

Comment and Criticism

The conduct of the city police force on Halloween was as usual pitiful in the extreme, and, what is more, useless. I quite sympathize with the ordinary citizen in his rooted dislike to the wanton destruction of property, but I think that even he will agree with me that there is not much to be gained from the unprovoked assault of a big bully of a constable on an offending freshman whose only offence consisted in having the audacity to exist at all. The policeman who lays round him indiscriminately with his baton and breaks open innocent heads is a fit subject for some of the corrective influences of the Central Prison, whither he so often consigns others.

Father Hallam has learned the bitter lesson that the proudest memorials of human greatness are after all but evanescent, and may easily enough be converted into dust and ashes. *Sic transit gloria mundi!* Could he have only seen the dozen policemen standing on the corner of Yonge and College while the work of destruction was fast going on, then, methinks, his cup of bitterness would have overflowed.

The students are to be congratulated on the excellent taste which they display in removing the hideous eyesores from our beautiful park, and I think that your University Senate would thank them by public resolution, were such a step not too anarchical.

The tremendous interest round Varsity in athletics these days is continually becoming more and more the subject of universal comment. While much of the credit for this is due to those gentlemen who are officially connected with the various clubs, it is evident that the movement as a whole is due to the volcanic outburst of genuine athletic spirit in the undergraduate body, which is beginning to realize that a well-equipped mind is not by itself a thorough equipment for the battle of life. Gymnastics and music were the Platonic education of youths, and a return to this ideal would not be amiss.

The last direction which this passion for action has taken is the formation of a University Golf Club. This is a game which is, of course, owing to its cost primarily, and to other reasons besides, of an exclusive nature, but we welcome its advent among us, because the professors will probably hereafter have more sympathy with the "sports" who have hitherto been their unhappy victims.

Whatever one's political tinge, I think no right thinking man will deny that the Lit meetings are looking up. The debates have so far dealt with interesting subjects of the day, and have been argued with no inconsiderable vim and ability, and recitations figure once more on the programmes, while the music is excellent.

Especially fortunate were those who turned out to last Friday's meeting and heard Mr. Beardmore, whose rendering of the "Intermezzi" from the "Cavallera Rusticana," was especially happy. It is seldom that any single piece of music commands such attention from a body of students, and if enthusiastic encores are any criterion, Mr. Beardmore has won his way speedily to the hearts of the boys. His excellent technique, the sustained purity of his individual notes, whatever their range, and the truly artistic way in which he enters into the spirit of his playing, lead us to hope that the committee will induce him to appear again at no very distant date.

The move already made to secure chorus-work at the Lit is a very valuable one, especially in view of the fact that the Glee Club has been buried in the Potter's Field, with the University Council as chief mourner.

The captain of a certain Rugby team not unknown to ourselves is reported in one of our dailies as having said, "We have twice been defeated by inferior teams." Since then he has been again defeated, by a team, no doubt "inferior," which is all very hard luck, no doubt. But my dear captain, do take a lesson in the ethics of good sport, lend an ear to Oliver Wendell Holmes, when he advises defeated sports to "Own up, pay up, and shut up." When you have mastered the truth of that maxim, bend your faculties to comprehending this:
"Silence is golden, says the Greek,
The wisest man is last to speak!"

SPECTATOR.

VETERINARY COLLEGE

On Friday evening the Ontario Medical Society met, and the meeting was called to order by Prof. Sweetapple at 7 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and approved, Prof. Smith took the chair for the balance of the meeting. The following program was then offered:

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The above papers were heavily discussed, and the meeting lasted fully two hours, after which Prof. Smith took the stand and made a few remarks in regard to the papers, and then closed the meeting.

Dr. J. S. McIntyre, graduate of the O.V.C., of '98 class, has taken the place vacated by Dr. J. M. Farquar. The boys wish him all the good luck and success which this world has in store for him. There is a good field, more or less, anywhere for a good man, and he who takes an interest in his profession is bound to succeed.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE

Three matches made Saturday morning notable in this year's football record. To begin with, College IV. defeated Hamilton IV. by a score of 10 to 0. The little fellows displayed good judgment and fine combination, thanks, principally, to Mr. Playfair's careful coaching. Next came a game between College II. and the Harbord Collegiate team. It was a closely contested game with a great deal of scrimmage and mass play. Harbord won by 8 to 2. Lastly came the annual game with Ridley College, the chief event of the day and also of the season. Last year the school across the lake defeated Upper Canada. The latter was determined to do its utmost to retrieve that defeat, and, in consequence, the boys have been practising assiduously every day since the opening of the College. Under the guidance of Mr. Grant, son of Principal Grant of Queen's, they have shown wonderful improvement, and felt that if success did not crown their efforts it would not be for lack of conscientious work. The Ridley boys on the other hand have been carefully coached by "Biddy" Barr, Varsity's ex-captain, and were confident of their ability to duplicate last year's victory.

In spite of the rather threatening aspect of the weather, a large crowd of present boys and old boys, with "their sisters and their cousins and their aunts," were on hand to watch the game. A light wind was blowing across the field, but was of no advantage to either team. The game started on the U.C.C. end of the grounds, but the play gradually worked down to the Ridley end, and U.C.C. scored a touch-in-goal on a long punt by Waldie over the dead-ball line. Shortly afterwards, on another long punt, the college forwards managed to catch the ball behind the goal line, but fumbling it, Trimmer, Ridley's full back, fell on it for a rouge. This ended the scoring. The teams were so very evenly matched that the play remained about the middle of the field for the rest of the game. U.C.C. was the heavier team, and in a game so remarkably lacking in open play, weight was one of the deciding factors.

The teams were as follows: U.C.C. (2)—Back, Morrison; halves, Wallace, Waldie, Jackson; quarter, Proctor; scrimmage, Prounce, Billings, Boyd; wings, Fraser, Britton, Rutter, Stitt, Leacock, Cochrane, Martin. Ridley (0)—Back, Trimmer; halves, Baldwin, Gander, Pierce; quarter, Hoyles; scrimmage, Charles, Duggan, Young; wings, Sewell, Dalton, Nicholas, Duggan, Alexander, Ray.

NOTES

Ernie Proctor played a plucky game at quarter. Although knocked out by an accidental kick on the head, he bravely stayed in the game to the end.

Baldwin was conspicuous for excellent play among the Ridley boys.

Britton, who is one of the most promising men on the first team, is a cousin of Reg. Parmenter; he intends to go to R.M.C.

Billings will be at Varsity next year; a good fellow and fine centre scrimmage man, he will be a great acquisition to football circles.

Jack Cochrane will enter medicine at Varsity next year.

Pattison of the IV. team had his wrist very badly sprained and will be laid up for some time.

Mr. Peacock, the president of the Football Club, has devoted a great deal of attention to its training.

Ned Boyd, brother of Varsity's centre half-back, played a good game at right scrimmage.

"Bussy" Grey will develop into a splendid quarter-back.

Weir of Dundas, was first spare on Saturday. He is a good player and could have easily filled any gap that might have occurred.

Shorty Stitt, "tear his shirt" as the boys call him, played to win and his mark was unable to do anything.

Stinson and Southam (brother of Harry Southam of Ottawa City), both members of the IV. team, play the game like veterans, passing, tackling and kicking with excellent judgment. They are two most promising corners.

The struggle for head boy this year will be between Sait, H. M. Darling, Robertson, Billy Jackson and Harry Wallace.

There are four of last year's hockey team back. There was some talk of entering the team in the Intermediate O.H.A. series, but the prospect at present is that it will remain in the Junior. Morley, of Waterloo II.; Britton, of the Gananoque team; Billings, of Hamilton Thistles (in the Intermediate series), and Henderson, of Paris, are notable additions to the hockey talent of the College. Bert Morrison will be captain of the team.

TORONTO MEDS' DINNER

Will be Held on the Evening of Dec. 8th—Scene of the Festivities not yet Decided Upon.

The Toronto Meds will again unite in convivial fellowship on the occasion of their annual College dinner, which will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 8th. It is not yet decided just where this all important event will be consummated, but it is expected that the committee will reach a decision during the course of the present week. The following gentlemen have been appointed to supervise the dinner arrangements: Hotel committee, Messrs. Young, Ritchies, Anderson and Snyder; invitation, Messrs. Young, Wright, Kerr and Snyder; printing, Messrs. Brethour, Godfrey, Dixon and Kerr; menu-toast, Messrs. Brethour, Hutcheson, Doherty and Hoag; finance, Messrs. Radcliffe, Doherty, Holmes and O'Brien; music, Messrs. Radcliffe, Wright, Hutcheson and Ritchies; decoration, Messrs. O'Brien, Doherty, Godfrey and Dixon.

TRINITY MEDS.

Tuesday afternoon was everything that football men could desire. Hence there was a large crowd of spectators assembled to witness the match between Trinity Meds and the Theologs of Knox. Trinity turned out almost to a man, and gave moral and physical support to their team. The game was lively from the start, and held one's interest throughout. Our boys showed of what stuff they are made, and kept the ball well to the other end of the field. Charge after charge was made by Knox forwards, but they could not break through our defence, which consisted almost entirely of brawny freshmen. It was only late in the second half that a score was made, and that by our fellows. This proved to be the only one, and so the game ended 1-0, favor of Trinity. After the match the Meds lined up and marched from the field of victory amid the braying of fog horns and the cries of Rah! Rah! Sawbones, etc.

The next match in which we were personally interested as a college, was that with Varsity on Friday, the 28th ult. Scarcely anyone looked for success, as Varsity has every advantage over us in the way of facilities for practice. It was late in the day before our opponents lined up. Both teams went at it with a will, and made the game a lively one. Not once, but scores of times, excellent playing called forth "the soul-stirring strains" of Trinity's fog horns and their well-known college yell. But just before half-time Varsity made a rush and scored one. It was impossible to play much longer on account of the darkness, so that the game was left unfinished.

THE ELECTIONS.

The election of the dinner committee and representatives to sister colleges occupied the afternoon of Thursday of last week. A marked feature of the occasion was the speeches of the candidates. It is a question if ever the walls of the primary room resounded with such floods of eloquence or re-echoed such profound applause as on that day. The speakers, one after another, ascended the rostrum and presented, in rolling periods, their platforms to the constituents. The speeches were elaborated and embellished with quotations from the great writers, not omitting Confucius and Plato; and points were illustrated and brought home by stories of the Irish peasantry. As a matter of course, the occupants of the benches were enraptured and spell-bound by the honeyed words of these silver-tongued orators. And we have not the slightest doubt but that the honor and dignity of Old Trinity will be upheld by the worthy gentlemen who carried the election. The contest in many cases was very keen; that for Queen's demanding three ballots.

The following is the result of the voting:—Dinner Committee: President, McGibbon; 1st Vice, Davey; 2nd Vice, Brown; 3rd, Parker; Toaster, Norm. Wright (accl.). Committee: 4th year, Johnston and Hutcheson; 3rd year, Jamieson and Walker (accl.); 2nd year, Allen and Levy; 1st year, Imrie and Brandon. Representatives: McGill, McRobbie, Queen's, Curts; Bishop's, Scully; London, Campbell; Toronto, H. Smith (accl.); Osgoode, Purvis (accl.); Trinity University, MacMahon (accl.); Dental College, Wilson (accl.); Pharmacy, Schmidt (accl.); Victoria, Service; Knox, McLaren.

Thursday evening, Nov. 3rd, the initial meeting of the Medical Society was held. The new committee deserve the thanks of the students for the interesting and profitable programme prepared. The president, Mr. S. Eagleson, opened proceedings with a bright, pointed speech. Dr. H. B. Anderson then gave a most instructive talk on "The Enlargement of the Middle Lobe of Thyroid gland," citing and describing two cases of this rarity which had lately come under his observation. Messrs. Schmidt, '99, and Marshall, '01, contributed an instrumental duet, and the evening closed with an exhaustive paper on Cabot's operation, by Dr. Earnest Ashton. The paper was intensely interesting, and was listened to by the boys with the greatest attention. The whole subject was handled in a masterly way, indeed. The boys can't afford to miss these meetings. The committee are determined to make them most instructive, and if this one was a sample of those to follow they are succeeding admirably. Come out, boys, and encourage them all you can.

NOTES.

Two of our Professors are shooting deer, so are many of the boys—with bow and arrow. Good luck, all!

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Dr. Shoemaker, gold medallist, '98, has obtained first-class honors at the New York State Council exam. He is now supplying for Dr. N. A. Powell. We wish him the same success throughout the journey.

On Friday morning, Nov. 4th, the boys were regaled with music by a German band. The concert was held in the Primary room, and was largely attended. Proceeds to pay for city hall.

Messrs. Softley and Macdonald of '00 are back from a long stay in the western territories. They are telling even more extraordinary stories than usual.

ECHOES OF HALLOWE'EN.

"Beats girling all hollow-een!"—Freshie.

"Is this Trinity? I'll stay with Trinity till I die!"—Pharmacy man.

"It's a good thing, rush it along!"—Everybody.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Stanier, '01, who has been in the General for several weeks with typhoid, has almost completely recovered.

Mr. Edwards returned in time for the Halloween celebration, and took a lively interest in it. A great change has come over him since the spring—his whiskers are no longer in evidence.

It was announced on Friday that the "sups" which were to come off on the 15th have been postponed till the 12th, so that candidates in the primary year, who are no doubt prepared to explain how nature has provided for the scattering of seeds and other questions of vital importance, will have to wait another week.

MacLaren and Davey among others went to South Ontario on Tuesday, and helped to win the election.

DENTALS WILL RECEIVE

Annual College Function to be held Dec. 10th—Committee which has the affair in charge.

The Dental College will present a gay appearance on the evening of the 10th of December, when the students give their annual "At Home" in Dental Hall. This function, which has always been one of the most pleasant of college life in the City, is looked forward to with much interest, not only by the Dents themselves, but also by their numerous friends in their sister institutions. As the date approaches, the Committee becomes more and more active, and if rumor is true the "At Home" this year will even surpass those of the past. The following Committee will have the affair in charge: C. A. Kennedy, Chairman; J. W. Gray, Vice-Chairman; J. Purdy, 2nd Vice; C. Brown, Secretary; Miss Ruth Auburn, Treasurer; Dr. Walter Willmott, representative from the faculty; P. P. Winn, E. Henderson, W. Bentley, R. McDonald, J. Cerswell; Programme Committee: R. McDonald, J. Cerswell, C. Brown, Miss Ruth Auburn; Decoration: P. P. Winn, R. C. Bain, A. Monro, W. McKay, S. Gowan and J. McGregor; Refreshment: W. Bentley and J. Purdy; Printing: E. Henderson and J. Gray.

UNIVERSITY DINNER

The University Dinner is looming big on the undergraduate horizon, and the discussion of it is one of the most momentous items on the docket of the Literary Society, under whose auspices this great function is to be held. The history of the University Dinner has been one of consolidation. Class dinners constituted the recognized convivial events of the year, until the bulging brains of John Grampian Inkster, the father of "The Dinner," convinced us of the error of our ways and showed us that a dinner in which the whole undergraduate body might participate was indeed a possibility. Last year although the question was mooted and the student body canvassed, no dinner was held.

It is the feeling of the Literary Society that such an event is a very necessary student function, and that moreover, it can be realized in a manner which will place it within the reach of every student. The policy which the Society proposes to follow will differ from that of former years, in endeavoring to make the dinner essentially a students' event. With this purpose in view, the intention is to reduce the price of the tickets to such a figure as will at once make the dinner a good one from the point of view of the epicure, and a successful financial venture. It is believed that the executive of the "Lit" is in a better position to manage such an affair than when, as formerly the management was entrusted to a committee of the whole student body. The preliminary steps were taken at the last meeting of the Lit, when the following gentlemen were

appointed by the society as Dinner Committee; Messrs. W. H. Alexander, S. A. Dickson, A. MacDougall, H. W. McLean, J. T. Richardson and G. W. Ross, from the Final Year; Messrs. J. J. Gibson, H. D. Graham, D. E. Kilgour and A. N. Mitchell, from the Junior Year; Messrs. F. E. Brown, Campbell and Irwin, from the Sophomore Year; Messrs. Biggs and Cunningham, from the Freshman Year; and Messrs. Allen, Boyd and D. A. Ross, from the S.P.S.

The probable date of the dinner, so far as is at present ascertainable, will be December 16. It is hoped that the men will be prompt in putting their names to the subscription list which will soon make its appearance, and thereby facilitate the work of the committee.

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