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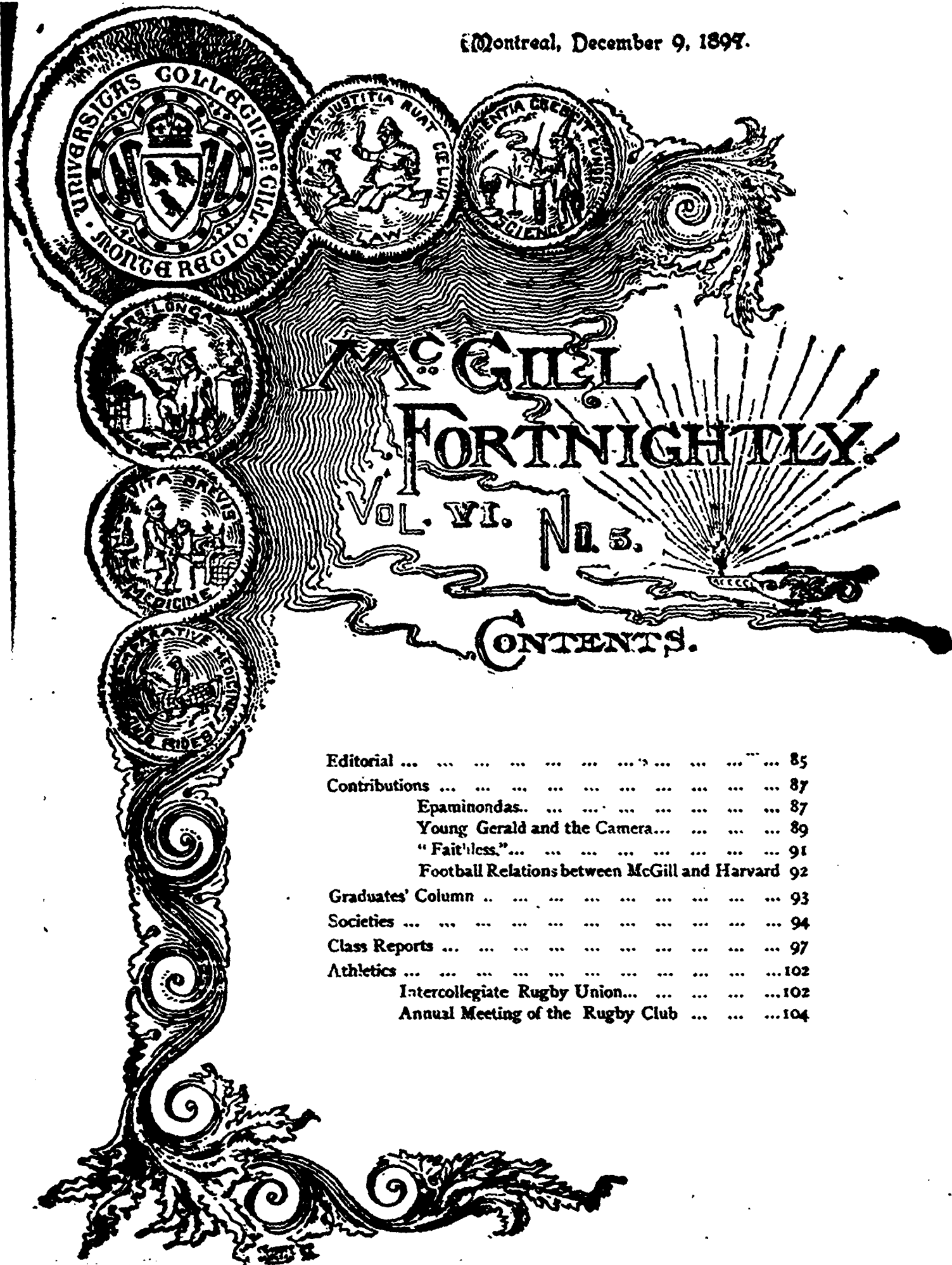
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Editorial.

AS an issue of the FORTNIGHTLY on December 23rd would fall in the holidays, we take this, our last, opportunity of wishing our undergraduate subscribers success in their examinations, and of extending our Christmas greeting to all our friends from Rossland to New York. In the next half-year we hope to hear accounts of the annual meetings of all the Graduates' Societies; may they be as successful as was the annual dinner of the parent body. We also note with pleasure that the committee of management of the Students Club is making progress in adopting suggestions offered at a recent meeting of those interested in the club's prosperity. Before the FORTNIGHTLY appears a competent *chef de cuisine* will be at his post in the catering department, and the much abused ticket system will probably be made sufficiently elastic to meet every reasonable demand. This new order of things will merit a fair trial at the hands of former patrons of the Club, even before the holidays, and after the *tabula rasa* of the vacation no student now boarding in the city can have a fair excuse that he was pledged previously, or that the existence of the Club was insufficiently advertised. One word more: what undergraduate would willingly reflect at the end of the session, next April, that he had voluntarily helped to defeat what we greatly suspect to be an important feature in the Principal's University policy, that of

obtaining for the college a residence and club truly worthy of Old McGill? The present establishment is, we understand, only a means to an end; but for the present it is the *only* means, and is of itself no mean end.

THAT there is nothing new under the sun, can hardly be accounted as a rigidly correct enunciation, and at least within the precincts of our Medical School there are innovations, one of which, at least, deserves more than a passing notice. We refer to weekly publication by the gentlemen of the Third Year of the lectures in the very important branch of Pathology. The first issue bearing on "fevers" has just been circulated, and the demand exceeds anticipation. As to the precedent, whilst not wishing to dogmatize nor draw conclusions for all cases, we must say that the idea appeals very strongly to us under certain restrictions, the first being the approval of the lecturer himself. Some professors may object to see themselves in print, especially the more conservative amongst them. It would be far from us to advocate anything but loyal respect for their feeling, though we feel the question of note-taking will ultimately be superseded by the newer method of weekly publication of these lectures. We offer our congratulations to Dr. Adami, and his class of '99.

DURING the past few weeks there has been a marked deterioration in the tone of certain of our Montreal daily journals. These journals have, taken all in all, a relatively enormous circulation. They are read not only in Montreal, but throughout the Eastern provinces. We all gladly acknowledge our indebtedness to the daily press: it is a pleasure to praise it. But when that press becomes unmanly, not to say foul, it is the duty of all right thinking men in the interest of the fair name and healthy development of Montreal and the Dominion to protest. It is true that our daily papers are private undertakings, but it is also true that they, in common with the daily press throughout the English speaking world, acknowledge the function of attempting to mould or at least to influence public opinion—they have a public position and a public trust, and when upon this continent they, in common with the daily press of other cities, have obtained so great a vogue that they form the sole reading matter of the majority of the people, the consequences of a deterioration in the matter supplied to them are awful to contemplate. Unhesitatingly we affirm that the daily press can and does educate the public taste. That being so, it is the clear duty of our journals to strive to influence that taste: we do not mean that it is absolutely necessary that they should quote a daily text, but it is for them to realize their responsibility, to recognize that they are a factor in the making of the individual, and so of the nation, and to interest their readers in what is of good report. Surely the world is wide, and there is in it enough of what is useful and stimulating to form abundant daily paragraphs. And it is criminal for journals which pride themselves upon appealing to a large public to glut their columns with details of crime, to demand the attention of their readers to all the nauseating details of murder or *cause celebre* by the employment of headlines in biggest capitals, and to give the best position to the portrait of the latest malefactor. Will such actions raise the nation? Will the constant iteration of the sordid minutiae of crime make the readers nobler and better? We are a young nation, and it is not for a youth to be fed on garbage. We have, we must admit, come to recognize that a big dose of sensationalism is inevitable in our daily papers, but there are depths of low taste which we cannot longer endure. We must call a halt.

Thus a man known to many here suddenly disappears. Is not the wife's trouble great enough to be respected? What high edification for the reporter to beat his fellow reporters and make so many cents per line, and for the publishers to sell so many extra copies because they can make an exhibition to the crowd of the poor, troubled woman. Shame upon them! A wretchedly brought up young fellow murders in cold blood his brothers and sisters. Forthwith the reporter must interview the girls he had courted, must give a word picture of these girls, their appearance, their characters, their actions and words upon hearing of the crime, the details of the courtships and everything that is most personal and vulgar about them and their surroundings. The girls, it may be, were poor and uneducated, but they had done nothing. However humble their station, there was no call to pillory them in this low fashion. They were private individuals, and any man with a trace of manhood left in him could have treated their association with the prisoner with some respect. But no, the reporter must pen his contemptible lines, and the editor must insert all the loathsome stuff in what purports to be one of the leading Canadian journals. A poor misguided youth, crossed in love, shoots himself. That surely is all or nearly all that a self-respecting daily would say, but some unutterable cad forwards to the papers the name of the young lady who had been unable to return the proffered love. It makes one's blood boil that such things can be here in Montreal. The English term of "unutterable cad" is the only one we can find to stigmatize whoever descended to such an action—to call him a "hound" would be to degrade a noble animal. As for the paper that published such details——?

To repeat: for the good of Canada and the fair fame of Montreal, these things must stop.

Something more than commercial rivalry must govern the action of many of our leading daily papers. Theirs is a public function, and the public good demands that they at the least do not continue to drag down the public taste. If the press beyond the border is debased, it is not for us to follow suit. If we are proud of being British, it is not for our press to become un-English, or to depart from the healthy traditions of the Old Country.

Contributions.

EPAMINONDAS.

Jusque là je m'étais cru le seul résident français dans la petite ville de Halifax. Aussi fus-je un peu surpris en lisant un matin le compte-rendu de l'arrestation d'un Français.

Le fait divers, sans doute à cause de la nationalité du prisonnier, avait, dans les journaux de la ville, pris les proportions d'une cause célèbre et s'y étalait sous le titre à sensation:—"A Frenchman in trouble."

Le Français en question était un matelot qui, disait le journal, était arrivé depuis une semaine et était descendu dans un hôtel du port tenu par un Irlandais nommé Moriarty victime de l'irascible matelot. Et, suivant l'habitude américaine, le journal fit un récit épique de la rencontre. Il y en avait deux colonnes, de cette grotesque prose de reporter qui ne respecte ni le bon sens ni le bon goût.

C'était un chef-d'oeuvre du genre, semé de plaisanteries ineptes à l'adresse des étrangers en général et des Français en particulier, bourré d'allusions malveillantes, grossières et déplacées.

J'en étais indigné, et des absurdités que j'aurais à peine aperçues ailleurs, me semblaient alors des injures personnelles, car tous ceux qui ont eu la folie de quitter leur pays ont dû remarquer que le patriotisme augmente à mesure qu'on se trouve isolé de la patrie.

J'en étais à réfléchir à tout le mal que le journalisme ainsi compris doit inévitablement causer, aux préjugés sans nombre qu'il doit créer dans beaucoup d'esprits, aux obstacles qu'il jette dans les jambes de ceux qui travaillent au rapprochement fraternel des peuples, quand on vint me trouver de la part du juge Peterson, "Police Magistrate."

Cet estimable fonctionnaire dont j'avais l'honneur d'être l'ami, me pria de vouloir bien me rendre au poste de police, pour servir d'interprète dans le procès d'un compatriote qui ne parlait pas un mot d'anglais.

Il y avait bien plusieurs avocats qui étaient des "scholars" et qui *savaient* le français, mais il paraît qu'ils le *lisaient* seulement, et après avoir

vainement essayé du dictionnaire ils avaient décidé que l'accusé était illettré, et en désespoir de cause le juge avait pensé à moi.

Il me reçut avec cette bonhomie aimable des Américains, si supérieure aux niaiseries de convention que les Européens appellent la politesse, s'excusa de m'avoir dérangé et m'introduisit dans la salle d'audience remplie de curieux.

En vain je cherchais des yeux mon malheureux compatriote quand, sur le banc des accusés, entre deux policemen, on me désigna un énorme nègre taillé en Hercule et d'un noir luisant comme s'il s'était fait fraîchement cirer pour une occasion aussi solennelle.

Dès qu'il m'aperçut il sourit d'une oreille à l'autre, et découvrit une dentition qui ressemblait à un croissant d'ivoire dans un ciel d'ébène.

Comme nègre il était magnifique; comme compatriote j'avoue qu'il ne flattait pas mon amour propre national.

Mais le patriotisme ne connaît pas de couleurs, et d'un signe de tête je répondis à son sourire de cannibal.

Sur le banc des témoins j'aperçus quelque chose d'inerte, comme un énorme paquet de chiffons. C'était Moriarty, la victime.

Le greffier me communiqua l'acte d'accusation. Il y était dit que, huit jours après son arrivée Epaminondas Moreau—c'était le nom du nègre dont les papiers étaient d'ailleurs parfaitement en règle,—s'était un matin, sans aucune espèce de provocation, rué sur le malheureux hôtelier, l'avait d'abord à moitié étranglé, puis lui avait bourré la figure de coups de poing et s'acharnait sur lui à coups de pied, quand des matelots anglais, accourus aux cris de la victime, s'étaient rendus maîtres du forcené et l'avaient remis entre les mains de la force publique.

Je traduisis aussi fidèlement que possible toutes ces horreurs.

Epaminondas était de la Martinique, ne parlait et ne comprenait qu'une espèce de Sabir. Tous les verbes à l'infinitif. C'est très simple en apparence. Il m'écouta avec attention, n'avait pas l'air de me comprendre et à la fin me dit :

Et mon argent? Pourquoi lui garder mon argent!

Je descendis à son niveau philologique et après des efforts concentrés et assez soutenus pour déchiffrer un mètre carré de papyrus, je finis par saisir sa version qui expliquait sa conduite inexplicable.

Il était arrivé sur un navire en route pour la Terre-Neuve et comme son engagement était fini il attendait pour s'embarquer sur un vaisseau allant vers le Sud.

Il avait quelques économies, \$125, que par esprit de prudence et suivant la coutume des matelots il avait confiées à l'hôtelier.

Après deux jours, n'ayant pas trouvé à s'embaucher il résolut de s'en aller à New York.

En conséquence, il avait demandé son argent en disant simplement—"Monnaie."

L'intelligent Irlandais, croyant qu'il désirait de l'argent de poche pour faire un peu la noce, lui dit: "How much?" mais comme le nègre ne comprenait pas il répéta la même question dans le langage des sourds-muets, c. à. d. en se servant des doigts.

Et Epaminondas ayant compris lui dit simplement. Tout.

Sur quoi Moriarty lui remit \$5.00.

Le nègre les prit en maugréant, pensant que son hôte n'avait pas sous la main la clé du coffre-fort, et dans l'après-midi il répéta sa demande avec le même résultat.

Et ainsi pendant cinq jours, deux fois par jour, quand, à bout de patience et se croyant dupé, il se livra à la déplorable sortie qui l'avait amené sur le banc des accusés.

Soupçonnant quelque dessein louche de la part de l'hôtelier, je demandai à Epaminondas s'il avait un reçu de Moriarty. Il me répondit que non, et j'expliquai au juge le cas de mon client.

Je dis client, car malgré les regards d'une férocité superbe qu'il jetait sur Moriarty qui en tremblait, je le sentais au fond bon et doux et je m'étais du premier moment sincèrement intéressé à ce pauvre moricaud, à ce grand enfant qui, après tout, n'avait que défendu son bien. Jusque là il n'avait pas été question d'argent. Moriarty, contrairement à mon attente reconnut

tout de suite avoir reçu l'argent et affirma l'avoir toujours gardé à la disposition de son dangereux locataire. Et comme preuve il le sortit et le déposa sur le bureau du greffier.

Sur ma question: Pourquoi alors lui donner des acomptes ridicules? quand il vous a demandé tout, c'est qu'il en avait besoin pour s'en aller? Moriarty jura ses grands dieux qu'Epaminondas lui avait demandé à plusieurs reprises, deux dollars et que chaque fois il lui en avait donné cinq et que.....

Du choc répété de ces mots—two—tout—jaillit soudain une lueur qui me fit comprendre le mal-entendu. Quand je l'eus expliqué, le juge fut le premier à en rire et proposa un arrangement à l'amiable.

Les négociations furent longues et pénibles. Epaminondas tenait à son argent durement gagné, et Moriarty estimait que les dégâts causés à sa personne atteignaient le chiffre de 25 dollars.

Comme les débats menaçaient de se prolonger indéfiniment, le juge y mit fin en vrai disciple de Salomon:

—Dix dollars de dommages-intérêts ou cinq ans de travaux forcés—dit-il en clignant de l'oeil.

Cela décida Epaminondas: Il paya et sortit en se dandinant d'un air casseur.

MAXIME INGRES

Quand celui à qui l'on parle ne comprend pas et que celui qui parle ne se comprend plus, c'est de la métaphysique.

Voltaire.

Je sçais ce que je fus, je sçais ce que je suis,
Je fais ce que je dois, je dois ce que je puis.

Bouscal.

Raisonner sur l'amour, c'est perdre la raison.

Boufflers.

Ne discutez jamais, vous ne convaincrez personne. Les opinions sont comme les clous : plus on tape dessus, plus on les enfonce.

A. Dumas, fils.

YOUNG GERARD AND THE CAMERA.

(With apologies to Conan Doyle.)

Gerard was indeed a study as he leaned forward in his chair, with his well-marked, regular features lit up by clear grey eyes kindling with passion, while the rich rays of ruby light streaming in through the open door of his dark room made a soft background that completed the effect.

"Yes," he said, "the story is a painful one; but our friendship demands some explanation of my conduct to-night, and I know that I can trust you.

"My grandfather, as you are aware, was on terms of great intimacy with the Emperor, and I do not hesitate to say that Napoleon placed greater confidence in Brigadier Gerard than in any other man in France or out of it. But enough—I was early left orphan, and my boyhood and early youth were passed under the care and direction of this hale and hearty old veteran. Grafted, as it were, upon this heroic old stock, I sapped up some of its spirit, and I trust you will not accuse me of overweening self-esteem when I say that my valour in the battles before Metz gave proof that the blood of Brigadier Gerard flowed in my veins. My only friend and companion was a youth called Paul Elmire; we loved each other as brothers, and were inseparable. It was Paul who sat with me at my grandfather's death-bed, and with me followed the remains of him whom all France delighted to honour to their last resting place.

"Indeed, the reputation of Brigadier Gerard was so great that, when Paul and I went to the front in '70, all France looked at me and expected something from the heir of such a name. Nor were they, according to the journals, disappointed; but, after all, four bullet wounds and a bayonet thrust are nothing—my grandfather once had—but that's another story. Paul was also wounded at Gravelotte, but recovered fast, and would come and sit by the side of my cot and tell me the sad, sad news of our humiliation. I soon noticed, however, that these visits became more frequent than would be expected of even the dearest comrade; but, probably owing to my weak condition, I failed to comprehend the occasional glances exchanged between my friend and the *petite demoiselle* of the red cross to whose patience and skillful ministrations I owed my life. Once, as I lay in a kind of trance, I caught a

snatch of their conversation. 'Do you doubt my love?' said Paul. 'Well, no,' she replied, 'not exactly, but the poet says that "Men are April when they woo, December when they wed," and are you different from the rest?' 'Oh Marie,' he exclaimed, and his voice trembled. 'A man who meets you is changed, his nature becomes different, and though all men are fickle, my love for you will never, can never change, should we live a thousand years.'

"She laughed lightly as she replied: 'Oh I have no objections to your love, women are made to be loved, and it is pleasant to have you so kind and attentive; let us always stay engaged and you will always bring me bonbons and will say sweet things to me, but marriage, no—no! I had rather have a fool to make me merry than experience to make me sad.'

"Paul was evidently nettled, for he said: 'I'm not your fool; and, since you seem so fond of the poets, how of him who says that "Every woman is at heart a rake." Why are you like this, Marie? Sometimes you yield, and from your eyes I read my love returned, and again you mock and taunt me and treat me with derision and scorn as if I were a detestable and loathed object. "Woman's at best a contradiction."'

"They had almost reached a quarrel when a slight movement of mine caused Marie to turn to smooth my pillow, and Paul passed out. She stood by my cot's head, following him with her eyes, and unconsciously she seemed to murmur: 'Love him!! love him!! as an eagle loves its prey.' A low moan of mine recalled her from her reverie.

"Several weeks after I left the hospital I was not surprised to have Paul introduce to me, as his fiancée, Marie, and I warmly congratulated him. Yet strangely enough that sentence flashed back into my mind, 'love him as an eagle loves its prey.' I put it aside, however, as probably a vagary of my imagination during my illness.

"As you know, I am old for my years and of rather a speculative turn of mind, and it was therefore with the keenest pleasure and interest, unmingled with any suggestion of envy, that I watched the silken bond grow stronger and stronger, watched their happy faces, and with them shared their joy. Yet, time and again, Paul came to me in deepest dejection and vowed that Marie did not love him, that she was cold and heartless, and at such times that old phrase came back, 'love him as an eagle loves its prey.'

but I said nothing, for I knew enough of human nature to be sure that no matter how many times he might say 'she loves me not,' it would be dangerous for me to make a similar remark. I also felt sure after many observations of my own that Marie did love him; and those little signs, those sidelong looks of love by which a woman gives away the secret she would most conceal, confirmed my opinion.

It was, therefore, a surprise all around when, in the spring of 1875, Paul determined to go to Canada to consult some authorities for a biography of Frontenac, upon which he was then working. Marie appeared broken-hearted at the prospect of separation, and at the last moment a maiden aunt undertook the journey with her, and I waved farewell from the wharf to the trio, who stood arm in arm upon the steamer's deck. All the way back to Paris that odd phrase haunted me, 'love him as an eagle loves its prey,' until I cursed both myself and my diseased imagination.

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"A month or so after this I picked up in the most casual way the following facts:—Paul Elmière was the last scion of an old and illustrious family which had formerly been very powerful.

"An ancestor of his, one Louis Elmière, had been in the retinue of the Duc de Guise when, in 1562, he made that unfortunate attack on some Huguenots worshipping in a barn near Vassy, in Champagne, and, in the mêlée, Elmière had killed one of two brothers of the powerful Spanish family of the Alvorado. In this way a feud had been started between these two families; and it had smoldered on for over three centuries, ever and anon blazing out in some atrocious crime at the ferocity of which everyone shuddered, and for whose motive all were at a loss. The bitterness and secrecy of this feud had even affected the women of the families, and more than once had beauty lured valour to its death.

"The last manifestation of the old hatred had been by Paul Elmière's father just before the battle of Trafalgar, in which he lost his life. Despite the protests of his officers, Captain Elmière had convicted upon a few trumped-up charges of treachery the beautiful Lucile Alvorado, together with her lover, a young ensign of the allied Spanish fleet, and had set them adrift during a storm in an open boat, which was almost immediately swamped. Of course, as Elmière was

killed at Trafalgar, no charges were brought up to stain his memory.

"I next learned what almost stunned me—that Marie was a collateral descendant of the Alvorado family; and, coupled with a strong detestation of all northern French, she entertained a violent desire to avenge the murder of the beautiful Lucile upon the Elmières.

"Back came the phrase, 'love him as an eagle loves its prey.' The love for Paul, of which I had no doubt, the desire for revenge that was now laid bare, and the struggle between these conflicting impulses explained those fits of coldness, that strange reserve, which used to drive Paul almost to despair. The awful conclusion forced itself upon me—Marie must have intended to revenge the old feud upon Elmière, and all that checked her was her love for him which seemed slowly to increase; but the arrival of the aunt would perhaps strengthen her original resolve, and the struggle of love and revenge with a life at stake was even then going on over the water.

"My letters to Paul were unheeded, and finally he asked me, if I had nothing else to write, not to write again.

"He was evidently infatuated, and the spirit of my grandsire rose within me as I determined to cross to Canada and to rescue him, my dearest friend, from his fate.

"Owing to circumstances over which I had no control it was not till July, 1877, that I reached Montreal, and started to trace my friend. He had been seen at McGill College, but, as many of the reference works which he needed were 'not in the library,' he had gone to Quebec. I followed, and there I lost track of him completely. Add to this the fact that I had not heard from him for over a year and my feelings may be imagined.

"In the course of my inquiries, I had become rather intimate with a venerable priest of the Church of Ste. Anne, at Beaupré; and he had been of great service, especially in explaining the political and religious problems peculiar to Canada.

"One August afternoon, we were sitting on the river bank near Beaupré, looking across to the rich foliage of Isle d'Orleans, when Father Brunellus suddenly stopped in his explanation and pointed to a small mound a few rods nearer the water. 'There is a story connected with that,' he

said. "One evening just at twilight I was sitting here by this tree when I noticed the figure of a woman going cautiously toward the river. My first thought was "a pious soul retires to pray;" and then came the startling suggestion—"perhaps an intending suicide." I went cautiously forward and shall never forget what I saw. She was standing on the water's brink, the river toying with her robe, one arm outstretched, and as she turned a pale yet noble face toward the fading western light I saw the gleam of a weapon in her hand. One moment she stood, then tore up the earth, buried what was in her hand and was gone. I stumbled down the bank, and, kicking away the loose earth, picked up a dagger on whose blade I could barely then make out "Mort aux Elmires."

"My cry of surprise interrupted him. 'Did you ever see her again?' I breathlessly asked.

"'Yes,' he said; 'you are interested? I saw her about a year ago—her face was beautiful then—she was with a young man— they were in that riot on the pilgrimage day when the soldiers had to come down from Quebec.'

"'Young man!! riot!! soldiers!!!' I almost shrieked. I could scarcely contain myself. 'What became of them, of the young man? Oh! for the love of heaven tell me more! more!!'

"But Father Brumellus could tell no more; a number had been killed that day and they might have been among them, or they might have gone away, he knew no more. In the overwrought condition of my nerves, as I wandered aimlessly about the streets and alleys of Beaupré, I chanced to find this old plate-holder among a heap of rubbish. I felt a presentiment that something would come of this, and hurrying here I developed the plate. There, look at it, hold it to the light!! That explains my conduct to-night. Oh! heaven, my friend!! my friend!! I have lost you, Paul, and her, both—murdered—murdered!!! But look, see among the surging mob and the soldiers—there they are—one bullet did for both—she clings upon his breast, and Love has conquered Hate."

M. C. H., Arts '98.

Nov. 25th, 1897. Thanksgiving Day.

FAITHLESS.

Swift, my boat! so swift, my boat!
 Swiftly over the Lake of Gold
 Speed to that isle in the distance dim
 Where my sweetheart awaits me. O swift, my boat!

'Tis a tiny isle, my jewel rare,
 Set afar in the Lake of Gold;
 'Tis rough and rugged and rocky, but there
 My true love met me in days of old.
 And there he is waiting again to-day
 By the great rock down at the waterside.
 Though the years have been weary, he's faithful for aye,
 And I know that he loves me, what'er betide.

Swift, my boat! O swift, my boat!
 Swiftly over the Lake we'll glide
 To where he is watching, with longing eyes,
 Watching my coming. So, swift, my boat!

Slow, my boat! So slow, my boat!
 Slowly over the Lake of Gold
 Drift from my island fair away!
 He loves me no longer. Slow, my boat!

Back to the white tents upon the shore,
 Where the camp-fire's flame sheds a lurid light,
 While my yearning gaze follows afar the white gleam
 Of the swift canoe bearing my love from my sight.
 My love? Mine no longer. He's not worth a thought!
 It is not for his loss that my bitter tears fall;
 'Tis my dream, my ideal, I mourn; for naught
 I have given my heart's best, my love, my youth—all.

Slow, my boat! so slow, my boat!
 The sun's sinking fast in a bank of grey.
 I am leaving forever the Isle of Dreams!
 My sweet dreams have gone from me—slow, my boat!

FOOTBALL RELATIONS BETWEEN MCGILL AND HARVARD.

To an American football enthusiast of the present day it would perhaps be a surprising thing to learn, that the game now so universally played throughout the United States owes its origin almost altogether to Canadians, and especially to the sturdy representatives of Old McGill, who journeyed down to Cambridge, in the spring of 1874, and taught the Harvard team how to play the Rugby game. Harvard up to that time had played a peculiar game of its own, a sort of combination of Association and Rugby. When the McGill team came down, on the 12th of May, 1874, arrangements were made for two matches. The first was played on the thirteenth, under the Harvard rules, which not being understood by the McGill men, made the game very uninteresting, and Harvard claimed the victory by three goals to none. On the next day the game was played under the Canadian rules, with the exception that only ten men were on each side. The McGill team was the first to appear on the field clad in the usual Rugby uniform, and they were soon followed, as the College paper of the time remarks, by "a shabby looking set of men who turned out to be the Harvard ten," and the Harvard supporters could distinguish their side at a glance. The Harvard team were a heavier lot of men than their opponents, and though somewhat new to the game, having only practised it for a few weeks, they managed to hold their own. Two three quarters of an hour were played. In the first half the wind was in Harvard's favour, and it ended without either side scoring. The second half was very fiercely fought out, but again neither side could cross the other line. "although," says the Chronicle, "one of the Harvard players had excited the spectators to the utmost with the hope that he was about to gain a long-wished-for "touch-down," when one of his pursuers bethought himself of stretching out his hand and seizing one of the many pennons that were waving behind him, with which he drew him skilfully to the ground, awakening in him the same sensation that a kite has when pulled to the ground by a little boy." The spectators of this game were very enthusiastic, and the great superiority of the new game was at once recognized. The McGill team were entertained in royal fashion, and left Cambridge with a promise from the Harvard men to play a return game in Montreal.

On October 23rd, the return match took place on the McGill grounds, each side playing eleven men, and this resulted in a decided victory for the Harvard team by three touch-downs to nothing. The Harvard men received a warm welcome, were lunched at the Carlton House, and taken to see a fox-hunt at Verdun, a spectacle which was new to them and which they enjoyed very much, if we are to judge from a descriptive article on it which appeared in the CRIMSON shortly after their return to Cambridge.

Rugby football was now firmly established at Harvard, and also began to be taken up by the other New England Colleges. In the fall of 1875, a Harvard fifteen played a Canadian fifteen on the old Montreal Cricket Grounds. They had indulged in a short preliminary practice on the McGill campus the day previous, and seem to have been a sturdy lot of kickers, as the Canadians were defeated by two goals and two touch-downs to nothing. After their return to Cambridge a code of rules was drawn up by mutual agreement between Yale and Harvard. These rules are practically the same as the English Rugby ones, and under them Harvard administered a crushing defeat to Yale. In the spring of the next year, an all-Canadian team visited Cambridge, and after a close and exciting game were defeated by one goal to nothing. Harvard visited Montreal for the last time in the fall of 1876, and on Oct. 28th, met and defeated an all-Canadian team composed of players from the Toronto, London, Ottawa, McGill, Montreal and Britannia clubs, the score being two goals and two touch-downs to nothing. McGill was to have visited Cambridge that fall, but the Harvard men consented to stay over until Monday, and play them then.

The match took place Monday morning, at 10.30, on the McGill grounds, and was a very close and exciting one. The McGill team played a much better combination game than the all-Canada one had, and it was more by chance than superior play that Harvard won a goal and the match. McGibbon, Campbell, Taylor and Seriver were the McGill stars of that time, and are the only names mentioned by the writer of the account in the CRIMSON.

The Harvard men were well entertained, and left that afternoon at 3 o'clock, and, adds the writer in the CRIMSON, "no Harvard man can forget the good will and good cheer which he received from many warm-hearted friends in Montreal."

This ended Harvard's football relations with the Canadian University, not on account of any break, but simply that the rapid spread of the Rugby game amongst the New England Colleges furnished the Harvard team with many worthy opponents nearer home; for the game was taken up by Yale, Wesleyan, Brown, Williams, Tuft's, the School of Technology and many other colleges and schools. Modifications and changes crept in, the number of players was reduced in the fall of 1876 to eleven on a side, and the American game came gradually to assume an individuality of its own. Nevertheless, the great and important fact remains that it is to Canada and to McGill that American football as played to-day really owes its origin.

To-day the two games differ widely, and though the Canadian game may be more interesting from a spectator's point of view, yet the American one is a cleaner, faster and more scientific exposition

of Rugby football. The Canadian game seems to be in a state of transition, various changes and modifications in the rules have alienated it from the good old English Rugby game, and it is slowly but surely progressing towards the American style, and the sooner the Canadian Unions adopt the American rules the better, I think, for the future of the game. International contests could then be indulged in without conflict of rules, and the vexed question could be decided as to whether Canadian brawn and muscle are a match for American science and training. All this, however, is a little outside the sphere of this article, and I will close this brief survey by expressing the hope that the time may yet come when the football teams of Harvard and McGill may again meet in friendly contest on the gridiron.

N. M. T.

Cambridge, Nov. 16th, 1896.

Graduates' Column.

SCIENCE '97.

Graham Drinkwater has been all summer with the Hudson Bay exploration party sent out by the Dominion Government.

Geo. D. McKinnon has the position of instructor to the mechanical classes of Horton Academy, Wolfville, N.S.

Clarence Thomson is one of the experts in the employ of the Patent Office, Ottawa.

Morley Ogilvie has gone to the Yukon district in charge of a survey party for the Dominion Government.

D. E. Blair is in the employ of the Quebec Street Railway as electrical engineer.

Fred. McKibben has gone to Cornell, to take a post graduate course in Electrical Engineering.

Jack Turnbull is in Rossland, B.C.

Frank White is working for the Cold Storage Company, Montreal.

R. W. Stovel is taking a post graduate course in physics, and haunts the McDonald Physics building with his old-time diligence.

A. B. Newcombe has gone to South Africa to push his fortunes.

Shirley Davidson's doings are written in an-

other part of the FORTNIGHTLY and in several newspapers from time to time. His fellow-graduates are proud of him.

J. W. Bell has returned from British Columbia to take the position of demonstrator in Mining Engineering at the College.

Jack Ross is taking a post-graduate course, and is also doing splendid work on the senior football team.

Ralph Dougall is also taking a post grad., continuing his studies in Mining Subjects.

Frank Packard is continuing his studies in Electrical Engineering at the University of Liège, Belgium.

Howard Symmes is taking a post-graduate course in several subjects.

Paul Paradis is at present doing some work for the Montreal Street Railway.

R. W. Suter is doing well as a chemist and assayer in British Columbia.

Geo. MacLeod is assistant at the Observatory. He says he is not to blame for the bad weather, but promises at least to have some snow this year, and to keep the stars in their places.

There are several more of whom we have not heard any account.

Societies.

THE MONTREAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

At the last meeting of the Society for the Study of Comparative Psychology, the vice-president, Dr. Baker, occupied the chair. Some minor business in connection with the library of the association was attended to.

The chairman then called upon Mr. Piersick for his essay entitled "Intelligence of the Lower Animals." The essayist mentioned the distinctly controversial grounds he was compelled to tread upon, at the same time being those on which all might hold their own opinions. To his mind the horse had no sense of right or wrong, owing to the fact that he would kick the man who fed him as readily as he would a stranger.

Domestication, he claimed, weakened the will power of the animals, whereby they tended to become mere reflex machines, quoting as examples the horse that would unnecessarily fatigue himself in harness, or, as an exceptional instance, where intelligence might be quoted, the horse that refused to work at all. He considered the numerous anecdotes of intelligence and affection on the part of this animal to be mainly due to an exaggerated opinion of a mind already prejudiced in their favor, and that this reflex theory would in most cases sufficiently explain these seemingly wonderful performances.

He admitted the possibility of the elephant and dog having their powers of reasoning more highly developed than any of the other lower animals, owing to their having a large amount of grey matter proportionately in the cerebrum, which, as physiology teaches us, is the main seat of the higher faculties. The essayist related many interesting stories in connection with these animals.

A discussion ensued, assisted by the chairman and Dr. Sugden, as a result of which it was generally conceded that the superior intelligence showed by the dog over the horse was largely due to his associating so much with man.

Mr. Paquin was appointed essayist for the next meeting, and Mr. Hollingsworth volunteered to concoct an anecdote for discussion.

MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The fourth sessional meeting of this Society was held on Friday evening, Nov. 19th, and opened to a good attendance. The programme of the evening proved not only a very interesting one, but was remarkable for the practical nature of the papers presented. After the opening preliminaries, the president, Mr. W. L. Barlow, B.A., announced the papers of the evening, which were as follows:—

"The Pulse in Disease," by Chas. Ogilvy, B.A.

"The Puerperal Breast," by J. West, B.A.

"Post-partum Haemorrhage," by G. S. Tiffany.

"Physical Debility," by R. F. Beatty.

"Some of our Native Medicinal Plants," by W. S. Galbraith.

This last paper was illustrated by some fine botanical specimens.

In a few remarks Messrs. Brown, Grace and Cushing voiced the appreciation with which those present had listened to the various papers, and a hearty vote of thanks to the contributors closed another meeting of the Society, which is advancing in prominence both as regards the high class of the contributions and the interest which it is claiming of the undergraduates of the Medical Faculty.

Signed,

W. A. WILSON, Asst.-Sec.

A most enthusiastic crowd of embryo medics gathered in the Medical Building, last Friday night, at this Society's meeting.

The special feature of the evening was a debate concerning the treatment of Typhoid Fever, and the points of contest were the use of cold baths and milk-diet.

The Hon. President, Prof. Shepherd, occupied the chair, and grouped about him were the judges of the debate, Drs. Elder, Martin and Hamilton.

Mr. R. G. Duncan opened the debate for the affirmative: "That the present treatment by cold baths is faulty," and feelingly depicted upon barbarity of the treatment, and its effect upon the helpless victim, particularly contending that

stimulant action was very small, the effect on the pyrexia transient and upon delirium very uncertain. Its dangers and the comparisons with other methods, together with the difficulty of administering it, were also touched upon.

Mr. C. Davidson replied, triumphantly pointing to the record of the treatment, in its world-wide use by present day physicians, and in the lowering of mortality rates in all prominent hospitals. He contended that the measure, though heroic, was no more so than many others which the best physicians found necessary to adopt, and in which the patients wisely acquiesced; that patients came to like the bath, and, most important, that the effect upon the patient was, except in rare cases, markedly beneficial.

Regarding milk-diet, Mr. H. R. Macaulay, in a most eloquent, logical and forcible address, contended for greater range. He spoke emphatically of the necessity of studying nature's indications, and avoiding the use of routine diet to the point of toleration. Touching the unsuitability of milk for routine, he sought to show that it entailed an excessive amount of work on the weakened digestive tract, that its absorption was poor, and that its excretion was attended with great danger to the diseased ileum. He defended other foods against charges of causing perforation and relapse, and contended that changes had not been proved to be injurious.

Mr. C. A. Peters defended the milk-diet, but seemed not to have realized the vulnerability of the position, and contented himself with describing its perfection as a food, its digestion before the diseased part was reached, and the record of its use with great success for many years.

At the close of the debate the judges conferred together, and gave decision in form of the negative on the first point, and for the affirmative on the second, and their decision was evidently acquiesced in by the large audience.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Professors and contestants, and brought a most instructive meeting to a close.

MINING SOCIETY.

Mr. Geo. Hillary, Science '98, read a very interesting as well as instructive paper before the Mining Society, on the evening of Nov. 26th.

Mr. Hillary was one of a party under the guidance of Professor Millar of Kingston that made a tour through that portion of Ontario,

around the county of Hastings. It was on this trip that the members present were entertained.

The "author" took extensive notes, and could give some details of the numerous small mines which dot that section. The principal point being that several mines were again opened, and working successfully, which had been shut down for ten years. After the paper was read and the usual questions asked and answered, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Hillary.

A question was then brought up as to whether the Society would disband, and help to organize the Undergraduates Science Society, which is being formed. After some discussion it was decided to wait further developments and then enter the society as a section.

Y. M. C. A.

As usual on Thanksgiving Day, a very enjoyable tea and reunion took place at the Association Building, on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 25th. Although not as large as on some previous occasions, the attendance was nevertheless quite good, and pretty nearly every Faculty of the University and every affiliated Theological College was represented. The Building was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, and, judging from the attention bestowed upon them, the various viands were equally "tasteful" in their own peculiar way. The President of the Association, Mr. H. P. Archibald, occupied the chair, and, when the principal business of the evening was disposed of, called upon Mr. N. D. Keith, B.A., for a speech, which was given in that gentleman's well-known happy style. A few words from the General Secretary followed. Mr. E. Edwin Howard, B.A., Law '98, then moved a vote of thanks to the committee in charge, which was eloquently seconded by Mr. Matheson, of the same year in the Faculty of Applied Science. The cordiality and general sense of good-fellowship that marked the whole gathering were one of its most pleasing features. The formal proceedings terminated with the time-honored singing of "God save the Queen."

The final Sunday afternoon meeting of the present term is to be held next Sunday, Dec. 12, when the Rev. Principal George, of the Congregational College, has promised to deliver an address. Let every man who can attend. It is hoped to make this the largest and best meeting of the year so far. All students are welcome.

THE MONTREAL VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of the Society was held in the library on Friday evening, Nov. 20th; the Honorary President, Professor D. McEachran, occupying the chair.

There were present Drs. Baker and Thurston, and a small attendance of members.

Some business in connection with the Experimental Committee being disposed of, the Chairman called on Mr. Spanton for his case report, which was one of "Orchitis" in a dog, from which a satisfactory recovery was made in fifteen days, the treatment being the application of ice poultices. Mr. Wallis followed with an essay on Phagocytosis and its relation to inflammation, after which, there being no further business, the chairman adjourned the meeting.

DELTA SIGMA.

The regular meeting of the Delta Sigma was held Nov. 18th. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Miss Nichols, B.A., then read an interesting and instructive paper on sonnets and sonneteers, European and American. Miss Bourke-Wright followed with a paper on George DuMaurier. This she illustrated by reading extracts from Peter Ibbotson and Trilby.

Miss Nettie Radford completed the programme with an account of the work of Andrew Lang.

M. E. R.

The last meeting of the Δ. Σ. for this year was held on Dec. 2nd. The meeting opened with music—a pleasant variation of the ordinary routine of the society. Miss Noyes played an impromptu which was very much appreciated. Then followed some impromptu speeches. The subject of "tea-drinking for students" was allotted to Miss Cameron. Miss Bourke-Wright added the spice of fun called for by the nature of the subject. With the gravest possible mien, and in the most formal language, she expressed her disapprobation of her predecessor's remarks, treating the subject as one of weighty importance. Miss Radford, 1st Year, then spoke on "the respect due from freshmen to seniors."

Her remarks were most apropos—only perhaps the speaker found it more to the point to reverse the last three words of her heading. The president, Miss Carr, then read an essay on Matthew Arnold. The sympathy of the speaker for her subject in his work and ideals was clearly evident, and gave warmth and charm to what she said. Matthew Arnold was brought before us as an eager, longing soul striving after "sweetness and light." The essayist read some extracts from his prose and poems which aptly illustrated her words. Several missing members of the Δ. Σ. have expressed great regret that they could not be present.

F. C.

Y. W. C. A.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A., Nov. 24th, was in charge of Miss Finley. The subject "Whatever He would have me do," was presented in a very impressive manner.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting of Dec. 1st was addressed by Miss Seymour, a former "Donalda." The subject was admirably handled and elaborated by means of the text, "That the world may know that thou has sent me." Papers on missionary work were read by Misses Garlick and Brodie.

H. R.

CLASSICAL CLUB.

On Monday evening, Dec. 6th, the members of the Classical Club as well as many students and friends of the University were treated to a very interesting and instructive lecture by Prof. Carter on the Homeric Age.

Mr. Munn, the President, presided, and before introducing the lecturer referred briefly to the origin and programme of the Club. He then called upon Prof. Carter, who for upwards of two hours held the attention of the large audience while he dealt with his inexhaustible subject in its chief details. The social, religious, political and military aspects of Grecian life in Homer's time were successively discussed, and the professor illustrated his points by quotations from the Homeric poems as well as by numerous lime-light views.

C. C. F.

Class Reports.

FEATHERS FROM THE EAST WING.

Our First Year Reporter tells us again she has no notes, that the First Year have done "nothing" that they have been neither good nor naughty. Now these Freshies should know they are in a very perilous state, and when they grow up, and read books, they will find that Dante has especially reserved the vestibule of the "Lower Regions" for the souls of those who lived without infamy and without praise—who were purely negative.

Some McGill Students are modest. A group was being photographed recently, and a table was the centre-piece. Now the one coveted spot was *under* that table.

Very enjoyable was an informal gathering of third and fourth year honor English Students at the house of Prof. and Mrs. Moyses. Runes, ice-cream, and music were equally appreciated.

The Museum will shortly have some new specimens. One of our fair Donaldas requested the janitor to give her the keys of a case, as she wished to get into it. This valuable acquisition will probably be labelled "*Iron Pyrites*"—in other words "Fools' Gold." No need to go to Klondyke now.

The FORTNIGHTLY, although usually infallible, seems to have made a small mis-statement last week. One of the "Three Innocents" of the West Wing was reported to be missing, but they seem, to all outward appearances, to be all there, and none of them show any intimation of a retiring disposition.

Lantern slides and lady slides—these were the prominent *features* of Tuesday's geology lecture.

Query:—Was there an earth-quake??

Familiarity breeds contempt. As with every thing else, so with worms. We can handle them now without even an inward shrinking, for, if the truth were told, each one would confess angle worms were her *bête-noir*. What a happy time is in store for the fishing parties of next summer, when each will bait his or her own hook. No more grumbling on the part of the sterner sex.

The following intelligent remark in reference to a well-known member of '98 was overheard.

"Yes, I have heard of Miss B——t, she is in her fourth year Medicine at McGill."

Two people were passing our College-to-be. "What a fine building!" one exclaimed. "Yes," replied her companion. "A big ladies' hotel, is it not?"

Prof. "Do you all see the sense of this phrase? Of course those who are anxiously striving to write down the whole translation can't be expected to see the sense of anything."

We hear that some of our Donaldas object strongly to being told, in no very conciliatory way, to open their books at the right line as soon as it is given

out. Nor, from the novelty of it, perhaps, do they well understand biting sarcasm (?) on the subject of their ignorance. Ed. FORTNIGHTLY.

"ICH BIN DEIN."

In tempus old a hero lived
Qui loved puellas deux,
Il ne pouvait pas quite to say
Laquelle he loved le mieux.

Dit-il lui-même un beau matin,
"Non possum both avoir;
Sed si address Amanda Ann,
Then Kate and I have war."

Amanda habet argent coin,
Sed Kate has aureas curls;
Et both sunt very agathae,
Et quite formosae girls.

Enfin the youthful Anthropos,
Philom the duo maids;
Resolved proponere ad Kate,
Devant cet evening's shades.

Procedens then to Kate's domo,
Il trouve Amanda there;
Kai quite forgot his last resolves.
Both sunt so goodly fair.

Sed smiling on the new tapis,
Between puellas twain;
Coepit to tell his love à Kate,
Dans une poetique strain.

Mais glancing ever and anon
At fair Amanda's eyes;
Illae non possunt dicere,
Pro which he meant his sighs.

Each virgo heard the demi vow,
With cheeks as rouge as wine;
And offering, each, a milk white hand,
Both whispered, "Ich bin dein."

Those Donaldas who were present at the Delta Sigma meeting of Dec. 2nd had a treat. Miss Carr indulges in no flourishes but goes straight to the point, and is always accurate. From the pleasure she was evidently taking in the presentiment of Mathew Arnold and his work, the sympathies of her audience were quickly aroused. As she read some of his poems, one or two of us recalled the days when as a Freshie she read "O! Sweet Content."

FACULTY OF COMPARATIVE MEDICINE.

We take much pleasure in assisting, however slightly, to dispel the delusion under which many contributors to modern journalism are laboring in connection with the near approach of a "horseless age," due to the advent of motor carriages, for according to Mr. Stoker, the Russian Government's commissioner in America for horses, there are not half as many of these expensive and troublesome vehicles in use now as there were two years ago.

Mdlle. Marie Kapezewitch, the daughter of a wealthy Russian family, is a new phenomenon in the medical world, having recently graduated from Ayort, as a Veterinary Doctress. This should be a glorious opportunity for some enterprising young practitioner to rapidly build up a fortune.

We congratulate the Final Year on their election of Mr. Bell for Valedictorian, assuring as it does an address worthy of the class '98.

Some of the most valuable work being done this year is in connection with post-mortems, and we heartily thank Dr. Martin for the time and trouble he takes in superintending them. Realizing as we all do the importance of punctuality on these occasions, our united efforts will be exerted, in order that no delay may occur on his arrival in future.

Mr. Lambert, our representative at the Graduates' dinner, speaks highly of the manner in which he was entertained, but regrets that the opportunity to spread himself as an orator, for which he was well prepared, did not present itself.

The opening meeting of the Faculty Club was held in the Class Room, on Saturday evening, Nov. 20th, by the kind permission of our Professors. This club was originated in 1896, for the purpose of affording an occasional evening's amusement and recreation to the whole class, and to assist in maintaining that "esprit de corps" so necessary for its welfare.

The approval it received from the Faculty, and the success which attended every meeting last year, more than fulfilled the expectations of those that started it, and though conducted on somewhat different lines, the opening meeting for 1897 was quite satisfactory, with its varied programme of songs, recitations, glove contests, and selections by the class orchestra, much assistance being rendered by several welcome visitors during the evening.

The entertainment commenced with a three round bout between the inimitable "Jake" and the "Chief," brought to an untimely end by the application of a supra-maximal stimulus applied (too soon after dinner) over the left hypochondriac region of the former, which, though temporarily inconveniencing him, did not prevent his filling his engagements later on in the evening. From this time on till the adjournment at 11.30, the items of the programme kept things running merrily, the Freshmen especially enjoying themselves in that irresistible manner so characteristic of a First Year, many of them assisting the meeting with songs or recitations.—Mr. Allan's Life History, as re-

lated by himself, proving of thrilling interest. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to our Professors for the use of the room, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. B. A. Sugden, medallist of '97, and who holds an appointment on the Government Veterinary Staff, was unexpectedly called to England recently. His absence, we trust, will be but temporary, for the interest he took in matters pertaining to the welfare of our class, also his ability as an Inspector, will be missed by many.

We also regret to report the departure of the courteous and efficient Government Type-writer from our midst. Like other great men, his talents were exhibited in many ways, most of us possessing mementos of his photographic abilities, whilst as an orthographist he was unexcelled.

Mr. Hollingsworth is a welcome addition to the class '98, having wisely decided that competition with our only "Ikey" necessitates a full course of study.

The prospective Grinds in Cattle Pathology have aroused considerable alarm in the final year, creating as they do, an uncertainty as to whether our "common sense ideas" are satisfactorily developed or not.

The sympathies of the class are extended towards Messrs. Hart, Henderson and Patterson, whose names are on the sick list.

Great credit is due to Mr. Hammond of the second year, for the energetic manner in which he is working up our items for the Annual.

ARTS NOTES.

Professor and Mrs. Moyle were "At Home" to the members of the Third and Fourth Years on Saturday last, when a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who were privileged to be present. Professor and Mrs. Moyle are an ideal host and hostess, and the thanks of the Third and Fourth Years are due them, not only for a pleasant evening, but for the opportunity afforded for closer contact between student and professor.

THIRD YEAR.

R. H. Ellis has been elected captain of the '99 Hockey Team. Douglas and Bonin, committee-men.

The hours for practice will be: Mondays, 3 to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

And all who try to play hockey, or think they can, or are willing to learn, are invited to attend the practices.

The reporter of 1900 states that 1900 has been making mince-meat and hash. Doubtless there are butchers and cooks enough in that year for the whole college. But the material is said to have been obtained for this purpose from '99 and '01. In vain we search for the slaughtered or disabled ones of either year. This hallucination of the reporter is a marked form of insanity. Consult your Dr. at once, reporter.

Hist! Did you hear how then it thundered?

No, 'tis the gas-bags of 1900.

1900.

FIRST YEAR.

Baker and Cooke were looking for each other's scalp, a few days ago; so were Ells and Rowat. However, all have since smoked the pipe of peace. How much longer are Jeakins and Nutter going to be about that Class photo? It is to be hoped that Reford will make a better Hockey Captain than he was at Football. Rowell became so riotous at a Greek lecture that he was banished to another seat. He had a fine little game of puss in the corner all by his lonesome. Dickson and Ireland are going on the stage, the former to play the tramp in "The Old Homestead," and the latter as a skirt dancer.

Mitchell Book I, Prop. I. Elocution.

The shortest distance between any two given points is the largest number of desks and students you can go round to get there.

THE BATTLE OF THE GOLOSHES.

Last Thursday, at noon, 1900 were, as usual, quietly descending from the heights of Rome when suddenly several huge objects came into violent contact with the nasal appendages of some members. On examining these large and badly shaped aerolites, they turned out to be the winter feet coverings of the 4th Year. They were immediately hurled with terrific fury at the only visible objects, the two Johns—Colby and Todd. Re-inforcements from '98, '99, '01 hurried to their support and attacked 1900. Almighty Voice, McCormick, Walker-John (oo), like the three Curiaii bravely charged the enemy, who fled before the rush of the invulnerable phalanx. After creating much havoc the phalanx was broken up by a post which did considerable damage to McC's breathing apparatus. These three warriors will receive the Donalda Cross for distinguished conduct on the field of battle. The air was now black with rubber articles from the huge canal barges of '98, '99 to the dainty clodhoppers of '00, '01. With the exception of two or three men, '99 were not to be seen. They were accidentally discovered hiding behind posts and underneath stairs and overcoats. Among them was the worthy Patch, with his hat all bunged in and jammed down over his eyes. They were in abject terror of 1900, remembering last year's defeats. Finally Emperor William put an end to the battle at the orders of the Czar of all the Russias. Some gladiators refused to stop, especially Horatius (John Todd). He valiantly defended the bridge to the last, till he received a mortal wound. He died cursing his enemies.

About one hour later the air seemed to be very dark. Many men were seen to be diligently looking for something. Now and then one would pick up an object, then hurl it down again, singing the Doxology softly to himself. Moral: A wise man keepeth his rubbers on or putteth them in his box.

1. He who knows not, and knows he knows not—he is a Freshman. Honour him.

2. He who knows not, and knows not he knows not—he is a Sophomore. Shun him.

3. He who knows, and knows not he knows—he is a Junior. Pity him.

4. He who knows, and knows he knows—he is a Senior. Reverence him.

When was the earth like a Science Freshman's brain? When it was without form and void.

P. Molson, "'01," received his reward for having upheld the honor of the year on Sports' Day, by being elected an Arts Representative to the Athletic Association.

At a meeting of the First Year, held on Nov. 30th, C. R. Gilmour was chosen captain of the class Hockey team, and hours for practice were arranged.

It is clear that "1900's" reporter is on the track of truth. Never before has he got together such an aggregation of facts with less error. One mistake he made was his feeling reference to the time when "'01" was made into "mince-meat." If he had been able to keep nearer to the real Simon Pure he would not have made a palpable mis-statement.

But it is evident that the class he refers to is composed of all ages and conditions, from infants to lunatics, with a large percentage of blood-thirsty Apaches headed by their redoubtable chief "Almighty Voice," who has them in tow, leading them by the nose or the ear.

SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

What makes the Miners love so well
Their lectures in geology?

The hours spent seem all too short,

Too short, too, Mineralogy

Their sentiments we might ascribe

To students in Theology

Or even in Arts; for then we would

Require no apology.

But, one in Science paths who treads,

Must certainly acknowledge he

Can see attractions, that he finds

Not in our own Technology.

Messrs. Albert Laurie and T. T. Irving represented the Faculty of Science of McGill at the Laval Students' Annual Dinner, given at the Richelieu, on Monday, Nov. 22nd. They both speak in the most enthusiastic terms of the welcome they received at the hands of our brother scientists. Mr. Lamoureux, who once was a member of Science '98 of McGill, ably presided at the table. Professors and students alike did everything in their power to make the delegates feel at home, and it seemed a grand brotherhood, where friendly feeling and unity of purpose abounded. We hope at no very distant date to be able to show McGill's hospitality at a similar function, and that we can sing "Auld Lang Syne" with lusty throats and hearts swelling with the sentiments of good will.

Mr. T. T. Irving was elected to represent Science at the Medical Dinner, and Mr. T. A. MacLean represents McGill at the Toronto School of Science Dinner, on the 10th.

Let us hope that the expressed desire of our Dean and Professors to have organized a Technical Society is shared alike by every student in the Faculty. The Fourth Year have concluded that such a society would be of incalculable benefit to the undergraduates, and will do everything in their power to make its inception a certainty; but it rests with the present 3rd, 2nd and 1st years to make its future a success.

THIRD YEAR.

Quebec must be an awfully sleepy place—anyway some fellows who got back from there, on a recent Monday morning, remained in a semi-somnolent state all forenoon, and were not seen at all in the vicinity of the college buildings in the afternoon.

Such ingratitude. Just listen to this. Some weeks ago, on a Saturday morning, a few members of the class of '99 Science were standing at the entrance of the Engineering building, when a confectioner's wagon drove up. It was loaded. In a flash we took stock of the boxes and barrels—they were only partially covered, and there was revealed the wherewithal for a royal feast. The driver stopped right at the door and asked for the Donalds department. There was the chance of a lifetime. At a word from us that driver would have carried those salads and other confections right into OUR reading-room. It is needless to dilate on what would have followed. But we took pity on the feverishly excited groups occupying the windows of the Donalds department, and exercising great self-denial we directed the Jehu to the Donalds department. No praise was looked for, no applause was sought, and the matter of our virtuous conduct soon passed from our minds. We thought of it no more until in perusing the columns of the last number of the FORTNIGHTLY we struck the following sentence in an account of the luncheon which the Donalds absorbed that morning—"Had the load been deposited with the SCIENCE SAVAGES," etc.—Et tu Brute.

SECOND YEAR.

It is reported that the annual deficit in the Engineering building is something like \$10,000, but we are afraid only a very small portion of this is caused by the supplying of apparatus for the encouragement of that virtue which is next to godliness. That the appliances provided are quite insufficient may be proved algebraically as follows, taking for example the towel.

Let x = drying power of towel in wards.

Note.—A ward is the thirst acquired by an ordinary student during the day usually cured by 4 schooners more or less.

Let y = drying power required per student

$$\therefore \frac{x}{y} = d. r. y.$$

But this is not so, because by previous experiments

$$\frac{x}{y} = \text{w.e.t.}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{y} \text{ does not} = d. r. y.$$

Much more \therefore does $\frac{x}{200y}$ not = d.r.y.

The other appliances may be shown to be wanting in a similar manner, because by a large number of experiments the cleansing power of ice-cold water and no soap has been shown to equal n.i.t.

Student No. 1, soliciting signatures for the Declaration of Indulgence for Friday: "Here, sign this."

Student No. 2 (without stopping): "I haven't time, here (handing him a quarter), write my name down yourself."

MEDICAL NEWS.

DEMISE OF DR. KIRKPATRICK.

Although it was known to the Medical Students at large that Dr. Kirkpatrick was ill, when his critical condition was understood, and when later the news of his death was made known, a deep feeling of sorrow has stirred the hearts of the students for their kind, modest and efficient teacher, whose lease of life was so suddenly terminated.

The students took the first opportunity offered the same day to arrange for and to send worthy floral tributes, and to express to the family their sympathy in their bereavement.

The deceased was born in 1863, and was the son of a well-known produce merchant. He studied in the High School, and in the Arts' Department of McGill University, whence he graduated with distinction. He subsequently studied Medicine, becoming assistant, when still an undergraduate, to Dr. Wilkins, then lecturer in Histology.

After graduating in Medicine, in 1887, he became house-surgeon at the General Hospital, and later became its Medical Superintendent.

During his term of office as Superintendent several noted changes were made in the hospital accommodation, and two new wings were added through the munificence of Messrs. Green-shields and Campbell, and a training school for nurses inaugurated, having devoted much of his time for the success of this last enterprise.

Dr. Kirkpatrick, since leaving the hospital, had taken up practice, and his career as a practitioner was as promising as it was short.

He was lecturer in Clinical Surgery and de-

monstrator in Surgery at McGill University, and one of the associate editors of the Medical Journal of Montreal.

The loss to the community at large will be keenly felt, for his friends were numerous and fast; and both at the bedside, at the clinic, in the class-room, in the church choir, his kindly, genial face will leave a remembrance as sacred as it will be enduring.

Prof. Roddick has been laid up for some time with an attack of bronchitis, and has been unable to attend to his college duties.

Prof. H. Lafleur, who is taking an extensive tour for the benefit of his health, was to reach Gibraltar about Dec. 1st, and thence, after a short stay in the South of Spain, he is to cross over to Tangiers. Later in the course of his peregrinations he expects to "take in" the principal cities of Italy.

The Professor is travelling with Mr. Gardner, and each shall doubtless find the truth of the adage: pleasures are increased when shared.

Dr. Kerry is taking up the professional duties of Dr. Lafleur during the latter's absence. Dr. Kerry has but lately come back from an extended European visit, and from the Medical Schools, especially of Germany and Austria.

FOURTH YEAR.

On Thanksgiving evening, there was a most delightful little gathering of the "Trois Beans Quartette," and its guests, at the house of the President, "Dr. Plouffe." The invited guests were the Hon. Douglass Dolittle W—d, and the Rev. Red-Whiskers Yap Mac—y.

The game opened with a "full house" and a "Bob-tail flush," which was taken in by the "Convener of the Quartette."

Mr. John Pott called in frequently during the evening, and the process of "sweetening" was lavishly indulged in.

The party broke up in the "wee sma' hours," each man going peaceably to his couch.

There is a little matter that we would like the "All-powerful Cook" to look into. It is the fact that the men shovel the snow all the way up to the front door of the building, but altogether neglect the path to the Students entrance. We hope he will intercede with the "Grounds Committee" on our behalf.

We all heartily congratulate our Vice-President and our Representative to Queen's on having successfully passed the dreaded "sups," and thus again becoming genuine '08 men.

THIRD YEAR.

Some short time ago, Dr. Adami mentioned that, when lecturing in New York, his hearers had apparently not taken any notes. The reason, he had been afterwards informed, was that they employed a stenograph-

er, who took down his lecture *verbatim*, this was then type-written, and each student received a copy. The class received the idea enthusiastically; and elected a committee who, with our President at their head, had power to act as they saw fit in the reproduction of the scheme. The result of their labour is now before us in the form of Dr. Adami's first lecture on fever. In their work they have altogether eclipsed the New Yorkers, the printing-press having been substituted for the type-writer; the matter is also on good paper, and in a convenient size for binding at the end of the session. They deserve our hearty thanks; and in giving them, we should not forget Dr. Adami's kindness in helping the undertaking to its success.

Cook complains that the many members of the Third Year who are either married or going to be married are a terrible bother. They appear to think that his celebrated mail service is in fault. Now Cook will not stand this, and says "that he intends having the Dean put a stop to it." It is supposed that he means marriage.

The members of the First and Second Years have lately been breaking all short-distance records. As we walk up to morning lecture, there comes the sound of a rushing mighty wind, and a Sophomore darts past, leaving a still small voice which says: "Frankie locks the doors at nine."

We believe our young poet "Fitz" is composing an elegy on Mr. Nash. It is in the metre of Byron's "Maid of Athens," but is to be entitled "Made of Greece."

SECOND YEAR.

At a recent meeting of the Year, Messrs. Pope and Murray were appointed to represent 1900 on the dinner committee, and Messrs. W. H. Coristine and B. H. Keating were selected to arrange for a class photograph.

"C—C—C, you will readily see, etc.," said Dr. — in his lecture the other day, and the whole class immediately put out to sea to see what they could see, don't you see.

Lecturer (while grinding the class per roll) :—Lester?
 Lester :—(Secreted behind a bench,
 Afraid of the terrible wrench
 That a grind might give. } Answer-
 ed)

Absent. Sir.

And the class and professor roared.

Lecturer :—Well! we must give that man credit for his humor anyway.

Our fellow-reporter of the Fourth Year, hit a little wide of the mark in his humorous article in last issue with reference to red-headed applicants for the position of anaesthetist. He said there would be numerous candidates in 1900, but we are sorry to say we are without even one, whereas 1901 has many and these are those.

The new class photos are exceptionally good, and reflect great credit upon the photographer, Mr. Watford. Every student should have one or more, so that in years to come he can look at himself in his student days, surrounded by his brave comrades who fought the good fight for their degrees. Call on Cook, and sign for your copies—only 50c.

The Century Class took in the Highwayman last Wednesday evening, and had a howling time. "They're a jolly lot," said Foxie Quiller, as he scratched his left ankle with his right foot.

President Ross sang a song about Brooklyn City, and the class joined in the chorus. Our worthy President has a beautiful voice—of a dark brown color—which easily places him in the front rank of Century Class Soloists.

At a class meeting, held Monday afternoon, October 20th, Con Cartwright was elected captain of the Century hockey team, with Duffy and Wilson as his aides. Captain Cartwright is a Kingston boy, and is an all-round athlete. He possesses a powerfully well-developed physique and a very genial manner which makes him popular with his classmates.

Our class team met and defeated our Juniors last Wednesday, by a score of 17 to 1. The ground was covered with snow and the beautiful was falling fast, which made the match quite unique. There were many falls and sprawls, but no person was hurt, and the game afforded any amount of fun to those who were

absent in body from the middle field. Dave Whitton acted as referee, with Jack Ross as umpire.

FIRST YEAR.

The Freshmen had their picture taken one day last week, with a view to making the '98 Annual more attractive. They assembled on the front steps, after the ancient custom, and proceeded to look happy, despite the fact that the Sophs were amusing themselves with slinging water and other things from the windows above. The photographer, more by dint of judicious dodging, managed to take four exposures, and then seemed in a hurry to fulfil an engagement elsewhere.

Freshmen, take notice:—That when the class decides to slope a lecture *en masse*, it is contrary to college ethics and the interests of the class as a whole for any fellows to attend the lecture. There are only a certain few in every class who do this sort of thing, and it looks very much as though they were trying to make capital at the expense of the others.

The Freshmen are unanimous in their desire to have all lectures and exams. over by the 18th inst. It is to be hoped that the Faculty will see its way to this, as otherwise it will be very difficult for some of the fellows to get home before Christmas.

The expressions made use of by some of the belated ones in the morning, about nine o'clock, around the Anatomy Lecture Room door, would require revision before publication.

Athletics.

THE CANADIAN INTERCOLLEGIATE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

A meeting was held at Kingston, Nov. 24th inst., to consider the proposal of forming an intercollegiate football union. Representatives were present from the following colleges:—University of Toronto, McGill University, Osgoode Hall, Queen's University, Trinity University, Royal Military College.

Messrs. N. Grace and G. T. Alley were the McGill delegates. It was unanimously decided to form the proposed union, and the delegates immediately proceeded to draw up the necessary Constitution and By-Laws.

It is unnecessary to enter into the details of the constitution as adopted, the general plan being similar to that of the Quebec Union; some of the principal points may, however, be interesting.

There is to be an annual general meeting of the new Union, at which each club will be represented by two delegates, and at which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. The gov-

ernment of the Union is to be intrusted to an executive committee, made up of one representative from each club. In the case of clubs having an officer in the Union, this officer will be their representative on the executive committee. A general meeting of the Union requires ten days' notice, and a meeting of the executive forty-eight hours' notice. A club may be expelled at a general meeting, and may be reinstated by a unanimous vote.

Very comprehensive rules were drawn up in regard to the competition for the intercollegiate championship. This championship is to be represented by a cup which has been promised by Dr. Yates, one of our well-known graduates. The rules, which are given in full below, represent the most important and original work done by the representatives, and everyone should read them carefully.

1. The cup shall be called the Canadian Intercollegiate Rugby Football Championship Cup. It shall be open for competition only to clubs in the C. I.

R. F. U., and any club making application to enter a team for the senior series, which in the previous year was not represented in said series, must receive the approval of the Executive before said application shall be accepted.

2. No person shall be eligible to play on any team of the Union:—

(a) Who is *not* a bona fide registered student, regularly in attendance at classes of some Faculty of the University he represents, or in the case of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, a bona fide articled clerk, of not more than three years' standing, and who is also a member of the Ontario Law School.

(b) Who is a graduate of more than one year's standing.

3. No player shall play for more than one club in the same year, except in case of a bona fide change of residence, to be decided by the Executive, and no player shall compete who is not an amateur in good standing, according to the following definition:—

"An amateur is one who has never competed for a money prize or staked bet, or with or against a professional for any prize, or who has never taught, pursued or assisted in the practice of athletic exercise, as a means of obtaining a livelihood; or who has never entered any competition under a name other than his own."

(a) In case of infringement of this regulation, the Executive shall have power in its discretion to rule out of the series the team with which such person plays, or to inflict such other penalty as it sees fit.

4. The Secretary of the Union shall be to all intents and purposes the legal holder of the Cup, in trust for the Union.

5. Any club winning the Cup shall, before receiving it, give a satisfactory guarantee for its safe keeping to the secretary of the Union.

6. Questions arising from emergencies not provided for in these Regulations or in the Rules of Competition shall be referred to the Executive of the Union, through the Secretary, the case to be laid before the Secretary, within three days after the dispute.

7. The duration of Championship matches shall not be less than one hour and ten minutes. If at the end of that time the game is a draw, an extra half-hour shall be played. Ten minutes shall be allowed at half-time, and no delay from whatever cause shall exceed five.

8. In any championship match, if either team fail to answer on the grounds in playing costume, within ten minutes of the time fixed for the match, without proper cause being shown to the referee, he shall give the choice of position to the opposing team, and impose a fine of not less than \$5.00, and not more than \$25.00 upon the offending team.

9. In the case of injury to players, substitutes shall be allowed in the first half, but in the second half, unless there is an agreement to the contrary, substitutes shall not be allowed, and in case of injury to players the opposing side shall be compelled to drop man for man.

10. In all championship matches the Executive shall appoint the Referee, unless the Secretary receives notice from the competing clubs, least three days before the match, that they have agreed; but in tie matches, the Executive reserves the right to appoint the Referee. In no case shall the Referee belong to either of the competing clubs, and each club shall pay half of his expenses.

11. Any man having once played on a senior team in a championship match is disqualified from ever after playing on a Junior team, and any man having played on an Intermediate team more than once in one season, shall be disqualified from playing on a Junior team in that season; and further, a match in the Intermediate series of his club must intervene, or be played on the same day in the following season before such player can again play on a Junior team.

Any man having played on a senior team in a championship match more than once in one season, shall be disqualified from playing on an Intermediate team again in that season; and further, a match in the senior series of his club must intervene, or be played on the same day in the following season before such player can again play on an Intermediate team.

12. Any team intending to default must send to the Secretary of the opposing club, and also to the Secretary of the Union, at least four days clear notice, exclusive of the day on which the match was to have been played. Any team failing to send such notice shall be subject to a penalty of \$15.00, which shall be paid to the club to which it defaulted, through the secretary of the Union, within two weeks from the date arranged for the match.

Any team making default shall be ruled out of the series, and their record of matches be nullified.

13. All protests shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00, which sum shall be forfeited to the Union should the Executive disallow the protest.

And no protest shall be allowed unless notice thereof is received by the Secretary within forty-eight hours after the protested match.

14. The admission money taken at all Championship matches shall be retained by the club, on whose grounds the match is played.

15. A protest shall lie to the Executive from the Referee as to the construction of the Rules, and not from a decision as to a question of fact.

16. A club must be at least one point ahead at the end of the game to win the match.

17. The arrangement of all details in the series of matches shall be left in the hands of the Executive.

18. In the case of a tie between two or more clubs, the tie shall be played off at the time and place determined by the Executive, and all details of such match shall be under their control.

19. The referee shall stop the game if spectators encroach on the field. It is the duty of the home club to keep the grounds clear.

20. Notice of the result of the match shall be sent to the Secretary of the Union within three days by the Referee.

It was decided to adopt the "Rules of the Game" which were adopted by the Canadian Rugby Union in December, 1896, and that the Executive be empowered to act at their discretion, on any changes made in them by the Canadian Union.

It was resolved that in the Senior Series there should be home and home matches between all the clubs, and that the arrangement of the Intermediate series be left to the Executive, with the recommendation that it be so arranged as to occasion least possible expense to the different clubs.

The different representatives then entered teams as follows:—

Senior Series.—McGill, Queen's, Toronto University.

Intermediate Series.—Queen's, Trinity, Royal Military College, Toronto University.

The representatives of Osgoode Hall were unable to enter teams until the rules, etc., of the Union were submitted to their club.

The McGill delegates brought up the question as to what arrangement would be made, provided Osgoode Hall decided to enter the Union, in regard to the extra travelling expenses that would be caused their club. The matter was left to the executive with the suggestion that McGill be reimbursed by the other clubs in proportion to their several total gross gate receipts.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then held, with the following result:—

President... J. G. Inkster.
Vice-President... G. T. Alley.
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At the annual meeting of the McGill University Rugby Football Club officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

Hon. President... Principal Peterson
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Hon. Secretary... W. A. Sutherland, Med. '09
Captain and XV... A. Glasco, Sc. '01
" 3rd XV... J. Mowatt, Arts. '01

Representatives on the executive committee were elected as follows:—

Arts.—Percy Molson, Louis Reford.
Medicine.—P. F. Duffy, W. H. P. Hill.
Science.—W. M. Young, N. Ogilvy.
Law.—G. Archibald, W. G. M. Robertson.
Veterinary Science.—E. W. Hammond, V. Kato.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers for their zeal and energy.

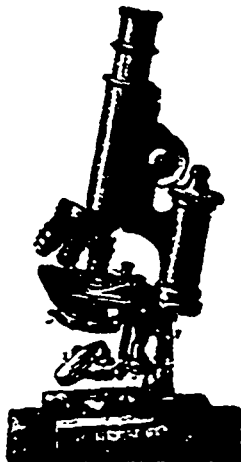
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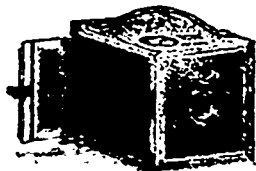
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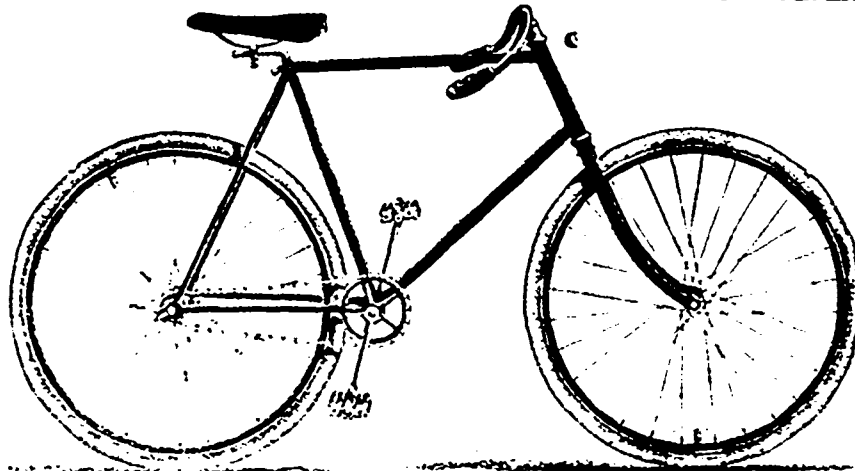
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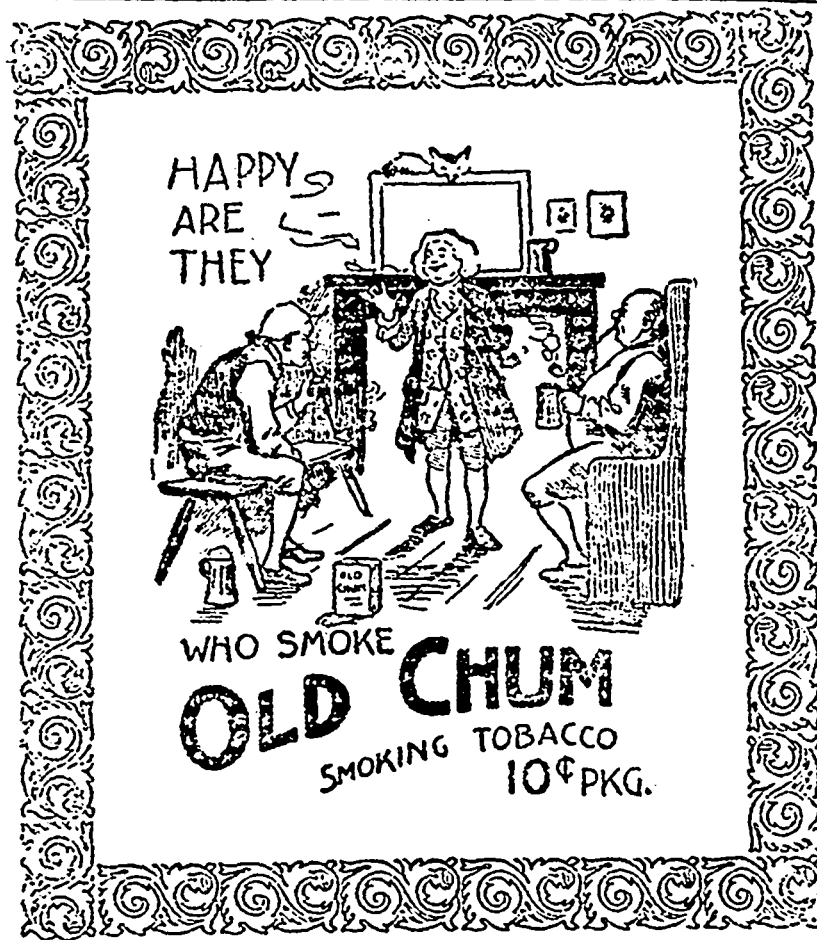


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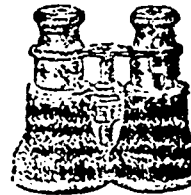
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