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WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

The Student Volunteers voted for their incoming Executive last Wednesday. The President is Mr. A. L. Fleming, late of Baffin Land, and the Vice is Rev. M. N. Abraham, B.A., of South India. Comprehensive, is it not?

From Greenland's icy mountains To India's coral strand." We look forward, next year, to a very powerful S.V. Band, producing visible results

We hope that it was not a Wycliffe man who started in a fourth year English essay—"As Shakespeare says, 'O Death where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory!'" Which reminds us of the couplet:

"We ne'er had heard that Scripture word 'Not lost but gone before'." The writer once heard a clergyman quote, as from Proverbs—"Neither a borrower nor a lender be."

It is quite a relief to have an address from a layman in Thursday language, as was our privilege on Thursday morning. Mr. Dinnick gave us a fresh view-point; and his ideas were driven home especially well by his racy style. What is needed, to-day, is less mysticism and more practical simplicity.

Wycliffe's conservative vote on the referendum lends colour to the expression, "If we must have a licking, let's have it from somebody better than ourselves."

FACULTY OF FORESTRY

Next Wednesday's lecture finishes the course in First Aid, given by Dr. Watt. It is impossible to cover the ground at all thoroughly in a course of five lectures, and Dr. Watt, has kindly offered to give a supplementary lecture, the following Wednesday, or on any other hour that could be found mutually satisfactory.

III Year Forestry have formed an informal 'discussion Club' which has two sessions a week, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, in The Biolog.

At the initial sitting—Friday afternoon a number of questions of lively interest were settled, including The Coal Strike in England, Polar Exploration Controversies, both North and South, Woman's Suffrage, Cost of living in Great Britain contrasted with that in North America; and there is a prospect of The Club soon falling apart for lack of worlds to conquer.

During the week beginning Tuesday, March 12, Dr. Herman von Schrenk will lecture daily on "Diseases of Trees and Timber" before the third and fourth year men. Altogether 10 to 12 lectures will be given to cover the subject.

Dr. von Schrenk, formerly connected with the Botanical Institute of Shaw Gardens in St. Louis, and with the U.S. Forest Service, later Expert Adviser to a number of railroad companies on Wood Preservation, is acknowledged to be the highest authority on this subject on this continent. The hours for these lectures will be announced on the bulletin board.

TRINITY COLLEGE

The inter-year basket-ball series began on Thursday, when the Sophomores defeated the Freshmen 20 to 11. The game was very closely contested throughout and was characterized by close checking and rough play. The Sophomores won because of better combination and superior shooting, but the Freshmen put up a good game, being only one point behind at half time. Boddy and Hatley made impartial referees. The line-up was as follows:

'14—Centre, Matheson; Forwards, Willis, Drew; Guards, Hayes, Wilkins.
'15—Centre, Wilks; Forwards, Wheatley, Howard; Guards, Brethour, Cluff.

On Thursday evening the skating party proved quite a success. Although there was not a large number present, everyone had a good time, and enjoyed to the full the last skate of the season. The ice was fairly good considering the bad weather lately and the music was thoroughly appreciated. Coffee and biscuits were served afterwards in St. Hilda's Common room.

CORRESPONDENCE

COOK V. PEARY AGAIN.

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:—Briefly, consecutively, I shall endeavour to answer the four questions asked by "A Lover of British Fair Play."

First—The Danish court did not cancel the "orders and decorations" awarded to Dr. Cook. The verdict of the jury was merely "not proven." That must always be the truly scientific verdict on such data as an explorer can bring back from the Pole. The real proof—if proof is possible—is in circumstantial evidence alone; in the reputation of the man, the corroboration of other explorers, and the continuity of the final statement in book form.

Second—An efficient Arctic explorer and an educated gentleman like Dr. Cook did not need assistants in making calculations. As witnesses, the two Eskimos were all that could be desired, when they testified to having reached the place where they lost their sense of direction because the sun circled at the same altitude around the sky. That place must have been the Pole.

Third—Of course Dr. Cook never claimed absolute accuracy, but he never gave as the reason for possible error "severe mental and nervous strain." Your correspondent would do well to study in that connection "Questions that enter Calculations for Position of the North Pole," pages 578 to 583 in Dr. Cook's "My Attainment of the Pole." Then let him turn to Peary's "North Pole," page 295, where he will find these significant words: "Various authorities will give different estimates of the probable error in observations taken at the Pole, I am inclined to think that an allowance of five miles is an equitable one."

Fourth—Dr. Cook did not, to the best of my knowledge, "appeal to the Royal Geographical Society for recognition and reward." No true explorer would "appeal for reward." But if any cynical skeptic will take the trouble to refer to "A Handbook of Polar Discoveries," he will find the full recognition of Cook's Polar claim by the author, General Greely, himself a tried Arctic explorer and honored with the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society. Among other supporters of Dr. Cook are Amundsen, Baldwin, Sverdrup, Lecoq, and Admiral Schley.

The scientific bodies are naturally keeping a neutral attitude until Dr. Cook has cleared his reputation from the slanders of jealous and unscrupulous foes. The \$100,000 libel suit against the New York "Times" will be one important step towards vindication. We can then perhaps look for the amende honorable from "A Lover of British Fair Play."
Yours faithfully,
LA CHINE.

VICTORIA COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

It is not often that the work of such an ephemeral organization as a College Glee Club is seriously criticized from a musical standpoint; but the Victoria College Glee Club has just concluded a season remarkably successful in point of the high standard of musical efficiency attained. With a membership of thirty-five, the Club, under the leadership of Mr. E. R. Bowles, has this year paid attention entirely to unaccompanied work. Among the selections studied were "The Long Day Closes," Sullivan; "Like the Woodland Roses Fair," Franz Mair; "Lovely Night," Chivatel; "Over the Fields," Adam Geibel; "My Shepherd," Koschat; together with lighter numbers. The rehearsals have constituted a splendid education in technique and interpretation, and the clear and even quality of tone attained, particularly in pianissimo work, together with responsiveness to the Conductor, have called forth much favorable comment and congratulation.

Throughout the season rehearsals have been full of vim and enthusiasm, and the members have been loyal in attendance, and in support of the interests of the Club. Over thirty members enjoyed the annual tour, February 9-14th, during which three concerts and two Sunday services were given by the Club at Hamilton and St. Catharines. Concerts have also been given in two City Methodist Churches, Woodgreen and High Park Avenue.

The Club has been most fortunate in having the assistance of the Victoria Male Quartette, Messrs. Morrow, James, Stephenson and Asbury, whose work was a most popular feature of the programmes.

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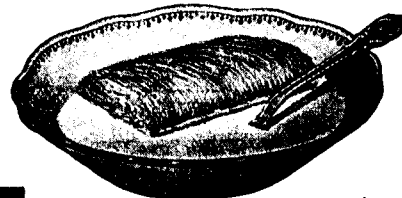
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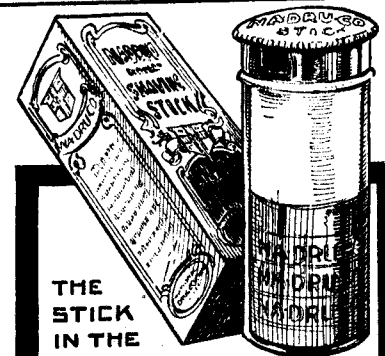
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It is hard to tell what feeling predominates among the members—satisfaction because of the splendid results achieved, for regret that the work and fun are all over. At any rate, Mr. Bowles is to be congratulated upon the splendid record for the season. The Club is in strong financial condition, and the coming elections promise to ensure a live, wide-awake, energetic organization for next year's work.

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