

THE UNDERGRADUATES' UNION

The Undergraduates' Union has entered upon its fourth year of organization. The place it seeks to fill in university life is unique. A legion of other clubs and societies exist for the purpose of stimulating study in some particular line or to encourage this or that sport or hobby. The Union has its only excuse for being in the need that every student feels for the opportunity of meeting his fellows in a purely social way. The club-rooms are comfortably and even richly furnished and afford a most attractive spot to which the member may invite his friends or at which he may arrange a rendezvous. The Union is the only organization among the students that in no sense opposes any other organization. It is the common ground upon which men from every faculty meet regardless of any difference which may separate them elsewhere. The action taken at the last annual meeting of reducing the membership fee to two dollars per annum places the advantages of the Union within the reach of every man in the University. Visitors are at all times welcome, and every effort will be made to so conduct the affairs of the club that the Union will be found to be indispensable to the student in whatever course he may put himself.



APPOINTMENTS TO THE STAFF

The following appointments have been made: J. Horton, assistant lecturer in chemistry; S. Duschmann, fellow in chemistry; E. Wade, fellow in chemistry; N. D. Wilson, fellow in surveying; H. S. Smith, fellow in electrical engineering; G. J. Manson, fellow in electrical engineering; C. G. Gardner, fellow in civil engineering; J. A. Macfarlane, fellow in mechanical engineering; M. R. Riddell, fellow in drawing. J. J. McMillan and J. L. R. Parsons were reappointed as fellows in mining, engineering and surveying, respectively.

Mr. Malcolm W. Wallace, graduate of Toronto in 1896, and a Ph. D. of Chicago University, has been appointed as assistant in English. He had been engaged as Professor of English at Beloit College, Mich. He will not enter upon his duties at Toronto until the beginning of the Easter term.

Mr. W. H. Tackaberry, a graduate of 1904, has been appointed Instructor in Greek.

Mr. Ed. J. Kylie, who graduated in 1901, from Toronto University, winning the Governor-General's Gold Medal and the Flavelle Travelling Scholarship, has been appointed Assistant in History.



THE FACULTY

The following members of the Faculty have been abroad during the holidays: Professor A. B. Macallum, on the continent and in England; Professor Lang, in England and Scotland; Professor Mavor, in England and Scotland; Professor J. J. Mackenzie, on the continent and in England; Professor J. H. Cameron, in England and Scotland; Professor G. A. Peters, in England; Professor Walker, in British Columbia; Professor J. C. McLennan, on continent and in England and Scotland; Dr. W. A. Parks, in Northern Ontario; Pro-

fessor Coleman, in Northern Ontario; Professor R. Ramsay Wright has been engaged in the study of the oyster in Malpique, P. E. I.; Professor Van der Smissen, in Germany.

Dr. Albert H. Abbott, who recently took his degree of Doctor of Philosophy with highest honors at the University of Wuerzburg, Bavaria, is back with us again. He has been studying with Professor Kuelpe.

Dr. Needler, who has also been absent one year, has returned and been made Associate Professor of German.



RT. HON. JAMES BRYCE AT THE UNIVERSITY

The Students' Union was well filled last Thursday afternoon when the noted English parliamentarian and historian, Rt. Hon. Jas. Bryce, addressed the students of various departments and years. He was pleased, he said, that Canadian universities were giving so much attention to political science and regretted that England was behind in this regard. The great political problems on both sides of the Atlantic to-day being economic problems it is imperative that the closest attention be paid to the study of economic principles. He expressed the hope that more and more students would enter the field of practical politics.

Regarding the study of history, he pointed out that the history of economics, art and literature was as deserving of attention as that of politics. Such works as the "Norse Sagas" and Dante's great poem give us the history of the life and civilization of their respective periods.

Prof. R. Wright, who was in the chair, Prof. Mavor and Prof. Wrong spoke also, the latter informing the students of the 2nd and 3rd years particularly that Mr. Bryce wrote the "Holy Roman Empire" at the age of 23.



THE BRITISH ENGINEERS

The members of the Institute of Civil Engineers from Great Britain, who are on an extended tour throughout the continent, visited the University on Monday afternoon. The party, which included such eminent men as Sir William White, Professor Unwin, Mr. Alex. Ross and Lieut.-Colonel Cabrereton, was met at the Union Station by Prof. Gabraith and others. They were shown different points of interest in Queen's Park. The party left in the evening for Niagara Falls.



DONATION TO PHYSICS

Among the papers read before the International Electrical Congress at St. Louis was one by Pro-Mineral Oils and Natural Gases." The author on examining the coal oils obtained from the neighborhood of Petrolea and Brantford, as well as samples of the natural gas from different wells in Western Ontario, found both these substances to be highly charged with the radioactive emanation from radium.

This investigation is one of a number which have been rendered possible in the Physical Laboratory of the University through the kindness of a number of the citizens of Toronto who have during the past few months generously contributed various sums for the purpose, aggregating in all about four hundred dollars.