

an indication of what may really be called a devout spirit. The same feelings which are awakened in pure minds by exercises of devotion are stirred up in Germans by good music.

But the theatre takes charge of only a fraction of the people who are bent upon passing Sunday evening pleasantly. The popular beer-garden takes charge of the large majority. A beer-garden is something very different from our first notion of it. Conceive of a little park under whose trees are placed a large number of little tables. Think of each of these tables as having in the centre a German match-box filled with German matches, and notice piled up beside the match-box five or six little mats, on each of which is soon to be placed the indispensable and unfailing glass of beer, and you have the materials of the garden. Imagine these tables possessed by a gay, talkative, free, happy company, perhaps to the number of 1,000 or more, men and women, young and old. Imagine each of these persons as taking a quiet pleasure, difficult for us to appreciate, in the mere presence of other happy people, a quiet pleasure which is indeed with the Germans the first stage of acquaintance: imagine, too, that this pleasure is the real sauce and essence of the glass of beer or moderate evening meal,—and you have the garden complete. Drunkenness in connection with such a resort is as rare as gluttony. Many people sit in the garden for two hours or more and drink only one glass of beer. The real enjoyment comes not from the flavor of the beer alone, but because it is drunk under congenial circumstances; if there were no animated and animating conversation, the beer would, even for a German, lose much of its relish.

Not late, but comparatively early the people go home, feeling no incongruity between the morning in church, the afternoon in the open fields, and the evening in the beer-garden or theatre.

STUDENT LIFE IN THE EARLY DAYS OF QUEEN'S.

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The date of March 7, 1842, marks the opening of Queen's University for work. Nearly fifty-two years have passed, and several generations of students have come and gone. The students of to-day may sometimes wonder what student life in 1842 was like, with all surroundings so different from those of the present time. That life was indeed very different, and yet, paradoxical as it may seem, in many respects, strikingly similar. A few young men had been carrying on their studies in private, or under special teachers, preparatory to the expected opening of Queen's, and to them that coming event was one of deepest interest and highest importance. The coming of the Government of Canada to Kingston had made house room so scarce that the obtaining of a home for the infant institution was very

difficult, and boarding places for the students almost impossible. Mr. Pringle made arrangements to take into his house all he could accommodate, and Professor Campbell received five or six. Without such provision, few as we were, there would have been serious difficulty. Four students from Flamboro, Esquesing, &c., hired a wagon and travelled for six days; the writer came from Perth by stage, taking two days.

At length the eventful day came, March 7, 1842. A small house on Colborne street had been rented for a few months, and in this we assembled. The Senatus Academicus was constituted, consisting of Very Rev. Dr. Liddell, Principal, being the Faculty of Theology; Rev. Professor Campbell, being the Faculty of Arts, together with Rev. Dr. Machar, Hon. John Hamilton and Francis A. Harper, Esq., Trustees, (the number of five having to be so made up until there should be five professors). Eleven students were registered, 1 Divinity, 3 Seniors, 3 Sophomores and 4 Freshmen; and three or four non-matriculants attended some of Mr. Campbell's classes for a time. The Principal taught Theology, Hebrew, Church History and Physics for about two and a half months; Prof. Campbell taught Latin, Greek and Mathematics for some weeks longer. Soon after the close of this broken session, a Preparatory School was opened in charge of Mr. Wardrope, now Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph. Mr. W. Bain (late Rev. Dr. Bain), was added as a teacher in the Autumn. A great deal of work had to be crowded into the short time of the first Session, and many a night some of us had to consume the midnight oil (of a tallow candle).

During the Summer, four of us who were in Kingston, Wardrope, Mowat, Bonner and myself, were keeping up our studies both privately and meeting two or three times a week. The small stone house opposite to St. Andrew's Church had been rented for the Second Session, and one day Mr. Pringle asked us to remove the books for the Library to it; these being stored in the tower of the Church, "We, the students of Queen's," of course, went with alacrity, and soon had the books placed in the attic of the new College. I do not remember how many armfuls of books each carried, but probably not over five or six. About the end of Summer several cases of books arrived, and I commenced the duties of Librarian, by arranging and cataloguing the whole, probably about 1500 volumes. The Principal returned from Scotland in October, bringing with him a new Professor named James Williamson, M.A., who immediately entered on his duties as the *Faculty of Science*; and who has been well known by all succeeding generations of students. The Second Session was a busy one for both Professors and Students, the latter numbering 19 or 20.