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to recall the fire and... at a time when every idea... the blood, and flashes of... the heart is vacant to every... and has no rival engage... it from the importunities... since the fear of missing... always be proportionable... expected from possessing it... in this tempestuous state... moderated by frequent... mischief of to-morrow, and... that which we endeavor... time.

aspire to honors, must... not only the opposition... malignity of envy. He... to be rich, generally... fine in wild adventures... acts; and he that hates... utation, often raises his... and fallacies, deck him... quickly fade, or in plumes... shake off, or competition... time.

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Famous Alumni

Several prominent New Brunswickers at one time or another worked on the staff of the "University Monthly" among whom we find Sir Charles G. D. Roberts, the Corresponding Editor in 1882, and Bliss Carman, the Corresponding Editor a year later. The Editor-in-Chief of the 1867 issue was Sir George E. Foster, later a Dominion Cabinet Minister.

In the last decade of the nineteenth century we still find Bliss Carman contributing poetry to the Literary section of the magazine

among which are included "Sojourners", "Overlord", "Triolet", and many others. Indeed, Carman's cousin, Theodore Roberts, a U.N.B. graduate entered many fine poetry selections also.

It is interesting to note when glancing through the various issues that there were only three or four campus organizations. The most important of these organizations was, apparently, the Literary and Debating Society which besides publishing the "University Monthly" regularly conducted a mock parliament which proved of great interest to the townspeople.

The only other organizations I find mentioned are the Glee Club and the University Athletic Club which became known at the University Amateur Athletic Club in 1884. Interest in these two societies, especially in the Athletic Club, proved very disappointing at times, because the boys seemed to be more interested in an intellectual education, i. e. mock parliament, rather than a physical education which led to many articles being written in the "University Monthly" on the poor turnout of students for sports.

Mock Parliament Centre of Interest
The mock parliament conducted by the Literary and Debating Society attracted much interest from the entire province. Each Saturday night, the Library was turned into the House of Commons or Legislative Assembly where many eloquent speakers were the order of the evening.

For example in the March 1898 issue of the University Monthly we notice that "Mock Parliament closed on Saturday, March 3rd, after several fruitless attempts on the part of the Opposition to upset the Government. This session has been a very successful one, and no doubt the confidence of the people in the present administration has been confirmed."

In those days with mock parliament discussed many pressing problems like economical reform, prohibition and stock farms.

As an example of the development of the university's mock parliament at that time I quote an article from the "University Monthly" of March 1894:

"February's editorial left our Mock Parliament just about to have the Budget delivered. Well, it was delivered. There are two kinds of Budgets, a 'gross' and a 'net' one. This was grossly 'net'. The discussion on it was animated and erudite, the Liberals being especially successful in their attacks upon the Government's financial policy. The amendment of Hon. Mr. McKnight, the Liberal leader, for economical reform, was lost by a close vote. The next business of the Parliament was the discussion on the passage of the prohibition bill of the Liberal leader. From the outset it was stated that this bill

was not a party measure, yet the Conservatives would not accept the statement. To a man they opposed the measure, amending and hacking and striking out and changing till the parents themselves did not recognize their own darling child. Almost every section of the bill as prepared was, in the eyes of the Conservatives, found necessary to be amended. The Leader of the Liberals in moving the Bill surpassed himself and the most sanguine expectations of his supporters. He reviewed in detail the temperance policy of this country for the past few years, then branched out on the necessity of Prohibition and finally concluded his eloquent speech with a masterly peroration on the superiority of this country over every other, pointing out the only blots on its fair escutcheon as Intemperance and Conservatism. He finished by saying that the triumph of Prohibition would erase the one and the triumph of Liberalism, the other. All agreed that his effort had given to the house a new measure of dignity and a new standard of eloquence."

"The member for Carleton, Mr. McKee, in rising to move that the 1st Section pass, made a lucid and exhaustive statement of his opinion on temperance questions and on Prohibition in particular. You would think, if you had heard him, that he was well fitted for a position with a minority section of a Prohibition Commission."

The Problem of Liquor Control in '88

"The leader of the Government, the Hon. Sir Charles Elliott, avowed his sympathetic identification with the liquor interest. He spoke against prohibition at first and then changed his opposition to a mild measure of liquor importation, manufacture, and consumption. The example of the leader had its desired effect on his tame Conservative supporters in the house. To a man they stood by him with a clanishness worthy of the mediaeval Scots. They repudiated the principles, which, on their mother's knee, in the holy shadows of the paternal roof, the west wind playing joyfully round their then pure and innocent brows, they had gladly embraced and vowed forever to defend and champion. The Liberal speakers charged their arguments home and won the support and sympathy of the house. As every section, after amendment by the Conservatives, came up for the vote to be taken you might see the Government's majority decreasing. The last vote taken at the last meeting on the 17th stood 18 to 19 in favor of the Conservatives, the chairman being compelled to vote to save them from defeat. So pushed were the Government that they decided to talk against time in order that another section might come on to be voted upon. The Postmaster

General was given the onerous and unpleasant task. He performed it in his usual manner and while he was speaking in no way surprised the house. But when he had at last sat down and the Lieutenant of the Liberals commenced answering him he raised no less than ten points of order in something like twelve minutes. This will sufficiently indicate the attitude of the Government and the extremity to which they had come."

U. N. B. vs. Mt. A.

It might be mentioned here that rivalry with Mount Allison University, then Sackville College, was great indeed. The rivalry went so far at times that it would develop into an argument regarding the merits of the universities, and the requirements into Mount Allison and U. N. B. respectively where "at Mount Allison two books of Euclid are required, and at U.N.B. four books of the same" At times the reader of these old magazines acquired the impression that ill-feeling was great, and that one of the colleges was soon going to sue the other for libel.

Personals from "Chas. G. D. Roberts, A. B. '79, is now assistant editor of the "Current", a Chicago weekly journal devoted chiefly to literature" to J. B. Palmer, A. B. '80, principal of the Chatham High School, recently visited his friends in the Celestial City" were types popularly in vogue.

Even the Local Police Force and Gleaner.

"De Omnibus Rebus" subtitled "Many articles under this head are intelligible to Undergraduates only" was the students' column. Anything could happen here and did, from a discussion on the loss of the 'cap and gown'—our last tradition, to tuition for the year \$22.50, prayers, the local police force and Gleaner, a row at the University, to such humour as "Mathematical Professor (to the Co-eds of '96), "Young ladies, your minds must get to be flexible as well as your jaws."

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