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## THE IRISH TEAM DEFEAT VARSITY.

The Game Played Wholly Under English Rules

### A HARD FOUGHT CONTEST

In Which Varsity Men Showed Themselves Well Able to Play English Football.

The gentlemen of Ireland who have been touring Canada for the past two or three weeks, finally reached Varsity. Last Monday afternoon the two teams lined up to show to 1,000 spectators how the game of Rugby is played in the "Old Land." There was great enthusiasm shown by the onlookers, who were evidently much pleased with the game. And they certainly had every reason to be, for a prettier, cleaner game of football has not been seen on the Varsity athletic field for many a day. Our men, though at first somewhat confused by the sudden change from Canadian to English rules, soon grasped the main ideas of the English game, and played their opponents to a finish.

The game was to Toronto people, and to all who saw it, spectators or players, a revelation. In the first place the spectators were delighted with the openness of the play, with the swift running, accurate passing, and good kicking of both teams; but above all, with the true sportsmanlike spirit that prevailed throughout the hotly-contested game. The decisions of the referee were accepted without a murmur, and there was not the least suggestion of dirty play, which, by the way, is the bugaboo of Canadian football to-day.

Through our men were ignorant of the rules of their game to a great extent, the Irish footballers acted with great forbearance, and were never guilty of taking the least advantage of that ignorance, even when we seemed to be getting the best of them. The playing of our visitors was remarkable for one thing above all—their splendid passing and running, which was a revelation to us. Then their kicking into touch, and goal kicking were both excellent. Not less worthy of commendation, however, was the work of our men. They picked up the game with wonderful rapidity, and almost defeated their opponents at their own game—though it is so essentially different. Beal, at full back, played his usual steady game, but the halves were not up to their usual form, and caught rather poorly at times, and their kicks were not well placed. They, however, made some excellent combined runs, and Brown and Darling each did some splendid individual running. We seemed to a little more than hold our own in "scrum," and Biggs and McCollum picked up the game at quarter very quickly. The former was in particularly good form, and repeatedly ran and dodged his way past the visitors' defence. Our forward division followed up and tackled better than at any time this season.

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The essential difference between the Canadian and the English game is, that in the former, possession of the ball—with the great advantage thereof to the team having it—is the all in all, while in the latter equal chance for possession of the ball is given at every "scrum," and quick, open play facilitated. The spirit of the former is "to him that hath shall be given," while that of the latter "give your opponents equal chances and beat them." Unquestionably, the latter is the better spirit.

There is one rule, however, that to many does not appear to be a good one, namely: that a rouge does not count. We interpret our rule in the light that if the opposing team is strong enough to place the ball on the other side of their opponents' goal-line, they should be credited with it. The English, or rather British, interpret it from a different standpoint, namely: that the not counting of a rouge demands greater skill, in that it forces the teams to so place the ball in touch, that the possibility of a try being obtained may be secured. There are strong reasons on both sides, but the fact that at one time a rouge did count in England, and that this rule was finally abolished, would incline to the latter view.

The scrum, too, appeals to us strongly in that it gives each side equal chances, that it does away with the dirty work in scrumming, that it obviates the hacking and scrapping on the wings and that it facilitates open play. That these are all strong recommendations, no one will gainsay. Finally, the English game is more open and more pleasant to watch than our game. It also gives greater credit to alertness, rather than brute strength.

Altogether, the game on Monday was delightful, and thoroughly enjoyed by spectators and players alike.

The Varsity team was: Full back, Beal; three-quarter backs, Brown (Capt.), Darling, Aylesworth, G. Biggs; quarter backs, P. Biggs; scrum, Malloch, Mullin, Isbester, Meredith, Telford, Russell, Harrison, Gibson.

Referee, R. Boyd.

### TORONTO MEDICAL TIE DENTAL

A Good Association Game Tuesday Afternoon—Other Medical News

The Toronto Meds. played the hardest game of the season with the Dentals last Tuesday night. The two teams were very evenly matched, and the final score, 1-1, fairly represents the work of the teams. The game, too, brought out some pretty playing on both sides, and the combination work was of a high order.

As the season wears on, a great improvement is shown in the work of the many teams of the Inter-College League, and Toronto Meds. and Dentals are both playing excellent association. Some other teams did not consider the Meds. as a very difficult proposition, earlier in the year, but now they have been forced to change this opinion. The Meds. have a very strong team, and will likely have to be reckoned with in the finals.

The game on Tuesday was watched by a large crowd of the supporters of both teams, who yelled and cheered their favorites with all their energy. Such an enthusiastic match has not occurred this season. The two backs, Wilson and Cook, played an especially strong defence game for the Meds., and checked and kicked excellently. Turnbull, of the half-back line, was in very good form, and did his work well, while "Danny" Sinclair, "Rusty" Gordon and Murdock, played a most effective game on the forward line. The other men also played their usual good game, and in fact the whole team showed up well.

The following team upheld the football honor of the Meds.: Goal, Hooper; Backs, Wilson, Cook; Half Backs, Blanchard, Turnbull, Knipfel; Forwards, Davey, Kelly, Murdock, Gordon, Sinclair.

The first year, at an enthusiastic meeting, elected the following four men to look after their capacious interests at the Annual Dinner: Messrs. Walker, McLaughlin, Scarlet, and Woolner.

## A NEW SERIES OF JOINT LECTURES

Interesting Plan Arranged by the Various Departmental Societies.

### LIST OF THE LECTURERS

Program of the Regular and Joint Monday Addresses for December and January.

The Executive of the various departmental societies of University College have arranged a new and very interesting scheme of lectures to be given during the Michaelmas and Easter terms. A glance at the list is quite sufficient to prove that the effort to make these departmental meetings popular will be successful, and that they will receive the support that they deserve. Each of the societies have prepared a comprehensive programme, representative of their different lines of study for their regular meetings, and in addition to this, several joint meetings will be held on Monday afternoons during the winter.

A great deal of care and work has been exercised in preparing this series, and the committee in charge has issued a very attractive programme, explanatory of the scheme. The aim of plan is set forth in a brief prefatory note of the programme. It is as follows:

For the first time the Executive Committees of the six Departmental Societies have united to carry on under their joint auspices the following brief series of lectures, which in the usual course of affairs would probably have been delivered before the several societies.

The object in view is to give these lectures the publicity necessary to enable all interested in the subjects treated to be present, whether they be members of the Faculty, university graduates, or others. Such a series, it is believed, may also offer a convenient opportunity for lectures from time to time on aspects of contemporary thought. For the time being, each Departmental Society is represented by one lecturer.

The committee in charge of the present series is composed of President Loudon, Mr. D. R. Keys, Mr. G. H. Needler, and Mr. S. M. Wickett.

The Executives of the several societies hope that the joint programmes herewith issued will be found more convenient than the independent ones formerly distributed, and will, at the same time, increase the general interest taken in the work of these societies, to whose meetings all are invited.

On behalf of the Executive Committees. The joint Monday afternoon lectures will be held during December and January at 4.10 p.m., in Room 9, unless specially indicated. The following is the programme:

#### AUTUMN TERM.

December 4th—Russia (illustrated with limelight views). This lecture will be given in the Chemical amphitheatre.

December 11th—The Nerve Cell and the Race. Professor A. B. Macallum.

December 18th—The American and Roman Republics—a Parallel and Contrast, Mr. W. S. Milner.

#### EASTER TERM.

January 15th—How to Think, Professor J. G. Hume.

January 22nd—Astrology, Professor Alfred Baker.

January 29th—Zola, Mr. J. Hume Cameron.

The officers of the Classical Association, and the programme for the rest of the year, will be as follows: Officers—President, H. R. Truempour, '00; Second Vice-President, Miss A. May, '02; Secretary, E. J. Kylie, '01; Treasurer, J. A. Martin, '02; Fourth Year Councillor, Miss E. Creighton.

#### THE PROGRAMME:

##### AUTUMN TERM.

Place of meeting, Class Room No. 2, Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

November 14th—Open Meeting. Socrates, Mr. Percy Robinson, B.A., St. Andrew's College.

German Student Life, Professor A. J. Bell, Ph.D., Victoria College.

November 21st—Sophocles and the Greek Drama, J. A. Martin, '02.

An Estimate of Roman Philosophy, before the Empire, Miss E. Creighton, '00.

November 28th—Hellenic Culture in Plato's Time, Miss F. M. Wicher, '01.

If Plato came to Toronto, N. L. Wilson, '00.

December 4th, 11th, 18th (Mondays)—Joint Lectures. For programmes, see above.

December 5th—Ethical Motives of the Greek Dramatists, Miss A. May, '02.

Alexander the Great, P. C. Dobson, '00.

#### SPRING TERM.

January 16—An Election Day in Rome, W. Morrison, '00.

January 15th, 22nd, 29th (Mondays)—Joint Lectures. For programme see above.

January 30th—The Political Odes of Horace and Tennyson, S. A. Cudmore, '03.

Virgil in the Middle Ages, C. E. Rowland, '01.

February 13th—Roman Education, Mr. W. S. Milner, M.A.

February 27th—The Greek Autonomy, H. R. Truempour, '00.

Nomination of Officers.

March 6th—Election of Officers.

The Mathematical and Physical Society: Officers—President, C. A. Chant, B.A.; First Vice-President, R. W. Hedley, '00; Second Vice-President, Miss M. I. Fleming, '00; Secretary-Treasurer, A. G. McPhedran, '01; Corresponding Secretary, A. C. Campbell, '00; Fourth Year Councillor, J. W. Fisher; Third Year Councillor, Miss H. E. Wigg; Second Year Councillor, R. M. Stewart; Rep. of Phys. and Chem. Dept., W. C. Wood, '00.

#### PROGRAMME:

##### AUTUMN TERM.

Place of meeting, Class Room No. 16, Fridays, 4 p.m.

November 17th—Voltaire and the Centenary of the Voltaic Pile, R. M. Stewart, '02.

Substitutions and Groups, Mr. A. T. DeLury, B.A.

December 1st—Kelvin and his Achievements, E. F. Burton, '01.

Mathematics in the Mechanical Trades, Mr. J. S. Plaskett, B.A.

Report on Current Science.

December 4th, 11th, 18th (Mondays)—Joint Lectures. For programmes, see above.

December 15th—The Development of the Present Calendar, A. C. Campbell, '00.

The Work of Sir G. G. Stokes, J. W. Fisher, '00.

Physical Experiments, Messrs. Hedley and Spark, '00.

##### EASTER TERM.

January 12—Oscillatory Electrical Discharges, Mr. J. C. McLennan, B.A.

History of the Philosophical Magazine, P. A. Carson, '01.

Report of Current Science.

January 15th, 22nd, 29th (Mondays)—Joint Lectures. For programmes, see above.

February 2nd—Mathematics Applied to Chemistry, Mr. F. B. Kenrick, B.A., Ph.D.

Tesla and His Work, F. Armstrong, '01.

Report on Current Science.

February 16th—The Liquefaction of Gases, J. W. McBean, '00.

Aerial Navigation, W. C. Good, '00.

Physical Experiments, Messrs. Davidson and Gibson, '00.

March 2nd—Hertz and His Discoveries, Miss M. I. Fleming, '00.

An Acetylene Gas Projecting Lantern, R. W. Hedley, '00.

Report on Current Science.

March 16th—Annual meeting.

The Modern Language Club: Officers—Hon. President, D. R. Keys, M.A.; President, R. M. Millman, '00; First Vice-President, A. Baker, '01; Second Vice-President, Miss A. Gall, '00; Corresponding Secretary, W. Elmslie, '00; Recording Secretary, N. F. Shenstone, '01; Treasurer, A. E. Hamilton, '02; Assistant Treasurer, Miss Ward, '01; Second Year Representative, Miss Robinson.

#### PROGRAMME:

##### AUTUMN TERM.

Place of meeting, Class Room No. 4, Mondays, 4 p.m.

November 13th—The Rossetts, Miss Conlin, '01.

Charles G. Roberts, J. J. W. Simpson, '00.

November 20th—Comparison of Chateaubriand and Loti, with reference to their Descriptions of Palestine, Miss E. M. Fleming, '00.

Comparison of 18th Century French Poets with those of the 19th Century, W. Elmslie, '00.

November 27th—Heine, Miss Francis, '01.

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## RUGBY PLAYERS HOLD A SMOKER

Varsity Team Entertains Irish Players on Monday Evening.

### AN ENJOYABLE PROGRAM

A Large Number of Students Present—And A Pleasant Time Spent By All.

A large crowd gathered in the "Students' Union" Monday evening to give a reception to the gentlemen of the Irish Rugby team. The reception took the form of a smoker. A long and excellent vaudeville programme was provided, and an all-round good time was enjoyed.

The Banjo, Guitar and Mandolin Club furnished a number of excellent selections. Mr. Davidson, of the Irish team, and "Billy" White, both did good work in the vocal solo department, while Mr. Bert. Harvey, as usual, brought down the house with his comic selections. "Thiske," Frank Brophy, of fame, scored fresh successes in a number of burlesques. His imitation of the University student's rendering of "Lord Ullin's Daughter," was especially laugh-provoking. But without a doubt "Tommy" Kerr and "Billy" O'Brien took the cake in their famous "turns." Tommy, as a ballet dancer, is a pronounced success. Those blushing cheeks, those waxen locks, not to mention those delicately-moulded limbs, were enough to overcome the hardest heart.

But when the ballet's dilapidated husband, "Billy," came on in his famous Tramp-turn, the climax was complete. Billy should make his fortune on the vaudeville stage. Shea's has not put a better thing on the boards than those imitations of famous pianists, while the shooting-scene and cake walk would grace any variety show.

During the evening, some very interesting fencing-bouts took place between Messrs. Millman and Smith, and between "Prof." Williams and Mr. Falconbridge. Mr. Musgrove acted throughout as accompanist, while Jack Meredith led the boys in the rousing chorus, "Soldiers of the Queen."

After this excellent programme had been digested, the boys took their visitors down-stairs, where light refreshments were provided. For a couple of hours more the fun continued, even more than had in the regions above. When the "wee sma'" boys approached, the affair came to a conclusion with hearty cheers for the visitors, and all went home satisfied that the Irishmen were a very delightful party of gentlemen.

### SENIOR YEAR BOOK

Report of the Committee Very Encouraging—Another Meeting this Week.

#### YEAR BOOK HEAD.

The report of the committee of Class '00, appointed recently to investigate the feeling of the Class in regard to a Year Book, is about ready, and from all indications it is quite likely that the Class will decide to issue the publication. President Kay stated yesterday that a generous amount has been guaranteed by the members of the Class, and he felt assured that when all the reports were in, the Executive would be warranted in undertaking the task. The committee will meet again some day this week.

The publication of a Year Book is a matter which should be of interest to every member in the Class, and it is hoped that '00 will succeed in publishing a volume worthy of the Class and the College.

A meeting of the Chess Club will be held at the Athenaeum Wednesday evening of this week for the purpose of forming a chess league.

Mr. Norman R. Wilson, '99, has been appointed to an assistant professorship in mathematics in the Royal Military College, Kingston. Mr. Wilson won first-class honors in classics during two years of his course, and first-class in mathematics and physics at every examination throughout his course. He won the Fulton, the William Mulock, and the A.A.A.S. scholarships in mathematics and physics. He is, therefore, a scientist of unusual accomplishments and brilliancy, and will be a most valuable addition to the staff of the Military College. The appointment was made on the recommendation of the R.M.C. authorities. Mr. Wilson is a native of Cobourg.