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# The McGill Martlet



**The Slump** Two more championships have eluded us, and, in so doing, in Athletics. have stimulated more or less gloomy reflection upon the present trend of Athletics at McGill.

At the commencement of the season our "thin red line of 'eroes' looked like a championship team, if ever there was one. But, with more hard luck than would discourage any three ordinary universities, and cramped as to training by lack of tangible support from the powers that be, they found the task superhuman. By this, we do not in any way desire to depreciate the very fine work of Toronto. They have a splendid team, and well deserved their victory, but we cannot help feeling that, given the same team which pressed them so closely on their own ground, the stories of Oct. 22nd and 29th might well have had a very different ending.

In this issue we print a letter received most opportunely from Mr. Kenneth McKinnon, one of the most successful of our '09 graduates. This letter refers mainly to football, but applies equally well to every other branch of Athletics which struggles for existence at McGill, and we recommend it to the careful consideration of every reader, subscriber or non-subscriber, and professor or student.

As Mr. McKinnon asks, is it, under present circumstances, worth a man's while to turn out and endeavour to win athletic fame for his college, when doing so renders him liable to lose his year through the operation of a rigid and indiscriminating attendance rule? Candidly, we think not, and, as lovers of a square deal, we do not blame the man who thus finds no option to eliminating athletics entirely from his programme.

Let us turn, then, to the Faculty's point of view. Is McGill's high reputation as a Science school in such danger that the only way of preserving it is to keep the men's noses to the grindstone, morning, noon and hight? And is the work so uniformly essential that the loss of three hours per week for two months out of seven and a half should blast, or even endanger, a man's whole professional career? Any experienced engineer will assure us that such propositions are ridiculous, and that the whole value of a college education lies in the mental training which it involves, and in the strength of character which it creates.

If this is not the case, it would greatly militate towards general satisfaction if the Faculty would, for a moment, descend from their Olympic heights and tell us so. If they are right, it should not be impossible for them to demonstrate the fact; and to do so would vastly strenghten their position in the confidence of the students. In fact, if the Faculty prolong their silence on the subject it can only be to the detriment of the University, as affording to those who are seeking it, an opportunity to believe that the Faculty are not sure of their position.

For the present, the "Martlet" prefers to remain impartial, for, while we like to think of the Faculty as verging upon infallibility, we cannot overlook the right of the students to be taken into the confidence of the Faculty with regard to their theory of technical education. At dinners and meetings they repeatedly assure us at considerable length that this is the finest college in America. If so, surely the staff, which is presumably the most competent on the continent can devise some satisfactory alternative to the present untenable state of affairs. In this connection, we should be extremely interested to learn why the eight o'clock lecture solution, as to which both Faculty and students were so enthusiastic, met such an untimely fate.

But perhaps the Faculty are really entirely opposed to athletics, and are dreaming of the happy days when McGill will become another Tec.; and when the Campus will be useful mainly as a parade ground for the perambulators of Professors' wives, or as a space for Science sophomores to map out. It is a pleasing prospect, and we wish them joy of its realisation.



No. 24..

#### STUART FORBES.

TIME:-6.30 P.M.-absolute darkness.

PLACE:-The Campus.

Then out of the gloom—"Fifty-four—sixty-six—hundred and five—check—seventy-three--sixteen!!" in a fine falsetto.

"What the dickens is that?" asks the Freshman?

"Why that's Stuart Forbes" answers the Initiated One.

Until this year, from the time he came to McGill, Stuart has played quarter on the first team. Who has not seen him sauntering on to the field disguised in a sweater, or who has not heard the oft repeated question "Who is the little bald man"? For our hero attracts considerable attention to himself, and if there is one man on the team who plays a harder game than any other, that man is Stuart Forbes.

There runs a tale of his noble rescue—at the prayer of a fair one—of a dicky-bird (a Martlet?—Ed.) from the topmost twigs of a lofty telegraph pole.

We have also heard a story which connects this gay dog with a balcony in the wee sma' hours, but we would not state for a positive fact that the fall he sustained on that occasion accounts for his paucity of hirsute covering.

Of his early youth we know next to nothing. He was born in Toronto and has since lived in Ithaca, England and Montreal. His early education was gained at the Montreal High School where he began his football career. Since then he has played continuously in his characteristic manner. The main thing about Stuart is that he always seems to be there when needed, which after all is the sum total of football virtues.

Unfortunately, this year he leaves us for other fields of action, but our good wishes go with him. May he tackle his jobs as successfully as he does his opponents.

#### THE STUPID MAN AND THE CLEVER JUG.

HE was tramping restlessly to and fro in the front drawing-room of an old house, such as abound in the purlieus of McGill University, and are remarkable only for size and ugliness.

IT was lying broken, in the pantry of a smart flat in Westmount, regarded with ruth and rue but not despair, by the guilty party, who knowing her mistress was out for the afternoon, was hastening to go out too, indifferent to the claims of door bell and telephone, bent only upon repairing breaches in the shattered one, as soon as might be.

SHE (the Inevitable) was breathlessly running to catch a "Mountain Belt Line"—which, though not very convenient, was the car best suited to her purpose, that purpose leading her towards the unfashionable house where the Stupid Man nervously awaited her coming.

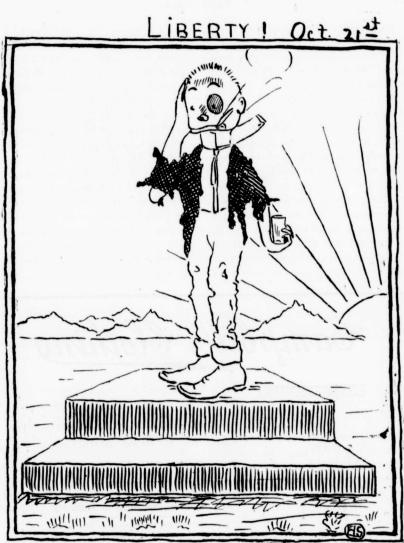
He tried to read the Morning's Gazette again for the twentieth time, but already fully aware of the sins committed by Sir Wilfrid and the Government Party, and versed in the complications of the latest financial fraud, he found no "balm" in that ungenial "Gilead."—He threw the paper down, then picked it up seeing that it destroyed the rigid order of the rooms. Those rooms! How commonplace. How mannish! How unattractive! They had not seemed so last winter! Not uncomfortable, of course, the Phe Phi Pho Fraternity demanded comfort, but surely comfort was not incompatible with something else, which this soulless habitation plainly lacked. Here he stopped for a moment frowned—then muttered impatiently—"Nonsense, not at all!"—in answer to the inner voice which hinted at the cause of discontent, an almost unconscious comparison he was drawing between his present surroundings, and that ineffable abode of Magic, the Cottage in the Laurentians, whose witchery (the witchery of the Cottage mark you!) was turning upside-down his previously well-balanced views of life. It was a simple summer cottage that filled the narrowing horizon. He had spent many golden hours there, not as the sister's guest, but the guest of her brother, his sometime Lecturer. He knew that the only definite points of excellence he recalled were of a simple nature. There were no loose things on the floor to trip the unwary visitor in the dusk of a summer night. There was always a waste paper basket at hand, to receive crumpled uninteresting communications from town, or hastily torn-off newspaper wrappers. One never needed to look vaguely, hopelessly about for receptacles for burnt matches and cigarette ends, the suitable haven seemed ever to wait under one's very hand. The appeal to the masculine heart and judgment was not made (apparently) through any medium distinctly feminine, but a woman's sympathy and intelligence pervaded all and the result was!—well something different from these dreary wastes where he stood discontented, ready to quarrel with himself, fate, and the expected guest, the thought of whom was always upsetting his level ways; also he was ready to quarrel with the expected chaperone—"Who, by Jove, ought to be here by now." How awkward if Mary comes first (he had never called her "Mary" before!) and finds him alone in this abode of mere man, this den of lions, insufficiently guarded by the Abigail, who at this moment was, he hoped, engaged in preparations in regions down below. As he tried to face the compromising dilemma he heard on the pavement leading from his gate—"the pitter-patter not in vain of eager little feet." Whose little feet? Her's, or those of the chaperone, presumably also little. The door bell rang, and the pulses in his temple thumped in unison with the clang. By projecting three feet of his length (half his entire person) out of the open window, (open because a roaring fire in the grate was encouraged in order to make things look cheerful), he could have seen enough of a figure in profile on the threshold, to judge from its colours and curves, whether belonging to the maid or the matron in question. If prononcé and vivid that would betray the chaperone, if dainty and delicate that would mean SHE. But he dared not look, neither did he confess even to himself which he hoped to see. If the chaperone, then conventions triumphed; if the fair maid, ah then, how sweet, how awful, none being near, to hold her hand, look into her eyes, and learn in one moment, what? Did he really wish to put anything to the test? Either himself or her? The Stupid Man pretended he did not know, and while he was busy blindfolding himself, Abigail opened the door, and in walked She.

Fresh, pure, stimulating, like the October air without, she stepped lightly, gaily in, held out her hand and in the sweet clear tones that always thrilled his soul, exclaimed,-"Am I late?" and unembarrassed as though no such things as chaperones existed, went straight to the chair placed for her by the fire, saying-"What a jolly room! High ceilings! Big windows, just the opposite of our wouldbe artistic flat." A pause, while he stood spell-bound, dumb, then her comforting criticism broke out anew, "And what heaps of pipes and deep chairs and cushions and things." A sigh, and, "No wonder you like being a bachelor!" \* \* \* "LIKE BEING A BACHELOR!" It was a fact, that during the extent of his college life, the length and breadth of the "Arts" course, the heights and depths of his "Science," he had always told himself, and others, that he "liked being a bachelor," and had no other ambition than to yield to the spell of McGill or any other High Court of Learning in whose shadow he dwelt, piling up degree after degree as other men pile up gold (his pile of gold was already made) and let the end come, finding him still a Student, and by choice still alone. Now he saw, as by a flash of lightning "The writing on the wall"-"Weighed in the Balance and Found Wanting,"-such a life now seemed empty, profitless, such a prospect naked and unpleasing, and why? He did not put the question into words, still less the answer, but the revelation was complete, though the expression of the Stupid Man's face remained unchanged, even when a frantic protracted ringing of the door-bell told him that the quiet hour was over, and nothing gained. The door was opened, a clattering of heels, a brisk swish-swish of silken skirts, and in trotted Mrs. Faith, as fast as her hobble-bands would allow. Rosy, bright-eyed, fashionable, she filled the room with gaiety, goodnature, colour, glitter and hat! Apologies and explanations fell in showers from her lips, and before either he or she could say "Aye, yes or no," tea was served, and the business of the day began. Mrs. Faith flew at once to the table, beamed at the muffin-dish and lifted the cover, dropping it again as she literally bounded with glee, clapped her hands and screamed, "How delicious! Oh, I love eating! and I'm so glad I hadn't to wait." "Did your household fairy make these? Her looks belie her!" And then without a pause, and turning to Mary, "Bythe-way, talking of domestic creatures, I saw yours just now with a very furtive expression sneaking out of Never too late to mend. I was shopping in St. Catherine St., that's why I'm so late."

Mary looked dubious, "Not My domestic creature, I think. I left her at home with plenty to do, and the telephone to 'mind' as well." "It was yours, my dear, I never remember who writes things, but I never forget anyone's servant. It's useful knowledge, in case they come hiring to me some day."

Mary was vivibly perturbed, which seeing, He like Pharoah of old, was ready to slay the bearer of evil tidings, but stayed his murderous hand as she, recovering calm, exclaimed: "What a dear cream-jug, so quaint!" He, ever deprecating his own contemptible belongings, replied moodily, "Well quaint, perhaps, but ordinary. Not-er clever or anything." "Well no, perhaps, 'not-er clever or anything,'" she replied, with impish mimicry, "but quite a dear!" Continuing, "Now I have a really clever jug at home, and you must notice it and admire it the very first time you have tea with me. And you, too, please, Mrs. Faith." Turning to him again, "You have never seen it. It was too precious to take to Lac d'Esperance; I only risked my brother's commonplaces up there." Then, "When will you come to see it?" When would he come to see It. Now! Always! Forever! the truthful inner voice was saying. But the outer man replied with admirable coolness, "Whenever you are kind enough to have me."

(To be continued.)



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#### LABORED INTERVIEWS WITH GREAT MEN, No. 2.-"TOM."

"Sure ut's the mornin's praties that was not cooked that has been the sowin' uv me. It's the Professor av Moral Philosophy I've been all day. was thinkin' as ye come up; if we cud say things frum the other side!—Begorra I don't mane the blokes. As I was sayin' before the digression, if we cud say things with their back towards us I belave we wud all be at each others wakes. Consider Toronto wid no more license to predominate over McGill than has the Union to sell Crême de Menthes "Bus" with a huckstamacoccus inflexion av the wrist (t'was Mills wid the burn knee told me thut between the limps) and Ross with the soodo-lumbago and all. Shure, and the Italian dago wid the music box thut cracks in the middle like the voice of a freshman, he was in front uv the grand eddyfice on the corner of Sheerbrooke and University playing the "Mayonnaise" and divil the cent thut he got because ut was the McGill Conservatorium of Music. And the dago Italian and the Toronto belave still they're the real thing because the folks was off when they called. And the divil uv ut is thut a lot uv the rest uv people have the innocence to belave them and we can't stop ut—that's the divil uv ut sor—Good-day sor!"





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#### McGILL III vs. GRAND TRUNK.

In their game on the Campus on Saturday afternoon the Junior team was victorious over the Grand Trunk II by a score of 13-0.

About five minutes after commencement of play the Grand Trunk full back muffed a punt from Brown behind his own line and Armstrong fell on the ball for a touch, which was not converted. Just before half-time Buster Brown dropped a beautiful goal from about 25 yards out, making the half-time score 8-o.

In the second half the Grand Trunk centre-half tried to kick but the ball was blocked by Vallance who went over for a try—again unconverted though right between the posts. This completed the scoring, making a total of 13-0.

The McGill half-backs played almost perfect ball, no fumbles of any account being made. The line was good also, following up fast and holding their heavier opponents well. For Grand Trunk, Wylie the quarterback and Bell, centrehalf were the pick though the other backs were good. Teams and officials were as follows:—Referee, Mr. Marshall Seath (McGill); Judge of play, Mr. Hadley (G. T.).

McGill III.		Grand	Trunk II.
BacksBrown. Wir	ngs . McBeath.	BacksBell.	Wings . Crutchlow
Williamson	Reid	Childs	Galbraith
Stevenson	Walbank	Johnston	Weiss
Quarter Vallance	Tinling	Quarter. Wylie	Kearney
ScrimKirkpatrick	Parkins	ScrimPinkey	Samuels
Lindsay	Armstrong	Clements	Milne
Abbott	Captain	O'Connor	

#### McGILL 10, OUEENS 14.

On Saturday McGill left to play Queens on their grounds at Kingston.

Snow fell heavily all morning and the grounds were soaking wet and with

about two inches of mud covering them.

The McGill half line was the same as for the game with Toronto last Saturday. Billington played well and we take this chance of apologizing for anything that may have been too severe in last week's criticism of his play. He outpunted Leckie, Queen's crack, which is saying a good deal, and while not quite as certain in his catching as Leckie, yet he missed very few.

Brydon-Jack ran well, but was unfortunate in some of his catches. Price, who took Brydon-Jack's place when the latter was injured in the last quarter, deserves great praise for the way in which he jumped right into the play. He was put in several rather difficult positions by kicks behind McGill line, but in each case he was able to run the ball out. We congratulate him on getting

his big "M."

The line seemed to vary a great deal. At times, they would hold Queens well, at others they would even buck for good gains while sometimes Queens

seemed to be able to buck them easily.

Gartshore, who was put on in Mills place, played a good game, several times getting away for big gains. He was hurt in the last quarter and Motyer went on

in his place.

The game was clean throughout with but one exception, and for this exception the Queen's man got a paltry three minutes. In the first quarter, McGill had the score three to one in their favour, but in the next, with the wind with them, Queens managed to get an intouch behind, a drop over goal and a touch which they failed to convert. This made the 10 to 3 for Queens. In the third quarter, McGill had the wind in their favour and managed to secure an intouch behind and a rouge. They got the ball within 10 yards of the Queen's line and Forbes following up Murray's kick, scored McGill's first touch.

In the last quarter, Queens added four to their score, the final score being:

Queens 14, McGill 10.

We congratulate Queens on their team and wish them good luck in the games yet to be played.

The teams lined up as follows:-

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#### R.M.C. 18, McGILL II. 0.

McGill II. and R.M.C. met in the second game for the intermediate championship of this section of the League on Saturday. The game was played on the R.M.C. under the same bad weather conditions as the seniors played under. Carnwath and Stanton both had to drop out of the game on account of injuries and this greatly weakened McGill. The final score of 18 to 0 hardly indicates the play, yet R.M.C. training and good condition told as it is bound to. They seem to be able to go into a game and play at full speed till the very end with the result that they usually win out.

#### The teams were:-

R.M.C.	Position.	McGill II
Galt	Full	Underhill.
Smith	Halves	Dixon.
	"	
Stewart	"	Douglas.
Lawson	Quarter	Lang.
Irving	Scrimmage	Gallagher.
Pierce	"	Carnwath.
Young		
Sweeney	Wings	
Arnoldi	"	Oughtred.
Goldie	"	Stanton.
Roberts		
Gwynne		
Lewis		

#### THE INTERCOLLEGIATE TRACK MEET.

Toronto added another championship to her laurels when she won the Intercollegiate track meet, which was held on Thanksgiving Day on the grounds of Oueens University.

The meet was not nearly as well handled as it might have, there being lengthy delays for which there was no obvious reason. The grounds were in bad condition, the track being very soft and the take-off for the high jump being soft and inclined to slope upwards.

Toronto beat McGill by a margin of 17 points, the final score being Toronto 52, McGill 35, Queens 21.

Dowie is to be congratulated on the showing he made in the hurdles. He did them in 17 secs. flat, and that on such a track as Queen's it means about 16 3-5 sec. on the M.A.A.A. This gives to Dowie the champion ship"M.,"the first to be won at McGill.

The Toronto man won the high jump comparatively easily. Dowie's poor showing here was surprising, considering the fact that the winning jump was only 5 ft.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches, this being several inches below Dowie's records.

Some of the races were started most abominably. For instance, in one of the heats in the 220 yards, Stanley fell on his mark but the starter pulled the pistol just the same.

The results in detail were as follows:

100 yards-

1st Dent (Toronto).
2nd Sebert (Toronto).

3rd Stanley (McGill).

Time—10 1-5.

Pole Vault-

1st Smith (McGill).

2nd McDonald (McGill) 2nd Gibson (Queens) Tie.

Height-9 ft. 71 inches.

Half Mile Run-

1st Brock (Toronto).

2nd Wright (Toronto).

3rd Murray (McGill).

16 lb. Hammer-

1st H. McKinnon (Queens). 2nd J. McDougal (McGill).

3rd Page (McGill).

Distance-108 feet.

High Jump-

1st Hamilton (Toronto).

2nd Kilpatrick (Toronto).

3rd Dowie (McGill).

Height-5 ft. 21 in.

Shot Put-

1st H. MacKinnon (Queens).2nd J. McDougall (McGill).

3rd Phillip (Toronto).

Distance— 38 ft. 2 in.

Time-55 secs.

Broad Jump-

1st J. McKinnon (Queens).

2nd K. W. Dowie (McGill).

3rd Cameron (Toronto).

Distance—20 ft. 5½ inches.

Mile Run-

1st Campbell (Toronto).

2nd Brock (Toronto).

3rd Murray (McGill).

Time-4 mins. 50 4-5 sec.

220 Yards-

1st Dent (Toronto).

2nd Sebert (Toronto).

3rd Hollinsed (McGill).

Time-24 2-5 secs.

Discus-

1st J. McDougall (McGill).

2nd J. MacKinnon (Queens).

3rd H. MacKinnon (Queens).

Distance—109 feet 3½ inches.

120 Yards Hurdles-

1st Dowie (McGill).

2nd Wright (Toronto).

3rd Finch (Toronto).

Time-17 secs.

440 Yards Run-

1st Sebert (Toronto).

2nd Stanley (McGill).

3rd Chandler (Toronto).

#### RIFLE CLUB.

On the night of Thursday, Oct. 27th, a match was shot off between the McGill Rifle Association and a team from the Canadian Ordnance Corps.

This resulted in a win for us by 23 points.

Teams and scores as follows:-

C. O. C.	McGill.
S. Sgt. Henley33	N. Brown28
Pte. Tyler32	D. Freeze
Sgt. Nichols20	N. Cumming31
Cpl. Davey31	R. Hollinsed
Pte. Ryder32	J. Atkinson
Pte. Statham 31	K. Reeder28
Pte. Dalley	E. Crewdson
Pte. Therien16	H. McKim28
	halld III. Title many worth 20
Total222	245

This is the first miniature match that has been held on our range, outside our own competition and it is rather encouraging that we should win out with what was practically a scratch team.

The M. A. A. A. are organising this winter a Miniature Rifle Club League which we intend to join.

A Lee-Enfield target rifle will be given to the winning team, which will then shoot off among its own members for the awarding of the prize.

A member of the M. A. A. A. says it will take "possibles" to win it, so get down and practice,—especially at the 600 yards target.

#### "BOXING."

The Boxing prospects this year are very bright. The club has been fortunate enough to again secure the services of Mr. Jacomb as Instructor; and under his guidance were bound to turn out some good men.

Up to date, 35 men have joined the club, but we'd like to see this number doubled. Surely there are some more men who would like to "strike a blow for McGill" in the true sense of the words.

The regular hours are from 5 to 6 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; so your studies won't be interfered with by joining this Club. If these don't suit, you can arrange for hours from 7 to 8.

Don't forget that this Intercollegiate Competition will be held in Montreal this year. It's up to us.

#### WATER POLO.

The McGill water polo teams, senior and intermediate alike, met their first defeat of the season last Friday night at the practised hands of the aquatic experts of the Montreal Swimming Club's sextettes. The intermediate game was expected to result more or less as it did, for five of the players who won the intermediate title last year had either graduated or been promoted to senior ranks; but the senior defeat was a big disappointment, as McGill has at last got an apparently strong team together and should be able to cope successfully with the A. S. C. invincibles, who for five years have never been trimmed. McGill, however, has a return game with M. S. C. and hope to turn the trick.

The score in the intermediate game was eight to two, both McGill's goals being scored by Darling, a recruit from Lower Canada College. Bill Abbott, the captain of the McGill six, had hard luck. A blow in the eye handicapped him from the start, and before half time he was put clean out, receiving Zimmerman's elbow on the jaw as the latter was sending in a speedy backhand shot. Zimmerman retired to even up and later figured in the senior game.

Skelton in goal played a fine game for McGill, his presence between the poles on the intermediate line being necessary owing to the illness of Egerton, the regular goal tend. Skelton also played well in the senior game.

Up to the last quarter it looked as if McGill would win the latter. M. S. C. had the advantage in the first quarter and got two to McGill's one, as they were shooting into the deep end.

Pengelley got one for McGill.

In the second quarter McGill forced the play throughout; but great work by the opposing goal tend kept their score down to one. M. S. C. got one on a flukey backhander and the quarter ended M. S. C. 3, McGill 2.

In the 3rd quarter McGill held M. S. C. scoreless and failed to increase their own and in the fourth experienced a complete blow-up, letting M. S. C. get in two more cinching the match.

Kerry took cramp amd Merrill and Smith were ruled off, but all were back in the game when the goals were scored.

With more practice together the McGill team should develop more team play and become more formidable.

The McGill line-ups were:-

Intermediates—Skelton, Cooke, Astrofsky, Abbott, Coy, Darling. Senior—Skelton, Smith, Merrill, Kerry, DeHart, Pengelley.

#### HEARD ON THE AVENUE.

The lovely "Moon" rose upon the Library last week and plunged into Sanscrit, Tennyson and Moral Philosophy. This be some trio of subjects, but unkind friends have been asking themselves whether the Moon was full when it wandered into such a course.

Does he eat at the training table in order to take her to the Nickel, or does he take her to the Nickel in order to eat at the training table? Answers requested.

The Junior dance, we repeat, is to be held shortly. Well, '12 expects every man to do his duty.

That this column would be more interesting if we only knew what happens around this place. Gentlemen who hear anything they ought not to have heard will confer a favour by reporting the same at once.

There seems to be no truth in the rumor that many partial and conditioned students became full undergraduates last Friday week.

In order to see the point of the cartoon in this number, inquire of any member of "one-four." 'Tis sad, but alas such is the Freshman.

Freshie: "What does G.O.P. stand for?"

Soph.: "Grand Old Party-otherwise Foxy."

This is too deep for us; but Science '13 choked over it. Oh, well, Sophomores will be Sophomores.

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"We are all like Columbus; none of us knows where he is going."

"But," objected an enterprising student, "Columbus had no idea of his ultimate destination; we at least suspect where we are going."

"I don't agree with you," responded the Professor, "I, for one, don't know where I am going."

"Bosh!" murmured a loafer in the back seat, "we know where all Profs. go."

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#### HINTS FOR THE HOME.

The number of things which an economical house-wife can make without eggs or milk is a constant scoure of wonder to the uninitiated. Home-made socks, crazy quilts and tea are only a few of the many examples we could cite, were we at liberty to do so; while the writer has been presonally acquainted with no less than three industrious women each of whom makes a bed every day.

To renovate a silk umbrella, add a suspicion of dehydrated tetracyanide and as much alcohol as can be put on a 50 cent piece to half a cup of Union Coffee and apply inwardly. On reviving, you will hardly recognise your umbrella. If desired, the coffee may be taken alone. The result is the same, but the process is much more unpleasant.

For whitening the teeth, special small brushes made for the purpose are coming into widespread application, though the traditional custom of leaving the teeth overnight in a glass of water is one which will die extremely hard.

In the coming winter boiled shirts will be largely superseded by fried and scrambled ones. Cuff links, wherever possible, will be poached, as heretofore.

We are pleased to afford the publicity of our columns to the rumour that there will be no repetition of the striped suitings recently sported by a leader of fashion in the Faculty of Applied Science. Otherwise students' clothes will be very much worn this year, as usual.

#### R. V. C. '12.

At class-meetings held last week the following appointments were made:-Representatives for the Junior Dance:-

Miss Kate Lawrence.

Miss Eleanor Oughtred.

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Miss Louise Manny.

Debaters:-

Miss Louise Manny.

Miss Alexandra Braener.

Further, we are reminded that all pictures for the Annual must be taken before November 15th, as Mr. Notman cannot do work for the students after that date, owing to the Christmas rush. (Take heed, all ye absentees, and for further particulars as to price, etc. ask anyone who was present).

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#### "L'ENVOI."

When our last Martlet is yellowed and the forms are battered and pied, When the newest kicker has vanished and the oldest reader has died, We shall rest—and faith we shall need it—lie down for an aeon or two, And look at our friends the critics as they hunt for something to do.

They shall sit on a fluffy cloud-bank, and rail, with a sense of loss, At the hang of Orion's sword-belt and the slant of the Southern Cross, But their hearts shall be heavy within them, for they will not be able to jeer, When we don't do all they expect us—in spite of their "dollar a year."

For we wouldn't put up our own money to settle for ten cuts a week, And our fiction was generally scanty, and our verses were always weak, If we printed reports they were "rotten"; if we printed them not we were "slow."

And oh! how the critics did relish each failure or fault they could show!

But alas! in the happy hereafter there will be no such pleasures as those To cheer and enliven our critics and gladden the hearts of our foes; For we shall be blissfully resting, and they, sad to say, won't be free To change and arrange creation as they think it ought to be.

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#### McGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

At the regular fortnightly meeting held on Friday evening last, Dr. Nicholls delighted the Society with an admirable paper on "Aesculapius"—the ancient Greek Physician who is reputed to have incurred the wrath of Pluto then presiding over the nether regions, by the success with which he circumvented the course of disease, thus causing a dearth in the number of the nether residents.

The occasion was graced by the subject himself in the shape of a handsome bust presented this summer by Dr. Osler, together with a splendid collection of votive offerings to the Shrine of Aesculapius, which were recovered from their watery bed in the Tiber.

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DEAR SIR,-

While spending a recent week-end in London, I signed up as usual, at the High Commissioner's office, as one of the "Prominent Canadians in Town," and then settled down to read through September's collection of Montreal Stars and Heralds.

The ball-columns showed that the Montreal team has lived up to its well known reputation, and occupies a position as of yore, which, if not directly in the basement, is well down the cellar stairs.

Toward the end of the month, the Rugby notices became prominent, and then came the notices of practices on the Campus, with comments on the probable make-up of the team, and the chances of "Dan's Bears" to head the list this season.

One item in particular, took my attention. It indicated that the Science Faculty this year, is screwing down the lid tighter than ever, and is making it even more difficult than formerly, for Science men to get out to practice football. Now it may or may not be the height of propriety for College men to air their grievances by means of a public newspaper; but at times, one feels obliged to make excuses, and after the failures of our teams in the past few years, one can hardly blame the boys for raising a cry of discontent;—especially when anyone who has followed intercollegiate football, can vouch for the truth of the statement, that more than one game has been lost simply on account of the inability of many of the boys to get out to practice.



Now I do not intend to inflict anything on you in the nature of an essay on "The Science Course—and What it Ought to Be." Dean Adams has made it plain that any suggestions in regard to the courses should be made to him privately, and has promised that they will receive the best attention of the Faculty. But there are a few general points that can be best discussed in the College Paper, and on these I want to touch, if I do not trespass at too great a length.

First of all, it is a well known fact that, in recent years, McGill teams have suffered from lack of practice, to a greater extent than any other teams in the league. This has been principally due to the attendance rule, which is so rigidly enforced in the Science Faculty. The Arts men can nearly always have the afternoon free, the Meds. likewise, but at the risk of missing instructive clinics,—while the science men are completely at the mercy of the instructors in the various branches of the afternoon work, many of whom mark the roll at five o'clock.

In the Toronto Science course, they have no attendance rule, so that if a man it is sees his classes, he is simply paying for so much more instruction than he receives, and he is supposed to feel the results at exam. time. There have been many stories circulated about the way certain of 'Varsity's old gridiron stars got through their work—(or had it done for them)—but we cannot exactly vouch for their truth. I am not one of those who advocates the abolishing of the attendance rule entirely. It would undoubtedly have a bad effect at McGill. However, I think our Faculty might take a broader view of the question, than they have in the past. They plead that owing to the very short term at McGill, and the continual addition of new subjects to the courses, it is impossible to cut down the requirements for attendance at classes.

This raises an important question. What do we really go to college for? Two years ago a Martlet correspondent answered this question by remarking, "Evidently for examinations, and NOT for education, at McGill." Now that correspondent received particular attention from the Science Professors for that remark. I think that you will agree that that was putting it much too strongly. However, there may be something back of it after all.

In the United States many people would immediately answer "To play football." Well, probably they do, at some of the colleges there; but I do not think that McGill men want to see their University descend to such a level, and I feel sure that one of the reasons why the Faculty has adopted the position that it has to-day, is their desire to keep the University from developing, in the slightest degree, into a school where men come to spend their autumns playing football, and their winters visiting in other climes.

But are they adopting too stringent methods to keep this class of sports down, and the standard of scholarship up? Let us see.

Since coming to this side of the water, I have met a good many engineers of various nationalities—English, German, Swiss, Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish, and have tried to study their characteristics.

Take the foreign engineers for example—they are nearly all highly trained men, well educated along both technical and classical lines, with mathematical lore that would put to shame most of our Science Professors. In the designing office they make excellent engineers, their theoretical and practical training being of the best. But—and note this—put one of them in a responsible position, where he has to rely on his own judgment, and has to use not only his technical knowledge, but a knowledge of business, and the world in general,and see what a large percentage of them will fail. They are trained machines highly developed it is true, but still machines, and are used as such by business men—with the result that while German engineering to-day practically leads the world, yet their engineers draw such low salaries that American firms can buy them at will-to be used again as machines, in designing offices. The other European engineers mentioned are in much the same position. Now if our Faculty means to train men along these lines, I think they are making a big mistake,—one that will be felt over all Canada in years to come. The foreigner does not go in for sport, such as we consider it. He goes to the University to study, and only those specially inclined to sport, take any interest in it.

On the other hand, look at the way the English take their sport! It's as necessary as their daily meals. Only a few days ago I heard an instance which shows the way it is regarded in this country. A middle-aged electrical engineer, connected with one of the leading consulting firms in London, told me that he and an associate, although rather busy, were ordered off to the golf links, the other afternoon, by the head of the firm, and were told to bring back the Engineers Club Cup, "for the honor of the firm." They won that cup. Now that head is probably the leading consulting engineer in England to-day. He is as keen a sport, as he was when as an undergrad, he yelled from the bleachers at a Rugby or Soccer team on a Saturday afternoon,—or played on the field himself.

Engineering firms in Canada do not look for marvels of technical learning in the graduates that come looking to them for jobs. If they did, I'm afraid a good many of us would still be among the army of the unemployed. They want men who have been trained in the principles of engineering, and trained to think for themselves; men who are willing to learn the particular business that they find themselves in, and who have a combination of training and sound common sense which enables them to learn the requirements quickly and thoroughly.

Now to cut the argument short—A man's college days are his great days of training, and he should develop along broad lines. He should not be turned out a penny-in-the-slot machine, when you press the button, and for so m to a month you get the latest in Calculus, Theory of Structures, etc., etc. He should take an interest in his Alma Mater, both during and after his course,

and one of the principal things that holds his interest in after life, should be, and is to a large extent, the reports he receives of the successes of the football team. If the University team loses year after year it is bound to make him disgusted, and he will lose interest in the work of the University at large. There is no greater pleasure for a graduate than to come back to the campus, and see the team win a championship game.

Nobody denies that a healthy interest in sport is desirable and even necessary in college life, but some will say that not a day, not an hour, that should ordinarily be spent in study, should be sacrificed in the interest of sport. It is a certainty that our Science Faculty will not accept a man's sporting ability in lieu of any theoretical knowledge. They recognize sport by giving up one day a year as a holiday to it, but will not recognize that a football player is receiving a training in the field, and is giving his supporters on the bleachers a training by his play that will be beneficial in years to come; and will be, in many cases, more beneficial to the life of the University at large, than the knowledge that the football player might be absorbing between the hours of 4 to 5 p.m., three days a week, during October and November, doing practical work in the Science Buildings.

In this I think they are making a great mistake. Football should not be **the** end of a college course, but I certainly think it ought to be **an** end. It might be given some consideration such as an optional subject, and should be given special privileges. I know that many of the greatest engineers both here and at home consider it part of a man's training, just as much as many of the individual subjects in the courses.

If the Faculty would recognize football in such a way that those who make "the string"—meaning teams and spares—would be allowed this hour a day during the Autumn, holding the attendance rule against those who could not; I for one, being well acquainted with the work that is done at the afternoon classes, and its importance in each of the years and courses, still think it would be a step in the right direction. I pick out football as the only sport favored, because it is the one which creates the greatest interest, and the only one which needs such assistance.

It would encourage McGill men to take a greater interest in, and do more for, their Alma Mater; it would not affect the players' general standing (if he is the type of man that should be allowed to graduate anyway); and it would help McGill to produce that which all her graduates love to see—a winning team.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

K. R. McKINNON,

Science 'og.

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