

largely depends upon the umpire, and the "kicking" capabilities of the pitcher.

2. *It*—the ball, not the "strike."

3. *San Francisco*—a town in California; its harbor is the "Golden Horn," probably accounts for the quantities of liquor consumed by the players. (See Canto I.) In this connection probably means the "Ultima Thule" of distance; for, in the next line reference is made to a "Turkish tow'l," which would not be required in a tropical climate; most probably hyperbolic.

4. *bases*—technical term; usually sand bags placed at regular intervals to indicate the stopping places of the runner.

5. *A dozen times, etc.*—This is contrary to rules laid down in "Spaulding's Baseball Guide for 1885." Only one run can be made by a player at a time.

6. *byes*—See note 6 on Canto I.

7. *foul*; not to be confounded with *fowl*, a feathered biped; a technical name for a 'strike' that is illegal.

8. *Turkish tow'l*—refers no doubt to the introduction into Hibernia of Turkish merchandize. *Tow'l*, for *towel*; example of syncope; the *e* dropped for the sake of rhyme and rhythm.

#### CANTO IV.

The Editor (1) he axed (2) me name  
Fur to give me a leather medal (3)  
He axed me fur me fortygraft (4)  
To hang agin (5) the wall.  
Fur he said it was me as had (6) won the game.  
With me head all broke and me shoulder lame.  
And they tuk me home on a cattle train (7)  
The day that I played baseball.

#### NOTES TO CANTO IV.

1. *Editor*—name given to the man who conducts a newspaper; a curious individual who works at nights and sleeps by day—though with one eye open; usually a millionaire; one who is supposed to give "locals" in return for tickets to church socials, etc.; compare Lowell's "Pious Editor's Creed," etc.

2. *axed*—Hibernicism for asked.

3. *leather medal*—a customary reward for merit amongst Celtic races; some think it a term of reproach, but this is evidently erroneous.

4. *forty-graft*—archaic Celtic form of the word *photograph*.

5. *agin*—shortened form for *against*; must not be confounded with *agin*, the shortened form of the word *again*.

6. *as had*—this expression not sanctioned by the best grammarians. In these two lines there is an unconscious tribute to the power of the Press. The Editor's *dictum* that Mr. O'Hoolihan had won the game is not disputed; so that it is safe to infer that his decision was considered unassailable.

7. *cattle-train*—no doubt used in consideration of the fact that there was so much horse-play amongst the returning players.

I have thus given Mr. Hacwork's notes in full, that those authors having works to annotate may know to whom to apply. Mr. Hacwork assures me that the publication of the above MS. in the VARSITY would be of immense value to him, as he purposes, at my suggestion, to petition the Senate to appoint him Annotator and Commentator to the Board of Arts Studies.

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## University and College News.

### KNOX COLLEGE.

A quiet Hallowe'en.

Notwithstanding unfavorable weather the "boom" in football still continues.

The elocution lectures by Prof. Neff are highly popular with the students.

The Glee Club makes its first appearance at the public on Friday.

All the parts are well represented. A concert is spoken of, to take place some time next term.

Rev. T. Davidson, M.A., and James Hamilton, B.A. sailed for the old land last week. They will study in Edinburgh.

### WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

The new library is nearly finished and the formal opening will take place in a week or two. The room is fifty-four by thirty-eight feet and is handsomely finished in American chestnut and ash. The students' rooms above are very comfortable; in fact the residence is now unsurpassed in Canada.

The Principal had an unpleasant experience last Sunday night on his way to preach at the Church of the Redeemer. Just as he had passed Mr. Kerr's house on the road to the north gate of the Park, three men jumped over the fence of the field on the right and interrupted his meditations. One seized him by the neck, another presented the cold barrel of a revolver to his forehead, while the third prepared to rifle his pockets. This was not done, however, without vigorous expostulation on the Doctor's side, and he was threatened as to his brains four times before he was induced to become quiet. It is needless to say that such a proceeding is quite unusual; and no doubt Dr. Sheraton thought that such arguments were not all in accordance with the latest principles of exegesis.

The C. U. had a very successful chapter on Wednesday night. The new men headed by W. A. Frost, B.A. were formerly received and invested with the degree of the "brown hood." The black dirge was sung at midnight, when the shades of departed members were duly invoked. One distinguished member was unfrocked for misconduct. The proceedings closed at an early hour.

### Y. M. C. A.

The usual weekly prayer meeting was held in Moss Hall, on Thursday afternoon, at five o'clock. Mr. T. R. Shearer led the meeting, and read an interesting and thoughtful paper on "Missions in Quebec." He showed the rapid progress the work has been making there during the past fifty years, prior to which time there were no French Protestants in Quebec, while now there are upwards of 11,000.

The meeting was more largely attended than usual, perhaps to be accounted for by the fact that an occasional change from the customary wholly devotional manner of conducting the meetings is welcomed by the members.

Next week is set apart as the annual week of prayer in Y. M. C. A. organizations throughout the Continent. Meetings will be held every day during the week, beginning on Sunday. Dr. Wilson will conduct the meeting on that day. Notices will be posted on the bulletin board from day to day, telling who the leaders will be. The meeting on Sunday is at four o'clock, and the other days at five, lasting in all cases but three-quarters of an hour. All students are invited.

### TORONTO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

The committee for the annual dinner has been chosen. It includes many good men, and, no doubt, this year's dinner will excel any previous one. An effort was made to substitute a conversation for the dinner, but the majority of the students were opposed to the scheme.

The regular meeting of the School Medical Society should have been held on Friday last, but it was put off in order not to interfere with the public meeting of the University College Literary Society. The committee are showing commendable zeal, and have added to the Library and Reading Room. They are now engaged in maturing some plan by which to make the Library available for all the students.

Mr. W. H. Green has been attacked by typhoid fever, but it is hoped will soon be round again.

One of the Freshmen was elevated last week. The Freshies, frenzied with anger, held an indignation meeting. The old story—"who will bell the cat?"

On Saturday our football team played a drawn match with the Parkdale club, each side scoring a goal.

The Sessional Committee is endeavouring to pave the way for a future gymnasium and has added a chest machine to its stock.

Mr. Pickering, our ancient janitor, has at length been superannuated. The students, with whom he has always been a favourite, made up a handsome purse for him.

A petition to appoint a temporary lecturer in surgery has been presented to the Faculty. The present professor, Dr. W. T. Aikins, has been indisposed for some weeks past.