

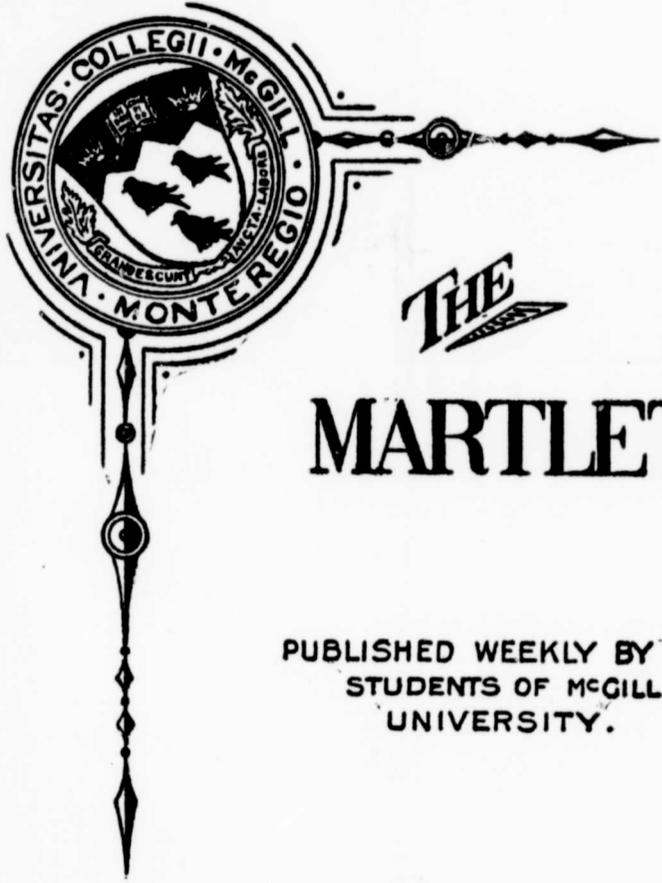
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EDITORIAL

Toronto 12, McGill 0. This seems more eloquent than words in regard to the game in Toronto on Friday evening last, yet McGill should not be downhearted over the result. In fact, when the inexperience of the men is considered the defeat seems natural. Of the seven players all but one were playing their first game in senior company and so could hardly be expected to show at their best though on strange ice. Doubtless, too, Baillie's absence

weakened the team considerably as he was probably the fastest skater and most effective player on the team. We do not wish to disparage the ability of the man who replaced him. Roberts, indeed, is a sterling defence player but he lacks the speed and finish which made Baillie's rushing so dangerous.

McGill is to play Laval on Friday evening, and with the experience gained in last week's game a win is expected. In any case, win or lose, champions or tailenders, the McGill hockey team is our hockey team; it represents us and is the best that we can put on the ice. Let us then do our part, and give the team our very best support. If we don't the players will lose interest, will not attend practices regularly and the end will be worse than the beginning. If we do the team will realize that they are not representing the Hockey Club but the University; the men will work hard and train because they will want to uphold the honour of the students and of McGill who have supported them in adversity. If we turn out and encourage the team we will have done our duty. Perhaps some

will say that the McGill student has no sense of duty or that if he has it needs a tonic but we believe that the student body is anxious to do its duty—that it will on Friday night.

In regard to this same matter of supporting college activities we feel strongly that the ladies of the Royal Victoria College have taken a step that is—shall we say inadvised?—in holding their annual skating party and dance on the night of a hockey match. It would look as if the ladies were losing their sense of loyalty to Alma Mater, a loyalty that up to the present has been on the whole deeper than that of the men.

This week and next McGill is to be exceedingly fortunate in that some of the strongest thinkers and speakers on religious subjects which the American Colleges have produced will address the men in Strathcona Hall (for programme see page 291). The meetings should be well attended as all men, even those not especially interested in religious matters, will find much that is of educational value in the forcible presentation of the claims of religion by able men.



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Correspondence

Dear Sir. — A correspondent in the issue of Jan. 15, calls attention to his lack of faith in the Literary and Debating Society, and outlines a scheme for its amalgamation with or absorption i. e. a society controlled by the Union. He evidently feels regret for what has been lamented by all who are really interested in the matter, the fact that science and medical students do not generally avail themselves of the privileges of the present society. But in his commendable zeal for better things, he somewhat blackens things as they are, and commits himself to several gross errors in matters of fact, e.g. :—

"Its (i.e. the present society's) meetings are attended only by students in Arts and Law and it never occurs to a student of the two larger faculties to attend the meetings."

Whereas there has been a growing attendance and membership of Science men, two members of the present executive belong to that faculty, and a Science student has recently represented his year in an interyear debate. Whether it is true that there has been "nothing in the meetings to invite a general attention" will depend on what sort of objects general attention inclines to bestow itself on. Our aims are modest. We do not present moving pictures or discuss French fiction or German transcendentalism. We seek rather to learn by effort and example something of the difficult art of public speaking. We exchange with our fellow students such ideas as we have on the political, social and economic questions of the times. We listen to the brilliant addresses of distinguished professors about matters literary or educational. If any gentleman is of so lofty a spirit as to find no intellectual comradeship with us, the Literary Society will strive on in its little work without the inspiration of his support.

Several of the suggestions offered by your correspondent simply advocate

what has already been adopted. Parliamentary procedure is followed if not rigidly, as far as practicable. Decision is by division of the house, except in the case of interyear debates, when the method would be absurd.

The unfounded charges of the communication are, however, somewhat atoned for in the breadth of view shown by the writer in his scheme of reconstruction, which, while it overlooks financial and other difficulties involved, is nevertheless worth due consideration. It is one of several suggestions that have been under discussion in the executives of both organizations for some time past. While as yet plans are immature there is reason to hope that changes will result that will be to the advantage of both. The defects of our constitution are obvious; so I think are those of the scheme proposed by your correspondent. Perhaps we shall not arrive at any absolutely faultless system. After all, enterprise and enthusiasm will do more than any constitutional changes to multiply the active membership of the Society.

Your readers will doubtless soon learn the nature of the changes that may be recommended. Meanwhile let us make the most of the "Lit." as it is.

I am, sir,

Yours truly,

JOHN T. McNEILL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 24th, 1909.

To the Editor of The Martlet:

Dear Sir.—It is the intention of the executive to call the annual general meeting of the Rugby Football Club early next week.

The exact date will be fixed at an executive meeting and duly advertised.

We, therefore, with your permission, take this opportunity to ask all readers of The Martlet to look out for the

notices at the gates and in the several buildings and to come to the meeting.

Moreover, we would request them to see that every man in the University at least knows of the meeting.

We would remind the men of the following paragraph from the constitution of the club, viz.:—"Membership of the club shall consist of all graduates and students of the University."

Every student (including the ladies) therefore is entitled to say who shall run the club this year; and after this appeal we expect every man to turn up at the meeting or for ever after hold his peace.

I am, sir,

Yours sincerely,

ROBT. T. H. SAILMAN,

Sec'y., McGill Rugby Football Club.

To the Editor of The Martlet:

In the last issue of The Martlet a contribution appeared over the name "Ex-Ath. Committeeman." This gentleman is interested in the affairs of the students; he thinks the students' council is not properly constituted to give justice, in money matters, to what we will call the minor clubs (as compared with the three major clubs that have direct representation on the council).

Without any attempt to confute the article of "Ex-Ath. Committeeman," I wish simply to direct his attention to a few facts which may have escaped his notice.

The monies in question which are administered by the students' council, are raised by a levy of \$3.00 on every man in the University for the furtherance of athletics; their distribution and apportionment between the differ-

ent clubs should be made by the donors, not by the recipients; the students' council through six of its nine members represents the donors.

It is a fallacy to judge the importance of a club solely by the numbers actively participating in the particular sport; the amount of general interest taken in the sport by the whole undergraduate body should be considered as a factor in determining the relative importance of the clubs, thus, to football is ceded the first place although the skating club has an active membership of more than twice the size; the skating club had 262 members last year; I doubt if a hundred men have ever played football in any one season.

Every man contributes his athletic fee and has the privilege of participating in the sports as he sees fit whether as player or onlooker, it follows from this that the sport which excites the greatest amount of interest in the greatest number of students, whether this interest be manifested on the field of competition or on the side lines, is entitled to be recognized as the most important sport. Applying this rule, I submit that the elevation of the presidents of the football, hockey and track clubs to the students' council is justified.

But the times may change, a day may come when one of the minor clubs may outstrip, in the interest it elicits, one of the major clubs and thereby be entitled to replace it on the council. Let it be remembered that every man in the University would be represented on the council even though the athletic clubs had not direct representation; in working out the composition of a small executive body it was thought wise to take from the athletic committee its three

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most representative members in order that the council might keep in close communion with the athletes as well as with their finances. Out of nine members of the council there seemed a very fair representation for athletics, inasmuch as everybody was already represented; in so deciding the committee who drew the constitution gave the athletic club members double representation. The students' council is not an athletic committee, nor does it interfere with the workings of the athletic association; the mere fact that those members of the athletic association are ex-officio members of the students' council does not prevent the former body from filling a very useful rôle; its members, who are representatives from all the clubs, both major and minor meet and discuss the claims of their respective clubs upon the general athletic fund; when a decision is reached and the rights of all determined a recommendation is forwarded to the students' council where it may be inquired into or even vetoed, but in my experience never once has the finding of the athletic association been ques-

tioned even though the proposed grants were in two instances in excess of the amounts allotted in years past.

The change in so far as athletics are concerned, simply means the substitution of the grounds committee for the students' council, as a body with ultimate jurisdiction, or the giving over to the students the administration of their own funds.

The athletic association remains unaltered except that its president will, in the future, be chosen from among the members of the athletic association and by them instead of by a general ballot of all the students (see preamble to constitution of Students' Council).

The council is not perfect, but it has accomplished much, every student enterprise in the University that is under its direction is on a sound financial basis; the business methods that it has adopted have proven again that a small and responsible executive is the best guarantee of competency.

Yours truly,

JOHN T. HACKETT.



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The patronizing subscriber is the most exasperating man with whom the journalist has to deal. He does not hand two dollars to the editor, and request that the paper be sent to his address for a year. He is not that sort of man.

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political and religious views. When an editorial demolishes one of his pet theories, he begins to regret that he has been nourishing a serpent in his bosom, and talks of withdrawing his support from the paper. He even hints at establishing an independent organ that will properly represent the people. In return for the copy, that he has not yet paid for, the exacting patron expects that the editor will attempt, in some slight degree, to pay off the national debt of obligation due to him by bringing his name before the people as a suitable man for some prominent position. If this is not done he regards it as an evidence of base ingratitude.

He comes into the editorial room with a manuscript describing the wonderful idiosyncrasies of character displayed by his house dog, or some other such matter of national importance, and wants it put in the paper; and when the editor reads it and suggests that his columns are crowded and that he hardly thinks the matter offered would interest the subscribers anyhow, the patronizing subscriber is astonished, and says: "My Heavens, man, ain't I a subscriber?" and then he goes off determined to bestow his patronage on some live paper that will appreciate his assistance. What exasperates him most, is for the editor to send him a bill for the \$2.00 of capital stock that stands opposite his name on the books. We regret that these few words will not reach the patronizing subscriber, because that kind of philanthropist does not read "Texas Siftings," except when he borrows or steals a copy. Our invariably-in-advance policy is very distasteful to him.

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About the College

McGILL-QUEEN'S DEBATE.

The final inter-collegiate debate, which decides the championship for this college year took place at Queen's University, Kingston, on Friday evening Jan. 22nd. The subject under discussion was "Resolved that it is in the best interests of Great Britain to withdraw from India."

Messrs. W. J. Dawson and A. G. Dorland, who represented Queen's, supported the affirmative position while Messrs. C. A. Hale and Geo. V. Cousins, the visiting debaters from McGill, took the negative.

The line of argument adopted by the affirmative was the following:—That Great Britain was not firmly seated in the East and must eventually be expelled with perhaps great loss of life and property.

That she was wasting much of her resources and best statesmanship in India. and finally,

That she could adopt a plan of withdrawal which would not interfere with her trade or impair her prestige among the powers of the world.

The negative argued, on the other hand:

That withdrawal would result politically in the loss of the most strategic geographical position in the East, together with the support of nearly a quarter of a million native troops, in increased expenditure, in jeopardy to the other British colonies and interests and in loss of national prestige;

Commercially, withdrawal would jeopardize Great Britain's market for her manufactured goods, would render less accessible her greatest source of supply for foodstuffs and raw material, decrease her shipping and carrying trade and leave her millions of invested capital subject to hostile legislation.

At the close of the debate decision

was given in favour of Queen's. The judges were E. J. B. Pense, editor, "The Whig"; Prof. M. Lanos, R.M.C.; W. T. Minnes, merchant.

Y.M.C.A.'s ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. will be held in the Hall on Feb. 13th. The reports will be received, and officers for the ensuing year elected. In regard to the elections the by-laws reads as follows:—"The Board of Directors shall consist of ten undergraduates; shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the Association; and shall serve one year." Also Sec. 3: A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President before each regular or special election for members of board of directors or the Advisory Committee. It shall present its nominations to the General Secre-

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the debate, a lively discussion took place, in which many present took part. When the vote was taken, it was found that the majority of the audience considered that the affirmative had won.

On Friday, February 26th, the annual public speaking contest will take place, for which a gold medal is awarded. All names of competitors, with their subjects, must be handed in to the secretary, Mr. A. R. W. Plimsoll, before February 16th. The meetings of the Literary Society have been very well attended this year, and it is hoped that many will take part in this contest.

The subject of the debate, held at the meeting of the literary Society on Friday evening, was: "Resolved that the spelling of English should be put on a phonetic basis." Messrs. Eooth and Dowd supported the affirmative, and Messrs. Angus and Cherry, the negative. The speeches on both sides were well delivered, and, until the vote was taken, there was doubt as to which side had won. After

A meeting of the McGill Western Club will be held in the Union, Monday evening next. The arrangements have been left with a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Fowler, Shannon and Wood. Dean Adams has kindly consented to give a twenty-minute address on a subject of general interest. In addition there will be a short programme and then ad-

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STRATHCONA HALL.

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how the conception of Jehovah was developed. A growth in this conception which removes many contradictions in the Old Testament. This method has done more; it has given us the true meaning of religion. President Falconer said that we must have scholars and should trust them. Men with the lightest possible motives, giving their very best are not going to lead the world astray. Do not be afraid of scholarship. This spirit will lead the world out into truths; and a distinction between the essential and non-essential will be made.

Mr. W. H. De Witt, of Yale University, will address the meeting in the Hall on Sunday, Jan. 31st, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Professor Shailer Mathews, of the University of Chicago, will address two special meetings to McGill men on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7.15 to 8.00 o'clock. This is a rare opportunity for our students as Professor Mathews stands on the very highest plane as a speaker and as a scholar.

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The other afternoon as I was sitting at my desk writing, I was surprised by an unusual chuckle and on turning around discovered my old friend Sherlock Holmes standing in the centre of the room, surveying me with an amused gleam in his piercing eyes.

As I had been busy with my column for *The Martlet*, my desk was littered with a great quantity of letters and notes and sheets of M.S. and now in some confusion I attempted to thrust them away from under his critical gaze. But he only waved his hand, chuckled again and after lighting a cigarette, remarked: "My dear Miss Dolores, you really should not lose your temper over such a slight matter. I assure you Arts men are not worth it.

I was astonished at his perspicacity well as I know him and my expression must have showed it for he continued: "What! Am I wrong in supposing that at eleven o'clock this morning as you were entering the Arts building, six Arts men clambered — I use the word advisedly—out of the door, shoving you aside and forcing you to wait till they had all made their exit—, the last one slamming the door in your face?" "Dear Mr. Holmes," I said, "truly, you are a most wonderful man, something of the sort did happen. I must confess, but how in the world did you discover it?"

"If you will give me a cup of tea," said the great detective, settling himself in a large chair, "I will answer you with pleasure."—"Nothing could be easier," he continued, as he dropped four lumps of sugar into the cup I handed him. "I saw at once when I entered that you were engaged in writing your weekly communication to *The Martlet*. I was at once struck with the

significant fact that this was only Thursday afternoon, and, therefore, something of an unusual nature must have befallen you to induce you to begin your labors before Sunday. "Mr. Holmes," I interrupted sternly, "Before Saturday evening I was going to say," he continued easily, "and a glance at the time-table on your desk informed me that your last lecture this morning was at eleven a.m., and judging by the subject it must have been in the Arts building now from my knowledge of the building, and especially the front door, my experiences of Arts men, and, lastly, my acquaintance with your highly interesting character"—here he held out his cup for more tea. I realized at once just what had happened and that you were about to write your opinion of such a proceeding to *The Martlet* before you—er—regained your usual calm condition of mind." "How did I know the exact number of Arts men?" Oh, it is a well-known psychological fact as my friend the Professor of Education will tell you that such people always travel about in sixes to protect themselves from Meds and Science people who might want them to stand back and be polite!"

So, I have torn up my own remarks on the subject, and give, instead, the words of this great and wonderful man, hoping they may have due effect.

I have no space to reply to any of

the letters I have received. I must again remind my readers and correspondents that all communications must be sent to Dolores D., care of *The Martlet*, *The Union*, before Thursday, to ensure their being answered in the next issue of this paper.

DOLORES.

.. Athletics ..

HOCKEY.

McGILL Vs TORONTO. In a poor exhibition of hockey on the worst kind of ice Toronto defeated McGill by 12 goals to 0.

The warm weather had made hockey nearly impossible and there were pools of water all over the ice. Any combination was impossible as the puck either struck, or rolled along. Shooting was nearly as impossible and most of the goals were scored by being poked in from a scrimmage in front of the nets.

Toronto's team is one of the best. The defence is particularly strong and were at their best on slow ice. Rankin—at cover point—weighing 220, was a hard man for the McGill forwards to pass on the sticking ice and his efforts were ably seconded by Clark at point. The ability of Frith to hang in goals from in front of the nets was clearly shown, and he, with McSloy at left wing, were the pick of the forwards.

The McGill team played hard but could not seem to accomplish much on the soft ice. After the first fifteen minutes they did not check back very well and in the last half tired considerably. Some effort towards training should be made so the players will be in condition to stand a hard game on heavy ice.

Johnston made some sensational stops but seemed bewildered occasionally by the long shots. The defence backed in too much, which handicapped him too. Roberts played a very strong game at cover point and should be a fixture on the team. The forwards were greatly handicapped by the heavy ice and strong defence of Varsity and seemed to tire towards the end—especially Blair and McMurtry, who did not check back much in the last half.

The team is undoubtedly better than last year's and the result of this match is no indication of their ability. On hard ice their speed and combination



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should be effective and they should improve with practice. On Friday, the 29th, the team plays Laval and the support of every man is needed so all turn out and help.

QUEEN'S VS LAVAL.

The Senior Intercollegiate Hockey season opened in Montreal on Friday last when Queen's defeated Laval in a rather one-sided game by a score of 9-1.

McGILL II. VS LAVAL II.

The Intermediate series of Intercollegiate Hockey started on Friday night, when McGill II met Laval II and defeated them 6-1 on a sheet of ice which was very soft and heavy. The pace was not at all fast, and there was no team play but McGill seemed to have the best of the play throughout the game. No person in particular starred, but every person worked hard. Thompson, who played centre had to stop at half time owing to a kick from a skate, cutting his hand and will probably be out of the game for five days. He was replaced by Wilson, who was responsible for the two goals in the last half.

Team:—Goal, Woodyatt; point, Patterson; cover, Lynch; centre, Thompson; rover, Masson (Capt.); left wing, Hilborn; right wing, Beaton; spares, Wilson, Gohier; referee, Walter Small.

INTERYEAR HOCKEY.

The interyear game between '09-12, which was to have been played last Wednesday, was postponed owing to an agreement between the captains of said teams, and it is very unlikely that the championship will be decided.

The Inter-class games on Saturday were postponed on account of weather. They will be played as soon as weather permits.

BASKETBALL.

McGILL VS TORONTO.

The first intercollegiate match was played in Toronto, Friday, Jan. 22nd, and resulted in a win for the Varsity team by a score of 32-16. The Toronto team is the strongest they have ever had and play fast basketball all the time. On their own floor and with their own baskets they showed up to perfection. The victory was mainly due to the fine work of the captain, White, who gave his side twenty points.

The McGill team was not used to such a small floor and the shooting was very poor. At times their combination was better than that of Toronto, but never so effective.

The team will practice steadily for its next game with Queen's on Feb. 5th, and it is hoped will be able to win the rest of its games.

The team was: Forwards, J. Menzies, G. Smith; centre, T. Douglas (Capt.); defence, L. Dennison, S. Forbes.

McGILL VS RAILROAD Y.M.C.A.

In the City Basketball League McGill defeated the Railroad Y.M.C.A. at the McGill gymnasium in a fast even game by 24 to 21. The teams were:

McGill.	R.R.Y.M.C.A.
G. K. Hannah....Home.....	Martin
H. Cockfield.....Home.....	Morrison
Duffield.....Centre...G. Brownrigg	
F. A. Fortier....Defence W. Brownrigg	
H. F. Thomson.... "H. Weekes	
W. P. Smith(second half) Defence.	

Referee, Mr. Calder, Victoria Rifles. Umpire, C. Johnson.

Although McGill has a strong team in the City League, it must be borne in mind that there is no senior series in the league this year and that, therefore, many senior men are playing intermediate. This is especially hard on McGill as she has a senior team in the Intercollegiate League and her senior men have no time to play in the City

League; in fact, they are often away at the time of its matches. Such being the case it is earnestly hoped that everyone that can will support the team; if not by playing, at least by turning up at one or more of the matches and by your interest inciting the players to better and more enthusiastic playing. The remainder of the schedule in which McGill takes part is as follows:—

Wed., Jan. 27—Royal Scots at McGill.

Sat., Jan. 30—McGill at Royal Scots.
Thurs., Feb. 4—McGill at Central Y.M.C.A.

Sat., Feb. 13—McGill at Fairmount Y.M.C.A.

Mon., Feb. 15—Central at McGill.

Fri., Feb. 19—McGill at Railroad Y.M.C.A.

Fri., Feb. 26—Victoria Rifles at McGill.

The R. V. C. are most cordially invited to one or all of the matches.

Science Jottings

The Carnegie Institute of Washington has awarded a contract for the construction of a craft for the magnetic survey. She is to be constructed without the use of iron or steel or any other magnetic metal. The purpose of the Institution is to make with her an accurate magnetic study of all the oceans. The propelling engines, machinery, and other parts of metal on the craft will be chiefly bronze. Manganese metal and gun metal will also be employed. Every bolt, nail, bar and brace in the vessel will be of this material. All the machinery will be of bronze and the anchors as well. There is some doubt, however, as to whether the crank-shaft of the engine can be constructed of bronze.

According to the United States Consul at Chemnitz, the German government is offering prizes for an effective method of combating the destructive effects of factory gases on vegetation.

Damage to agriculture and to the extensive forests by the smoke of the numerous factories is becoming every year more marked. Hence the Saxon Ministry of Finance is offering a prize of \$2,400 to the inventor who provides the best preventive of the injuries now due to sulphurous acid and other acid vapours in factory smoke, and to the effect of the harmful products of the combustion of bituminous coal. An additional prize of \$500 will be given for the best compendium of the literature on the subject.

From a Belgian report of the progress of electro-metallurgy it appears that the cost of simple fusion of steel in an electric arc furnace of 1½ tons capacity is about \$20 per ton, if the cost of electric energy is two cents per kilowatt hour. In large non-electric steel furnaces the cost of fusion is slightly greater than this, and in small coke furnaces it is more than twice as

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much. The electric furnace produces steel of very high grade and of any desired character, as the temperature can be controlled perfectly. The percentage of sulphur has been reduced for 0.146 to 0.015 and that of lead from 0.12 to 0.005 by refining steel in the electric furnace. For an electric furnace of 1½ tons capacity the total consumption of energy may be estimated at 1,000 kilowatt hours per ton of steel if the charge is cold and about one-third as much if the charge is already fused. The thermal efficiency is very high, 50 to 60 per cent.

In the closing days of last year an actual start was made in the manufacture of steel at the new city of Gary, Ind., which has been built by the United States Steel Corporation on the shores of Lake Michigan, a few miles to the east of Chicago. This important step was signalized when blast furnace

No. 12 was blown in. The mills employ the very latest practice in the art of steel-making, and the estimated cost of the plant as projected is \$25,000,000. If the plans of the company are carried out, Gary must become one of the greatest centres of the iron and steel industry in the world.

A new material has recently been produced in the electric furnace to take the place of platinum in electric cooking and heating devices. The new product is called silundum, and is produced by subjecting carbon to the vapor of silicon. The result is a silicified carbon which is similar to silicon carbide and has many of the same properties. It resists temperatures of 1,600 deg. C. and does not oxidize, nor is it affected by acids. As a conductor of electricity its resistance is several times that of carbon.

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Translation From Hugo.

(La Tombe et la Rose.)

The tomb said to the opening rose,
 " Sweet flower, I pray thee tell to me,
 What dost thou with those pearls of dew

With which the morn adorneth thee?"

The rose replied, "Those sparkling
 gems

Which on my petals gleam and shine,
 By me are changed to rich perfume,

Whose fragrance fills this life of mine."

" But tell me, O thou gloomy tomb,

Whose yawning pit awaiteth all,

What dost thou with those hapless
 ones

Who helpless in thy darkness fall?"

" O lovely flower," the tomb replied,

" 'Tis but the body that doth die;

The soul immortal, freed by me,

Becomes an angel of the Sky."

—Bates Student.

When Day Is Done.

How gray the sky, as day is done,
 Day-light and shadows blend in one.
 When suddenly gleams in the West,
 A burst of glory; back-ward pressed
 The gloomy curtains, either way,
 Unfold a glory not of day.

Beyond the Heav'n's we seem to see
 The thresh-hold of Eternity,
 Filled with peculiar joy we stand,
 Verging on the Spirit-land.

But soon the brightness fades away,
 —A line of gold against the gray.

—Acadia Athenaeum.

Courage.

'Tis the front toward life that matters
 most—

The tone, the point of view,
 The constancy that in defeat,
 Remains untouched and true;

For death in patriot fight may be
 Less gallant than a smile,
 And high endeavor, to the gods,
 Seems in itself worth while!

Thoughts of the Highlands.

I see the shadowy rocks
 In the dull mysterious night;
 I see the glint of the swell
 In the moon's caressing light.

I hear the whine of the wind
 O'er the cornfields waving and fair;
 I see the dark pine woods,
 With the gleam of a loch here and there.

I see the copses of birch,
 Late resplendent in yellow and green;

But the day-god is hid by the hills,
 So I list to the prattling stream.

I see the heath-clad steep,
 The haunt of the buck and the hare;

I hear the whirr of the grouse
 As he angrily quits his lair.

Oh! there's life and hope in the North,
 The land of the long after-glow;

Where the hills are empurpled with heath,
 Or white with the driven snow.
 —Student.

Received:—"Pates Student," "Nova Scotia Normal," "Acadia Athenaeum," "Student," "Dalhousie Gazette," "Bowdoin Orient," "Varsity," "Daily Maroon," "University Monthly," "the Argus," "The Argosy."

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They kicked! I wonder why.
Heard them say the week before
I hope it won't be dry;

And some of them were sulky,
Some were even heard to swear
They surely never wanted
To get a "skate on" there.

Did the Com. girls do their duty?
You bet they did and more!
I asked to meet one freshie
And they stung me hard for four! !

"To Westmount! Stung like thunder,
I shouted out at Jack,
The one I took lived farther
And was just behind my back!

Wanted.

The couple who insisted on talking
about what they called coo-education!

The Sunday After.

"'09",—"What were you filled with
last night?"

"'11".—"Two cups of coffee, four
sandwiches, six pieces of cake——"

"'09",—(Butting in)—"But I meant
the girls."

"'11",—"Just wait a minute! All
things in order! Two peaches and
eight lemans."

Overheard.

R.V.C. Grad.—"There are about as
many men here, but they are, not so
nice as they used to be."

He.—"They don't have to be. The
average among the girls has gone up
since you left."

MANY a shaft at random sent
Finds mark the archer little meant,
And many a smile from a lassie kind,
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—Harvard Lampoon.

Reversed.

"Be mine! Be mine!" the man implored,

The maiden tossed her head;

"I'll marry you, if that you mean,

But you'll me mine," she said.

—Detroit Free Press.

He—"I like the English method of spelling best."

She—"And why, pray?"

He—"Well, take 'parlour' for example; having 'u' in it makes all the difference in the world."—Exchange.

Union Note.

I want to be the puncher

At the ticket-puncher's stand

And have a pretty moustache,

The pride of all the land.

I'd wax it out on Sunday

So straight! A mile wide!

And let it then on Monday

Droop graceful down the side.

—Unionite.

FROM the number of gloves which have lately disappeared, we think it would be a good plan to employ a detective to trace the "kid" nappers.

THE ARGERS.

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In Montreal?

A forlorn looking man was brought before the magistrate, charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. When asked what he had to say for himself, he gazed pensively at the Judge, smoothed down a remnant of grey hair and said:

"Your honor, 'Man's Inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn! I am not as debased as Swift, as profligate as Byron, as dissipated as Poe, or as debauched as —'"

"That's enough, thirty days. And, officer, take a list of those names and run 'em in. They're a bad lot."

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DELTA SIGMA SOCIETY.

Jan. 22.—Those who had the good fortune to be present at the Delta Sigma to-day enjoyed a rare literary treat. Miss Willis, '09, read a most delightful paper on the pictures in the R. V. C., classifying them in chronological order of schools and telling many charming little anecdotes in connection with the lives of the artists. Miss Willis began with that group of artists representing the Italian Renaissance, Botticelli, Raphael, Veronese, da Vinci, Bellini and Titian, whose pictures show a mingling of two ideas, the religious mysticism of the middle ages and the freer spirit of

Greece, which looks for the beauty and joy of this life.

After the decline of Art in Italy we find a strong school of painters in one worth, realistic rather than idealistic. Of these Rembrandt and Reuysdall are typical. From the Netherlands we pass to France whose representatives on our walls are Watteau, le Brun, Greuze and Corot, the founder of the impressionistic school of art. Contemporary with Greuze we have a well-known school of English painters, which includes Lawrence, Reynolds, Gainsborough, Romney, Raeburn, Morland and many others. We cannot point to any glorious Renaissance in England, but the first famous and original portrait

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painter was Painter. Before him foreigners, such as Van Dyke, were engaged to come and paint court portraits.

Constable, one of the greatest of English landscape-painters, was a contemporary of that school of writers who advocated a return to nature. Two more great names, those of Landseer and Turner claim our attention about this period.

The pre-Raphaelite school of simplicity and sincerity, represented here by the productions of Rossetti and Burne-Jones carry us far afield from the impressionistic artist Corot. The principle of this school was to go to Nature for inspiration, "rejecting nothing, selecting nothing, scorning nothing." The discussion of this school of artists was the last in our survey of the masterpieces of art found in the R. V. C.

We regret to say that **R. V. C. 1910.** a member of our class is still suffering from illness, but are very glad to hear that her condition is reported as more favourable. She will be pleased to hear by letter from any of the girls.

Moved: In last week's "Martlet" that the doors of the Arts Building be made transparent, or something to that effect."

Seconded: Most strenuously, by all—we, us, and ours.

It is bad enough to be bunted by some care-laden student rushing through the gates of knowledge, but when a professor knocks one breathless, than transfixes one with a haughty glare as he passes on, well—satis est.

Junior: Wasn't that a shocking exhibition in the German class—to think that he could have smuggled even a

glass into the desk!

Senior: Oh, that's nothing. He was only endeavouring to make the German element more realistic. But say, you needn't mention the little incident to the Sophs and Freshies. It wouldn't be good for them.

The Olympic games of **R. V. C. '11.** the R. V. C. far surpassed those of ancient Greece in regard both to competitors and rewards. We congratulate the youngest and most nimble year for winning the laurel wreath.

Miss M. Ellison '11 easily ran off with the individual trophy while Miss G. Slack jumped into second place with a broken record. The remainder of the class supported their champions in a manner befitting sophomores and we stood second in the mighty contest.

Further prowess we are sure, will be shown in winter sports as we are fortunate in having Miss Greer for our

hockey captain.

Subjects under discussion in the **R. V. C.:**—

The Ways of the Weather.

The Terrors of Talk.

The Fads of Fashion.

Fortunes from Tea-leaves.

The Jokes of the Profs'.

Our Fatal Beauty.

Hims and Haws.

Are We Too Clever to Live?

The Rest for the Weary.

Prigs and Priggery.

The Beauty of the Human Voice.

Principal Peterson and

The Emperor of Germany.

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Class Reports

At a meeting held last week, S. Hutchinson was elected captain of the class hockey team, and A. H. Elder was accorded the privilege of representing the class as speaker at the annual dinner of the Arts' Undergraduate Society, Wednesday evening next.

In regard to several irate inquiries as to who was the subject that inspired the piece of occasional verse appearing in this column last week, the reply is, "If the rat fits, wear it."

Here begineth the **MEDICINE 1911**, chronicles of the past week of the famous class of Med. '11.

Monday.—Our verbose New Brunswick friend, McKim, had nothing to say at the brain grind! Such an unusual occurrence came as a surprise to all. Don't let it happen again, McKim.

Tuesday.—The morning was spent in the odoriferous "upper room," but the afternoon's cooking class, across the hall, made up for that. As a result, Messrs. Hickson, Furlong & Co. are now prepared to cater for small social functions such as the Union dance and the Y. M. Bathing Party. Eight course dinners for two are prepared by the above-named firm in the remarkably short time of two hours, while you wait. Further information on demand.

P.S.—This ad. is not paid for but inserted in the hope of securing a dollar and a half in Martlet subscriptions.

Wednesday. — Morning was spent among the delightful odors of the organic bases. Ye, gods, deliver us from all such in the future! For the information of more fortunate brethren we mention the weekly lecture in English composition enjoyed (?) by the six unfortunate double coursemen. In this lecture we were taught that "one of the beauties of youth is the ease with which it is amused." To tell the truth, we must possess these "beauties" for we are "amused"—at times!

Thursday.—The morning was spent

with scalpel and forceps, but during the afternoon, our "day off," it's hard to say what happened. Some, no doubt, studied brains at home, while others studied Royal-Princess "surface-marking." This is an important part of every course but more so to Science men for Meds. know all about it already.

Friday passed quietly enough except that we (editorial) began to feel the pains of approaching literary (?) production. Great relief was obtained during the afternoon by the bountiful offer of one of the digs appearing above, for which we can only express our thanks coupled with requests for more.

Saturday morning as we were in the Bio-Lab. a little bird—one of those "d—n sparrows," of course, whispered that bathing suits had been ordered for the Y. M. and would be served out on request! This shocking news demanded further inquiry. The result is that the bird was not a sparrow but a lyre for nothing but a professional fuss and gobble were provided for fussers who were lucky enough to get fair fussettes. All the same, we wish, with "Freshette" of two weeks ago, that such little affairs happened oftener and in finer weather.

Here endeth the chronicles and the troubles of the scribe.

At present there is plenty of excitement for the noble class of **SCIENCE '10**, for on Wednesday, Jan. 27th, is to be held in the Union, a year Smoker and the class will be well represented there. Then, on Feb. 4th, comes the class dinner, which is to be held at the Windsor Hotel. A good crowd is expected to attend and every thing points to the success of the function if such is the case.

On Saturday night last, a number of

the class, including our foremost fusers, gathered at Strathcona Hall. The original purpose was a skating party but the weather man decreed otherwise and so the function was transferred to the interior of the hall. This did not dampen the spirits of those who came, however, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. John "Willie," McL.—'s presence was particularly noticed and he seemed to have a splendid time. P. C. T. — was the man on the spot when the lights went out and his head was of great use then. By the way, R. G. Mc — thinks the lights did not stay out long enough. Probably "Bob" would have liked to sit around by candle-light. It is rumored that G. G. G. — discovered a new route to British Columbia via the St. Catherine St. car-line to Westmount. It has since been ascertained, however, that he gave it up and returned to Montreal a.m. N-r-r-y is now preparing to edit his new work, "How to Fill Programmes in the Dark," or "The Fuser's Handbook." It was noticed that Science '09 had a representation in W. S. F. —, J. J. O'. —, A. F. M. B. —, etc. It was not noticed, however, whether W. S. F. — went to Westmount afterwards or not.

The members of the class wish to extend their thanks to the executives of the Y. W. C. A. and of the Y. M. C. A. for the very enjoyable evening which was spent, due to their hospitality.

While hockey is uppermost in the minds of the students of McGill we may be forgiven if we butt in and suggest it for a topic at the next Y.M.C.A. "pink tea," for it certainly is a much more interesting subject of conversation than the weather. Also we feel certain that some of the Class '10 would be capable of talking on the subject although not able to pick a team to compete against the seniors.

Up to the time of writing (Monday, 5.15 a.m.), Asst. Mgr. Scott had not been seen since Friday night. Two reasons are given for his disappearance. First: His picture having ap-

peared in The Martlet, he was afraid of being recognized at every turn and Hobsonized. Second: Ah, well, ask Westmount, 59287.

By the way, let me here remind students that on Friday, Jan. 29, McGill and Laval will meet in Victoria Rink in gladiatorial combat. It is rumored that a team from Sci. '09 will play the winners, but we do not vouch for the statement, so get your passports early and avoid the rush.

The Alma Mater dance did not call as many of our class to the front as usual but the veterans will be ready for the Union dance on Feb. 5th, and it is hoped that the event will be as big a success financially as it promised to be in other ways. Tickets for dances are on sale at the Hall Porter's Office and generally there is a crowd of loafers around who try to make it embarrassing for the purchaser of the card boards. This is best exemplified by the case of one of our number who desired to attend last week's function, and the following conversation ensued much to the delight of the fellows.

Porter: Your name?

Student: J. D. G-de.

Porter: The name of the young lady?

Student: That doesn't matter.

Porter: But we insist on having it.

Student: Oh, well, Mrs. J. D. G-de.

The residents of Strathcona Hall are planning on a Skating Party and informal dance in the near future. Without doubt Sci. '09 will be well represented here. Time, Saturday evening; place, Strathcona Hall. Personal Dramatis, Freshette and others. Freshette (consolingly): Poor Mr. McGraw! How did he get that black eye?

However, full particulars of that and also of Mr. McGraw's trip to darkest Westmount are being prepared by the International News Co., Room 23 Strathcona Hall, and will be published shortly.

Students of Sci. '09 regret that up to the present the library in the Engineering Building has not been put in shape. Little spare time is given, but were this library at hand it would offer great advantages for improving every moment. To be sure, we have the Redpath Library at our disposal, but when only a few minutes are given it is hard to have to walk that distance, and undo considerable red tape to get to a dusty alcove where the Science Magazine, etc., are kept. Evidently, the Engineering Library is not as important as an Architectural Museum or it would have been put into condition long ago.

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