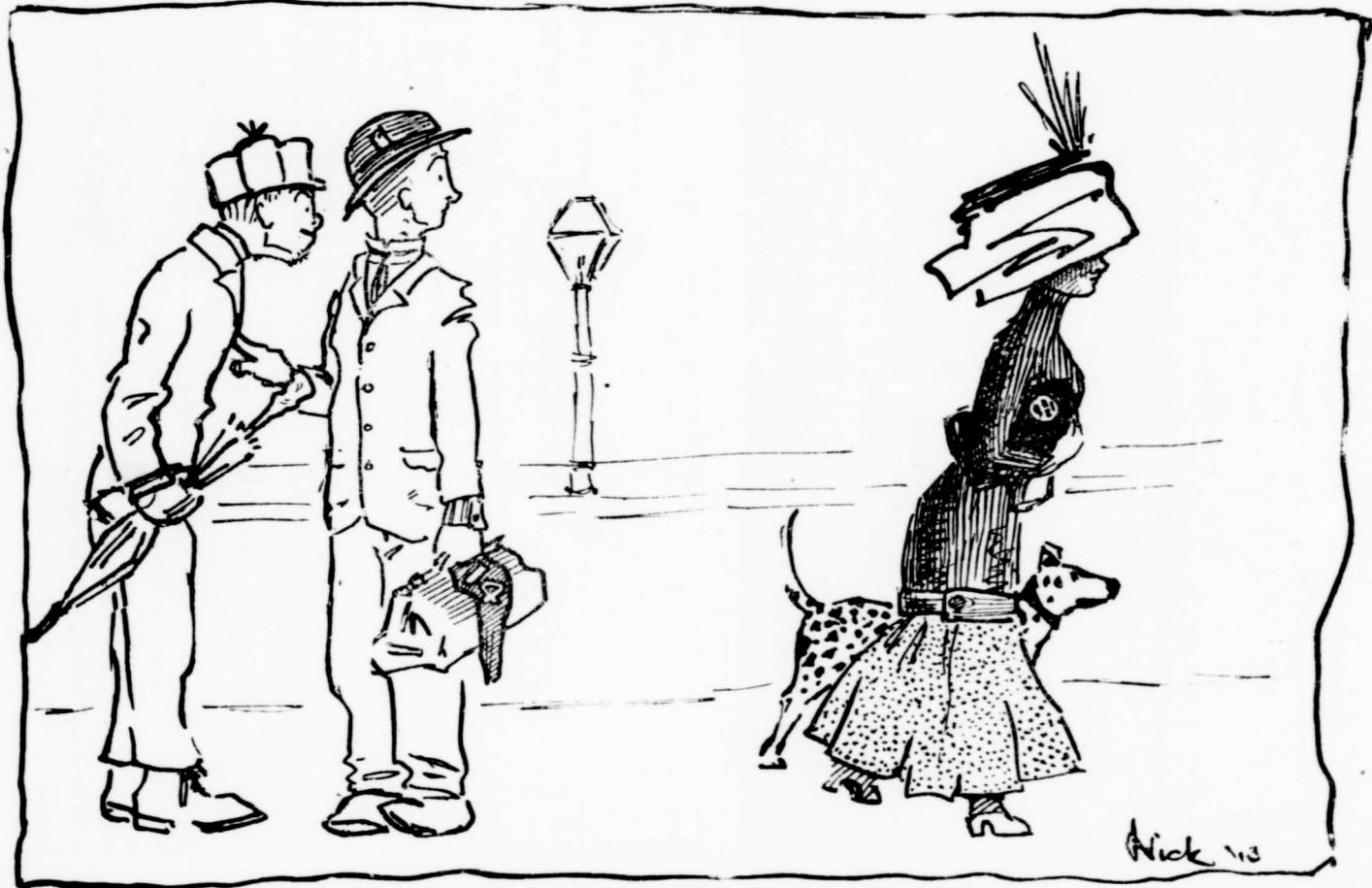
In the rest of this number will be found information upon many and various topics, which will, we trust, be of value to old and young. All the gentlemen connected with the clubs and societies mentioned will be glad to give any further information that may be necessary.

So here's to a good year and a happy one. Support the Martlet, the Football matches, the Union, and all the clubs, and good luck go with us all!

Students are Back Again (Daily Paper.)

Students coming back again—I wonder how they knew
 Who told the gossip-paper man? who gave the guy the clue?
 Suppose he saw the freshie round sheltered by his pop,
 Being told if Johnny was'nt good, he'd give him to a cop;
 Or heard an angry governor with angry looking feet
 Demand a private interview about the son with Pete;
 Or can't he find the friendly squirrels, that everybody knows
 They're hiding high because of stones that little Willie 'hrows;
 Or was it awfully noisy checks in drapery called clothes,
 With little pipe in thirteen hairs—so light 'neath Sophie's nose.
 Saw he a prim demure freshette 'neath juniors piercing glance,
 As if to say "I wonder if you're worth it for the dance;"
 Or met two seniors speaking of their "last forever trip"
 And noticed just the slightest little quiver of the lip.
 The "flannelled fools" are at the nets and there's the "muddied oaf"
 Being cheered to deeds of valor by the gaping college loaf.
 Perhaps he saw a swelling of our "Jimmy's" pompous chest,
 Or harked to Tom" and "Corky" dope us out to beat the rest.
 But college has to open when the leaves are coming down,
 And somehow people notice that the students are in town.

KILAPIE.



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"HOME WAS NEVER LIKE THIS"

The Freshman.

The most striking typical thing about college is the Freshman. He supplies the greater part of the local colour and is the source of most of the escapades which the press fondly supposes a student to employ his leisure moments in concocting. Viewed in this way through the eyes of the newspaper reader he is a weird and wonderful thing.

He might be represented algebraically by a zero with a decimal place before it. Scientifically he is an inferior type bifurcated biped and should inspire pity rather than the ribald mirth with which the Sophs greet him.

There are two distinct types of freshman—the country bred and the city bred. The former variety, beloved of George Ade, matriculates from Squash County High School or a similar institution and has a hankerin' after book-larnin'. His pa ain't never had no schoolin' homself, but, by hec, he's going to give Joshway a bang up good eddication. The old sock is dug up from under the hearthstone, the train is flagged and Joshua is packed off to college. He lands upon the campus with a crop of freckles and his neck shaved, wearing a seven-fifty suit of real tweed, grey socks, low-necked collars and big high necked pants. In a yellow canvas telescope he carries a change of handkerchiefs, a prayer-book, a bottle of cough remedy and an aluminum comb. He is usually hopelessly dazed by the difference in things. He misses the rolling fields, the old pump and Ma's doughnuts. The pavements make his feet sore. The girls make him feel awkward. Having no social calls he plugs all the time and solves the problem of existence on twenty bones per, which his people think downright sinful extravagance.

The other is the son of bloated plutocrats. He matriculates from some prep school with a name like a patent medicine and a crest upon its cap. He is pledged to a frat and wears his hair pumpy-dumpy. He suffers from an attack of violent ingrowing rah-rahs which breaks out in bow ties, lurid zig-zag socks and a general poster effect in clothes. His time is spent in assassinating policemen, devising new schemes for violating the rules of the Faculty and buying wealthy water for blonde broilers. In his more peaceful moments he fusses. He can generally be found at football matches with some stunning queen or at the college dances sitting on the stairs with some dazzling gazelle leaning her head on his shoulder and saying, "Goo-goo," while the orchestra plays "Love-light." College plays, Blumenthal posters have made these types perfectly familiar to us. We actually believe they exist so that when we see some freak of nature trying to live up to the popular ideal but only succeeding in giving a vivid imitation of a qualified fool, we chuckle with glee and point him out as a typical Freshman. I have always found students individually to be sane and human, but the fallacy persists in spite of facts.

Freshmen are not what they used to be. In my day they led the life of the hunted. The whole college united in impressing upon them how infinitesimally microscopic was their importance. It was common etiquette to kill a Freshman on sight, so that the tall timbers and the long uncut were working on a standing-room basis sheltering them from the rest of humanity. A little anecdote will illustrate this. One day the principal stopped in horror at the sight of several bodies swinging from one of the trees on the campus, whilst a mob of howling Sophs danced in a ring around it. "What is the meaning of this?" said he to one of the ringleaders. "They're only Freshmen, Sir." A look of relief passed over the principal's face, "Oh, is that all," said he "well don't go too far boys," and he passed on with an indulgent smile.

Truly the good old days has went. The appearance of a freshman upon the campus is no longer the signal for a howl of derision, they have been known to fuss in public, and I am told, it is possible for them to give a dinner without military protection. Either the Soph is degenerating or the Freshie is too much for him. They should be sat upon within the bounds of reason if possible, but without them if that is not possible. It is the one way of counteracting the homeopathic quality of the new rush. At present the Freshman owns the earth.

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The McGill Military Course.

The opening of this session marks the fourth year, in which there has been a Military Course at this University; and yet, how few know anything about it and the opportunities it presents! Scarcely anyone seems to know that right here we have a means of entrance to the Imperial army, and if they do know it, the fact has not been sufficiently impressed upon them to cause more than a passing interest.

The object of the military course at McGill is not merely to provide an opportunity of obtaining a commission in either the Imperial Service or our own Permanent Force, to those men who, after a year or so of college work, decide to go in for a military career. It also affords some degree of technical training to the larger body of students who may only take up soldiering as a hobby or pastime, so that, in time of need, Canada may have a body of men already partially trained, on whom to draw for officers.

The entire expense of the course is borne by the Government, and the examinations are conducted by the British War Office, the same papers being set here as at Oxford, Cambridge and other English and Colonial Universities which have developed the course.

The certificate obtained at the end of the course entitles the student to the rank of a qualified subaltern, and, in the event of his joining any military corps, he has only to be transferred from the unattached list, and is not confronted with any further examinations.

The course of the University comprises lectures, in Military History, Law, Tactics, Strategy, Military Engineering, Topography and Administration. In addition to this a course of training covering a period of twelve weeks is provided either at St. John, Kingston or Toronto according as the candidate decides to enter the Cavalry, Artillery or Infantry, where instruction on the more practical side (Equitation, Field-work, the handling of men, etc.) is obtainable. During this period the student receives the pay of an unqualified subaltern, which is more than sufficient to settle his mess bill, and buy the small amount of uniform required.

Attendance at the training school is not absolutely essential in order to reap some of the benefits of the course, but is strongly recommended. The student's ideas of military life will unavoidably be broadened, and an excellent opportunity will be afforded him of gaining self-confidence, and overcoming the nervousness which one invariably feels when first called upon to command other men. The value of this in the exercise of their profession is inestimable, as ability to handle men is one of the essentials to success.

It is surprising that, in past years, so few men took advantage of the opportunities offered by the course. The lectures were sandwiched in after regular lecture hours, and some before nine o'clock, and whatever success was gained in the examinations counted nothing towards the Degree. This year all is to be altered; more reasonable hours will be set apart for military lectures, and credit will be given as for other optional subjects.

In past ages a declining interest in military affairs has invariably marked the initial stage of a great country's downfall. In our modern British Empire the anti-militarist is abroad in the land. Does this mean that history is repeating itself, and that our English civilisation is already doomed?

Much as everyone desires a continuation of the present condition of universal peace, and much as everyone must deplore the ruinous annual expenditure on armies and armaments, of millions that are sorely needed in other directions. All the great nations will disarm simultaneously or not at all. Disarmament by Great Britain alone will be but a prelude to annihilation at the hands of Germany. Therefore, as unites in the world's greatest empire, it behoves us to prepare ourselves for taking an effective as well as a loyal part in the event of our high civilisation and imperial autonomy ever being jeopardised. A judicious expenditure on armaments is the best possible form of insurance against war, and generally proves the most economical. This, in conjunction with liberal encouragement for and development of scientific discoveries to maintain our supremacy, and a population educated to understand things in their true relation will constitute the best possible guarantee of peace.

Judging from forecasts of General French's report, everything at present points to an impending increase rather than a diminution in the Canadian Forces, and this increase will inevitably be followed by a large number of openings, with excellent prospects of a distinguished military career for those who are fortunate enough to secure commissions.

Students to whom this opportunity is presented:—Do not lightly cast it aside. You may deeply regret it before long.

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ATHLETICS



The Athletic Outlook. THE time is past in McGill when it was necessary to go out into the highways and byways to scrape up a quorum for a hockey meeting and yet it is not so long ago since this was the case. We will not go into the reasons for this improvement in college spirit but simply rejoice that it is a fact.

This reawakened interest in all things college augurs well for athletics where of all places success is impossible without enthusiasm.

The letter which appears below, written by the Captain of the Rugby team ought to resolve itself into a gospel for all interested in athletics at McGill and especially for Freshmen.

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On Saturday, October 8th, McGill will play Varsity in Toronto and will be forced to put an untrained team against the Dominion Champions. It is asking a lot of the team to expect them to win after having practised together for only five days. The men will be in good physical condition, but that is all—there will be no team work, no system.

In this game we will be forced to use old men whose ability we know, rather than to take a chance with new men who may be better but whom we do not know and therefore cannot trust. It is possible and highly probable that there will be better men on the side-lines than on the team and, recognizing this fact, the football club urges every man who plays football and has aspirations to any of the football teams not to feel discouraged if he is not on the team for the first game or two. We do not as yet know his true value and he can rest assured that if he is better than any of the first team men, he is the man we are looking for. This is particularly the case with Freshmen. You have come to McGill

from all quarters of the Dominion and you can see yourself how hard it is for us to size up at first sight men whom we have never seen before. Don't, therefore, feel offended if you don't happen to be in the squad at practice. Come to us and tell us where you have played before and ask for a try out. You will find us only too glad to grant your request for we are more anxious than you are that you turn out to be a first-class player.

Now to the men who were out last year and are here again at McGill. You owe it to us to turn out again this year. You have been worked with, coached and tried out and we have done all we could to develop you. It is your duty to give us the value of the work we did with you last year. But apart from what you owe us and your duty towards us, there is the love of the game and also the love of Old McGill. If you don't consider it an honour and privilege to play for her, well, you needn't bother about coming out.

It is obvious that every man who turns out is not going to get a place on either the first or second teams. But because you are not good enough for these, it does not follow that you are too good for the Third and Fourth teams. McGill men should pay more attention to these two teams, for they are surely developing men who will some day be playing on the first teams. At the end of the season last year these two teams were playing a first-class game and McGill was proud of them and justly so. Don't imagine that these two teams are for Freshmen, and, if I may use a technical expression, bone-heads (Freshmen will at once observe the distinction) for it is no uncommon thing to see men come to the Senior from the Third and Fourth teams.

There is one thing which every man that plays must remember, and that is that McGill is judged by his conduct while on the field. It is for him to make McGill's athletic reputation and he can make it for good or ill. The one great rule to follow on the field is to keep quiet and play clean. Remember that the honour of the University has been entrusted to you and it is for you to keep it spotless. Last year only one McGill man was put off and he was banished for tackling a half-back above the waist. The referee had no right to act as he did but the man went off when told to do so. It's a mistake to think that you can't be a good fellow with the man you're playing against. You will find that he is as much a gentleman as you are; and if two gentlemen have to fight about a game, why play?

Besides this there is the fact that while a man is mixing it up with his opponent he is using up strength which should go into the game, and if he is put off, his services are lost.

The men who don't play can help the team by coming to the game and cheering. Make all the noise you can and cheer us 'till you're hoarse! If we're winning, or if we're beaten to a standstill (but I don't say we will be), cheer us just the same for there is nothing that puts heart into a team more than to hear their crowd yelling for them.

On behalf of the team and the club, I want to ask the students to do one thing. That is to keep off the grounds while the squad is practising. For years back the club has been hampered by men who do not play but who come out at practice time and kick the ball around. Now that is taking practice from the team and we would appreciate it very much if the fellows would see to it that it does not happen this year.

We will try and come back from Toronto with a win to our credit, but if we don't please remember we have five other games, and with a little luck, we will yet give McGill men a chance to cheer a winning team.

DAN. P. GILLMOR.

The Track Club.

THE outlook for the track club is promising. Most of the old men are back, Murray for distance, Dowie for the jumps and hurdles, and Babcock and Grundy for the hundred.

Some new men are reported to have come up from the Maritime Provinces for the hundred, the two twenty and the quarter.

Prospective track men should see

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"Soccer."

SOCCER has at last obtained a strong foothold in McGill from the formation of an Intercollegiate Union on the same basis as the Rugby Union.

One of the main features of the new Union is that all the games will be played on the Saturday afternoons, the First Rugby Team are playing away from home, thus McGill will have an Intercollegiate game every Saturday of the season.

It is rather early to forecast any opinions regarding the chance McGill has of winning the championship this year, but seven practices and one exhibition game before the opening of lectures certainly show an increased interest in the game.

All who can play Soccer should turn up and help the Captain, Christie, to bring the championship to McGill for the first time.

A second team has been put in a league with Macdonald College, and some of the Theological Colleges connected with McGill, so a greater number of men are wanted than ever before.

Pres. A. B. MACDONALD.

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The Harrier Club.

THE coming harrier season promises to be the best in the history of the Club. Increased interest in cross-country work among Canadian colleges led to the inauguration of the Annual Inter-University run last year. The event was held in Montreal, and Toronto won out. This year McGill will send a team away from home and hopes to turn the tables on 'Varsity. The Annual McGill run will be in the form of an inter-year competition for the handsome trophy recently given by the Club. A regular schedule of runs will be published with a view to the needs of those new at the game. This season will be a vital one, and McGill needs the help of every available man to produce a winning team.

The Tennis Club.

UP to the present the Tennis Club has had a very successful season. With a largely increased membership and with favorable weather, nothing has happened to mar a good year. Great interest has been taken in the American tournaments and, now, the next thing is the championship games to be held in Kingston on the 13th and 14th of October. McGill ought to render a good account of herself here. Pearse, Strang, Ramsay and Sargent of last year's team are back, and there is also new blood to choose from.

Swimming.

A meeting of the Swimming Club executive will be held this week to form plans for the season. The Laurentian baths will again be secured for practice and two teams will be entered in the senior and intermediate polo leagues. Of last year's senior players De Hart, Kerry, and possibly Merrill will be available. Skelton, who played goal and figured on the intercollegiate swimming team two years ago may also play again. Baird, intermediate goaler for two years, may be available for the senior team. Of the intermediate men Coy, Smith, Pengelley, Abbott, Astrofsky will play polo again. For the intercollegiate swimming team the prospects are fairly good. B. O. Smith, the president of the club will not be back, and Maltby has graduated, so two of the fastest men will be missing, but Draper and Mackay, two M. A. A. A. sprinters, who are attending the University, will take their place. A diver however is needed, as Ferrier and Smith, the only two men to take up fancy-diving last year, are not at college.

Hockey.

It is too early in the season as yet to give any very sure forecast as to this session's hockey prospects. As far as can be seen at present last year's team will be well represented in the hockey squad this year. With the exception of Don Masson, who will be a serious loss, all of last year's players will be back at the University.

Good reports as to new material have already come in, and it is hoped that all the Freshmen who can play will turn out. There will probably be four McGill teams, giving places in plenty to fill from the top down.

With the same enthusiastic support from the student body and increased help from the faculty, a strong bid for the championship ought certainly to be made.

It is expected that better rink facilities will be obtained. Considerable work has been done during the summer towards getting a closed-in rink for the University, and it is hoped that this session will see a building for that purpose. If it cannot be erected for the coming winter, the management intend to try to obtain accommodation at the Arena. This will be an improvement both from the players' and spectators' view points.

A. M. STRANG,
Manager.

The officers of the Hockey Club for the year are:—

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Manager - - - - -	A. M. STRANG.
Asst. Man. - - - - -	A. P. DAVIES.
Captain - - - - -	A. E. SARGENT.

The Rifle Club. WE can without hesitation, say that the Rifle Club is the best thing for the money to be had at this University. It is acknowledged that rifle shooting is valuable training for the eye and hand and the time may not be so far distant when the Empire will need every man who can shoot.

Everybody, therefore, who has any inclination towards this branch of sport is requested to turn out to the practices and they will be sure of getting good value for their money.

The subscription to this club is a dollar and a half, and this includes the use of a rifle, of the Government and miniature ranges, and one hundred rounds of ammunition. It is expected this year to have some of the new Ross rifles in the armoury, and as "first come, first served" is our rule, those joining early will have the best chance of getting a good one.

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"Rough passage?" queried a friend.

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PATIENT:—"Oh, sir, a tightness, feeling tight."

M.D.:—"Ah—nothing to **complain** of; very nice condition to be in."

THE FATHER:—"Young man, do you realize that your college career has cost me ten thousand dollars?"

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"How transitory are all things," exclaimed the inebriate, as the door went by him for the third time.

"My hands are cold."

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 I'll meet her in the leafy park—
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WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE LOW

SHE:—Notice the twist that dancer does between his steps?
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The meetings are held every Friday night in the big hall of the Union, at 8 p.m. There are also one, and sometimes two, intercollegiate debates with either 'Varsity, Queens or Ottawa; towards the end of the college session a Public Speaking Competition is held for a gold medal. This year's executive are planning several important changes in the conduct and character of the meetings, which it is hoped will largely increase the interest and attendance at them. A system of competitive debating for the choice of the McGill Intercollegiate representatives will be started and, later on, a Mock Parliament.

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Any of the above will be only too pleased to answer any questions either personally or by letter at the Union.

The McGill Union. THE Union opened its doors again on the 26th for its fifth season. There is no need to describe its usefulness at any length—the "Student's Club" is enough. All the old members realize its comforts and usefulness, and we cannot urge the Freshman too strongly to become a member. The entrance fee is trivial compared to the benefits received and at a University of the type of

McGill it takes the place of dormitories and residences. On Saturday, October the 8th there is to be a smoker which all Freshmen are cordially invited to attend. There will be songs, speeches—brief and to the point—cigars, cigarettes and general joy. It will give every man who has not been here before a chance to meet his fellow students and at the same time to realize the comfort of a building that has few equals at any 'Varsity on the continent.

The Annual. EVERY follower of old McGill looks to see intercollegiate honours come to the university during this her ninetieth session. Let us hope that the 1912 Annual will chronicle the events of a landmark in our history. This most important of college publications requires the support of all McGill men and especially the junior year. To maintain the high standard set by previous editions will be no easy task. Any student with ability for drawing, caricaturing should not lose the opportunity of securing a free copy of the Annual. Original sketches of all kinds will be greatly appreciated and duly acknowledged.

McGill Y.M.C.A.

The first of the series of Sunday afternoon meetings will be held on October 9th in Strathcona Hall at 3 p.m. Dean E. I. Bosworth, of Oberlin College, will give an address on the subject of "How to Make the Bible Real." Dean Bosworth is the author of several Bible Study courses in use among the colleges, and should be well-known in name at least to those who have used his textbooks in the McGill groups. He is one of the most noted speakers to college men on the continent.

Every Sunday evening after the Church services there will be an informal Sunday Evening Sing in the reading-room of Strathcona Hall. These gatherings are made as free and homelike as possible, and an hour is spent in singing the old favorite hymns, together with solos and special music. Every second week there will be a short informal talk by some professional or business man of the city. These talks will alternate with the Sunday afternoon meetings, being held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, while the afternoon meetings will be held on the first and third.

Bible Study groups will be started during the week of October 9 to 16. The Freshmen classes will be led by Faculty men, the groups in the upper years by students. The courses given will be Bosworth's "Life of Christ," and "New Studies in Acts," Jenks' "Social Significance of the Teaching of Jesus," and Wright's "The Will of God."

Mission Study will be commenced during the week of October 23 to 30. An outline of the course to be given will be ready later.

Men are needed immediately to help in the running of Boy's Clubs in connection with the University Settlement. The work is in the nature of gymnastics, Scouting for Boys, and general amusement. Men to act as Scout Masters are also called for by an outside organization, particulars of which will be supplied at Strathcona Hall.

Industrial Service work, or teaching English to foreigners will be undertaken shortly as soon as definite arrangements can be made for classes. S. S. Hawkins, Sci. '11, will give further information along this line.

M. G. Brooks, Arts '08, is to sail for Ceylon as McGill's representative on the foreign mission field on October 13th. His desire is to become as well acquainted with the students as possible during his two weeks' stay in the city before leaving.

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