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### STUDENTS AT COLLEGE FUNCTIONS.

The complaint is made by every University and College that the students do not take sufficient interest in the functions, social or otherwise, of their Alma Mater; and when this cry is so often heard one is forced to believe that there is "more truth than poetry" in the assertion. It is the old question that has been raised for years—Do students come to the University or College to study only, to spend weary days in laboratory, over books or at lectures, and to saturate themselves with the fumes of much midnight oil? Surely not! And yet how many seem to conceive that to be the only end of their course at their particular institution. All will freely grant that it is the "chief end" of a student's endeavors, or should be; but it is not the only side of student life.

By isolation men grow stagnant, their minds lose their brilliancy and keenness, and if, perchance, they do not, their knowledge and learning is that of books—perverted and artificial. Men can only be understood in the book of life, and the pages can only be turned by freely mixing with one's fellow creatures. Students in the keen, earnest, pursuit of their studies often forget that the end of a University course is but the beginning of the struggle. They fail to realize that any course of studies is but an equipment for the battle of life; is but a helper in the struggle for existence and attainment of success.

What then, is the result of this false conception of a course of studies? Simply that most students confine themselves too closely to their work. "The mingling of students with their fellow-students is half a man's education," says Goldwin Smith, and who will gainsay the statement of such an eminent man? This alone should be sufficient to make all of us appreciate the true aim of any course of studies. It is not solely to cram our heads full of the pure learning of our profession, but to educate us. And how can this be best accomplished? By devoting one's best energies to one's studies, by taking an interest in some branch of athletics, and by attending some, at least, of the social functions of one's College.

Athletics or gymnasium work clears away the cobwebs from a man's brain, and social functions help to grind down the corners. None of us should neglect either or both, but remember always that the sole aim of an "education" is not "learning," but something more. It is learning plus culture. The former is obtained in lecture-room, laboratory and study, and the latter in athletics and social functions. We should therefore pay due attention to all of these.

### Heard in the Halls.

During the "scrimmage" your watch may be injured. Proctor, the watch specialist, can repair it.

F. D. McEntee, editor of "College Topics" has been confined to his room for the past two weeks with a threatened attack of appendicitis.

The first joint Monday lecture will be delivered next Monday, December 4th, by Professor Mavor. The subject is "Russia." Illustrations will be given during the course of the lecture.

Hon. G. W. Ross and Mrs. Ross entertained the Varsity Senior Rugby team, Intercollegiate champions of Canada, at dinner last Friday evening at their residence, 1 Elmsley Place.

Arrangements are fast being completed for the S.P.S. dinner to be held December 8th, and a "greater and grander time than has yet been" is promised. Every School of Science man is expected to do his duty, and be on hand to do honor to the school.

The following '99 men were on the Primary Meds' team: Snell at half-back, Ross at quarter, Dakin at inside, Sinclair at middle wing, and Henderson at outside wing. "Jack" Parry would have been on had he not been taken sick. This is a pretty large representation.

Proctor repairs watches. 344 Yonge street.

The many friends of W. A. R. Kerr, B.A., the well-known graduate of last year Arts, will sympathize deeply with him in his bereavement on the death of his father, Mr. Thos. Kerr, of the Standard Life Assurance Co.

The University of Toronto Hockey Club held its annual meeting yesterday, when the following efficient officers of last season retired: President, R. Y. Parry; Manager, A. A. Shepherd; sec.-Treas., J. Isbester; Captain, A. E. Snell; Committee, J. R. Parry, A. W. McKenzie. The financial report showed the club even. A fuller report will be given next week.

No one will complain at having to pay to see the Mulock cup games when they learn that the Rugby Club is endeavoring by this means to help its straitened financial conditions. The club was most unfortunate during the past season with regard to bad weather for important games; and although the strictest economy has been practiced there is no doubt but that quite a deficit will be reported. The management, however, feel confident that they will be able to wipe this out before the year closes.

The third annual reception of the year '01 took place in the East Hall on the afternoon of Friday, November 24th. The other years were ably represented by their officers, and '01 was pleased to see Miss Woolverton and Miss Patterson, graduates of '99, present. The attendance was large for a small year, and everybody reported an excellent time. Several of our enterprising juniors were afterwards seen, accompanied by fair damsels, at the Osgoode-Varsity debate. Refreshments were served in the ladies' waiting-room, by A. Williams, and the music was rendered by Glionna's orchestra.

A lecture will be given Saturday afternoon, December 2nd, in the Chemical Building, under the auspices of the Alumnae Association of University College. The speaker, Captain John Ross, retired officer of Her Majesty's Border Regiment, has served in South Africa, during the Zulu war, under Sir Evelyn Wood and General (then Colonel), Buller. Two years service later in the Transvaal made him still more familiar with the habits of the Boers. It is probable that no one in Canada is so well able to discuss the subject "The Boers and the War in South Africa." Tickets may be purchased from the Registrar; Miss Salter, or at Tyrrell's book store, King St. West.

A large number were present at the regular meeting of the Women's Literary Society of University College, Saturday evening, at the Students' Union Hall. After the business was dispensed with, Miss Street, in a neat little speech, thanked the girls for the honor conferred upon her in making her honorary-president of the society. Miss Francis, '01, read a biographical article on "Kipling." Miss Wilson, B.A., read several selections from this writer in a manner which showed a thorough appreciation of England's famous patriotic poet. Mrs. Weston sang Kipling's "Recessional," in good style. Miss Robertson, '01, also sang in her usual charming manner, and Miss Kitty Patterson favored those present with several violin selections, which were very much enjoyed. The last and most amusing feature of the programme was the production of Howells' farce "A Letter of Introduction." Misses Preston, King, Marshall, McAlpine, Archer and Ward, showed a great deal of skill in the rendering of their parts. The National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

### TRINITY MEDS

The meeting of the Medical Society on November 21st, was well attended, and those who were present were more than rewarded for their time by the papers read that evening. Mr. Perry's paper on "Cholera Infantum," was a masterly one, and not only scientifically dealt with this very common disease, but pointed out clearly some of the "pleasures" of the midnight drives, experienced by many a practitioner back in the country.

The paper read by Dr. Anderson, on "Clinical Reports," was much appreciated by all. Everyone said that after hearing Dr. Anderson, they thought they were in a much better position to do good clinical work than before.

The next meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, and the committee desire as large an attendance as possible.

As the time for the annual Banquet approaches, the enthusiasm among the student body grows greater day by day. The committee are "hustling around," and there is every indication that the Banquet this year will totally excel anything ever held by any Medical College in the province of Ontario. When our committee are willing to sacrifice their time to insure the success of our annual function, we think that the least the boys might do, is to purchase their tickets as soon as possible and not keep the committee in suspense until the last minute, waiting to see how they are going to come out. There are several reasons why we should try to make a success of the Banquet this year. Our College was founded in 1827, just half a century ago, and when we come to consider that "for fifty years our school hath braved the battle and the breeze," we should be inspired with a feeling of pride for our "Alma Mater," and should endeavor to make the celebration of her "golden wedding," as great as the honor, which is justly hers, earned by the grand work she has accomplished under the supervision of

our able Faculty and venerable Dean. When we come to find out that this year we are to have among our guests such men as Lord Minto, Major-General Hutton, and others of equal prominence, we cannot but feel that we have in this very fact, one more assurance of success, especially in these times of war, when our fair Dominion is represented on Her Majesty's forces in the Transvaal; we should be proud to have with us the representative of the Queen, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian militia. Then, again, Major-General Hutton is at present engaged in an effort to form a Hospital Corps for the militia among the profession to which we are soon to have the honor and distinction to belong, and there is no doubt but on the occasion of our Banquet, the Major will seize the opportunity of giving some explanation of the proposed plan. It seems only proper that we should all be on hand and enjoy the Banquet and become informed upon the mode of working of the Hospital Corps. Let everybody go to the Banquet.

### NOTES.

Nature abhors a vacuum.—Dean. One of the gentlemen of the final year has hardly decided whether to go to the Banquet or not. It appears he skipped the wrong corner down town the other day on his bicycle, and one of our "blue coated" friends escorted him down to the "beak." This latter gentleman thought a dollar and costs would not break his pocket (what about his heart?) Now, you wouldn't think this had much bearing on the Banquet, but that dollar and "costs," would just about have paid the ticket. Wouldn't it, Softley?

That making the seats rattle is pathognomonic of simplicity the Dean says there's no doubt.—"Turnbull and Brown." When a gentleman of the second year was reading the war news from Africa the other day, he came to where the Boers were driven into "chaos." Looking up, as if trying to brighten up his knowledge of geography, he looked perplexed, and enquired of his friends if they knew where "chaos" was?—McCauley, '02.

Rennie, '00—Kleib's Loeffler. The poorest brain class I've ever seen.—Dr. Wishart.

The poorest demonstrations ever given.—Second year.

The Literary Concert will be held in Guild Hall, McGill street, on the evening of Wednesday, the 13th December. Nothing but high-class talent has been engaged, and an enjoyable evening is assured.

Twelve o'clock—It's getting late. One o'clock—Thinks of going. Half-past one—I must go. Two o'clock—Gone.—"Dick." Voice from the door—"Better late than never." Give the freshmen more time.—Irving.

### OSGOODE WINS

Varsity Loses to the Legalites in the First Round.

Messrs. A. McLeod and G. A. Cornish represented University College on Friday evening last in the debate with Osgoode Hall. Osgoode was represented by Messrs. H. Fisher, B.A., and I. McNece, B.A. The subject for debate was Resolved, "That Governmental ownership of railroads in Canada would be more beneficial than the present system." Osgoode supported the affirmative, and Varsity the negative. Both sides showed a careful study of the subject, and handled their matter ably. The vital point seemed to rest in whether Governmental control meant Governmental management. Mr. McLeod contended it did, while Mr. Fisher argued to the contrary. Mr. Fisher's arguments proved the strongest, however. The judges, D. R. Wilkie, Esq., Professor Clark and Professor McKay, decided in favor of the affirmative. Both the representatives of University College labored under considerable disadvantage, in that the question lay entirely outside their line of work; while the Osgoode men were both graduates in Political Science. Mr. McLeod and Mr. Cornish deserve congratulation for their able handling of such a subject.

### PRIMARY MEDS. DEFEAT U.C.C.

The Primary Meds. can chalk up one victory to their credit for this year, at any rate, for last Saturday morning they defeated the Upper Canada College strong fifteen by 10-3. It was a hard game, and the Meds. deserved to win. The feature of the game was McLeod's great kick from the side when he converted a try. The Meds' team was: Back, Klotz; halves, Wright, Gray, McLeod; quarter, Ross; scrimmage, Smith, Gunn, Cook; wings, Sinclair, Groves, King, Parry, Ralph, Allan, Sutton.

Columbia University has 2,800 students. The current expense of the University amounts to \$800,000. The gifts to the University during the last year amounted to \$346,400.

The University of Paris, with her 11,000, has the largest register of any University in the world. Others follow in the following order: Berlin, 9,629; Vienna, 7,026; Madrid, 6,143; Naples, 5,103; Moscow, 4,461; Harvard, 3,674; Oxford, 3,365; Cambridge, 1,929; Edinburgh, 2,850.

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Dec. 5.—Practical examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin.

11.—County Model Schools examinations begin.

13.—Written examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin.

15.—County Model School term ends.

15.—Provincial Normal Schools close.

22.—High Schools first term, and Public and Separate Schools close.

### NOTES.

The third meeting proved to be a great success. With such compositions as last night, the standard of St. Charles will be so raised as to eclipse St. Michael's Lit. Carter's "initial debut" was most successful, and he captured the audience by his fine delivery. Wait until the debates commence, Jim. Moriarity says he is getting "soaked." Just look at the honor, Eddie.

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