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### EDITORIAL

RESPONSI-BILITY.

In our last issue appeared a letter on the Hockey meeting that brings before the students of McGill the real

question of the success or failure of all clubs and societies of our University. Who is responsible for all these enterprises?

The Hockey Club meeting is only one particular instance that happened to attract attention, as being particularly lax, but for years the same state of affairs has existed, and unless the remedy is soon applied our standing in athletics as well as in all other student organizations will drop lower and lower. As can be seen by any student who pays the least attention to the activities of college life, every organization is run by a few interested men, while the rest of the student body merely look on, and in case of any failure or poor management, register a strenuous kick.

The Hockey Club meeting is being knocked, and another season like last year is being predicted. Whose fault is this? Is it the fault of the men who, at least, hold a meeting, and the players who do their best to win, that our hockey club is not a success? Or is it the fault of the student body who knock at a meeting they made no effort to attend, and do not even offer their support financially and morally, by attending the matches? The hockey meeting may have been a disgrace and the treasurer's report a

farce, as has been affirmed, but would this have been so with five hundred students at the meeting? Can you imagine 500 McGill students at a meeting of any club? No! And yet the other day at Yale a gathering of six hundred, in an enthusiastic moment, marched across the campus and cheered their principal, who was leaving. Is it any wonder that college organizations are a success at Yale and not at McGill?

There is only one way that our athletics can be again brought up to their former standard, and our college organizations and societies be successful, and the remedy is the answer to the present question: Who is responsible?

Each student in McGill is individually responsible for the success of every club and society, and if each one shoulders his responsibility, the success of our student organizations is assured.

The Rugby football Club annual meeting will be held soon, and is there any reason that there should not be five hundred men there? Isn't it up to YOU to see that good men are elected to fill the offices in our most important athletic club? The greatest trouble is that the college knows certain men will be there and leaves the responsibility of making the meeting a success with them.

As long as this state of affairs exists

there will be slackness in our meetings and deficits in our club treasuries. Therefore let each student feel his personal responsibility in seeing that things are run as they should be.

It is with real regret that the resignation of Mr. M. L. Packard has been accepted by the board. The circumstances which induced him to sever his connection with The Martlet are such that we were obliged to acquiesce in his decision. Mr. Packard will be missed by the editors, and should he at any time be able to resume his duties we will be glad to have him with us again.

Our readers will also notice that some additions have been made to the editorial staff. The new members have been recruited from among our reporters, and have been promoted because of their interest in the welfare of The Martlet.

Our attention has just been called to an error which appeared some time ago in a letter from the "rush" committees. In it the donor of the rope was referred to as Mr. Miller, whereas it should have been Mr. Millen. We regret that this should have occurred, and hope that should he ever see The Martlet he will excuse it.



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desire to keep up the standard of comfort hitherto set by the University Union. Consequently I hope to avoid incurring undue animosity on the part of our friends, the House Committee, by this complaint.

The matter for complaint is the management of the literature in the reading room. Recently the House Committee has threatened to suspend offenders along certain lines. In principle, at least, this is not undesirable. But there is a greater evil than the one to which attention is thereby drawn, and if suspension be the remedy, then the rectifying of this evil will entail the suspension of the House Committee (not that I have any desire to precipitate such a catastrophe).

I say the evil is greater than the one referred to in the notice issued by the House Committee, because, in common with the general slackness of management of the reading room, it is responsible for those very mutilations that the House Committee complains of.

And so, Mr. Editor, my complaint is that the periodicals are excessively unpunctual in arrival. Now, there is no obvious excuse for this state of affairs. If the news agent is to blame, custom should be transferred to a more businesslike person. But surely the blame does not lie

in this direction, for one can pay a visit to the University Club, and there on the well-stocked table of the reading room one sees the material for the condemnation of the House Committee. (I say Hoose Committee advisedly, since, shohld a reading room committee be in existence, this omission on my part will be pardoned by all impartial readers.)

A few examples will be to the point: The Fortnightly Review, for instance, for May, 1908, is still in the covers. The May number is no doubt good, but it is out of date. The November Nineteenth Century has just arrived, to replace the number for May of this year. A whole week before the November Nineteenth Century arrived, one could read a review in Public Opinion (also from London) of an article in that same Nineteenth Century.

The October number of the University Magazine was on sale downstairs a full two weeks before it appeared in the red covers of the Union. Punch is often late, and the interval between the arrival of the Sketch and the Illustrated News is really often remarkable. And so, since the beginning of the session, there has been a marked decline in the amount of first-class English literature available in the Union, inadequately balanced by the influx of such periodicals as The Blue Book and The Populs. Magazine. And so I submit that the House Committee is not taking advantage of

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In so doing the committee fails to satisfy a large proportion of the members, and also foolishly neglects an opportunity to keep in touch with European views and happenings.

And finally, how does the committee know what the members want in the way of reading matter? Apparently their only guide is their own personal opinion, and this may be biased. Why not have a suggestion book in which members can write suggestions from time to time?

I remain, yours faithfully,

UNION MEMBER.

AN ANSWER
TO week's issue of your paper there appeared a letMR. DERROM ter re the annual meeting of the McGill Hockey
and Skating Club, and the statements
made therein seem to me to be entirely
uncalled for.

I am a student of McGill, and happen to be a member of the class of which the writer of that letter, Mr. Derrom, has the honor to be the president, and I do not think he wrote just what he thought. Surely he did not intend to state that the treasurer of the Skating Club did not know how to make out a report, or that the chairman did not know how to conduct a meeting? Yet this is practically what we find in the opening paragraphs of his letter. Again, Mr. Derrom could not have meant to insinuate that of some 1300 students attending McGill, 1275 are quitters, although anyone who has read his letter could draw no other than this ridiculous inference. If he did wish to say this, why did he not say it in so many words, and not devote two odd columns of your valuable paper to bring out such a plain statement?

What would have been more in keep-

ing with the subject of his letter would have been to ask two or three simple and reasonable questions, such as: Why was the meeting held at this time of the year, when students do not attend, because they can not (rather than they will not)? Or, why is the meeting of McGill Hockey and Skating Club not held at the end of the previous season, when there is more time and interest for this branch of sport? Here, it seems to me, lies the root of the difficulty rather than the inference that we are all quitters.

Last of all, in writing such letters it should be remembered that copies of The Martlet go weekly to other colleges and universities. Now, what do you consider Toronto or Queen's thought of the above mentioned letter? Did they think we had in McGill 1275 quitters or one kmcker? The way to obtain the best results in creating interest in any movement is to encourage by advertising and not to discourage by kicking at the best that can be done. In other words, "Don't knock—boost."

I am, yours sincerely,

F. S. FOWLER.

SOCIAL LIFE the letters which have
AT McGILL. appeared in recent numbers of The Martlet, over

the names of 'A Well-Wisher" and a "Donalda," I take the courage, though a Freshette, to call the attention of my fellow students to some phases of "co-ed." life that are not all that could be desired.

Most prominent among these is the lack of social intercourse and fellow-feeling between the R. V. C. and the rest of the University.

During my short experience I have also noticed the lack of sympathy, and even apathy, that is very apparent between the fourth-year girls and those of our class, which position on their part is most unladylike and leaves one to won-

der if jealousy is the cause. Of course, we can appreciate the delicate position of the Seniors, but let them remember the old adage, "competition is the life of trade."

Then, socially, we do not have the opportunities that the girls of our sister colleges enjoy. We looked forward with pleasure and anticipation to the repetition of that most successful reception given by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. But they evidently have "wearied in well-doing." Then the little informal dances, given fornightly or at reasonable intervals by the girls in other institutions, are sorely missed here, and what might be bright spots on the hard road to learning are severely criticized and frowned on.

Trusting you will forgive my temerity in introducing what, in my consideration, are very important questions, and hoping I am not encroaching on your valuable space, I remain, yours truly,

FRESHETTE.

Dear Sir.—At a recent meeting of the Faculty of Applied Science it was resolved to recommend to Corporation the abandonment of the course leading to B. Sc. in Architectural Engineering, the reasons being as follows:

First, that the degree does not correspond to any recognized profession; second, that the course differs but slightly from that in Civil Engineering, the amount of purely architectural study involved being too little to warrant a distinctive degree.

Referring to the first-named reason, it is interesting to hear the opinion of a noted American architect, F. E. Kidder. In the preface to his "Handbook," written in 1904, he says:

"To-day, structural and architectural engineers are concerned almost exclusively with building construction, and their work is more closely allied to that of the architect than to that of the civil engineer."

Now, if this course is abolished, it means that our budding architectural engineers, now studying in first and second year Science, will be forced to take the course in Civil Engineering. They will thus leave McGill with a meagre knowledge of building construction and architecture generally, but with a more or less thorough grasp of hydraulies, astronomy, railway engineering, etc.—subjects of no practical value to the architectural engineer.

With regard to the second reason, if the amount of architectural study involved is too little to warrant a special degree, surely the remedy is to give the students more architecture, and not to abandon the whole course!

It is generally conceded, in these days when steel construction plays such an important part in all our buildings, that no architect with a large practice can possibly design an artistic building, plan it economically, and at the same time successfully attend to all those points which require a thorough knowledge of engineering. Even if he could, it would be a waste of time and money to attempt it.

If McGill is going to turn out architects and civil engineers, but no architectural engineers, then—owing to his ignorance of the principles of planning

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and of building construction—the Mc-Gill engineer employed by an architect to design the steel frame will be manifestly at a loss.

It is a significant fact that most of the large colleges teaching architecture in the United States have a separate course specializing in architectural engineering. Among these are Columbia, Cornell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and the Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Ind. The last-named institution makes architectural engineering the principal part of its course.

Thus it is seen that in the United States at least, the absolute necessity of architectural engineering as a profession is clearly recognized.

The writer fully believes that it is but a question of time until this is apparent in Canada also, and that in abolishing this course, McGill would make a decided move in the wrong direction.

K. W. DOWIE.

# AT YALE

The athletic ideals of the New England universities are often thoroughly misunderstood. Organization that would satisfy even a field-marshal of industry and merciless insistence upon hard work indicate to many observers the ideal of playing to win, and only to win. Such keen insight into the real difference between the college athletics of New England and old England was recently shown by a writer in the Cambridge Review, that the temptation to quote cannot be resisted.

"Within Harvard and Yale the pursuit of athletic sport is taken up in a spirit quite new to an Oxford or Cambridge man—in a spirit to which at first sight there is a temptation to attach the term 'unsportsmanlike.' To explain the undoubtedly real differences between the athletic habits of the two countries recourse must be had to the difference in climate. The greyness of our skies and the dampness of our air have rendered it necessary for Englishmen at all times to indulge in frequent

and active bodily recreation for the continuance of both bodily and mental health, while at the same time the equable nature of our climate has usually permitted an unbroken yearly round of these exercises. In this way the growth of all kinds of athletics at our universities has been perfectly natural and spon-Athletic rivalry, inter-collegiate and inter-university contests, have been indirect and quite secondary developments of this universal and necessary physical activity. Hence arises our idea of 'sport' in the abstract - health, strength and the passion of strife first of all; the pen-and-paper records of champions, performances and scores afterwards and least important. To be sportsmanlike, according to our English conception, is to have sufficient sense of humour to conceal an anxiety to win, by a philosophical indifference to the result, or, in other fields, to regard the pleasures of the chase as more valuable than the numbers slain.

"But in the climate of the United States a universal and continual necessity for bodily exercise does not exist. The dry, bracing air, however favorable to activity, does not demand it, and the existence in large numbers of well-exercised men is not, as in England, a geographical postulate. More than this, the inequality of the seasons in America renders the indulgence in the various kinds of athletics in a natural form all the year round an impossibility. The severe winter prohibits the outdoor practice of the sports which properly belong to our climate, and the excellence in them which the Americans have attained is only to be earned by arduous labour under purely artificial conditions. The extraordinary elaboration of training methods in America, which seems to imply to an Englishman an excessive and 'unsportsmanlike' desire to conquer a rival rather a natural indulgence in grateful pastimes, is in reality, then largely the direct result of chmatic conditions.'

Our Cambridge critic points out the well-known evils due to over-zealous partisanship, saying that "of such devices Harvard and Yale are in a sense independent; but however innocent they may be of any sort of system of free education for athletes or even of free training tables, they do meet as equals and rivals a less purely amateur set of athletic representatives than themselves, and are fortunate indeed if they escape all infection from such a widespread system of veiled professionalism." Were he writing to-day he could chronicle that very important reform whereby Freshmen are not allowed to play on the 'Varsity teams, but must demonstrate their right to be members of the college community before "trying for" that coveted honor. It chances that just before their little football games with the Princeton and Harvard Freshmen they receive "warnings" from the Freshman Dean in case their class-room and "test" grades are near the danger line ("200 in a scale of 400"). Once upon a time, so it is whispered, "warnings" took away more than half of their line-up. Even to Freshmen the moral was plain!

"It is noticeable that the American undergraduate has very much the same opinions on the relations of study to athletics as prevail with us. A man of good mental powers is admired perhaps (should this word be italicised?) more frankly and universally at Yale than at Cambridge. A man, on the other hand, who neglects the duties he owes to the community and to himself by too rigid a confinement to his own room and to his books is subject to the epithet of 'greasy grind,' a term which seems to be the precise equivalent for 'smug.'"

And Yale has some fairly good slang! When a man fails to acquit himself creditably in a recitation he "flunks." And this explains what The Hit, oldest and most sedate of all American college magazines, really meant when:

"Of all sad words except dead drunk,

The saddest are the words dead flunk." The Cambridge "gyp" is the Yale 'sweep," except as to color and the strenuousness of his task. Does a man want to be an editor or a manager of the Yale Daily News? Then he enters into a stiff competition with all like-minded persons in his own class, becoming virtually a slave to those fortunate ones who have already reached the giddy heights of the sanctum. He is called "a news heeler," he "heels the news." As a member of editorial or business board - if he be successful - he will not in his whole term of office do as much work as he did before his election! If he prefers essays to news items, solemn advertisements to catchy ads, he "heels the hit." Oddly enough, those who become enamoured of a high stand and try to make one of the honorary societies. Phi Beta Kappa (in Yale College), and Sigma Ki (in "Sheff" and in College) are not spoken of as heelers; but the man on the membership committee of the aca-

demic Y. M. C. A. is always a "Dwight Hall heeler." The names of the classes or "appointments," in which the better scholars of the college are listed at the end of Sophomore year and Senior year, at once remind one of Cambridge terminology: "Philosophical Crations, High Orations, Orations, Dissertations, First Disputes, Second Disputes, First Colloquies, and Second Colloquies.'

But no one who has derived instruction and enjoyment from the letters of McGill "Ragger Scroggers" at Oxford would contend that New Haven slang, whether of Faculty room, the Fence or Yale Field can for a moment compare with that of Oxford. The Yale Daily News cannot cast even a sidewise glance at such a phrase as "The Daily Nuggins!" A quotation from J. Miltogger's "oridized" "Paradigger Regagger" clinches this point:

"Look once more ere we leave this speggins muggias

Wugword, much nearer by South-wuggins, behold

Where on the degogger shugger a city stands

Built nobly, puggins the uggins and light

the sogger,

Agger, the igger of Gregger, mother of arts

And eloquagger.

For a young university of two centuries or so Yale has many traditions, to most of which she clings tenaciously. But in one or two notable particulars she has had the courage to break with her past. The old-time Freshman rushes have become the wrestling matches of to-day, carried out under the competent management of the "Y" men in the Senior class. Once the college had Senior societies, Junior societies, Sophomore societies and Freshmen societies. But Yale came to feel that each entering class ought to become a class before yielding to the irresistible impulse to form smaller groups: and that such a delay would be better for the societies, for the individual undergraduates, and for all Yale, Freshmen societies have not existed since 1880, and the college recalls them only in the song, "Wake, wake, Freshmen, wake!"-breaking the monotony of the cry, "Oh, Fresh, put out the light!"and in the "Omega Lambda Chi" celebration. The Sophomore societies vanished

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in 1900. Nowadays the elections for the Junior fraternities occur in the Sophomore year, and those for the Senior societies at the end of Junior year. The same evolution is seen in the Sheffield Scientific School societies, in spite of the difficulties connected with their three years course.

And what previous memories cling to the ugly bars of "The Fence," once outside the college buildings, but now inside the quadrangle. The Seniors sing at the Fence. The Sophomores sit on it just to show that they have the right to sit on it. The Freshmen have no part in the Fence—except for a few precious hours in the evening, after they win their traditional victory in baseball over the Harvard Freshmen. The old graduate, returning at Commencement for the reunion of his class, runs for the Fence. "The boys" are there, recalling the merry jests and foolish pranks of their first days in the great family of Elihu Yalo. Soon they find themselves playing Senior baseball and actually feeling young again. The Fence and Senior baseball are typical of democracy — Yale democracy. One can with difficulty think of a Yale without dormitories or athletic field; but take away Senior baseball and the Senior Fence and surely Yale would no more be Yale.

ERNEST W. SHELDON.

# ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The statement of re-STUDENTS' ceipts and expenditures COUNCIL. of the McGill Rugby Football Club for the sea-

son recently clased shows that there was a deficit of \$663.61 in the workings of the club. As a grant of \$900 had been considered necessary for the club, and had been prepared for in the grants from the athletic fees, the club is inside of its estimated expenditure by \$236.39.

So far as can be ascertained from last year's statement and from the accounts now in possession of the Students' Council, there is a decrease in the amount received at the games on McGill campus for the recent season. In the statement of last season's transactions it is impossible to tell whether or not the amounts given as gate receipts are net or gross. If the amounts represent the gross receipts, the decrease this season amounts to \$45.20; if the figures are net, then there is a decrease amounting to about

\$200. These figures are merely hazarded.

The receipts for the season of 1907 amounted to \$2,448.90, including \$825 received from the grounds and athletic committee. The receipts for 1908 amounted to \$1,875.65, including the sale of railroad tickets, commissions thereon, and a balance of \$24.55 remaining in the bank after last year's transactions. The expenditure for 1908 amounted to \$2 .-434.02. The expenditure for the season just ended reached the total of \$2,539.26. This included the cost of railroad tickets for students who took advantage of the cheap rates offered to the football team, the actual expenses amounting to \$2,-293.16, a decrease in expenditure for the recent season of \$127.36.

It may be said in explanation of figures offered that difference in bookkeeping methods render comparisons difficult, and in some cases impossible.

#### Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, McGill Rugby Football Club, Season 1908.

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some of whom brought their own smokes.
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cigarettes in abundance. Afterwards
other attention was paid to the comfort
of the gathering.

N t only was there a capital programme, helped along wonderfully by Gorlon Brown, who played the piano in his own inimitable manner, but there were other features. MM, Laforest and

Sylvestre, representing Laval University, were the guests of the Union. M. Sylvestre sang and made a sympathetic speech which was loudly applauded.

Prof. N. N. Evans told stories, sang and gave a reading from the works of the late Dr. Drummond, all of which contributions found favor. Principal Peterson, on being asked to speak, complained that while many persons asked him to speak, none ever thought of asking him to sing. Spoken language, he said, was limited to peoples, but music is a language understood by all the world. The principal seated himself at the piano and sang an old English song. This made a great hit with the boys, and Br. Peterson was obliged to return to the piano and sing another song.

McGILL ed from Mr. T. A. D.
Y. M. C. A. Jones on Monday evening stating that it was im-

possible for him to come to McGill, as he had been called home to the West and would not return until the spring. The Y. M. C. A. regret very much having to call off their meeting on Sunday, which was to have been addressed by Mr. Jones, and hope that at a future date, probably next session, he will be able to visit our University.

The Sunday afternoon meetings will be discontinued until after the holidays. The regular meeting of
HISTORICAL the Historical Club was
CLUB. held on Thursday evening, Nov. 26th, at the res-

idence of Dr. Colby. The subject for the evening was "The House of Lords." Two papers were read, one by Mr. Cherry, on 'Cromwell and the House of Lords," and one by Mr. Angus, on "The House of Lords and the Reform Bill." One of the members, who was to read a paper on "Recent Attacks on the House of Lords," being absent through illness, Mr. Mc-Neill made a few remarks on that subject.



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# ALUMNI

"Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 18.-The marriage took place this afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents, 605 North 17th street, of Miss Marie Louise Townsend to Mr. Fred J. LeMaistre. Mr. E. W. Sheldon acted as best man."

Fred J. LeMaistre, Sci. '04, has been with the Dupont Powder Co., in Wilmington, Del., for some years, and now evidently plans to make his home in the United States.

Ernest W. Sheldon, Arts '04, who was general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in 1905-06, has been studying at Yale since 1906. He expects to complete the requirements for his Ph.D. degree in another year, and will then take a teaching position somewhere in his native land.

Another recent wedding is that of Miss Christina Irving, Arts '02, which took place at Claremont, Cal., on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Miss Irving has been living in the west for some three years now, while Mr. Irving went out a short while ago to the assistant pastorate of the Claremont Congregational Church. Pomona College, which is situated in Claremont, will give Mr. Irving an opportunity of continuing to show the interest which he has always taken in students.

N. S. Fineberg, Arts '08, is another McGill man studying at Yale, where he is taking up graduate work in Economics.



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# **ATHLETICS**

SWIMMING of the most successful CLUB. seasons in its history.

The Laurentian Baths have again been secured, and, despite the distance from the college, a large number of students have joined the club and are taking full advantages of its privileges.

The majority of members, however, are Science men, and it is hoped that some more of the Arts and Medicine men will join the club and render something in the nature of interclass contests possible.

Senior and intermediate water polo teams, to compete with M. S. C., M. A. A. A. A. and Club Nautique, have been entered in the City League. Members of the senior team are granted the little "M." Three of last year's six are back, and with the new material showing up at the semi-weekly practices, should make a team able to give any other team in the league a hard struggle.

Prof. Jacomb is in charge of the swimming classes, and instruction is given each Wednesday to beginners in swimming and diving.

The annual interclass swimming match takes place towards the end of January; silver and bronze medals are granted for first and second places.

An intercollegiate meet is also being discussed. Toronto has signified her willingness to compete in such a meet, and a constitution, modelled after that which governs the intercollegiate track meet, has been drawn up.

The club relay team visited the M. A. A. A. bath and were defeated by their champion team in a 60-yard race. However, it is satisfactory to know that the time made by their opponents lowered by several seconds the bath record.

The officers of the club are: President, P. Skelton; secretary, A. A. Young; treasurer, J. B. de Hart.

BASKET BALL. On Saturday, Nov. 28, the Arts '12 basket ball team played the Macdonald College team on the

latter's floor The Arts '12 team had never played together before, but the score shows that they put up a good game. At half-time the score was 11—10 in favor of Macdonald, and the final score was 19—17, also in their favor.

After the game the visitors were entertained at supper by the "Macdonaldas," and this was so greatly enjoyed that there was difficulty in persuading some of the men to catch the train back to town.

The teams and officials were:

McGill.—R. Hughes, D. Thomson, C. Dean, H. Brown, H. Kneeland. Score—17.

Macdonald A. C.—P. Kennedy, P. Robertson, C. Carter, H. Anderson, H. Lee. Score—19.

Referee—Mr. Baird, Umpire—Mr. Davey, Arts '11.

The annual meeting of ASSOCIATION the Association Football FOOTBALL. Club was held at Strathcona Hall, Friday, Nov. 27th. The president, Mr. Williams, called the meeting to order. Then the secretary read a letter from the Students' Council asking for \$48, the club's portion

of the "Rubbers" bill. As the treasurer's report showed only a small balance, it was decided that the amount could not be raised so late in the season.

It was decided instead of a representative from Medicine, there should be one from the theological colleges.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Prof. MacKay; president, E. B. Archibald; vice-president, A. T. Cauley; secretary, E. P. Stevenson; treasurer, J. E. Bissett; captain, P. W. Adrian.

Committee—Theological Colleges, Mr. Hatcher; Science, Mr. Buttinshaw; Arts, Mr. Christie. FENCING now meeting twice a CLUB. week in the exercise room of the Union, on Tues-

days and Thursdays, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. At these hours the instructor is in attendance. In securing the services of Dr. Chiaramonte as instructor the club have reason to congratulate themselves, for besides having held the championship of Canada, Dr. Chiaramonte possesses an almost unique knowledge of the best methods of teaching fencing. Any member of the University may join the club. Application should be made to H. Slingsby or J. S. L. Brunton for fuller particulars.

# **PINFEATHERS**

He took me there to call one night, I guess I shan't forget; I fell in love with her on sight That night we met.

And when he left me there—
Oh, not that I regret.
She laughed at me, "He made the dare,
I'll take the bet."

Her lips on mine, a, flash, I'm free.

My heart wreathes up—and yet
It's pretty awful nice to be
A eigarette.

-Harvard Lampoon.

#### The Pessimist.

He wouldn't play billiards, he wouldn't play chess;

He wouldn't play cards you may very well guess.

He wandered around with a long sober "mug;"

He took books to table in order to plug.

The Optimist.

He wouldn't attend an old lecture at nine:

He had all the plays in the city down fine.

If you talk about study, he says in amaze:

"Why Christmas exams, don't begin for ten days."

-Contributed.

A student came up from St. Anne,
And a wild course of fussing began;
When his friends asked him why,
He would always reply,
"It's a habit we have at St. Anne!"

#### Destiny Fulfilled.

A hen laid two eggs with exactness, For which she's a true benefactress;

Cook the good one did bake
In a nice angel cake,

But the bad one got mashed on an actress!

#### At the Door.

Waggles.—"Tu-tu-talk aboush mar-maa-arr-velsh rapitty of the mul-mul-multiplica-cation of gui-gwee-guinea pigs! Look at th-these key-holes!"—Harvard Lampoon,

Miss Gotrox.—"I simply dote on soldiers. Are you a son of Mars?"

Theh Count.—"No; but I should like to become her son-in-law,"—St. Louis Republic. Miss B.—"I didn't get home from the Caledonia Club until 12:30 last Friday evening."

Friend.—"Has it anything to do with the Caledonia Springs?"

Miss B. (with R. V. C. innocence).—
"No, it is a pure Scotch affair."

#### Theologs Beware!

A theological student was sent one Sunday to supply a vacant pulpit in a Connecticut valley town. A few days after he received a copy of the weekly paper of that place with the following item marked:

"Rev. ———, of the Senior class at Yale Seminary, supplied the pulpit at the Congregational Church last Sunday, and the chruch will now be closed three weeks for repairs."—Cleveland Leader.





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And E-Y-E is i,
And S-I-G-H-E-D cide,
Then sioux-eye-sighed—oh, my!
—Coyote.

"What should I do for this water on my knee?"

"Wear pumps."-Exchange.

First Spectator,—"That was the cleanest game I ever saw."

Second Spect.—"What game?"
First Spect.—"The water polo match."
H. E. H.

#### Arts '12 at St. Anne's Saturday.

She (at 9:45).—"I'm going to sleep till noon tomorrow."

He.—"Why! What have you been doing to be so tired?"

She.—"Well, I've been entertaining you all afternoon."

#### Touch-Down!

One held a lock of thick black hair, One held a lock of brown, One had his foot in the other man's mouth,

As the referee yelled "Touch-down."

-O. A. C. Review.



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#### 'Tis Love!

Toper (hanging on to a lamp post).—
"An' yet they say it's love that makes
the world go round."—Princeton Tiger.

#### Tragedy in One Act.

"Bijou," the College pup. Laurier avenue. Honk, honk.

Sausage.

-Ottawa Law Journal.

Dare to be a Fresman,
Dare to stand alone,
Dare to have a Freshman yell,
Dare to make it known.

-Argosy.

#### Wonderful.

Mr. Howard.—"Isn't it wonderful what force Niagara has?"

Mrs. Talkmuch.—"Marvellous! Do you

know when I first saw it for a full moment I couldn't speak."—Brooklyn Eagle,

#### Like a Call.

Youngley.—"Did you ever notice that the matrimonial process is like that of making a call? You go to adore, you ring a belle, and you give your name to a maid."

Cynicus.—"Yes, and then you're taken in."—Boston Transcript.

#### Forestalling Her.

Husband.—"Our little boy is sick, doctor, so please come at once."

Physician.—"I can't get over much under an hour."

Husband.—"Oh, do, doctor. You see, my wife has a book on 'What to Do Before the Doctor Comes,' and I'm so afraid she'll do it before you get there!"—Harper's Weekly.

#### INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE

McGILL VERSUS TORONTO

#### McGILL UNION HALL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, AT 8.15

RESOLVED: That the House of Lords should be abolished.

AFFIRMATIVE :

NEGATIVE:

N. A. MCLARTY

J. T. McNeill

J. M. WYATT

A. S. CHRISTIE

JUDGES:

Henri Bourassa, M.L.A.

R. W. Reford, Esq.

Stephen Leacock, Esq., Ph.D.

# ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE

Y. W. C. A. C. A. meeting Miss Anderson, our student secretary, who is now visiting the R. V. C., was introduced to those present by Miss Schafheitlin. After prayer Miss Anderson delivered an interesting and instructive address on "King Uzziah." Her helpful words were much appreciated by all those present.

#### R. V. C. '10.

Some one a class report defined Fellow reporter, please don't mind), As a "heap of incongruous trash At which the writers hack and slash."

Forthwith we vowed (I won't say sore) That such should be the case no more; But we should make a daily note Of happenings, by rhyme or rote.

Monday.—Woful is this my tale!

A lecture by Professor D——,

A Junior scolded with scathing speech;
"Now tell us why," you all beseech.
Forsooth, she from a neighbor would
Notes borrow—now will you be good?

Tuesday.—Our S— at 5 p.m.

Had read one hour's Quintilian.

Two maidens '10 the front did hold;

And at the back some Sophies bold.

A voice did hear, "You boys may go,

This book I'll finish for these"—Oh!?!

Wednesday.—A day that all should rue, Nothing happened; I tell you true. Thursday dawned, the morn was clear; By evening, though, the scene was drear; Umbrella lacking, dress wet through; Refuge in "Arts"—were you there, too? Friday folks call unlucky day; We shall leave that for you to say. Alas! again shall we ne'er see The lecture lost by Dr. E.?

I' the library 'twas Junior's fate To drop the andirons on the grate; But never fear, we won't betray Just what that Junior fair did say.

Our privilege 'twas, last but not least, On Strathcona's steps to view a feast. Four men consumed, with good appetite, Candy or cake, we couldn't tell quite. This is the end of the week's affairs (We sincerely hope it won't be theirs).—

N. B.—"According to fate and destines, and such odd sayings, the sisters three, and such branches of learning," poetic license licenses license in the use of anachronisms and bad grammar.

R. V. C.'11. asked me to tell you about one of our parties.

A short time ago I was asked to assist at an evening spread. I consented, of course, and about 8 o'clock arrived at the scene of action. Here I found a frenzied hostess striving vainly to appease many famished guests by giving them something to do. Some helped prepare the fruit salad, others began to cut and butter the bread. One girl in the guise of a trim maid, d'après Lucy in "The Rivals," announced further guests. Soon two chafing dishes were brought forward. And now for the mock-heroic event of the evening! I was given ovs-

ters and a jug of milk and told to make "soup of the evening, beautiful soup." Contrary to "Well-Wisher's" statement, this proved a great success, owing to the timely application of crackers, pepper and salt. The chocolate was as marked a success, and our menu was as follows:

Bread. Butter. Olive
Oyster Soup. Cream Puffs.
Fruit Salad. Chocolate.
Cakes. Candy.

Doesn't your mouth water to think of it?

A delightful informal dance and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" put an end to our gayety about 11 p.m.

I've a lecture now, but will write again next week.

Yours affectionately,

IMPRANSA.

P. S.—I have just overheard this conversation:

Miss G.—"Who is the most popular boy in Arts'11."

Miss H.—"Why Forster of course. All the R. V. C. history students want him." (I don't take history, so don't worry).



# CLASS REPORTS

#### NOTICE TO CLASS REPORTERS.

Class Reporters will please take notice of the following regulations:

- 1. No report must exceed 300 words.
- 2. Write in ink on one side of paper only.
  - 3. Date and sign all contributions.
  - 4. Leave a reasonable margin.
- 5. Leave all contributions at the Union not later than 10 a.m. Monday.

These regulations are imposed through limitation of time and space at the disposal of the Editors. This notice will not be repeated, and all reports must conform to the rules or the report will be omitted.

#### THE CLASS OF TEN.

By JAMES AUGUSTUS.

ARTS'10. In ancient days, at least so we are told,

Aspiring poets did not write for gold.

Inflamed with passion for some lovely maid,

Her worth in verse to sing they quick essayed;

Or, proud of some great hero's martial fame.

In ringing stanzas his exploits would name.

Today, alas! behold the modern bard Through want compelled to write in praise of lard,

A breakfast food, umbrellas, shoes or teas,

And thus employers and the public please. O'er themes like these, designed but to amuse,

The poorest rhymster never could enthuse.

Happy am I, that in this doleful time,
A better subject lures me into rhyme;
In clarion tones, to all the race of men,
I sing the praises of the Class of Ten.
Come Orpheus then, and quickly tune my
lyre!

Ye Muses Nine my stammering tongue inspire!

'T is only three short seasons since there came

This band of youths and maids, unknown to fame

Save by the marks, obtained with painful skill,

By which they forced an entrance to McGill.

Oh what a band were we, my countrymen.

When verdant Freshies in the Class of Ten!

Those who survived the kindness of the Profs...

Returned next year to act the part of Sophs.;

Acquiring knowledge by incessant toil, And constant burning of the midnight oil.

Some learned to smoke, drink cider and to cuss.

While others went on Friday nights to

This year, as Juniors, in the library, Our time is spent in studious reveries; Or in the lab., the smithy or the shop, We work until the Prof. commands to stop.

Patient we plod in one unceasing grind, Yet trust at length a sure reward to find.

Concerning life o'er at the R. V. C., This is a foreign theme, unknown to me. Yet Rumour whispers, of the maidens

The Class of Ten has more than usual share

there,

Of wit and beauty, depth of heart and mind.

And all the graces dear to womankind.

Fain would I have the vision of the seers, And wisdom to foretell the coming years. To show the glory, honor, praise and fame.

Enumerate the time, the place, and name
Of deeds, undying in the hearts of men,
Performed by members of the Class of
Ten.

But Fate forbids my halting, uncouth rhyme

Disclosing secrets of the future time. Yet when I reach the mansions of the

I think I'll see, outshining all the rest, A band at once familiar, and again Pecome a member of the Class of Ten.

R. V. C.—"No! Don't

ARTS'11. be too previous in buying '11 jewelry. There
are some marks in our class (for evidence
see football games), and perhaps, if you
wait till some skating parties and dances
come off—however, it doesn't do to
make rash promises for other people."

Freshie.—"So you are surprised that some of the Profs. prefix Mr. to your names in calling the roll, are you? No, they don't do it in '11. Of course not; but then the reminder that you are no longer at school may be necessary."

Prof. M-r-n. — "Yes, we think that couplet remarkably apropos:

"'Your very frowns are sweeter far Than smiles of all the others are.'"

Sport.—"Yes, I would like to rub it in about our 14—0 victory, but by the time that this report comes out in print it will be history, not news. To hear that '11 defeated '12 is not so astonishing as to leave any lasting impression on anyone."

L-ch-d, D-v-l, A-g-e and Co.—"No, we can't print those jokes which you bring from the 'Princess.' Yes, we know they are screamingly funny—but, after all, first year men read this paper, and we must not allow our desire for witty sayings to overwhelm our care for their morals."

Mc-n.—"That's a 'fine' joke, and we hereby print it — of course, we know it did not originate with you.

"Question. — Why is Prof. 'Il faut's' hair like heaven?

"Ans.—Because in it there is no parting." N. B.—A slight tendency to part is being shown since this was composed.

Prof. E-n (after some one has spread some evil-smelling chemical around, in speaking of the occurrence).—"I entered the room, and very shortly the horrid odour arose."

We hate to be personal, but when one of our class asks the Donaldas if it was they who took his hat, some remark is inevitable.

M-G-n in the library one day, Lost his cap in a curious way. He thought some Donaldas near Had stolen his headgear— Blushing, he soon walked away. ARTS'12. On Saturday the Arts
'12 basketball team took
a trip out to St. Anne's.

Thomson was, as usual, late, and we barely clambered aboard the train before it started. On the way out we found that two of our members had disappeared, and later they were discovered in other company. A man named Kelly, of Valois, had taken a fancy to Buster's valise and telephoned, telling the brakeman that it was his. The brakeman put it off at the next station and we had to scurry round to fit Buster up in playing togs; When we arrived we found that nearly the whole college, especially the fairer ones, had turned out to meet us (for reports of our beauty must have preceded us). We gave our yell, and they followed suit. We formed in line and marched to the college. The game took place soon afterwards, and though we were not successful, yet the score of 19-17 shows how well we did. One of our men scored a basket before the whistle blew, which for some reason or other was not counted. Again, the latter part of the second half we played , four men to five, one of our side having been banished for giving the referee some While we were dressing our supporters were fussing, and by the time we finished most of the fair ones were busy. The writer also noticed a member of the Annual on a business (?) expedition. We were entertained by our rivals, and when the hour for departure came our captain had disappeared. He was found on a seat meant to hold one. but then it held more. We waited for the conversation to come to an end, but we might have been waiting yet, only the girl had to go. Our '12 caps created a favourable impression, and if we could have given a cap for every hint that was thrown out we would have needed a special car to get them there.

While waiting for the train we entertained our hosts with the McGill songs and yells, and as we clambered aboard we spent all our energies in one last yell. In fact, I have never heard ten fellows make such a noise before. The journey home was uneventful excepting that we tried to make one fellow share up with the trophies he had received.

Wednesday last a class SCIENCÈ '09 meeting was called to dis-

cuss very important matters, but as usual at McGill, only about a score were present. Why such a thing is possible is beyond our knowledge, and should not be. As class meetings are held generally at 5 o'clock, when most men are through with their day's work in laboratory, shop or draughting room, so it should be easy for every man to be present. However, unity is lacking, and the man who will devise some method to get interest in class affairs, as well as in matters pertaining to clubs, societies, etc., will have the consciousness of having performed something which will very materially add to the prestige of Mc-Gill, and no longer will our policies be those of a fraternity clique or "Ottawa."

The matter of student "rough-house" in the buildings was brought up, and the following resolution passed:

"Resolved, That the Fourth year Science put on record its disapproval of all disorderly behaviour in the building, and would solicit the co-operation of the other years in discountenancing such disorders."

It was decided to ask the other years to adopt this resolution.

One of the matters to which attention was drawn was the question of a banner to replace the original, which was lost in the fire. Designs are called for and it is hoped that some of the genius of the class may be displayed, and that the banner may be a real work of art.

Mr. Fred Kerr was elected representative to the Hockey Club, and Mr. P. R. Hilborn captain of the class team, and prospects are bright for the rewinning of the silverware, which we lost last year, not on the ice, but in the committee room.

Congratulations to J. S. Nairn, the winner of the championship in the billiard tournament played at the Union last week. But it is only another case of "You can't keep a good man down."

Since last writing the fact that H. B. D. went to the Junior Dance alone was brought to light. Question now arises, what would have been the result if that other fellow hadn't taken a brace (not embrace) of young ladies to the Union on the evening of the 16th.

Prof. S— attended the play at His Majesty's last week. Our most sincere wish is that his exams, will go to the title piece. By the way, speaking of plays, J. A. DeL— says that it is peculiar that they brought "The Devil" right after the "Girls."

The suffragette movement gains apace. It will be a surprise if W. S. F. and C. H. F. are not converts in a short time, as it is reported that they frequent the Canadian centre much too often. At one time it was thought that Geo. H. B. would also take the banner in the movement, but the able manner in which he has defended the press when the suffragettes with drawn hatpins had sworn revenge seems to indicate that he considers that Geo. E. Foster is able to dissipate enough talk irom the floors of the House of Parliament to satisfy a much older country than Canada.

Fitz, "Our Irish miner," has been promoted, and is now a research man. The value of the scholarship has not yet been made public, but it is believed that it will be good for another year's work in the University. Possibly by that time he will be a subscriber to The Martlet.

Goody, by the tempting offer of odds of 3 to 2, last week was entired to wager on 'Varsity for Dominion Rugby champions. But it is now doubtful if he will be able to afford The Martlet as a Christmas donation to the St. Lambert library. However, the New Year may see a reduction, and it may be possible for delinquents to make good their omission. Remember that reporters always carry their receipt books, and that it gives great pleasure.

Now that the colder SCIENCE'10. weather is coming and there is a prospect of ice, we notice that steps are being made for the construction of the rink. with this movement we believe that there is a movement talked of among the men of Science '10 for the formation of a class hockey league. This would provide both exercise and amusement to nearly everyone in the class, as at least six teams could be raised from the Electricals, Miners, Civils, Mechanicals, Transportation and Architecture. It is possible that there might be a series of "home and home" games (on the same

At a meeting of the class, held in room 74 of the Engineering Building on Friday last, the following motion with regard to the "rough-housing" in the building was passed:

"Resolved, That the third year Science put on record its disapproval of all disorderly behaviour in the building, and would solicit the co-operation of the other years in discountenancing such disorders."

It is hoped that the members of the class will remember this, and that such disorderly practices be discontinued in the buildings.

The number of subscribers to The Martlet in the class is not what would be expected tfrom a class of the size of Science '10. Many and varied have been the reasons for not subscribing, but it is to be hoped that more will yet see the value of subscribing, and tender their little contribution before it is too late.

It is not altogether a question of the value of the paper, but also one of college and class spirit. Let everyone then come forward and support the college paper. The subscription list has grown steadily, but more can come from Science 10 yet.

The question of a Lit-SCIENCE'12, erary and Debating Society, which was brought up at a former meeting of the class, has been settled.

The committee chosen for this work has gone into the matter thoroughly. The method of procedure of other societies of a like nature has been studied, and a constitution drawn up.

Owing to the proximity of the Christmas examinations, nothing definite can be done. But after the holidays the work will, be commenced again, and everybody who is interested in the class should show his spirit and help the society on.

Two offices, those of treasurer and hockey representative, were filled at the last meeting of the class, Davis being elected to the former and Mosely to the latter.

The man that hath no music in himself.

Is fit for lunatic asylums and backyard
fences, etc.

R-n-d please take note.

M—n's conjuring and other stunts might be appreciated at an amateur night performance.

MED. 'og. where shall we go? Go to the fountain head. Bramley, who has imbibed the wisdom of the ages, and "drink deep from the Pierian fount." He is the guide to the perplexed medical lights of the M. G. H. and R. V. H.

That the reformed spelling is an accomplished fact and not merely an unrealized dream is evidenced by the following notice which was posted up at the R. V. H., and for which we are indebted to the eagle eye of our untiring treasurer: "The students will oblige the Mopoligest by kindly poutting their waist paper in the pale by the stairs instead of throwing it on the flor.—Mopoligest."

We hereby give due warning to the female elements at both hospitals that there are a great many wolves in in sheepskins walking the wards — married men who pose as bachelors!

A Professor's Joke.—
MED. '11. "Gentlemen. The simple sugars are divided into Aldoses and Reboses. Each of these groups is subdivided into Triose, Tetrose, Pentose, Hexose, Heptose, Octose, Nonose and noone-knows how many more. This nonose, gentlemen, has the formula C9 H1809," etc.

Yes, we were surprised to hear that Tennyson's "Bar of Michael Angelo" was only the frontal sinus filled with hot air and not grey matter—as we once thought.

It is with sorrow that we report the disappearance of our worthy predecessor on Saturday, the 28th. When last seen he had formed the rash decision to proceed with all haste to Ste. Anne de Bellevue, and, up to the time of writing, has not yet put in an appearance. Our

class is small enough as it is, so take warning lest we vanish altogether.

The class pin is now ready at Birks'. Orders may be placed only by those who hold a deposit receipt signed by one of the committee. Get busy, fellows, so that we may finish the business and have our pins before Christmas. Apply to Harold J. Geggie.

We agree with Dr. Howell; a professional dislocator is "more interesting than smooth muscle." Two ankle, one knee, two hip, four shoulder, one elbow and two wrist dislocations make a record not easily broken. The performer richly deserved the "silver collection." Had we our Anatomy as "cold" as he seemed to have his, we would not fear to run the gauntlet with Frankie next April.

W. H. Cheyney has

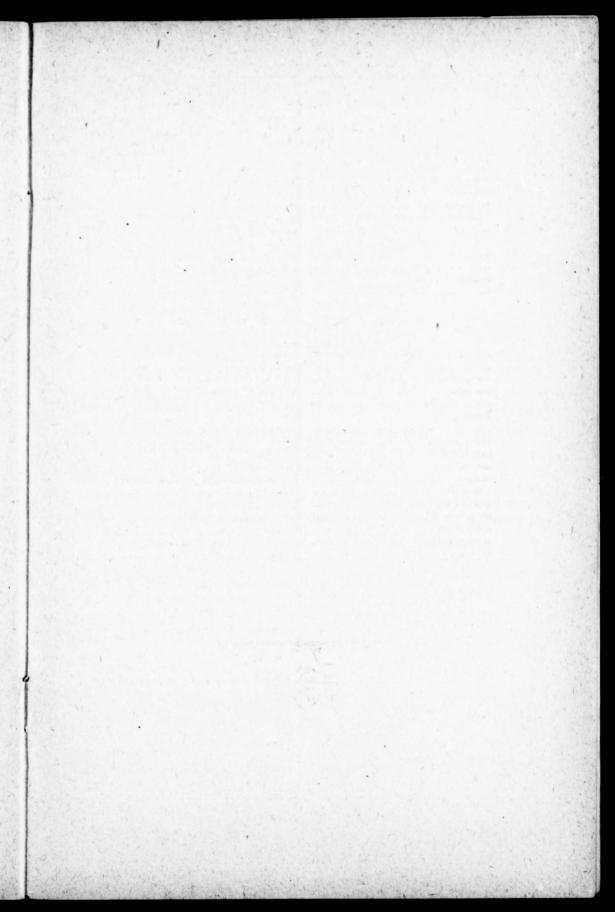
MED.'13. been elected as the class

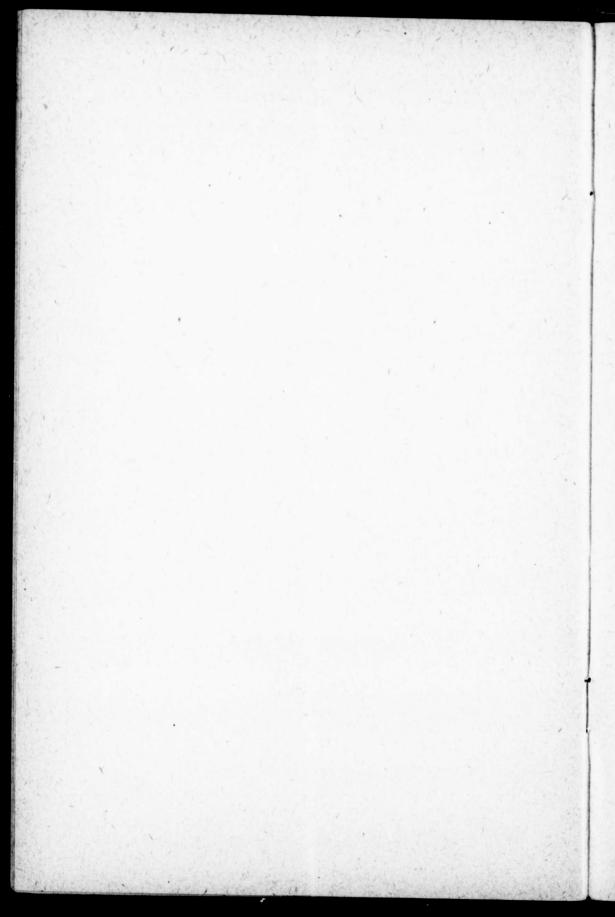
representative to speak
at the Medical Dinner.

C-mm-ngs and Astr-fsky, who were present at the concert given recently by the Clio-Tibial Band, report a very pleasant time.

R-ves is making a most heroic attempt to raise a flowing (?) moustache, and several conspiracies are already on foot to deprive him of his carefully nursed adornment.







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