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THE ANNUAL GAMES.

Keen Competition Among the Athletes

GRAY AGAIN CHAMPION.

Varsity Will Make It Interesting For McGill.

Friday morning dawned clear and bright, an ideal day for the games, and the contests which took place in the afternoon were in every respect worthy of the day.

A large crowd of the beauty and the chivalry assembled in the afternoon to see the sports, the number of spectators being rather larger this year than last. As the boys are saving up their energy for the Varsity-McGill games next Friday, no parade took place, nor was any band present, but interest ran high in spite of the absence of the usual noisy demonstrations thrown in gratis to the spectators. Stentorian yells for Varsity, Dents, and S. P. S. frequently startled the air, and made things lively between events. The S. P. S. were jubilant over having their men score the largest number of points; the Dents. were well represented also, while the Meds. showed their pride for their muscular and well-known champion, J. Gray, who again succeeded in winning the championship prize by a handsome margin. The representatives from University College only numbered five, a rather small representation compared with those from the other colleges.

While the boys were not cheering for their respective favorites, they chatted, smoked and made rash investments in the wares of the ubiquitous peanut vendor. During the afternoon some enterprising collector for the Louvre at Paris took snapshots of the aggregation on the grand stand. He first tried the Dents., who fell over each other in the attempt to display their canes and colors and to look pleasant. After testing the strength of his camera there he passed on to the S. P. S., where he secured permission to photograph the company to copyright it for Europe, N. America and the Sandwich Islands. As a grand finale, he arranged the field officers in the form of a stone wall with a breach in it, and, having taken them, returned home happy and content. This last picture will probably be used to illustrate the effect "After Taking."

President Loudon's dog was deeply interested in the events, and set the pace on the home-stretch in several of the races.

Taken as a whole, the sports were much faster than last year. In six events out of twelve last year's record was beaten, and on this account those who are following the games expect Varsityto make a much better showing against McGill than she did a year ago. The men are confident that on a first class track they can beat the time made in the 100 yards dash on Friday, and also in some of the other runs, and, as the Rosedale track is better than the one on the Athletic Grounds, some fast sprinting is expected next Friday.

In the half-mile Henderson set the pace, followed closely by Rose and Pinard. Henderson was picked as the winner, but owing to an attack of illness a few days before he was not up to his usual form, and had the hard luck to fall just before reaching the tape, and, being exhausted, he was unable to rise before the two other men had finished ahead of him. Rose being ahead. The time was 1 4-5 seconds faster than last year.

In the 100 yards (finals) there was a close finish, the race being a tight one from the start. Worthington first breasted the tape, folowed by Orton and White. The latter's showing in the events was exceptional, considering the fact that he had not trained until a few days before.

The pole-vault afforded a very keen contest, Hayden, of McMaster, who holds the collegiate record in one of the Western States, won again this year, reaching the high mark of 9 feet 4 inches. This equals the intercollegiate record, which was made in '96 by Parker. Peterson pushed him hard, and little Gibson pleased everyone by his dexterity in the air. One of the contestants caused some amusement by inadvertently pulling off his jersey along with his sweater. Some of the Dents. apparentlywere unused to the Grecian style of athletic costume, and startled him while his head was yet enveloped in the folds of his sweater by yells of "Hoot mon!" Two of the boys came to his rescue and relieved him from the dilemma. Hayden was cheered frequently by a megaphone voice from one of the top windows of McMaster's.

Biggs won the hammer-throwing contest, with Gray second. The boys were not up to their usual mark this time.

The mile run was an interesting one. Cummings set the pace, Rose and Addison followed closely, while Carey managed things according to his own plan, and jogged along quite a distance behind. Some picked on Cummings as a winner, others fancied Addison's long stride; others picked Rose, but all agreed that Cary was allowing them too big a lead. However, in the third lap Addison dropped out, and Cary closed up a little. In the next to the last lap Cummings began to feel the strain of setting the pace, and slackened to let those take the lead. In the last lap Cummings again led, when all were surprised by Cary's great sprint, in which he closed up the distance between him and the other men, forged ahead and won easily, amid the cheers of the whole crowd. Cummings, on the home stretch, was exhausted, but by sheer grit forced himself across the tape when he fell. Rose took third place.

The 220 yards race was a close one from the start. Orton, the well-known runner, who is studying dentistry this year, took first place, Gurney second and Teasdale third. The time was 1-5 of a second faster than last year.

In putting the shot Gray was first. McKay, of the dentals, showed up well in second place, while Percy Biggs came third.

Jennings and Reade were the two entries in the 440 yards preparatory school championship, and they finished in the same order.

In the high jump the men went 2 1-4 inches higher than last year. Worthington added another first to his list Ellwel came close behind him, while Norman, an arts man, took third.

In the 440 yards run last season's record was lowered two seconds by Orton, Gurney and Teasdale were again in evidence, finishing second and third respectively.

Gray, as usual, won the hurdle race, going over the hurdles in fine form. Worthington was second and Dobson third.

Biggs threw the discus 99 feet, which is below his own record by several feet. Gray came second.

The broad jump was of great interest to the spectators. Gray led at first by a jump of 20 feet 1-2 inches. Then Orton beat him by 1-4 of an inch. Gray gathered himself together and made the excellent jump of 20 feet 11 inches. All thought that this settled it, when, to everyone's astonishment, White's sturdy legs carried him in a leap of exactly the same distance. The two were given one trial each to decide. Gray went 20 feet 3 inches and White 19 feet 7 inches, thus giving Gray the lead. Orton was third.

In the team race the S. P. S. were easily winners. Gurney gained such a lead on Peaker that Teasdale and Larkworthy were able to maintain the advantage despite the desperate efforts of the two speedy men, Peterson and Orton, to close up on them.

The crowd then dispersed, satisfied at having seen a good afternoon's sport, and resolving to attend the games next Friday, in which even greater interest will be taken, as Varsity will then be pitted as a whole aganist a foreign foe. Let none of the students fail to be present to cheer for the honor of old Varsity and her representatives, and to show the McGill boys that while our wishes are for our own side, this still does not interfere with our appreciation of their visit and our desire to give them a good time.

The field officials were: Referee, George H. Highnbotham; starter, Jas. Pearson; field judges, W. C. Michell, B.A., Dr. W. E. Willmott; track judges, A. A. Macdonald, B.A., Rev. D. B. Macdonald, Inspector Hall; timekeepers, S. P. Grant, J. Henderson, O. Heron; clerks of course, J. A. Jackson, B.A., J. C. Breckinridge; measurers, Dr. George Porter, L. B. Stewart, O.L.S.; scorers, T. A. Russell, B.A., Wm. Hendry, B.A.; announcers, J. R. Roaf, W. A. Gloves, B.A.

The following is a summary of the events and winners in order:

Half-mile—Rose, S. P. S.; Pinard, Dent.; time, 2.07 1-5.

100 yards—Worthington, S.P.S.; Orton, Dent.; White, Med.; time, 10 3-5.

Pole vault—Hayden, McM.; Peterson, Dent.; Gibson, Dent.; 9 feet 4 inches.

Throwing the hammer—Biggs, Arts; Gray, Med.; 90 feet 3 inches.

Mile run—Cary, Med.; Cummings, S. P.S.; Rose, S.P.S.; time, 4.58 2-5.

220 yards—Orton, Dent.; Gurney, S. P.S.; Teasdale, S.P.S.; time, 25 sec.

Putting the shot—Gray, Med.; McKay, Dent.; Biggs; 30 feet 2 1-2 inches.

Preparatory school championship (440 yards)—Jennings, Read; time, 1.11 2-5.

High jump—Worthington; Elwell, S.P.S.; Norman, Arts; 5 feet 3 1-4 inches.

440 yards—Orton, Gurney, Teasdale; time, 54 sec.

Hurdle race (120 yards)—Gray, Worthington, Dobson, Vic.; time, 17 2-5 sec.

Throwing the discus—Biggs, Gray; 99 feet.

Broad jump—Gray, White, Orton; 20 feet 11 inches.

Team race—S.P.S., Gurney, Teasdale, Larkworthy.

The graduates' race did not take place. Winner of championship prize, J. W. Gray.

FACULTY COMPETITION.

S.P.S.	38	points
Meds	30	"
Dents	24	"
Arts	12	"
Victoria	1	"

The events in which last year's record was beaten are as follows:

Half-mile—1899, 2.09; 1900, 2.07 1-5.

Pole vault—1899, 8 ft. 4 1-2 in.; 1900, 9 ft. 4 in.

220 yards—1899, 25 1-5 sec.; 1900, 25 sec.

High jump—1899, 5 ft. 1 in.; 1900, 5 ft. 3 1-4 in.

440 yards—1899, 56 sec.; 1900, 54 sec.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Those who failed to attend our opening meeting last Thursday afternoon missed something rich. Rev. J. A. Macdonald gave a very helpful address on "Fishers of Men," which was full of pointers for college men who desire to be useful.

Last year a series of monthly sermons or addresses were delivered in the Students' Union. The student body will be glad to know that these are to be continued. The first of the series will be given on Sunday, Oct. 21st, at 3.30 p.m., by Rev. Armstrong Black, of St. Andrew's Church. Don't fail to hear him.

Further notice will be given of an address by J. Campbell White, of Calcutta, India, to university men on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 25th. Keep this in mind.

On Thursday morning, at 9.30, a Thanksgiving prayer meeting will be held in the Association Parlor for men of all years.

AUTUMN TEA.

WOMEN'S LITERARY SOCIETY.

A Gymnasium For the Ladies.

The first meeting of the Women's Literary Society of University College took place last Saturday from four until seven. After the guests had assembled in the Women's Reading Room, where the newcomers were welcomed and made acquainted, they repaired to the East Hall. The hall was tastefully decorated with foliage and flowers, and the tables were set for 200 guests. After partaking of the dainty refreshments which the committee had prepared the following program was rendered:

1. The Queen—"Here's to the Queen, God bless her!"
2. The Wives of the Faculty—Miss McCurdy, "When in great places are thrice servants."
3. Piano Solo—Miss Cowan.
4. The Graduates—Miss Grant McDonald, "For Ever and a Day."
5. The Freshies—Miss Duncan, "Care will kill a cat, therefore let's be merry."
6. Song—Miss Robertson.
7. Other Universities—Miss Norris, St. Hilda's; Miss Staples, Victoria, "Where Ignorance is Bliss."
8. The Press—Miss MacDonald, "Literature Has Her Quacks."
9. Athletics—Miss Conlin, "They Stumble Who Run Fast."
10. Violin Solo—Miss Paterson.
11. The Men—Miss Watt, "The More They Know the Worse They Be."
12. The Literary Society—Miss Hutchison, "One Eternal Tempest of Debate."
13. Piano Solo—Miss Briggs.

Toast—Mistress, Miss Street.

Mrs. McCurdy replying to the toast, the "Wives of the Faculty," spoke strongly in favor of regular exercise for the girls. Referring to the fact that some have to drop their year owing to ill health, she advocated class committees to look after the members of each class, and if any showed signs of overwork to report the cases to the wives of the faculty, who would be only too glad to assist them in any way.

Miss Grant McDonald also advised systematic physical exercise.

Miss Duncan answered briefly but tactfully for the Freshies, expressing the pleasure of the Freshettes at being present, and assuring the other years that they could depend upon the hearty co-operation of the incoming class.

Miss Robertson's song was exquisitely rendered in her usual style and was much applauded.

Miss Norris of St. Hilda's and Miss Staples of Victoria responded fittingly to the toast of "Other Universities." The ladies of University College were pleased to welcome them, and hope that this will not be the last occasion in which ladies from other universities will combine with them in literary work.

Miss MacDonald, replying for the press, surpassed even her usual excellence in speaking. She explained to the graduates and undergraduates that the fate of Sesame rested with them, not with the Editorial Board, and its success or failure would reflect not so much upon the managers as upon the Alma Mater.

Miss Conlin, replying to "Athletics," informed the women students that one of their hopes had been fulfilled through President Loudon. A fund has been started as the nucleus of a gymnasium fund, and in the meantime four rooms in the tower above the ladies' quarters are to be converted into one large room for gymnastic purposes. This announcement met with unanimous approval.

Miss Paterson, who always so amiably responds to a request from the Literary Society rendered an exquisite violin solo, much appreciated by the musical members of the audience.

Miss Watt, responding to "The Men," said she had always taken a great interest in the subject, but as there were all sorts and conditions of men she advised the ladies to study them individually rather than collectively. She did not believe the quotation "The More They Know the Worse They Be," for in that case the seniors ought to be worse than the freshies, which was impossible.

The remarks of the esteemed president, Miss Hutchison, were listened to with interest. She advised all the girls to attend the meetings of the Lit. held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Miss Briggs' piano solo was very brilliantly rndered and won much appreciation from the audience.

Miss Street, B.A., the toast mistress, formerly honorary president of the society, proposed the toasts, and speaking in her own forcible manner reminded the ladies of the duties they owed to the college papers, advising them to contribute as often as possible.

This brought to a close one of the most successful receptions ever given to the Fresettes.

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THE TORONTO MEDICAL SCHOOL

The Annual Dinner May be Supplanted by a Conversat. to be Held in the Main Building.

TORONTO-TRINITY BALL GAME THIS AFTERNOON.

Shall We Close the Dissecting Room at 5.30.

THE TORONTO MEDICAL SCHOOL

The school is again filled with an immense concourse of students all trying hard to commence work. An especial hearty welcome is accorded to the gentlemen of the first year whose numbers have been augmented within the last week to 115. The fourth year men are here, filled with the importance of their position and faint visions of the time when they will have a chance to put into practice the immense amount of knowledge acquired in the study of their beloved profession. The third year are here and feel that they have climbed the ladder to fame one more step. The second year are here in large numbers, inspired by the thought that last year they were taught or scared into the necessity of plugging, but that this year they will exercise more judgment and will be able to pass their exams with a minimum amount of work. The gentlemen of the first year are here, after truth and knowledge. Their visions of the future are continually haunting them and incidentally they will endeavor to make life miserable for "George." But a note of warning should be issued especially to the gentlemen of the first year. Another month or two will soon pass and they will hear on all sides from professor, senior and soph. the old proverb "Tempus fugit." The notice board will be filled with the announcement of special lectures; the worried look of the freshmen will proclaim it; even the last remnant of the melting snow, the joyful songs of the robin repeat "Tempus fugit" as a sad refrain especially to the unprepared student than ever was "nevermore" to an infatuated lover. It is indeed a universal experience that

"The fruit that is sweet
Is the fruit that's forbidden."

Since the new term has commenced, the new plans evolved by the contemplation student and the men in executive office are gradually being propounded to the student body. A change in one of the oldest functions of the college is contemplated, namely that our annual dinner shall be supplanted by an annual conversat. There is indeed great difficulty experienced on the part of the society to get adequate accommodation for the four hundred students enrolled in medicine. Also it is urged that owing to the fact that all the other affiliated colleges have some distinctive function, which brings the students and professors prominently before the public, who are always interested in education, it might be well to hold a social function some time in December, at which the friends of the college will be given an opportunity to be present and at least see that the rising generation will be well cared for by the four hundred prospective M.D.'s. "The education of the generality of the world," says Burke, "is not in reading a parcel of books, but in restraint of discipline emulation and noble examples." The proper study of mankind is man and to do this men must descend from the lofty heights of self-complacency and superiority mingling with outside world. Hence the conversat will be an excellent opportunity for that class of students known as "plugs" to understand that education is not memorizing tons of books ,but that they will take advantage of the opportunities offered them of meeting and rubbing shoulders with the outside world. The physical, social, moral and mental sides of our nature should all receive their due attention, hence if we have the proposed change let all turn out and make it a success. The idea no doubt will meet with the approval of the student body, still there is room for regrets, for as a promoter of social intercourse among the students, as a leveller of distinctions or degrees the dinner is unsurpassed. Here we sing the same songs, friend meets friend. Here the students are given their opportunity to make a "Maiden" after-dinner speech, a talent which must be cultivated. At this function it rests on the students alone to demonstrate most conclusively that transformation of character for the worst are by no means necessary accompaniments of a dinner and that such an event may prove for every man present a sourcse of healthy pleasure and profit.

Should the change contemplated be carried out any committees formed for making arrangements would be sure to receive aid and encouragement from every quarter.

New laurels were again showered on the medical athletes who took part last Friday in the annual games of the Toronto University Athletic Association. The championship prize was awarded for a second term to "Jimmie" Gray, who won the event quite handily and clearly demonstrated his superiority over the other contestants. Although we had only four entries in competition as against seven from the school, the medical athletes very nearly captured the inter-faculty championship which would have come our way but for the unfortunate collapse of our champion long-distance runner, V. E. Henderson, who had the half-mile practically won, as he led all the way until within a few feet of the line where he gave out and Rose (S.P.S.) came in ahead.

Besides these well-known athletes, the few medicos present at the games were charmed with the splendid showing of H. E. White and E. S. Carey ('04) whose achievements lead one to consider the unknown possibilities and "dark horses" yet to be unearthed in the freshmen year. The former did well especially in the broad jump where he tied with J. W. Gray. The most delightful surprise of the day was the phenomenal good run of the Freshman Carey who won in an exciting finish the mile run. Of the three entries Cummings, Rose and Cary, the former led until the last lap, when Cary by a magnificent sprint evened up on Cummings, who was quite unprepared for the unexpected. Cheered on by the few loyal rooters and a few of the fair sex, Cary, as if inspired to greater deeds by the enthusiasm of the spectators, and the barking of the dogs, at the opportune moment plunged ahead of his rival winning by a neck from Cummings, whose strength had failed him. As a result of the good showing at the games, all four will again compete at the Varsity-McGill games and will endeavor to uphold the honor of their "Alma Mater."

The annual baseball match between Toronto Medicine School and the Trinity School of Medicine will take place this afternoon at three o'clock on the athletic field, at which it is hoped that the team chosen to represent the college will be cheered on to the victory that all so dearly love as well as urged to greater deeds by the wise counsels of the sage who practises the game on paper or in his mind. As is well known this is one of the events of the student life at the school and the freshmen especially are requested to throw aside the worried look, fail to be present at the dreadful bone-grinds and hie himself to the place of mortal combat where there will be a battle royal.

The management have taken great pains to put the best available men on the team and it is still an unknown quantity as to what Jimmie Smith may still unearth from the freshmen year. The team promises to be equally as strong as last year and the only difficulty seems to be the choice of the right men out of so many aspirants. Among the new men who have turned out to practice are Weldon, Buck, Biggs, Graham, Roach, White, all of whom are likely players. In the pitching department the college will be especially strong, no less than four pitchers having been found in the freshman year. It is even reported that a pitcher has been found there, who is a near relation to the McGinnity, Brooklyn's premier pitcher. John Parry will, as usual, undertake the backstopping in his usual efficient manner and with Davy at short, Klapelle at third, Sinclair at second and Smith at the initial bag, the infield will be complete. The outfield will be especially strong as such men as Brown, McIlwraith, Weldon and Buck are the likely men. One thing, however, is assured by the management, namely, that every reasonable effort will be made to again demonstrate in a no less tangible way than last year our supremacy in all branches of athletics. So boys all turn out and bring your hours and wear your colors.

The reception to the freshmen held under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. of the school last week in the association's parlors was a huge success. A large number of the new men were present and enjoyed a very sociable evening interspersed with a varied programme of songs and speeches. Dean Reeve was present and in a short speech gave the freshmen some wholesome advice that they might be able to meet all the obstacles of their college life like men.

The Liberal supporters of the school are organizing to give Laurier a fitting reception as they think, on Tuesday night ,and will march in a body to Massey-Hall. It is reported that politics is waxing warm around the school and that two prominent men of the second year, of opposite tendencies in politics, oft wage a wordy combat before lectures and even prolong the discussion far into the lecture.

There has been manifested during the past week an earnest desire on the part of the student body of the first two years, that the dissecting room should be closed at 5.30 to enable the boys to get such physical exercise as is necessary. It is a well known saying of Democritus that "The force of the understanding increases with the health of the body. Physical debility dulls mental activity." When we think it is not alone the mind that thinks; it is the whole being and the process begins with the body. The bodily condition shows itself in the quality of thought as evidenced in the vast amount of the poor, insipid and extravagant thought that finds place in books and sermons, lectures and conversations. To win success without loss of health in sedentary indoor occupation which tasks the brain and nervous system, the mental powers must be sustained by good physical condition. It is to be hoped then that some chance will be given to the "Meds" to carry into effect the suggestion in order that their "think tank" may not be filled with sawdust, but there will be a productive substance which will enable the student next December (Freshman) to answer the difference between the Latissimus Dorse and the "Scapularis Ani."

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