

## PRES. LOUDON TO TRY FOR A RIFLE CORPS

In Addition to the Field-Hospital Corps, Bearer Corps and Engineer Corps.

### ADVISABILITY DISCUSSED

Will meet Dr. Borden at Ottawa in a Week or so to urge his case.

General Hutton and the representatives of the various faculties must have been agreeably surprised at the remarkable turnout to the mass-meeting held at the close of last term to discuss the formation of a Field Hospital Corps, a Bearer Corps and an Engineer Corps from the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto and Trinity, and from the School of Practical Science. Moreover, the enthusiasm with which General Hutton's and the other speakers' utterances were greeted, and especially the definite proposals made, showed beyond a doubt that the students were whole-hearted in their emphatically expressed approval of the institution of such bodies. But another and a different spirit prevailed which, though doubtless unexpected by Major-General Hutton, was worthy of the student body and the faculty. It was that the Government were not going far enough in simply forming the above-mentioned corps. They had only offered to partially satisfy a desire for military service, that was, is, and we believe ever will be characteristic of the many students of the University of Toronto, its affiliated institutions, and Trinity University. President Loudon took the initiative, and expressed himself in no doubtful word: that he believed the time had come for the formation of a University Rifle Corps. His opinion was emphatically approved of by the four or five hundred men present.

It will be seen that the faculties of Medicine and Practical Science are offered a medium for serving their country or the Empire, in a military capacity that is beyond the reach of any Arts or Theology man. Evidently this is not an equal distribution of such an honor—for an honor it doubtless is. The Arts faculty to-day is perhaps double that of any other faculty, and yet it has no means, as a body, of evincing that loyalty which is doubtless as earnest among its members as among those of any other faculty.

General Hutton dwelt upon the fact that he was not asking us to do anything new, but only to resume a military service that we had allowed to lapse. But he should have remembered that our former military service was in the capacity of infantry, and not in the medical or engineer departments of the service. Why should he not, then, be willing that we should resume our service in the former capacity? The University Rifle Company or "C" Company Q.O.R. was at one time a most flourishing corps, and had the honor of faithfully and helpfully serving our beloved country in two campaigns—the Fenian raid of 1866-7, and the Riel Rebellion of '85. And what the University has done it can do again, and will, should the Government give it the opportunity and the occasion arise. The University is more loyal to-day than it ever was, both for Canada and for the Greater Empire.

Moreover, as "College Topics" has always held, the University is, as it should be, a great centre of patriotism, and her students are as faithful in their devotion to their country as they are earnest in the pursuit of knowledge. What must be remembered, too, is that the University can be made the radiating point of the best and purest of patriotism. There are students at the University from all parts of Ontario and Canada; and it needs only this suggestion to show the immense possibilities of better sowing the seeds of a true patriotism, and a desire for military service throughout Canada, if the Undergraduates or a large percentage of them are educated in military service. In addition to those who become lawyers, doctors or clergymen, we have those who purpose following pedagogy; and when we then consider the great influence these teachers would have on the youth of the country, we can readily understand the great benefit that would be derived in this direction alone.

President Loudon has received word from Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia and Defense, asking for a deputation to discuss the formation of the proposed corps. In all probability the conference will take place in about a week. President Loudon is resolved, however, not to let the matter rest with the institution of a Field Hospital Corps, a Bearer Corps and an Engineer Corps, but will urge that an appropriation be made for the "re-formation" of the University Rifle Corps, of which he himself was at one time an active member. It is to be greatly hoped that he may succeed in this laudable undertaking. A short account of the "old" University Corps will be found in another column.

Cornell has 1,800 students this fall. Requirements in engineering and law were increased, causing loss in those departments, which has been made up by the increase in the others, noticeably 25 per cent. in Freshmen Greek.

## PHARMACY NOTES

The following thrilling account of the terrific encounter between one of our number and a bold midnight marauder was unfortunately overlooked on our last going to press. With this brief apology I plunge at once into the battle. It was during that nerve-racking, nerve-destroying time, the week before exams., that Ernest began to hear strange and uncouth noises around his sanctum after he had retired to snatch a few hours of much needed slumber from the crush of making research. The first night or so he thought it was but the whirr of his mental machinery as it strove to store automatically the enormous conglomeration of assorted facts with which he was forced to over-load it. As night succeeded night, however, with no abatement of the gruesomely peculiar sounds, even his hardy courage began to tremble and his silken locks to sway back and forth in the ghostly broken silence.

At last one dread and memorable mid-night all the anticipated horrors of his vivid imaginings faded to insignificance before an awful and terrible reality, for he was aroused from his dreams of the successful annihilation of the ancient alchemists by having something brush across his face. Then for one brief moment frozen horror trickled down his spinal cord, numbing the red-hot fighting blood of a long line of illustrious ancestry, and leaving its modern bearer a nerveless, frozen mass on the springless mattress of a boarding-house. But not for long was he thus held down by fear. When it came to pass that some rude hand had swept across his countenance, dashing from his eager lips, in transit, the cup from which he quaffed the sweetest nectar of this or dream land, the heroism of his heroic race boiled through his capillaries in red-hot lava stream seething for revenge. Lethely, silently and stealthily he slipped from between the sheets, and with his trusty and trusted war club made fierce onslaught on the spot where the midnight stroller rustled. As long as Pharmacy is, as long as boarding-houses are, or so long as man loves to hear of hefty blows, so long will that blow live. It was a whale. The yellow-tinted baton sissed upward through the gloom to hiss downward with redoubled vehemence and kill—the silence. A most monstrous murder! From the serenity of its two a.m. stillness he dragged it forth into the glare of ten thousand pandemoniums, and ruthlessly sacrificed it on the altar of his revenge. Forcing it to lie broken, perforated and smashed within the four walls of his once peaceful sanctum, while he and his unweelcome visitor squared accounts. The fight waged wildly on, mid the scurry of hurrying feet, the swish of night-robes, and the sharp breathing of the contestants could be heard the dreadful thud of the swift descending club. Grimly they fought. No voices raised in wrath or reproach floated through the key-hole, and only the hissing of hard-drawn breaths, interspersed with the spatter of perspiration on the floor told that mortals waged this awful scrap.

Smash! Bang! Thud! comes with monotonous regularity to our strained ears. But hark! Yes, 'tis quickening; till now a very hurricane of blows falls with relentless vigor chasing their own echoes, to make room for more. What's that? A cry! A short, sharp shriek as if someone were wounded to the death, and the blows have ceased. The suspense is awful. We cannot stand it. So we rush in with a light to find our Ernest all unharmed, standing, as like a conqueror as possible in a night-shirt, amid a scene of wild confusion. The trusty weapon he had wielded so well, poised proudly, with its one blood-stain, over his right shoulder, while hanging from his left hand, head downward, was—a rat. Good, brave, noble, heroic and conquering Ernest!

The fourth morning of January saw the resumption of business at the old stand. Everything, including the general lack of veridancy, points to a fine run for our money during the ensuing term. Foremost comes the confirmed rumor that Mr. Dan Cupid has succeeded during the holiday in prodding a most prominent one of us into the toils of wedded bliss. Daniel C. is little, but chuck full of business, and therefore not safe to monkey with, though they do say he generally makes things most pleasant for the captives of his bow and arrow. At all events the captive among us does not seem to be having too bad a time of it, and it is to be sincerely hoped he may never have any worse. In undertaking to trot double for the remainder of life's journey he has only done what we will all of us do when we get the chance, and has secured, in undertaking it now a sure and never failing well of sympathy and encouragement when it is most needed. A circumstance that marks him as no unwilling captive, and a wise man. So wise, that he deserves all the happiness that can be his, and all the joy that we so earnestly wish him.

Another source of pleasure to us is having among us some old hands, who have taken their Junior course before, and now will complete it by aiding us in this particular Senior hustle. The precedents will now no longer be hearsay, and the legends will be one year nearer their source.

Yet another well-spring of joy (?) has been the easing of our pockets of their load of filthy lucre, thereby securing the unquestioned right to sit at the table and feast of the huge joints of knowledge served in such variegated style from day to day.

A number of the boys have dropped out owing to incomplete apprenticeships, and will figure in the final glories of future days, not unmindful we hope of their Junior struggles with the Class of "naughty-naught."

Also we are maidenless, but that is a subject too deep for words.

The peacefulness may run along unbroken from this out, but there have been some serious discussions of weighty matters during the last few days. Among them the election of class officers, and the dinner. After the usual amount of nominating, balloting and so forth the following were declared elected to the various offices: Hon.-Pres. Dean Heebner; Hon. Vice-Pres. Dr. Fotheringham; President R. C. Post; Vice-Pres. R. Laing; Secretary, R. Douglas; Treasurer, H. Rae; Committee, Messrs. Nolan, Swan, Fisher, Small, and Mitchell.

To grind or not to grind, and if to grind what to grind? has been also a question of much weight with us. Touching as it does our future standing and our present purse, 'tis small wonder that many hesitated ere they slipped to cash up for they knew not what.

The powerful wave of patriotic feeling that has for a second time swept this fair Canada of ours had its effect on Pharmacy, and no mistake, carrying from her as it did the intention of celebrating her annual dinner, and substituting a contribution to the "National Patriotic Fund" in its place. We all of us are satisfied that it was wisdom on our part to let the dinner go, as each is now experiencing that pleasant thrill that comes after "the more-blessed-to-give-than-to-receive" act, and feel that we can look any size of work in the face with more assurance. A dinner, if wet, is after all but a fleeting joy and a lingering pain, and, if dry, a mere feast of reason without the flow of soul. We can take our joy later. We have our pain now, and the feast of reason is ever with us.

Word has been received that Mr. Small has succumbed to what we hoped he would avoid, typhoid fever, consequently we have given up all hope of having the pleasure of his company through the Senior Course.

Mr. R. A. Douglas left for Whitby on Saturday afternoon in response to a sudden call for his presence there.

Our popular treasurer is more than busy raking in the coin for class fees, patriotic funds, etc. Harry says it may look like a snap but it is none too soft.

It has been decided that we allow Park Bros. to take our pictures. It is to be hoped that they fully appreciate the honor thus bestowed on them, and are successful in catching that large-hearted look of unselfish patriotism which has of late been our trade mark.

The opening meeting of the Y.M.C.A. occurred last Friday, when the Rev. John Niel charmed the rather small audience with his masterly and fitting address. A piano and pianist would add materially to the meetings hereafter besides easing John Shurrie's trials.

The action of the wholesalers in coming forward with subscriptions to augment Pharmacy's donation to the Patriotic Fund is highly commendable. Indicating as it does that the drug fraternity are as a whole sound on questions of patriotism, let us hope that it will be in some measure the means of procuring that concerted action in trade matters which we all so earnestly desire.

Mr. Fred Mitchell, who met with such a severe accident last term, has entirely recovered the use of his hand.

Professor—How do you account for two white salts giving a green compound on admixture, gentlemen? Thoughtful Student—Stagnation of water of crystallization!

The variegated weather has laid a number of the boys off duty with more or less severe colds. Universal treatment—Hot drinks of all strengths and invariable quinine.

Too much knowledge means woe at times, as the withered one, who on enquiry from the botany lecturer declared a spore to be a fresh track, can assert.

## VICTORIA COLLEGE NOTES

The new year brought in a number of new men.

The band (which is to be present at the rink every Friday evening), drew a large number of students out last Friday evening. Nearly every student who could skate was on the ice.

The first meeting of the Literary Society was held last Saturday night. The Governor-General, Lord Robert, read the Speech from the Throne, outlining the policy of the new Government. The adoption of the speech was moved by W. G. Cates, '03, in a witty and racy speech, and seconded by J. W. Coone. After some time spent in cross-firing between Opposition and Government, the policy of the Government was sustained by the House. Refreshments were served after adjournment.

The Hon. Cinch Smith was appointed Solicitor-General-on-the-Rink. Ladies a specialty. Two men volunteered for the second Contingent, but unfortunately (or fortunately), neither was accepted—one was too long, the other too short.

Chicago University has the largest proportion of female students of any of the great universities of the country. The total number of students in attendance last term was 2,126, 459 of whom were women.

CASH OR CREDIT

## J. & J. L. O'MALLEY

Furniture  
Warerooms  
160 QUEEN STREET WEST

TERMS EASY

STUDENTS' CHAIRS at \$3.45

MORRIS CHAIRS at \$3.95

\$4.25, \$6.00 and \$8.00

Has the most complete line of college text books in the city.

PRICES RIGHT. DISCOUNT TO STUDENTS

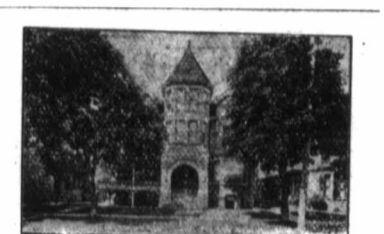
Second-hand books bought, sold and exchanged.

Opposite Carlton Street Toronto

438 Yonge Street, Toronto

## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Lectures in Arts and Medicine for Michaelmas Term  
BEGIN MONDAY, OCT. 2nd, 1899.



## TORONTO & School of Elocution COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Stands first for an artistic musical education, and real art in elocution. New term opens January 4th. Calendar and syllabus of studies free on application.

F. H. TORRINGTON, Musical Director.  
H. N. SHAW, B.A., Principal School of Elocution.  
NELLIE BERRYMAN, Vice-Principal.  
12-14 Pembroke Street, Toronto.

## UNIVERSITY TEXT-BOOKS

Printing  
Embossing  
Bookbinding, Etc.

## ROWSELL & HUTCHISON

76 King Street East

## PARK BROS. Photographers

328 YONGE ST.  
Graduating Groups our Specialty  
Special Discounts to Students  
Telephone 1269

## IT PAYS TO INSURE IN THE CANADA LIFE

Geo. A. & H. C. Cox  
Managers E. O. Branch  
Canada Life Building, Toronto

We know how  
Our customers don't take cold from Shampooing, or wear scratches on the face. We know how to treat them.

HARRY BUCKETT,  
808 YONGE ST., Just north of Bloor

THIS IS KILGOUR'S SPACE-WATCH IT.

Germany has 22 Universities and 28,000 students, out of 52,000,000 people. France has 23,000 to 38,000,000 people.

NEWSY HONEST EDUCATIONAL

The Daily

## Mail AND Empire

For thorough students of all the legitimate news from the Province, the Dominion and the World

\$2 FOR 6 MONTHS

## WARD'S EXPRESS

429 Spadina Avenue  
Baggage a Specialty  
Transferred, Stored and Checked from residence.

Branch: P. BURNS & CO.  
Telephone 2110

GEO. F. SMEDLEY  
Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo Soloist  
Conductor University of Toronto  
Bajo, Mandolin and Guitar Club  
Studios—Nordheimer's, Daytime.  
Toronto College of Music, Evenings.

Teacher at—Toronto College of Music, Bishop Strachan School, Presbyterian Ladies' College, Miss Veale's School, St. Mary's College, Moulton Ladies College, Loreto Abbey.

## Meisterschaft School of Languages & Natural Science

20 QUEEN STREET W.

Moderns, Classics, Mathematics and Natural Science for all University Examinations. Conversational lessons in French, German, Italian, Spanish and Russian. Latest method. Special rates for full Arts Music, Medical Practice, or First Year University work.

J. CUSIN, Principal.

## Rapollitano's Orchestra

Appropriate and up-to-date music furnished for AT-HOMES, BANQUETS, Etc.

Any number of Musicians Also Mandolin Orchestra desired can be furnished, including Harpist or Pianist

Address—13 Elm St., Toronto

## Melodious Tones

When a MASON & RISCH PIANO is played upon there is harmony in the air. There is an indefinable sympathetic quality of tone peculiar to the Mason & Risch which no other piano possesses.

The MASON & RISCH PIANO COMPANY, Limited  
32 King Street West, Toronto.

Students WHEN YOU BUY

## DRUGS

Remember you get 10 per cent. discount by buying from

## W. H. Burgess

278 YONGE STREET

Special Rates to Students

## W. Bogart PHOTOGRAPHER

748 YONGE ST. (Near Bloor St.)

## W. C. Macdonald

PRactical TAILOR

Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing a Specialty

20 Adelaide St. W., Toronto Opp. Grand Opera

## J. A. Carveth & Co. STUDENTS' BOOK STORE

Phone 3150 413 PARLIAMENT STREET  
Branch Store, 10 College Street.

A TRIAL SOLICITED

## Queen Laundry

590 YONGE ST., TORONTO

J. A. McLeran, Prop. Phone 470

## Printing

Quotations cheerfully given. Samples shown.

Stationery Supplies always on hand.

401 Yonge St. Phone 2536  
Near Y.M.C.A. or Gerrard St.

## WM. R. ADAMS