

The Play's the Thing **Cyrano de Bergerac.**

Manager Sheppard made a capital shot when he bagged "A Brace of Partridges" for the bill of fare of the theatre-going public during Thanksgiving week. "A Brace of Partridges," as will have been seen from the press notices, is a lively comedy of English rural life by the famous playwright, Richard Ganthony, and is presented for the first time in Toronto by the Strand Comedy Company, from the Strand Theatre, London. For the past two months it has had a phenomenal run at the Madison Square Theatre, New York. Superlative terms can alone suffice to portray the excellence of the initial performance here on Monday evening. He must have been indeed a pachyderm and a curmudgeon who did not leave the house in a state bordering upon apoplexy. The company, which is entirely English, is a very strong and clever one throughout. Mr. H. Reeves Smith, in the dual title role of the Partridge cousins, makes a very brilliant star and keeps the audience convulsed from start to finish. His impersonations of the somewhat serious Hon. Arthur Partridge and the droll Alfred Partridge, his impetuous cousin, is perfect, while the lightning rapidity with which he makes the necessary changes of costume is simply marvellous. Miss Jessie Bakeman as Peggy Stubbs, the daughter of the landlord of the Red Lion, gives an ideal presentation of a very charming rural Phyllis. Mr. George Shelton as Spiffins, a city waiter, and Mr. Cecil Thornbury, as Snap, the bailiff, are very clever mirth makers. The scenery is remarkably fine, particularly the opening scene in the common room of the Red Lion, where the old country "pub" can be seen in all its wealth and glory. The show is one of the best provided for the holiday week during the past few years and should not be missed.

Uncle Tom's Cabin with sumptuous scenery and good program of Coon songs and dances is the bill at the Princess this week. This play is too historic to need any careful review. It has lived in the heart of one generation and will doubtless continue to live after the present generation has passed away. The production at the Princess is certainly superior to those we have seen in recent years. Mr. Robert Cummings' Legree is unusually good and Mr. Stuart has another opportunity of displaying his versatility in the role of Uncle Tom. The work of Miss Andrews as Opheelia, and Mr. Kingstone is also very well done. To those who have never yet seen the play, it is very unlikely that they will ever see it presented better than it is put on at the Princess this week.

**UNIVERSITY MEDS**

The men of the second and first years who objected to the annual dinner being held in the gymnasium are very properly saying nothing at present, but have accepted the committee's decision as final, and are going to unite with the others to make the occasion a grand success. They owe their support to the committee and will meet their obligations faithfully. Every man will be on hand. Mr. Riches, one of the menu committee, reports that the sample bill of fare served last week to the committee by Mr. Webb, was simply out of sight. With such a good healthy committee we don't doubt his word in the least, and feel sure that the spread served at the dinner will put every individual in just as good humor as the sample did the menu committee.

Capt. Sproat had his men out for a Rugby practice on Saturday morning. A game was arranged with the S.P.S. men, who were out for a similar purpose. Ansley, Gray and McCollum were not with the Medicals, so the School had the advantage, scoring 5 points against 0. However, the practice was a good hard one, and a few more such would make both these teams important factors in the Mulock series.

The freshmen, having gotten through the ordeal of the first bone examination, were initiated into the mysteries of practical anatomy last week. They are not unanimous in declaring their fondness for it, but there is a "fellow feeling" about it that will soon overcome their scruples.

The great and only George declares the year a fine one, away ahead of their predecessors, and adds that some of them will long remember him. Doubtless they will have occasion to do so.

Dr. Smale assumed the leadership of the Bible class, which meets Sunday morning from 10 o'clock to 10.40 in the Y.M.C.A. building. The primary medicals are fortunate in having secured the Doctor's services. This year will be taken up with a study of the life of Christ. The class is sure to be a successful and profitable one.

Thanksgiving day will prove an enjoyable break in the term's work. Many of the boys are going home to spend a couple of days. There will probably be a boycott placed on Friday's lectures, that the absentees may not miss anything.

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**MCMASTER HALL.**

The Ladies' Literary League of McMaster University held its annual open meeting in the University Chapel on Friday evening. This meeting has always been considered one of the events in the literary life at McMaster; for the ladies always have something of especial interest to present to the friends and acquaintances who attend. This year a programme of great merit, containing many new features, was produced and executed with marked ability by all who participated in it. Miss Bessie N. Newman presided during the evening and in a delicate address welcomed all present to the meeting.

Several orations were declaimed from the rostrum by the lady undergrads, having for their subjects several of the Queens of history and of the present day. Miss Alice Nesbitt spoke of the life, work and aims of the Empress Maria Theresa of Austria-Hungary, and Miss Mary Blackadar, '02, gave a glimpse of the life of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, a young Queen who has yet a history to make. Miss Kate Armstrong, '01, in her speech carried the audience back to the times of Queen Esther, as the representative Queen of those times. Miss Bertha Gile, '00, again evinced her ability as an elocutionist in the selection, "Mary, Queen of Scots." Miss Nellie Cahoon, '00, gave a very interesting address on Queen Louise of Prussia. These orations and recitations were interspersed with musical selections by University talent and two artist friends of the institution. The piano duet by Miss Hargrave and Miss O. A. Gaylord was excellent, as also the piano solo by Miss Gertrude Carey, of Moulton Ladies' College. Miss Hilda Davis and Miss Theresa Flanagan appeared for the first time before a McMaster audience, winning for themselves a place in the esteem of those present as artists of no mean ability. Miss Hilda Davis, as a violinist, gave evidence of a very high order of ability in the two selections, "A Hungarian Air," and "Air de Ballet." Her execution was finished and artistic, and her interpretation of the selections true and sympathetic. Both selections were received with great applause and encored. The vocal solo by Miss Theresa Flanagan was excellent. Her voice is capable of great range, full of melody and powerful, as was evidenced by the ease and clearness with which she sang her highest notes. She sang as her first selection "Sing On," and to an encore, "Your Beaming Eyes." The ladies deserve great credit for the excellent program provided, and much of this success was due to the efforts of the executive of the society composed of these officers:—President, Miss Bessie W. Newman, '09; vice-president, Miss Octavia A. Gaylord, '00; secretary, Miss Grace Wallace, '02; critic, Miss Nellie Cahoon, '00; pianist, Miss Mary Blackadar, '02.

McMaster II. and Varsity II. met on Varsity Athletic grounds on Saturday morning and engaged in a contest for supremacy in Association football. Both sides worked hard and the game contained some brilliant plays. The honors of the game were about equal, Varsity having the better in the first half and McMaster the advantage in the second. Score, 0-0. The following comprised McMaster II.: Goal, Shaw; backs, Faulkner, McLaurin; half-backs, Wood, Vining, Lamont; forwards, Simpson, Sprague, McLay, Sayles, Fox.

McMaster I. and the Trinity Meds came together last Wednesday in the Intercollegiate series. McMaster had the better of the game throughout and won by 3-1. McMaster's team: goal, Baker; half-backs, Reid, Guyatt; backs, Torrie, Penge, Cornish; forwards, Dr. Hooper, Thompson, McDonald, Dr. McLay, Zavitz.

This year the Woodstock College football team will travel to Toronto to play the annual Thanksgiving Day game with McMaster. The game will take place in the morning on Varsity Athletic grounds. For the last two years the games have resulted a tie, and this year there is much speculation as to the result.

**NOTES**

Metaphysics—"Does space alone exist in the mind?"—Newman.  
Professor—"Where was the sermon on the mount preached?" Excited Student—"In a boat on Lake Galilee."  
"Das ist schlecht, schlecht."—Herr Tapscott.  
"Aaron between meals."—Tipperary—Tip-zee.  
The top flat nightingales are practising diligently these days "In the evening by the moonlight."  
Bishop—"Silence there, or your blood be upon your own heads!"  
"Is she Irish?"—Cornwall.  
"I won't stand it; there has been too much noise."—From "A Tempest in a Teapot."—Tighe.  
The Toronto-Trinity game will be on, positively this week, and a warm time is expected. Toronto will, as usual, play a straight college team.  
W. F. McKay, '00, who was in England all summer, has at last got back to work.

**TRINITY UNIVERSITY.**

The Trinity football team has well established its reputation this week. U. C. C. and St. Michael's College have both fallen before our men, and we are justly proud of them. The keenest interest in the game is evinced by nearly every Trinity man, and those who don't play are ever on hand at the game to help to victory with moral suasion the players of our College.

The Literary Institute this year bids fair to be as interesting and profitable as in years past. The meetings have been well attended, both in point of numbers and of order.

Messrs. McKwen and Owen have been chosen to represent the Literary Institute in the inter-collegiate debate with Varsity on December 2nd.

The Rev. James Huntingdon, O.H.C., gave a most helpful and earnest address in the College chapel, which was well filled by a good representation, both of Arts and Divinity men.

The Mission Study class has been started once more in the Divinity corridor. The Students' Volunteer course has been chosen for study this year.

A noticeable innovation in the Divinity corridor is the mission reading room, which has been fitted up as a library of works on mission subjects.

**PHARMACY NOTES.**

President Herb. Collier took advantage of the Varsity excursion to Kingston on the 11th and accompanied the "pigskin chasers" as far as his home in Napanee. Returning on the afternoon train Monday he had the opportunity, at Bowmanville, of understanding what it means for an express to be brought to a sudden stop by a freight. A fraction of a second was all that was necessary to telescope the three cabooses; yet it assisted the occupants of the car very materially in changing seats. Besides the little shaking up no serious injury resulted, except to the engineer and fireman, who jumped. He says he is quite pleased that he did not wait and take the following train which, at Murray Hill, carried so many to death by colliding with the engine of another freight within sixty miles of the first accident.

Mr. A. H. Abbott, of Toronto University, addressed a meeting in the interests of the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday afternoon. A good number were present and enjoyed his speech very much.

There is talk around the college of forming a hockey team. As there are a number of good players in this year's class it would not be a very hard matter to pick up a team.

Billy Neilson visited his home in Napanee last Sunday.

At a meeting of the class on Friday the 18th, Mr. R. S. Skinner was elected by a very large majority to attend Trinity's Banquet on December the first. Messrs. Livingston and McDuffie were appointed auditors of the treasurer's books for the junior course.

Hair-cuts are the order of the day at Pharmacy. Everybody followed the President's example.

Everybody is getting down to hard study. Our first examination is held on the 29 inst. The rest following one week later.

**DENTAL COLLEGE**

DOTS FROM '00.

Weary Willie—Tait.  
The Ladies' Man—Kelsey.  
Slow, but sure—Chambers.  
He has an abundant supply of puns—Moore.  
"Looked up, lifted up"—Amy.  
"Lent a hand"—Gallagher.  
Still floating—Island.  
Was it admiration for Rugby or for something else that took "Palmer" to Kingston?  
Last week's meeting of the R.D.S. may have been interesting, but it fades into insignificance when compared with what is promised for the next. The best bout of the season will be pulled off when Bartlam and Kelsey step into the ring to contest the bantam championship of '00. This is a matter that has been in dispute for some time, as the men are about evenly matched. Bart says he will certainly "lam" Kelsey hard, but Jimmy is confident of being able to put Bart to sleep in no time. Kelsey has been gathering tips from several local pugilists lately, and these, along with his constant training, have put him in the pink of condition. He promises to spring some entirely new and novel tactics that will undoubtedly surprise all concerned. Messrs. Chambers and Monro will second Mr. Kelsey, while Messrs. Gallagher and Elliott with his war-whoop, will perform a similar office for Mr. Bartlam. Betting is generally at even money. Everybody is expected to turn out. For further particulars see small bills.

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"CLASS GOSSIP."

Pretty—Armstrong.  
Comrades—Bain and Hoskin.  
Plasterer—Dr. Webster.  
Neat, not gaudy—Riggs.  
Am I an actor?—Lawrence Barrett.  
A plump brace—Winnett and Ross.  
I want to be a soldier—Kennedy.  
Is she not passing fair?—Miss Auburn.  
Holmes, sweet Holmes.  
Dental "At Home," Dec. 9th.  
I believe they talked of me, for they laughed continually.—Frank.  
"Stately and tall he moves in the hall, The chief of a thousand for grace."—Dr. Walter.  
Plaxton—Did you see the elephant?  
Somebody tells me Charlie Bell is looking for a boarding-house.  
Give me back my money, then I'll go; Yet I can't forget I love anatomy so.—Harnden, '01.  
Can't think—Jonathan Race.  
Weary Willie—Tait.  
A snap-shot—Hermiston.

**PUBLIC DEBATE HELD AT VARSITY**

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the strengthening of the army and navy, so that at present Great Britain was quite able to cope successfully with those nations who opposed the essentials of her foreign policy. Mr. McKay then proceeded to deal with the foreign policy as manifested in China and America. He deprecated the current idea that Great Britain is lord paramount in China. England does not own China. Moreover, as a matter of fact, the Chinese have a decided preference for Russia. England has, by the rival Indian tea trade, done great injury to this Chinese industry. He also claimed that the possession of Wei-Kei and Hong Kong and the condition attendant upon the recent Anglo-German loan were examples to the triumphs of Lord Salisbury's policy in the far East. In Venezuela the negotiations had been thoroughly satisfactory, and Lord Salisbury had, in the late Hispano-American war, secured by his policy the warm friendship of the American nation for Great Britain.

Mr. Mitchell made an eloquent speech, in which he endeavored to demonstrate that Lord Salisbury had failed to defend English commercial interests as he had promised to do. He referred particularly to his dealings with France in the cases of Siam, Madagascar, Tunis, and West Africa. In Siam commerce had been lost by the cession of Upper States to France without adequate return; in Madagascar English trade had been excluded by the annexation of the island by France, against which no substantial protest had been made; in Tunis England consented to the practical exclusion of British commerce without any quid pro quo; while in West Africa great loss of trade had been experienced in the hinterlands of Dahomey, Lagos and the Gold Coast. Mr. Mitchell considered also that the present danger of war with France is entirely due to the lack of a firm stand in the first place; while the lack of conciliatory policy with Russia, although acknowledged as advisable by Lord Salisbury's Government, is painfully evident.

Mr. Kay, who concluded the debate for the negative, alluded to the fact that, owing to the policy of the present leader of the Conservative party in Great Britain, England is prepared to meet any of her opponents. He claimed that despite the opinions of superficial critics and newspaper reports, the sequence of events has gone to show that Lord Salisbury's policy is worthy of the highest commendation. In 1880, when Egypt was in a state of disorder, when life and property were insecure, and Gordon had been assassinated, Great Britain, deserted by France, had single-handedly won back Egypt and restored it to a condition of law and order. In 1895 she had recovered Lower Egypt; and quoting from Lord Kitchener, in regard to Fashoda, he maintained that Lord Salisbury's policy was not only sustained by this distinguished soldier; and diplomatist, but also endorsed by Lord Roseberry and other opponents of the Conservative party.

Prof. Baker, in summing up the points, complimented both sides upon the excellence of their arguments and delivery. After a careful consideration, he gave it as his opinion that the arguments of the negative, coupled with their advantage in assignment of sides, had won for them the debate.

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