

result can better be imagined than described. Suffice it to say that had it not been for the efforts of two or three of the more *blase* collegians several of the susceptible students might be still holding down the aforesaid stairs.

Reluctantly and regretfully we kicked the snow of Lindsay off our feet the next morning, and boarded our car for the journey to Ottawa. Some of the young ladies of the town were down to the station to say good-bye to their particular favorites, and many were the affecting scenes witnessed by the rest of us. When we had commenced our journey it was decided to hold a session of His Majesty's Court of Un-Common Pleas. His Honor Judge Shaw presided, and the other officials were: Clerk, W. H. Ingram; Sheriff, "Ned" Boyd; Crier, C. E. Clarke; Counsel for Prosecution, G. F. McFarland; Counsel for Defence, F. E. Brophy. The first case taken up was King v. Wilson. The prisoner, a freshman, was charged with showing undue familiarity with two young ladies (known as Exhibit No. I and Exhibit No. II) at the Lindsay station on the occasion of our departure from that place. The evidence showed that the prisoner had used very endearing terms in conversing with the two young ladies and had even been seen to squeeze the hand of "Exhibit No. I." The expert medical testimony showed that such conduct was extremely dangerous to the health of the parties concerned. His Honor, in summing up, dwelt on the enormity of the offence and the baneful consequences which were likely to ensue, and the sentence of the Court was that the prisoner be compelled to pay a fine of one cigarette to each member of the club, and to carry Mr. Cringan's baggage during the rest of the tour. The prisoner produced a document proving that he had for some time been married to Exhibit No. I, but it was too late to save him.

After the luncheon recess the Court resumed, and King v. McKinnon was taken up. This prisoner, also a freshman, had three charges against him, the most important of which was that of obstructing a public highway. An examination of several witnesses elicited the fact that the prisoner McKinnon, at the dance in Lindsay the previous night, had for some time helped to occupy an ottoman in such a way as to almost completely obstruct one of the passages to the dining-room and the commissariat department. Further evidence was adduced to show that suspicious sounds were heard proceeding from the corner in which McKinnon and his fair partner in crime had ensconced themselves. When asked to say what these sounds resembled one witness likened them to that made by a cow pulling her foot out of a mud hole. After the learned counsel for the prosecution and for the defence had addressed the Court, His Honor summed up the case. The prisoner was found guilty, and condemned to raise his hat to every upper classman in the Harmonic Club whom he meets during the next two weeks.

We arrived in Ottawa on Friday afternoon about five o'clock, and were met by a committee from the Alumni Association, who welcomed us to the capital and arranged the billets. That evening we played in Orme's Hall to a very large and appreciative audience, among whom we saw a good many familiar faces, including P. A. Carson and A. T. Fisher, of the class of 1901, and Walter Boyd, formerly a noted Varsity half-back.

On Saturday afternoon we were given a trolley ride around the city in charge of Mr. Cameron, President of the Ottawa Alumni Association, Mr. McGill, Chairman of the Reception Committee, Dr. Klotz, and Mr. McGiffen. After visiting Hull and viewing the Chaudiere Falls, we were taken to Rideau Hall where refreshments were

served. *En route* we serenaded Sir Wilfred Laurier, who unfortunately was too ill to appear.

Saturday night at eleven o'clock the homeward journey commenced. The long night ride was enlivened by steeplechases over the seats, banjo selections by Mr. Smedley, and a *robe de nuit* parade to the lunch-room at Smith's Falls. The last named feature threatened to result seriously until Mr. Cringan explained to the lady in charge of the refreshments that the boys had their street clothes on underneath. Ingram managed to corral quite a bunch of sleep, but his slumbers were by no means tranquil and undisturbed. It was a pretty tired lot of "musicers" which rolled into the Union Station at 7.30 a.m. on Sunday, but everyone wished that the tour were only beginning.

HARMONIC CLUB NOTICE.

The Glee Club will practice on Wednesday and Friday of this week at the usual time and place. A full turn-out is desired in order to prepare the selections to be rendered at the open Lit. on Friday night.

THE CONVERSAT.

The Conversat Committee is hard at work making all final arrangements for their big social function, which, as all students should bear in mind, is to be held on Feb. 5th. The Committee working in conjunction with Principal Hutton and the Social Committee of the University Council have arranged an admirable programme for the evening. The dancing is to be by no means the only feature of the evening; special exhibits are to be given by the Physical, Chemical, Natural Science and Psychological Departments, and four illustrated lectures will be given by members of the Faculty. No student need stay at home because he or she does not dance, since the whole building will be thrown open for promenading, and an orchestra will supply music in the halls for that purpose. Our beautiful building in its gala attire is an admirable place for such a function. The Committee is sparing no pains to make it the most successful in the history of the College, and is particularly anxious that the students should be encouraged to patronize this, their own and greatest function, by giving it this distinctive character worthy of the dignity of our University, and by thus preventing it from becoming simply a ball. It is hoped that the student-body will appreciate this effort in their behalf and support the Conversat more liberally than has been done by the students in former years.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The oratorical contest which forms the main programme for the Open Meeting of the Literary Society next Friday night promises to be a very successful event. As the programmes announce there are seven contestants in the field, and the subjects are most interesting, and variable enough to avoid monotony. It is announced that Dr. Thomson, President of the Literary Society, has offered a medal for competition which he will present to the successful contestant. It is to be hoped that this will form a precedent for future years, since it no doubt adds much to the success of the contest. The Glee Club furnishes the musical programme, so that the meeting is sure to be most enjoyable.