

# THE VARSITY

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Toronto, March 3, 1905

At the last regular meeting of the Lit. a very interesting discussion took place over a proposal in regard to a University Residence. The resolution was worded as follows: "That a formal petition be laid before the Minister of Education by this society, as representing the student body of University College, setting forth the urgent need of a University Residence, and petition that steps be taken by the Government towards the erection of such residence, and, further, that the students of the faculties of Science, Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy be officially advised of our intended action and requested to submit similar petitions." An amendment was submitted to the following effect: "That the society put itself on record as approving the action of the Senate in appointing a committee to consider the means of securing a residence and assuring the committee of the hearty co-operation of the undergraduates, but urging that progress be made towards the completion of a Convocation Hall befitting the needs and dignity of the University."

The supporters of the resolution pointed out the readiness with which the Government has always responded to our appeals for assistance. Not only has it met our constantly increasing deficits, but it has on all occasions made every reasonable effort to provide the equipment in Science, Medicine, etc., made necessary by the marvellous advances that have been made in these branches of knowledge. If the Government has shown so generous a spirit in these matters, it will be equally responsive to a demand which is to meet so essential a need in the life of the undergraduates.

"Man is greater than his works," and the growth of the inner and spiritual life of the undergraduate is of much deeper importance than any technical knowledge he may acquire in lecture-room or laboratory. Hence the Government will be the readier to grant a building

which will contribute so vitally to this higher development.

The upholder of the negative, on the other hand, urged that such an action on the part of the undergraduates would be virtually a vote of lack of confidence in the efforts of the committee from the Senate. Furthermore, a petition presented by the students would have little weight unless backed by a deputation of alumni. The Convocation Hall does not appear to be on the eve of completion and until this is effected the Government would scarcely countenance the beginning of another scheme.

After a discussion of about an hour the resolution was defeated by an overwhelming majority. The amendment was carried by a very small margin of votes.



Those in charge of the Women's Residence desire to express their most sincere thanks to the wives of the Faculty, graduates, undergraduates and other kind friends who have made so many suitable and well-chosen donations to the Residence.



This week has seen the greatest activity of the year around the Gymnasium. Team practices tug-of-war trials, and fencing contests have enlivened all parts of the building to an unusual extent. Besides the usual afternoon practices, the Gym. team have had two evening rehearsals, so that they will be in the best possible shape on Friday night.



The fencing tournament has been proceeding all week, with a large number of interested spectators each afternoon.



The Meds. and School will fight it out for the tug-of-war prize, and large numbers of the supporters will cheer them on at the assault-at-arms, Friday, March 3rd.



## Calendar

Friday, March 3rd—University College Literary Society Oratorical Contest. 8 p. m. Wycliffe Convocation Hall.

University of Toronto Assault-at-Arms. 8 p. m. Gymnasium Building.

Saturday, March 4th, 3 p. m.—University Lecture (Illustrated). Prehistoric Man. Dr. A. B. McCallum. Chemical Building.

Tuesday, March 7th—16th Annual Dinner of Faculty of Applied Science at King Edward Hotel.

March 31st—Annual Elections of Engineering Society.