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TORONTO, February 7th, 1900.

Canadian Debating League. The McGill-Varsity debate is announced for February 16th. The Queen's-Varsity debate may be allowed to go by default on account of financial stringency in the Literary Society. When the executive committee of the Literary Society last year invited Queen's to meet University College on the forum, it was with the intention of ultimately bringing about a Canadian Debating League embracing McGill, Queen's and University College—a league which would further friendly interest between the colleges, test their respective debating powers and bring out the best talent they possessed. It is true that the Inter-College Debating Union takes considerable of our strength—but when contests already exist or should do so, with McGill and Queen's, why should not the idea of championship be added with all the dignity and honor that that idea brings with it? If the standard were raised by practice and special preparation with a view to winning the contest and if it were looked upon as college against college and not man against man; if college honor were made the desideratum, the students would doubtless give at least a part of that support which they are wont to give our contests on the campus. University College has not of late shown her strongest hand in debate; were the contests viewed with greater interest and given the importance which they merit, this would possibly not be the case. *The McGill Outlook* in its last week's editorial strongly supports the formation of such a league. Surely this is a time for the Literary Society to take action.

It is regrettable that the Literary Society must forego the sending of debaters to Queen's this year, when it was mainly through the exertions of last year's executive that the Queen's-Varsity debate was inaugurated. University College should no more have to retire in its inter-collegiate debating for financial reasons than in its athletics. Students should be financially loyal to the literary society, especially when many of its doings affect so directly the honor and dignity of their college. Out of justice to Queen's, and to the executive which last year with some difficulty established the Queen's-Varsity debate, and for

our prestige even at home, that debate should have been sustained. Truly, as G. S. said in last week's VARSITY, "we have too many first annual and not enough tenth and fifteenth annual," he might have said and not enough second annual.

College Friendships. How few men make friendships at college! When we see so few friendships formed which are likely to last beyond college days—especially when there seems to be no good reason for this to be the case—we are led to enquire why it is so? It cannot be because congenial subjects do not exist—it cannot be because there is no desire to form those ties which will cast an additional delight over college life and very materially add to the sum of happiness and to intellectual growth in the hereafter on terra firma—it cannot be for lack of opportunity; four years in the same life, in the same work, and under like conditions, should be sufficient. But why? It seems to be due to a lack of appreciation of the true worth of a fellowman. How often our first impressions topple and fall with further contact. Man is prone to give his good impressions the opportunity of being blasted, but not his evil ones. Students should make a special effort to cultivate the faculty of correctly appreciating one another. Almost any man in the upper years will admit that he is but commencing to see the strong points in his companions. Let more of the students take the lamp of Diogenes and look for a man, not cynically, but charitably.

MEDIAEVAL STUDENT'S TIME-TABLE.

The *Magnet*, a periodical belonging to University College, Bristol, England, contains the following table of student routine in a mediaeval University. (vide January Bookman).

- 5.30 a.m.—Rise. Drink a flagon of beer at the buttery: no other breakfast.
- 6-8 a.m.—Ordinary Lecture in the Public Schools (no fire, rushes on floor).
- 8 a.m.—Mass (in early middle ages), optional.
- 9-10 a.m.—Study in room with three companions—perhaps repeating to each other the morning's lecture. No fire, no glass in windows.
- 11 a.m.—Dinner. Bible read in Hall. Menu—Soup thickened with oatmeal, beef, bread, cheese, small beer.
- 11.30 a.m.—College disputation.
- 12 noon—The idle man takes a walk or plays dice at the tavern, the studious returns to his books.
- 1.30 p.m.—Luncheon—that is a drink of beer in Hall.
- 2-3.30 p.m.—Extraordinary lecture.
- 3.30-5 p.m.—Ditto.
- 5 p.m.—Supper. Much as at dinner.
- 5.30-8 p.m.—Study for the serious; roaming about the streets for the frivolous.
- 8 p.m.—Curfew rings. "Potations" in Hall.
- 9 p.m.—Run round the quadrangle to warm feet. Bed.

Oh! for the good old times.

COME TO THE CONVERSAZIONE.