

HARMONIC CLUB'S SUCCESSFUL TOUR

Good Audiences Greet the Club all Along the Line.

TOWNS THAT WERE VISITED

The First Venture of the New Organization a Financial and Artistic Success.

About one o'clock on Monday, December 18th, those happening in the Union Depot wondered whether that busy place was going to be turned into a University or College. Every minute or two a young man with a mortar-board stuck jauntily on his head, a dress-suit case in one hand and sometimes an instrument box in the other, came smilingly up the hall to the waiting-room. The crowd of young men kept increasing, and it was noticed that every new arrival had a broader smile on than the one before. The habitues of the station went around with a knowing look and a most obliging manner, while the young ladies there, in anxiety to see what was going on, could not prevent some of the aforesaid young men from gently murmuring "peninsula."

However, the word went round that the University of Toronto's Harmonic Club was about to leave on its annual tour. After thirty, all told, had gathered about the pile of baggage on the floor, the popular business manager, A. H. Montgomery, gave the order to start, and each one shouldering his share, went whistling down to the private car awaiting them on track number five. The train pulled out for Guelph, and all went well until they reached this side of Parkdale, when the sudden stopping of the train caused all on board to wonder what was the matter. It was found out that Archie Mullin, '02, and the Mail and Empire special correspondent were on board, and after this being reassured, the boys devoted their time to making themselves comfortable.

At last they arrived at Guelph, and after rehearsal went to the homes where they were most hospitably entertained. It won't be necessary to give a detailed account of the concerts during the tour, any more than to say that the musical training of the club was first-class from every standpoint. Mr. George Smedley and Mr. Sherlock conducted the instrumental and glee parts of the club, respectively, in an exceedingly able manner. The tenor solos of Mr. Sherlock were well received, and well might they be, for he has an exceedingly mellow voice, which he uses with little or no apparent effort. Mr. Smedley's instrumental solos clearly demonstrated his masterful ability on stringed instruments. In the undergraduate talent, Mr. F. E. Brophy, by his elocutionary sketches, became a prime favorite throughout the trip. Mr. Jackson rendered his baritone solos, which are characterized by their range and depth of expression, very acceptably. The glees were given with a vigor and an ability that showed careful study and training on the part of the club, while the instrumental work was of the first order.

The boys went next to Berlin, and as they were by now settled down to their new life, enjoyed themselves immensely. That they were loath to leave is evidenced by the following, which they sung upon pulling out of the depot:

It was in Berlin I met her,
She was charming, blonde and neat.
We were seated in a garden,
On a rustic German seat.

She was looking sadly pensive,
And I said, "What is it, dear?"
With a tender look she answered,
In a whisper, low—"Zwei Beer."

They had now a long trip to St. Thomas, via London, where they had luncheon, and it is said that they studied for a change. This, however, cannot be vouched for. Upon arriving in the Railroad City, they found a handsomely decorated open street-car, which Postmaster Ingram had secured to take the boys around the belt-line, and out to the parks, in order that they might see the place. Mrs. Ingram gave badges to the boys, commemorative of their trip there. The citizens vied with one another in trying to make the visit of the boys as pleasant as possible. After the concert, the Postmaster entertained the boys to a banquet at Spencer's Cafe, where an excellent menu was provided. The leading citizens of the town were present, and speeches were the order of the evening. President Pirie called upon Mayor Meehan to occupy the chair. Speeches were given by Ald. McCully, R. H. McConnell, A. B. Ingram, M.P.; Dr. Burns, S. Price, Messrs. Smedley and Sherlock, and Messrs. W. Taylor and G. F. McFarland, for the boys. The recitations of Messrs. H. Roe and F. E. Brophy were heartily encored, while Mr. Sherlock and the boys gave solos and glees innumerable. The evening broke up with all present drinking the health of Postmaster Ingram (with enthusiasm).

The club left for Aylmer next day, in the afternoon, voting St. Thomas a banner city. On the close of the concert at Aylmer, the young ladies of the town gave a dance for the boys in the Town Hall, where all made merry until the wee sma' hours warned them it was time to stop, that the boys might catch the 6.50 a.m. train to Brantford.

There the officers and members of the Sons of Scotland, under whose auspices

the concert was held, looked after the Club. Everything went off without a hitch, and all enjoyed their stay in the city on the Grand. After the concert, the boys bade good-bye to those who lived west and did not intend returning to Toronto before going home. The trains next day carried homeward for the holidays a tired but happy-looking lot of boys. The officers who guide the destinies of the club this year are: President, Geo. Pirie; Treasurer, Robert Hume; Business Manager, A. E. Montgomery. The following are the fortunate ones who were on the trip:

Glee Club—1st Bass: Clark, Hume, Ingram, Jackson. 2nd Bass: Gourley, Pirie, Scott, Taylor. 1st Tenor: Brophy, Boehmer, Carpenter, Rowland. 2nd Tenor: Adams, Biggs, McFarland, Richardson. Banjo Club—Guitars: Montgomery, Hume. 1st Mandolins: Phipps, Parry, Parsons, Darling. 2nd Mandolins: Lazier, Richardson. Banjos: Arnott, Fletcher, Stratton, Graham. Accompanist—Davies. Conductors—Messrs. Smedley and Sherlock.

Of these, Hume, Ingram, Pirie, Taylor, Rowland, Adams, McFarland, Montgomery, Lazier, Graham, Stratton, were on the last tour.

The boys intend in the near future to give a concert; so all be prepared to patronize it.

TRINITY MEDS.

College opened January 3rd, and from that day on, for about a week, every train brought back some old familiar face to the scene of action. The boys have nearly all returned now, looking much the better for their holiday. The boys have settled down to their work, and soon many a man, who, during the former part of the term, did not appreciate the task before him, will find himself upon the homestretch, in a hard race, whose goal, the M.D.C.M. degree, is the goal toward which he has been gradually moving for the past three years and a half. With regard to the gentlemen of the Third Year, they hardly know "where they are at;" they have been plunged into final work, that boundless and infinite quantity, and just how far they are supposed to go, and just what they are expected to do, is a question which is very hard to answer. At any rate, they do not need for one moment to be "out of a job."

Now we must for a moment glance upon that awful condition, "Primaryhood," the gentlemen whose "fortune and pleasure" it is to belong to the Primary Class are certainly blessed with sufficient work to enable them to labor diligently for fully twenty-five hours a day, each and every day, between now and exams, "Sundays included."

The Class, whose honor it will be, when we meet next fall, to elevate the coming year of '04, and to maintain the dignity of the primary room, have a good deal to accomplish, but after all is said and done, all that they have to do is to work earnestly and improve their time from now on, and we are quite within the limits of safety in giving in their case a very favorable prognosis.

NOTES.

There is a movement on foot to establish a hockey team in Trinity. No doubt if such a departure is undertaken, it will meet with the same high degree of success which characterizes every effort of the men of Trinity.

Trinity has been blessed with a few new faces this new year. "We're growing all the time."—Dean.

An interesting bunch—"The Inspector," "Bouillon," "Yellow B.," "Little Patch of Red," "Evil Eye," and "Satan."

You couldn't be the mother of them, could you?—Ryerson.

Trinity is well represented in South Africa, Dr. Barrie, "Archie" Anderson, L. E. W. Irving, "Sam" Farrel, W. J. Macdonald, are among the brave boys upholding the solidarity of the Empire.

The meeting of the Medical Society Tuesday night was in every way a success, and the gentlemen who so ably furnished the instructive papers are to be highly congratulated. There is just one thing that might be mentioned, and that is that those who do not attend these meetings do not know what they are losing. Another point worthy of notice is that discussion of the cases presented is solicited by the President and committee, and should be encouraged.

Christmas refrain:
A turkey sat in a cranberry marsh,
And sang till his throat was sore;
And the only tune that he could sing
Was, "We'll meet on that beautiful shore."

NO DINING HALL THIS SPRING TERM

Plan Abandoned until after Summer Vacation.

Many will regret to learn that the "Dining Hall Plan" will not materialize this spring, and that they will still have to deal with the "old stands" for this term at least. The hitch took place in the University Council. Some hundred or more students showed themselves willing to try the new Dining Hall if it were started, a good caterer had been secured, who was willing to take the matter up on speculation, and everything pointed to the successful outcome of the undertaking; but the matter fell asleep in the University

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Council Chamber, and whether it will ever waken or only lie dormant till next fall, time alone can tell.

There were, however, good reasons for not pushing the scheme to a definite outcome this spring. One of these was that it would require almost a month to get all arrangements complete for the satisfactory running of the plan. This time was not available before the spring term opened, and so the Council thought it would be well to leave the matter over till the beginning of the next academic year—namely after the summer vacation.

The caterer secured had promised a \$2.25 rate, which was very reasonable, considering the fare promised. He was enabled to offer a much better menu for less money, from the fact that he would have no taxes to pay, and would have his heat and light and premises free. In reality the same menu could not be obtained for less than \$2.50 or \$2.75 any place else. In all probability the same caterer will be willing to undertake the matter again. We may hope to see the University Dining Hall in full swing when we come back next fall.

FIRST MEETING OF LIT

Delegates Appointed and Impromptu Speeches Indulged in by the Members.

Vice-President Cornish filled the seat of honor at the Literary Society last Friday evening, and did it well. Among the appointments made at the meeting we noticed that Messrs. Garvey and Cassidy had been selected to represent Varsity on

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the McGill debate. In such hands, Varsity's honor is perfectly safe. Mr. Geo. Kay was also selected to represent Varsity at the Queen's Conversat. The gazetting having been accomplished, a most enjoyable hour was spent in listening to a number of impromptu speeches. These were delivered by Messrs. Campbell, '00; McKay, '02; Chapman, '01; Burton, '01; Hamilton, '02, and O'Dell, '03. The speeches were all remarkably good, considering the lack of preparation.

Before the closing of the meeting, a very interesting discussion took place on the advisability of the students wearing gowns at lectures, as in former times. The general impression seemed to be in favor of gowns, although some made the unique suggestion that a distinctive cap would be a more appropriate badge for the undergraduate body. But what about the poor lady undergraduate in that case? Without any definite resolution on the question, the meeting broke up.

KNOX-TRINITY DEBATE.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario, has consented to act as Chairman at the Knox-Trinity debate to be held in Knox College this evening. The subject is: "Resolved, that the indeterminate sentence and parole system is preferable to the one obtaining in our prisons at the present time." The affirmative will be supported by Messrs. Knox and Taylor, of Knox College, and the negative by Messrs. Owen and Turley, of Trinity University. The judges on this occasion are to be N. W. Hoyles, Q.C., Professor Dale, and Rev. C. A. Eaton. This is one of the Inter-Collegiate series of debates, and it

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