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As to the behaviour of the students in the theatre, well, ancient history is not always worth repeating, and we all know what took place a few yars ago. No one has ever tried to excuse the events of that night, and it is to be hoped that such an evening will never occur again. You can make all the remarks that you feel like and you can sing till your voice gives out, but it will be considerably better for you to refrain from throwing things round or fighting too violently with each other. If you feel called upon to do such things wait till you get outside and let the police act as referees. We feel sure that the Sophs and Freshmen will see the force of these remarks and that we can leave it to their good good sense and feeling to behave as gentlemen and be at the same time students.

Don't forget your voice on Saturday at the Match.

## Thoughts on Sherbrooke Street.

(Any hour after 4.30 p.m.)
Wobble, wobble mushroom hat, Foised upon a little rat, All around the head so snug Hiding many an ugly mug.

Bobble, bobble rippling curls, Stuck all over little girls. Up above the hair so thin Just depending on a pin.

Rubber, rubber little neck, Which the "Dutch style" doth bedeck, Some are fat and some are lean Few should ever thus be seen.

Squeeze her, sc teeze her little corset, Stylish women all endorse it: If by chance she stouter grows, You stop bulges in the clothes.

Hobble, hobble little skirt, How I wonder if you hurt.
Tied around the ankles neat,
Like a handcuff on the feet.
Draggle, draggle little train, Gathering microbes in the rain, Sometimes hiding pretty legs More than often ugly pegs.

Pinch her, pinch her little shoe, One size smaller than should do, Fitting snugly on the feet, Make this poem quite complete.


No. 21.
(Mr. John Harrison, President of the Students' Council.)

Our first attempt to obtain an interview with this ornament of our University met, we regret to say, with ill success. He was discovered sitting on the edge of the back of a grand stand seat watching the progress of the McGillMontreal game, and, when approached on the subject of his biography, first bade us begone to a dryer, and, incidentally, warmer climate and then, on our persisting, consigned us to outer darkness with great fluency and point. We could sympathise with him, for conditions were such as to dampen even his sunny disposition.

The second attempt found him finishing a grill-room dinner, and being then in a more amiable frame of mind, we elicited from him the following interesting information:-

Born on Dec. 3rd, 1882, in the Island of Barbados, the birth-place of Kingsley and other celebrities, he was thus predestined to the illustrious post which he so capably fills. His early studies were pursued at Queen's Coilege, Georgetown, British Guinea, whence, after a series of weekly interviews with the Head, of a more or less painful nature, and extending over a course of a couple of years, he was transferred to Lansing College. From this seat of learning he eventually tore himself, and in 1902 we find him a "fresher" of Christ's College, Cambridge.

Over the period of his residence at this University, we would fain draw a veil, but duty to our readers demands that we should try to convey some impres ion of the early life of this eminent contemporary of ours.

Those who know Mr. Harrison's regular attendance at Sunday services will find it hard to realize that this now model undergraduate was at that time "gated" periodically for non-attendance at chapel, and there is a rumour, which, much as we would like to, we cannot disprove, of his decoying an unsuspecting "cop" into his apartments and there plying him with liquid refreshment until the proceedings of his entertainers lost all further interest for him.

In 1905, Mr. Harrison obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree, and from that date until 1908 we hear no more of him.

Imagination refuses to fill the blank, and the gendeman in question cannot or will not, so we regret that our readers must supply these missing leaves as best they may.

It was in 1908 that Mr. Harrison dawned upon McGill, and it may be of interest to note that this class was in other respects likewise an exceedingly noteworthy one. It was in this year that being required to speak at the medical dinner, a paternal President provided him with a bodyguard to insure that his articulation would not be of the "purée" variety. Neither history nor Mr. Harrison state whether their efforts were attended with any measure of success.

The next year of his life was uneventful, but in 1910 we find him Editor-inChief of the Martlet. It is needless for us to comment on his able handling of that eminent weekly; the present high standard of the paper bears ample testimony. His name will also go down to posterity as the founder of the Martlet dinner, a function which has, we hope, come to stay. (You bet.)

The University is also indebted to Mr. Harrison for at last getting a Dramatic Club on to a working basis. He provided a McGill Theatre Night by McGill students, and this institution will, we expect, become one of the a nual land-marks of the University life.

His able assumption of the role of leading lady in no small measure constituted to the success of the evening.

We could fill many more pages with his achievements and virtues interspersed with anecdotes, but the Editor says that he waives all responsibility when the Press Censor comes to call, so we must regretfully bring this article to a close.

In addition to the important offices we have already enumerated, Mr. Harrison is, as everyone knows, the President of the Student's Council, and is therefore two or three degrees removed above the level of the Principal. He is also Vice-President of the Dramatic Society and President of the McGill University Masonic Club.

To complete this biography it only remains to add that he is an author of no mean repute, being responsible for a charming little monograph entitled "Dolls, and How to Dress Them."


## The Sophomore's Song of Emancipation.

(With the usual shamefaced apologies.)
I wish my mother could see me now, as I walk decorously gowned,
With a cynical smile upon my face as I order the freshies round,
And a feeling of pity in my heart for the creature I was before,
For I used to be a Freshie once,
Green little hair-ribboned Freshie once,
Once, thank heaven, and only once,
But now I'm a Sophomore!
My head whirls from doing psychology, and Livy is rather steep,
And the sight of an economics book is enough to make me weep,
But I wouldn't be a Freshie again for a million dollars or more.
I used to take mathematics once,
Sprinted over to physics once,
Played little tunes with kindlings once,
But now I'm a Sophomore.
The Freshies all come up from home, with a vain contempt for a supp;
With thoughts of the work they're going to do, and the way they'll keep it up:
But we know they'll be pulled in Latin for sure, and maybe something more.

O, we used to-" keep our work up" once,
Carefully went to lectures once,
Tried to please our professors once,
But now we are Sophomores.
O, I wish myself could talk to myself as I left her a year ago,
I could tell her a lot that would save her a lot of the things that she ought to know,
When I think of that ignorant freshie child, it makes me feel quite sore-
Though she went to a kindergarten once,
Primary, grammar and high school once,
And she thought she knew all about college once, She wasn't a Sophomore.

That is what we are known as - we are the ones that have been
Over a year at the business-handled it, known and seen.
We'll furnish all information on "plate-taking," "rising," and "doors,"
For we are the ones with experience! We are the Sophomores!


## FOOTBALL

## Montreal vs. McGill.

On Saturday afternoon, October ist, McGill and the M.A.A.A. met in an exhibition game of football. The final score was 9 to $o$ in favour of Montreal, being made up of two drops from the field and three rouges.

There were several new faces on the college team. The Captain, Dan. Gillmor, did not play. On the back division, George Murray of last year's intermediates was seen at right and put up a good game. Brydon-Jack too has improved greatly since last season. Graham Ross was kicking strong but was unsteady and inclined to muff. Probably the fact that as yet he has had very little practice is sufficient explanation of this. The line was good. With 'Mike' Turnbull, Buster Matheson, Alan Johnson and a few others, we don't need to worry about getting bucked.

On the whole the team looks good. The wing line is as good as last year and with training, the half line ought to be better, so that a defeat in the first game, and that really only a practice game, ought not to discourage McGill.

## Toronto 10-McGill 9.

In the first senior game of the year, McGill met Varsity in Toronto and the score 10 to 9 in favour of Toronto tells the story of a very closely contested match. The two teams lined up as follows:-

| 'Varsity |  | McGill |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dixon | Full Back | Murray |
| Gall | Half Back | Ross |
| Gage | ، | Forbes ! |
| Kennedy | " | Brydon-Jack |
| Foulds | Quarter | Paisley |
| Carroll | Scrimmage | Waterous |
| Jones | " | Irwin |
| Leonard | " | Turnbull |
| Gorman | Wing | Johnson |
| Laboie | " | Mills |
| Thompson | " | Bignell |
| Kingstone | . | Mathewson |
| Grass | / | Gillmor |
| Park | / | Goodeve |
| Referee-Geo. | ard. | Ramsay. |

The score shows that it was anybody's game, and though it may be early in the season to talk of hard luck, McGill seems to have had it. Paisley, the new quarter, who had been putting up a very heady game, injured his ankle which had been damaged earlier in the season and was unable to continue. Dan Gillmor, the Captain, was forced to quit the game with a bad knee, while Forbes was hurt in tackling and had to retire.

Varsity has what is considered to be a tean. equally as good as that of last year, and when McGill can hold them down to to to 9 , on their own grounds, things look promising for us.

It is not the object of these reports in the Martlet to give a detailed account of the play. This can be found in any of the daily papers, and repetition is useless. McGill's score was made up of one touch for which "Mike" Turnbull was responsible, and four rouges.

The back division for a first game played well, and when these four men, Murray, Ross, Brydon-Jack and Forbes, get working a little more together, they'll be a fine combination.

Paisley at quarter had, up to the time when he was forced to retire, been playing a strong game. He was especially quick to take advantage of any want of watchfulness on the part of the opposing players. On one occasion, he noticed a Toronto man fixing his stocking during a scrimmage. Quick as you want, he bucked through alone for a gain of some ten yards.

It is only to be regretted that the injury to his ankle will keep him out of the game for a week or so.

The line was good. They were up against a very tough proposition when they tried to buck the Toronto line. Turnbull went over for the only touch McGill got and Matheson \& Gillmor bucked the line repeatedly for good gains. Gillmor's injury, it is hoped, will not prevent him playing in the game against Queen's next Saturday.

The Martlet has nothing but congratulations for Capt. Gillmor and his team for the showing they made against the Dominion champions after only one week of practice and that week the rainiest, dirtiest one in the year 1910.

Keep up the good work and McGill men will see the cup come to its proper resting place, the Redpath library.

Don't forget, men, that next week McGill plays Queen's on the campus, and that the team needs the support of your cheers and the exẹcutive needs that of your shekels. which they would suffer by your death. What security have they for the money which they have spent on your education?

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## INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL.

## Bishops' College vs. McGill.

The second team played Bishops' College on Saturday and defeated them to the tune of $2+$ to 0 . The teams were:-

| McGill |  | Bishops' |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Masson | Full | Ireland |
| Dixon | Halves | Scott |
| Douglas | " | Murray, Capt. |
| Duclos | " | Cameron |
| Davies | Quarter | Patterson |
| Laing | Scrim. | Reeves |
| Gallagher | " | Haig |
| Cockfield | " | Baker |
| Seath | Wings | Dinning |
| Digby | " | Ward |
| Stanton | " | Wood |
| Wilkes | " | McLeod |
| McLeod | " | Beaudry |
| Motyer | " | Allward |
| Referce. <br> Umpire. |  |  |

McGill played a good game. It is, of course, realized that the intermediates will have much harder nuts to crack than Bishops', yet with practice they can do it.

One of the most noticeable features of the game was that the on side kicks were not very effective. They were kicked too far and usually resulted in Bishops' getting the ball without any material gain for McGill.

On the half line, Masson was the best man. He kicked well and his running was splendid. Dixon and Duclos, both new men, both put up good games. Digby and Wilkes were the choice on the wing line. The team ought to practice converting touches. Out of two or three chances, and good ones, not one was converted.

You Ought to be there too.

## Montreal III. vs. McGill III.

The fourth game of the day was played on the campus on Saturday when Montreal III met McGill III, and went to defeat before them, the final score being 16 to $o$. Montreal were playing quite a few of their intermediate men but as McGill were doing the same, there's no kick coming.

Masson and Davies, both of whom had played in the morning's game against Bishops' College, put up splendid games.

The McGill team lined up as follows:-

| Brown. | Halves |
| :---: | :---: |
| Masson. |  |
| Williamson | " |
| Davies. | Quarter |
| Cornwath. | Scrimmage |
| Underhill. |  |
| Oughtred. |  |
| Gordaine. | Wing |
| May . |  |
| Kennedy. |  |
| Smith. | " |
| Brown. | " |
| Tinling | " |
| Hall... | " |
| Noodyatt. |  |

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## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

## McGill vs. Toronto.

The first Soccer game of the season was played on the Campus on Saturday, the 8th of October. The game ended with Toronto scoring one goal against McGill's o.

Soccer was never McGill's strong point, but to say the least, the team looks promising. The combination of the college team was good: their weakness seemed to lie in the fact that when they had the ball at the opponent's goal, they couldn't get it any farther. The Captain, Christie, deserves great credit for having the men as well trained and in as good condition as they were. In spite of all that has been said to the contrary, Soccer is a good game and should be supported in every way possible.

The McGill team lined up as follows:-

| Goal | Wilson |
| :---: | :---: |
| Left Full Back | Calder |
| Right Full Back | Christie |
| Centre Half. | Archibald |
| Left Half. | McVittie |
| Right Half. | McIntosh |
| Centre Forward | Lindsay |
| Inside Left. | Grant |
| Outside Left | Templeton |
| Outside Right | Routledge |
| Inside Right | Fisher |

## McDonald College vs. McGill.

The intermediate soccer team played their first game with MacDonald College on Saturday. The score, a tie, tells the whole tale. The play was just as even as the score, $o$ to $o$, indicates.

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## ENGLISH RUGBY.

The "Rugger" Club definitely opened its active playing season on Saturday last, October 8th, with a scratch game at Montreal West with the Montreal English Rugby Club. The game was only a practice but it served the purpose of showing both clubs what form the material at hand was in.

McGill was given the kick-off and during both halves played a good strong game. Before half time, D. McKinnon, J. Eldridge and J. B. de Hart all scored for us. De Hart converted his own try with a good goal, but the other two tries were not so well handled. As right wing three-quarter, Kennedy of MacDonald College made a fine run after some good passing among our backs, but unfortunately got his feet into touch just as he fell over the line.

After the kick-off at half-time, Montreal woke up to a much more vigorous game and played stayed nearer centre-field. A prolonged bout of passing beginning from the half-way line enabled Buchanan to score for Montreal. The try, however, was not converted.

During the game, two free-kicks were given against McGill for lying on the ball. Just before time, Montreal was penalized once for the same offence. From this at some thirty yards out, E. E. Billington tried a drop goal for us, but the attempt failed.

Time was called with McGill once more "scrumming" on Montreal's line and the score at one goal, two tries (II points) to one try (3 points) in McGill's favour.

Mr. A. J. Motyer, McGill's regular captain, refereed the game in good style.

Play on the whole was rather scrambly. Amongst the forwards, J. B. de Hart, G. Eldridge and J. Crossfield played well. E. E. Billington and Kennedy showed up best on the thee-quarter line. During the first half, D. McKinnon was very useful at half and his having to go on the back division for the second half because of injuries made itself felt.

A definite match fixture has been settled for next Saturday with Montreal at Montreal West. Kick-off at 3 p.m. sharp.

In spite of the best men being out for other College games, it looks as if McGill may give any opponents just now a first-class run in English Rugby.

Other match fixtures include a return game with Montreal and contemplated home and home games with the Naval Academy at Ottawa.

Like other college organizations, a hearty welcome is extended to anybody interested in the club's work to get out and lend a helping hand.

## SOCIAL NOTES, MEETINGS, ETC. <br> 7

The Muscular Suffragettes will hold a padlocking rehearsal at 4.00 p.m., to-day at the Militant St. Gate. All up with chains on.

The Young Men's Kerosene Association will commence their fudge and catechism classes next Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. All Freshmen with chafing dishes are welcome, but methylated spirits is to be used only, as alcohol is not allowed in the building.

The Independent Order of Fussers held a delightful re-union at the R.V.C. on Friday last. The first caller arrived about 7.30 p.m., and Beters, the energetic and amiable porter of the hall, threw out the last at 11.45 p.m.

The President of the Society, when interviewed, spoke most hopefully of the year's prospects. "We have every reason to be satisfied with the new material," said he, "and I trust McGill will not be ashamed of us at the next game. There is nothing whatever to complain of."

The Anti-Hobble-Skirt Association are completing arrangements for a "Crinoline" night at the R.V.C. Notices of this will be posted later, as soon as the doors have been sufficiently enlarged.

The Bald Headed Row Club opened the term by a week's sitting at The Dollar Princess. Applications for membership will be received any time provided the applicant has any money. Millionaires welcome.

The S.R.F. (Society for the Regeneration of Freshmen) will meet to discuss business for the coming year. Schemes to further this noble work are requested from any Sophomore interested. Last year the Society collected from its victims a number of useful objects such as locks of hair, feeding bottles, etc., all of which are sent to the Orphan's Home. Come early and bring your Freshman with_you.


The Union Smoker. The Graduate-Freshmen Smoker held in the Union on Saturday was in every way a complete success. A large number of Grads. and Freshmen were present and everyone appeared to be enjoy ing themselves.

The proceedings were opened-if we can speak formally of an informal evening-by Dean Moyse, who spoke on the value of the Union to College men and he was followed by Dr. Adami on the same topic. He, in turn, was succeeded by Dr. Elder, who spoke in favour of athletics-urging every man to turn out. As Dr. Elder was Captain of the hockey and football teams, when he was in College, his advice is the fruit of practical experience.

A number of songs then followed-Mr. Mendelssohn Argue furnishing the requisite noise from the piano.

Mr. Harrison then arose and rapidly reviewed the Student's Council, the Union, the Martlet and the Dramatic Club. In speaking of the Union, Mr. Harrison made a strong plea for a ladies room in the building, and when interviewed by our reporter, explained that he, personally, was not interested, but thought that the "softening influence of the fair sex"-the words are his"would help to mould the Freshman mind and turn them to the brighter side of life." An excellent idea, which we commend to the Powers that Be and if possible would suggest that the room be furnished in green to harmonize with the occupants.

Mr. Harrison having been suppressed, Messrs. Arthur and Walter Merrill followed with a duet of a mandolin and guitar and were so much applauded that they had to give two encores.

Prof. Caldwell then delivered himself of the "Massacre of the Macpherson," accompanying the ode with the bagpipes, which he plays with much skill and harmony.

Food was then served, and the company after singing Auld Lang Syne, a particularly appropriate song, since they met for the first time that night, broke up at the ungodly hour of II. 30 p.m., and went home to bed.

McGill Lit. A very successful evening marked the opening of the Lit. for the season 1910-1i. The society was favoured by the attendance of Principal Peterson, the Deans, and several prominent visitors.

President Clearihue called the meeting to order and Dean Moyse addressed the gathering. The Dean said that the two clubs he had always been most interested in were the Cricket and Literary organizations. For ten years McGill had been vainly attempting to win the intercollegiate debating trophy and he sincerely hoped that the present season would be more prosperous. The trophies emblematic of the cricket championship would soon be placed in the Union and the debating trophy should follow.

Principal Peterson emphasized the importance of the Lit. as a University institution. It extended opportunities to members of all faculties to mingle on a common footing and to forget for the time their special line of work. The Lit. performed a great function too in cultivating the "all-round point of view" which produces imperial ideas as distinct from petty nationalism. What we need is a "concrete consciousness of empire."

Dr. Parkin, Secretary of the Rhodes Trust, was introduced by Principal Peterson. He referred to the great educational value of institutions like the literary and debating society. "Send your boys to college, they will immediately begin to educate each other": was in his eyes a very true piece of advice. Dr. Parkin referred to the famous Oxford Union and showed what a breeding ground it was for politicians and statesmen. Lord Milner, Mr. Asquith and Dr. Parkin had been members of the same Union Executive Committee in their college days. There was no other single branch of college work which was so valuable as the Lit. for individual development. Dr. Parkin believed that a higher standard of oratorical talent would add greatly to the prestige of Rhodes scholars at Oxford. He was very optimistic about Canada's future.

Dean Walton deplored the fact that the Lit. does not enjoy its proper position and influence at McGill. He saw in it a real help to students of all faculties. Even a doctor would do well to learn to express intelligibly whatever ideas he has. For an Arts student public speaking ability is advisable; for a Law student, necessary. No other talent can be so easily cultivated and improved as this. In his opinion one of the most essential features in the success of the Oxford Union was the eager and partisan audience which represented every variety of opinion and belief.

The meeting was now thrown open to an impromptu debate. The speakers drew subjects from a hat and were allowed two minutes each. The experment proved highly amusing and interesting. Mr. Reid dealt briefly with the Boy Scout movement. Mr. Cherry attempted to explain the wonderful Mr. Sheldon Mr. Babcock then treated the subject of Hobble-Skiths. The speaker excused his personal ignorance of the subject and condemned the hobble-skirt on general principles. Mr. Johnson, in dealing with the "Martlet" made an appeal to college spirit to support this most praiseworthy publication. Mr. Cole described conditions in Portugal. The Ladies Home Journal received comprehensive treatment at the hands of Mr. Graham. "My Summer" called forth Mr. Plimsoll's rhetorical powers while he described charcateristic scenes in Paris.

Mr. Dewey expressed great personal interest in Montreal streets and great confidence in the present civic administration. Mr. Murray speculated in his usual generalising manner on the socialistic aspect of Old Age Pensions. Mr. Bruneau waxed quite eloquent on Nothing. "Mixed Bathing" was a hobby of Mr. Billington and he advocated it strongly. Loss of life would be greatly diminished if women should be taught to swim by the stronger sex. Many personal advantages would also accrue from such a practice. Mr. Billings eulogized the Salvation Army and its work. Tubs, meals, etc., were especially emphasized. Mr. Pearse was, well versed on the subject of aeroplanes and described minutely one of the latest and most complete models. This aeroplane was 546 feet long and contained 16 air-tight compartments. Mr. Angus said he must handle his subject wholly apart from personal experience, "Should a man marry his deceased wife's sister!" After briefly considering the origin of legislation on this question, Mr. Angus came to the conclusion that the practice had not received divine sanction. He believed that it was a subject to be left entirely to the "man" and the "deceased wife's sister." Mr. Beckwith outlined vividly the characteristics of the rural freshies but unfortunately time did not permit him to complete his remarks. Mr. French recommended a few original ideas about the hand-book and quite established his reputation as a fusser.

The meeting closed before all the speakers had a chance. Those who were omitted, especially Mr. Hugesson, will be given an opportunity to speak at the next meeting. The President announced the departure of the football team for Toronto and the members present adjourned to the depot.

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This club was organized last year, with a membership of about 50 . The executive would be glad to get the names and city addresses of all Prince Edward Island Students, particularly those registering for the first time.

The Reader's A meeting of the executive of the above club was held during Club. the week. The secretary was instructed to draw the attenion of students of all faculties wishing to join this club that membership is limited to twenty-five. As there are only a few vacancies we would ask that applications be sent in immediately to the secretary.

The Historical The first regular meeting of the club will be held on ThursClub. day evening, the $13^{\text {th }}$ of October. The meetings will be held in Strathcona Hall and a large attendance is requested at the first meeting.

## An Oriental Experiment.

It was, if my memory serves me right, one evening in the fall term some ten or twelve years ago, that Dickenson, Ram Das, Hawke and myself were sitting in my rooms, where we had gathered to discuss the remarkable disclosures that had just been made public by a certain Dr. Oswaldstein of the Bavarian Government Bacteriological Staff concerning the use of hypnotism as a remedy for Beri Beri and other tropical diseases. The Doctor had, in a late publication of the British Medical Journal, pointed out the results that he had obtained in Northern Nigeria, and to anybody who had followed his theories in his former articles it really seemed as though his proofs were all convincing, and that with the judicious use of hypnotism the day was not far off when not only so-called tropical diseases, but also the dreaded consumption and other ills that our frail bodies are heir to, could be once and for all stamped out. These articles had aroused widespread interest throughout the medical world, and at the time of which I write were forming the subjects of general discussion in the news-papers. Unfortunately, and I must also admit, somewhat unprofessionally, I made no reference at the time of the numbers of the Journal in which these articles appeared and am therefore unable to refer my readers to them. His articles, theories and results too, like many other things of my student days have long ago lost a resting place beneath my skull cap, and the whole subject would, I feel sure, were it not for what happened that night, have altogether disappeared from my ken. As it was the Doctor's articles were only a nine days' wonder, since unfortunately before he had quite completed the series he was himself carried off by the very disease over which he had spent the best years of his life.

Of the four of us, Dickenson, Hawke and myself were fourth year students, while Ram Das was already a qualified man. He was an East Indian, as black as a cinder, had graduated from Oxford with flying colours, and was now the proud possessor of a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons. Hawke had run across him while travelling from Liverpool to New York, and having recognized his sterling qualities had introduced him into our midst, and we had persuaded him during his stay in Montreal to put up at the little flat the three of us shared in University street.

He was an exceedingly interesting man, and from all his accounts had dabbled in many and various forms of science. His pet hobby, however, was
the occult and I often wish that I could remember some of the creepy ghost stories he used to regale us with. In themselves they would make a volume of the most interesting reading, but to continue-Ram Das was squatting on the floor, he had never lost this native habit of his and always indulged in it when the three of us were alone-chairs he appeared to regard as the creation of the Devil.
"You fellows," he remarked, this was in answer to a doubting statement of mine concerning the articles in the B. M. J. and hypnotism in general, "can say what you like, but I can assure you that there is a great deal more in the subject than any of you are aware. Mind you, it is a subject of the past that is only just beginning to creep into prominence. It is a subject about which some of my ancestors knew more about than any man living to-day. A subject of great good and one, too, of much evil. I know, I have practised the art."

To the three of us this came as a great surprise. Much as we knew of our friend, here was something new. For let me remind you that ten years ago hypnotism was in its infamcy and successful hypnotists were few and far between.

Dickenson was the first to break the silence that followed the Indian's remarks. "Do you mean to squat there, you old baboon," he said, "and tell us in all sincerity that you have tried your hand at that also?"

Ram Das blew a puff from the hooka which he was smoking, and without looking up, nodded.
"Come then, Ram Das," broke in Hawke, "tell us some of your experiences," and the three of us drew up our chairs and gathered round our Oriental friend.
"My experiences," and he laughed, "why, I have had none," and then growing more serious, he added, "but I will tell you what I will do. Hawke, you are a friend of mine, you trust me?"
"Why, yes," said Hawke, but somehow his eyes seemed to belie him.
"Well, then," continued Ram Das, "allow me to give these fellows a demonstration, let me prove to them that the Eastern world still knows something of a science that is dead and gone, that hypnotism is a reality, something more than a thing to be played with. Hawke, I shall not harm you, you can trust me." During the time that he had been speaking he had kept his eyes fixed

## You ought to be there too.

on Hawke's face, and Hawke nodded again. To us it looked as though some compelling force made him nod, the movement was not a voluntary one.

Suddenly, and without any warning, Hawke rose from his seat. His every movement sent a thrill through me. It was not that of a man in the full possession of his faculties, but rather that of a man walking in his sleep. He moved slowly, very slowly straight across the room to Ram Das, never once turning his eyes to either right or left, but keeping them fixed straight in front of him.

Once or twice I felt as though I must speak out and tell our Indian friend that his demonstration had already lasted long enough, the whole thing seemed so unnatural, and yet somehow I could not, I felt as though I had to see the thing through.

As Hawke reached Ram Das he stopped, and in the most guttural voice that I have ever heard, spoke. "You called me," he said, "and see, I have come. I know that the other fellows are in the room, but I cannot look at them, all that I can see in front of me is you, you seem to be everywhere. Speak soon, I do not know what to do, I think, I think that I must be going mad, I feel as though I have no brain, no mind of my own."

Ram Das, without taking his eyes from Hawke's face, bent down and picking up a novel lying at his side handed it to him saying, "here, read this."

Hawke took the book from his hand and started reading, and Ram Das turning to us said:
"I have, you see, got our friend under my complete control, whatever I tell him to do he has to do, with this exception, and that is, that such actions must be in accordance with his character. Now, for instance, I have told him to read, and no matter what happened in this room, a dynamite explosion or an earthquake would not stop him, he would still go on reading. Now do you fellows want any further demonstration as to my capabilities as a hypnotist?"

Both Dickenson and myself were now thoroughly interested in the whole proceeding, and we began to ply Ram Das with various questions. "It is possible for you," I remarked, "to have complete control over Hawke, now can you transmit to him any order or command that we may give, that is, can you act as an intermediary between one of us and your subject?"
"Why, certainly, as long as I give my full attention to what you want doing."
"Well," sail I, "tell him to put down that book, and to go for a ride on his bicycle around the room."

And sure enough on Ram Das taking the book from him, and telling him to mount his bicycle and ride. Hawke rose from his chair and began a series of the most comical antics that I have ever witnessed. He mounted his invisible machine and began to run round the room, progressing by a series of goosesteps.

After a time Ram Das stopped him, and leading him to the sofa told him to lie down and sleep.
"There is a great deal in hypnotism, my friends," said he, when Hawke lay on the sofa, "that could be made of much use in our public services. For instance, I have often wondered why our police departments do not employ it as a means, not perhaps for the detection of crime, but for finding out the true character of a man."

Here undoubtedly was an interesting point.
"Do you mean to tell me," I remarked "that a man can only act when under hypnotic influence, in accordance with his sentiments and character."
"Exactly," replied Ram Das. "Now take our friend Hawke, we all know his character more or less, and we all know that he is what is termed a brave man. Now I am going to prove this fact to you."

He moved over to where Hawke lay on the sofa, and bending over him spake as follows:
"Hawke you are standing on the sea shore, out at sea a canoe paddled by a girl is gradually making its way across the bay, and see, as you gaze out yonder the wind is rising, a gale is coming up and yet that girl paddles on,-that boat cannot live in such a sea, and now see, my God, the canoe's upset, and the girl is battling for her life among the waves. Can you, will you try to save her?"

Hawke rose from the sofa, and pulling off his coat, literally dived on the floor-how he escaped serious injury I cannot tell you. Once on the floor he started swimming for all he was worth, his eyes were starting out of his head. The sight really was a hideous one, it all seemed so terribly true, and yet on and on he swam but never moving an inch.

We all watched this repulsive proceeding in silence, and at last Ram Das spoke.
"My God," he cried out at almost the top of his voice, "for God's sake Hawke, look out, there's a shark swimming near you."

What took place next I shall never forget. Hawke made frantic efforts to outrace his invisible antagonist. Great beads of sweat poured down his face, and finally with one convulsive shudder he turned over on his back. His tongue hung from his mouth, and his eyes were starting out of his head, and the expression on his face! well, no words of mine can depict the awfulness of it.

Poor fellow, for nearly two hours we worked over his limp body trying to restore him to consciousness. At last we succeeded. Hawke had no remembrance of what had taken place, and was greatly surprised when he came too to see us bending over him. Dickenson and myself had been so busy, that we had not noticed what had become of Ram Das. Hawke was the first to discover his absence. Need I add that we searched high and low for our Oriental friend but could not find him, except to say that next morning, much to our disgust, we found out pockets moneyless and a magnificent microscope belonging to Dickenson gone. Such was our Oriental friend Ram Das. Later on we discovered that all his claims to any medical degree whatever were a pack of lies, and whether he had studied medicine or not I do not know. But of one thing I felt quite sure, and that was that as a hypnotist he had few equals.

Harry Johnson.

## R. V. C.

## ENTERTAINING THE FRESHIES.

The abject terror with which the Sophs inspire the Freshies at the beginning of term is well-known. This feeling wears off sooner or later-in most cases sooner. This year's Freshies proved an exception to the general rule and remained panic-stricken long after we thought that the time had come when we should show them our more agreeable side.

On a certain night last week the brilliant idea struck three Sophs that the Freshies were now ready for the social life of the College. They therefore resolved to give them a party. Other Sophs were induced to assist in the preparations, on condition that they be allowed to come in at the end and gather up the fragments of the feast. This proved a sufficiently alluring prospect and everyone worked with such a will that at the appointed hour all was ready and waiting. Then the assistants retired to a discreet distance to await developments.

They waited for some time in vain, nothing was heard. This made them rather uneasy for at their own parties one's enjoyment was measured by the amount of noise one made. Finally one bolder than the rest rushed to investigate. When she reached the door she heard the following scrap of conversation:
"Won't you have another olive?"
"No, I thank you."
Abashed and amazed she retreated to enlighten her waiting friends.
Ensued another period of waiting with strained attention for the bursts of hilarity which never came. Soon driven desperate by hunger the impatient watchers decided that the party was over and burst into the hostess' room. What was their astonishment to find the Freshies seated meekly in a ring on the floor, playing "Spin the Plate," or some game of that ilk.

The newcomers tried in vain to lighten the general gloom. The Freshies refused to expand and, soon after, they departed with many polite and in some cases slushy farewells. The poor hostesses were almost in tears over the nonsuccess of the festivity. They did not know whether to attribute the chilling demeanor of the Freshies to intense shyness or to haughty disapproval of their feeble endeavours.

For some time they refused to respond to the well-meant efforts their friends made to cheer them. At this moment a belated Freshie, who had been frivolling away her time at the theatre, arrived. The abused Sophs poured out the vials of their wrath upon her innocent head. They called her wicked and unkind names which I should not care to write lest people gain a wrong impression of our excellent and much to be praised class. I must say that the Freshie endured this rather inhospitable treatment very well and this so restored the
good-nature of her tormentors that they relented and were very kind to her in an effort to atone for past offences. In proportion as their spirits rose so did their voices, and when they at length went to bed they were all tired but happy and had almost forgotten the lamentable fiasco of the Freshie Party.

## R V. C. ' 11 .

The annual opening meeting of the Arts 'in Class Society was held on Tuesday, Oct. 4th. Miss E. MacQueen was unanimously elected as President, Miss H. Murchison as Vice-Pres., and Miss F. Olmstead as Secretary-Treasurer. Miss L. Van Vliet has been chosen as representative Vice-President.

## R. V. C. '12.

Two or three shining lights have dropped out of the firmament of 1912, but all our greater luminaries are with us once again. Then, too, a new planet has appeared coming from the west, so that on the whole we shall doubtless continue to form a bright and dazzling constellation equalling in brilliancy the Milky Way.

But with characteristic modesty all are unanimous in declaring that their minds, since the April exams, can only be described in the terms of Prof. L-th-m's definition of chaos, i.e., " packed full of nothing, swarming with nothing, so full of nothing that they can't put anything else in." Girls, girls, drop this cloak of modesty. Don't hide your light under a bushel-use a reflector and make the most of it!

The most strenuous events of the week were the adjustment of unruly timetables and the election of class officers. The results of the latter were as follows:

| President | Beatrice Ross. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Vice-President. | Eleanor Oughtred. |
| Secretary-Treasure | Mary A. R. Stewart. |
| Representative Vic | Beatrice Boright. |

Miss Boright has also been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Undergraduates' Society.

## R. V. C. ' 13 .

There is small need to tell of the joys of being a Sophomore, suffice it to say that we are making the most of our newly acquired dignity, and striving to keep the hordes of Freshettes in obeisance.

Thirteen has come back to R.V.C. with diminished numbers, but increased zeal, and we hope for great things this season. As nearly all the class have subscribed to the "Martlet," and one of our number, Miss Cameron, has been honoured with a place on the board.

Studies have of course largely occupied us since our return (at least that's what we write home); but on October 6th we took time to hold a class-meeting
for the election of officers. It was indeed hard to choose from such a class of eligibles, but at last the deed was done. Miss Clara Fritz was unanimously elected President, Miss Dorothy Mcllwraith, Vice-President, while Miss Margaret Morison carried off the honourable though onerous post of SecretaryTreasurer, and Miss Dorothy Duff was invested with the much coveted all-glory-and-no-work title of Vice-President of the year.

## R. V. C. '14.

It is customary in College to begin the year by the organization of the different classes.

Each year elects a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Representative Vice-President.

On October the sixth the Senior President, Miss MacQueen, called a meeting : the class of 1914.

Miss Helen Taylor was elected President; Miss Evangeline Planche, VicePresident; Miss Isabel McCall, Secretary and Treasurer; and lastly Miss Ethel Cameron, Representative Vice-President.

Miss MacQueen then addressed the meeting and bade the new class welcome to the College.

The meeting then adjourned.
The First Year Class this session is somewhat larger than usual, although the percentage of R.V.C. girls is smaller. How it will compare, in other respects, with the previous years, remains to be seen.

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Heroine (in tragedy).-Alas, alas, I am undone.
Thoughtfle Student (in front row).-It doesn't show. Go on with your part.

## AT LAST.

His life was a bluff
From beginning to end;
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## Correspondence.

## THE MILITARY COURSE.

To the Editor of the Martlet.
SIR:-The two pages of your otherwise intelligent first number, which were sacrificed to an exposition of the Military Course and its after-effects, give but one more saddening instance of the barbarity which is still rampant in our modern civilization. The patriotic piffle of the average jingoistic jargonmonger is generally amusing, and this last outburst would be exceptionally so but for the possibility of its being taken seriously by the callow youth, for whose ensnarement it was obviously intended. While unaware of the identity or profession of your contributor, Sir, I have no doubt that he is not only a Militarist, but a Conservative, and, in all probability, an anti-Vegetarian-but over the last two let us draw a kindly veil; to be the former alone should be a capital offence. For did not one of them almost induce my little Sebastian
to become a Boy Scout! A Boy Scout, sir, you may well shudder-little murderers!

The most mischievous feature of the article is the callous manner in which the writer appeals to the basest passions of your readers. "Be circumspect," he says in so many words, "in laying the foundation of your prospective for-. tune. Delude your country into believing that you are serving it by adopting the profession of legalized murder-it will pay you very well! Or if you desire a harmless hobby, soldiering is very amusing, and your country will foot the bill. Or. if you covet success in business, the Government is prepared to instruct you in the art of handling men at the expense of your fellow-citizens."

And we are then treated to a highly imaginative forecast of General French's report upon the Canadian Forces, which, even if it be true is of problematical importance. A military expert's opinion upon the relation between the Army and the useful section of the nation is as reliable as the verdict of a newspaper man upon the value of advertising. In fact, both are worthless, for both men have lost or mislaid their entire sense of proportion. A military expert may safely be allowed to decide whether a corporal should wear two stripes or two hundred, and his opinion as to the exact number of men, to three places of decimals, which would constitute the perfect battalion may merit consideration. But beware of encouraging him to overstep the bounds of purely internal administration, or he will immediately have you arming to defend the moon against possible encroachments by Mars.

Your contributor even paves the way for such a programme when he has the effrontery to propose that we prepare to crush Germany, lest Germany should take it into her hard Teutonic head to arise in her might and crush us. And, were he to succeed thus far, he would doubtless advocate the destruction of the earth, lest some dark night, the earth take it into her wise old head to roll over and crush us unawares. To such giddy pinnacles of logic I regret that I connot rise.

Yours pacifically,
Pro Bono Publico.

To the Editor of the Martlet.
Dear Martlet:-I have read your article on the Military Course, and it's me for the brass buttons and upright moustache. But just one question. Are there any prerequisites?

Yours (illegibly?)
Sci. 'ı3.
[We regret we are at the moment unable to give any information on this point, but perhaps some other correspondent can enlighten us.-Ed.]

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