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TORONTO, JANUARY 24TH, 1899.

## Heard in the Halls.

Mr. Chant is still confined to his house by the grip.

A. Kendrick, '97, is teaching in Picton High School.

P. H. Wainwright, 'oo, is recovering from a serious chest trouble

W. A. R. Kerr is the chairman of the Conversat Refreshment Committee

J. Lovell Murray, M.A., was the Knox representative to the Queen's Conversat.

"Bob" Coates, '96 is now private secreary of Editor Willison of The Globe.

R. F. Foster, 'or has abandoned Arts and become a Med. 'or men wish him success,

G. W. K. Noble, '98 is engaged with Hig-

Wycliffe College men give their annual "At Home" on Friday evening, Feb. 3rd.

Freddie Hogg, yclept Ralph Cummings, is in the Residence Hospital prostrated by

Vivian Alexander is another residence man to be caught by the prevailing epi

A. E. McFarlane, B A. is engaged with one of the great publishing firms of New

F. E. Brophey, 'ot, was recognized by the McMaster contingent at the debate last

J. W. Bengough, the famous cartoonist, has been appointed Professor of Elocution at Knox College.

W. Rea, '99, has been quite ill with la grippe since his return to the city. Happily, he is convalescing.

Percy Jermyn, '99, made his return to town last Wednesday. He stayed at home for no reason in particular.

The Hon. David Mills will deliver a lec ture on Egypt. at University College, on Wednesday of this week.

D. E. Kilgour, 'oo is to be credited with the excellent program which was prepared for last Friday night's debate.

It is understood that S. A. Dickson, '99 is preparing a paper on one of the Psalms for a friend of his, who is too busy.

A. M. Scott, Ph.D., has been appointed lecturer in Physics and Chemistry in the Presbyterian Ladies College.

It is expected that the election of officers for the University Rowing Club will take place during the coming month.

A. G. Sinclair, M.A., '96, who graduated in Divinity at Knox last spring, is pursuing post graduate work in Edinburgh.

W. H. Standish, formerly of '99, has been heard from. Mirabile dictu, he is working

long hours, from 9 a m. to 10 p.m. Mr. T. A. Greenwood, '95, is in London finishing his final year in law, preparatory to being called to the English bar.

The clan MacKay was written large in the annals of inter-college debating last Friday night. Hoot, mon! hoot!

Knox College is right in line and has its skates on. The rink in the rear of the building is well patronized by the men.

A. L. McCredie, 'oo, who has been doing newspaper work in England since last summer, intends to return to Varsity next Fall

Prof. Ramsay Wright delivered a lecture entitled "Vacation Notes on Biology" last Saturday evening at the Canadian Institute

It is understood that the guardian of the rink intends patrolling the ice with an um-brella if the sun persists in its attentions to

G. C. F. Pringle, '98, the author of the Syllabus of Psychology, which has proved a boon to so many sophomores, is in Chester

An organization which is rapidly making its way to the front as an improvement so-ciety, is that which is known as Daniel's

Dick Le Sueur reports that Queen's is not forging ahead in her preparations for the proposed debate between that College and Varsity.

Next week's Saturday lecture ought to be one of especial interest. Sam Hunter, Esq., will speak on "Hieroglyphics" ancient and

The limit for sittings for the graduating photo was erroneously stated in our last issue as March 13th. The correct date is Feb. 28th.

Although the full report of the sale of tickets for the University Dinner is not yet received, it is believed that the accounts will about balance. It is rumored that a certain flaxen-haired

member of the Faculty was innocently mistaken by a sweet young freshette for a mem ber of her own class. The executive of the Literary Society has

had the graduating group of '97 and some other years framed and hung in the Assem-bly Hall of the Students' Union. W. H. Alexander, represented Varsity at the McGill Conversat last week. He

has taken the opportunity of paying a stop over visit to his home in Ottawa. Mr. Graham Brown, B. A. '98, a brother of F. E. Brown, has been removed from the head office of the Bank of Commerce in

this city to their New York Agency. Fred Miller, B.A., '97, divided his holidays between Toronto and Hamilton. He

is meeting with good success as History and English master in Wiarton High School. A. W. Dewar, B A., '96 an honor graduate in mathematics, and at one time a member of the staff of the Toronto World, is at

present on the staff of the Montreal Herald. Prof. Mackenzie, of Trinity University, will deliver a lecture on "Kipling" in the parlours of St. James' Square Presbyterian church, on Thursday evening next, at eight

"Nit" Johnston, formerly of '99, is said to be extremely popular at the Western Medical School, London. He intends to become a specialist in the eye, ear and

" Jack " Parry crushed one of his fingers very badly in the hockey match Friday night. He is far from being in playing shape and may not be seen on the ice again this

Jack Hobbs, '98, manager of the Base Ball Club last season, is having the picture of the Club framed, and will send it up from London next week to be hung in the gallery of the Gym.

Dick LeSeuer, '99, was Varsity's representative to Queen's University Conversat. He reports a splendid time, and pays high compliments to the hospitality of the King-

Prof. Henry Alleyne Nicholson, Regius Professor of Natural History in the Univer-sity of Aberdeen, and formerly professor of Natural History in University College, died Jan. 19th.

F. V. Johns, '99, was unfortunate enough to lose a Persian lamb gauntlet. The offer of a munificent reward through the columns of the Telegram speedily brought the wandering sheep home

W. A. Charlton, formerly of '99 Arts. was in the city during the holidays. He is passing life in the Northern lumber camps, and during his sojourn there this winter has cultivated a very trim Vandyke. Jack Carrick, '97, is travelling through

Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont in the interests of a St. Paul's, (Minn.) seed firm. He visited his home in Kincardine during vacation and reports progress.

The cares of life are looming big on the horizon of certain Trinity meds. Apprehensive of the youthful appearance they will present upon graduation, they are assiduously encouraging the growth of beards.

The S.P.S. Hockey team is on ice. They are dead in earnest for a place and a chance for the Jennings' cup. Among the wizards are Thorne, MacDonald, Revell, Bolger, Lorn Allan, Beardmore and Jimmy John-

Frank D. MacNaughton, one of last year's graduates at the School of Science, is spending a few weeks in the city, and is taking advantage of the opportunity to compare notes with some of the people around the

The second Saturday lecture was delivered by John A. Ewan, Esq., the Globe's war correspondent in Cuba. "With the American Land Forces in Cuba." was the subject of Mr. Ewan's lecture, which was illustrated very effectively with lantern illus-

It is rumored that Harold Fisher has par-celled out his golden time into portions which are cast-iron in their inviolability One of the most imperative duties of his regime is to make a thorough inspection daily of the thermometer in the University

The first meeting of the Modern Language Club during the Easter term was held on Monday afternoon. The subjects chosen were both of general interest. Miss Coulson read an interesting paper on "Ian MacLaren," while Miss Turner, '99, gave attention to Conan Doyle and his works.

J. D. Ruthven, a member of '99, who went to New York last October to try his fortunes in stageland, has joined the company which is to present De Koven's comic opera, "The Three Dragoons." The com-pany is billed to play in Montreal this week, and is expected in Toronto in the course of

The Women's Literary Society of Victoria University held their annual open meeting last Friday evening. The attendance was good. Miss Kylie, the President of the Society, opened the meeting. An excellent program was rendered, which included the reading of papers on German, French, Spanish, Russian and British characteristics

George Sellery, '97, formerly McKenzie Fellow in Political Science, and now a fellow in Chicago University, paid a visit to his home during the Christmas vacation. Mr. Sellery is impressed particularly by the industry of the students in that institution. Sports are quite a minor matter. Everybody, in true American fashion, is absorbed in the hustling game of life.

The Osgoode Legal and Literary Society will hold the annual dinner on Friday evening, Feb. 2nd, at the Rossin house. Among the distinguished guests who are expected to be present at this function are the Hon. David Mills, the Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, the Hon. William Mulock and the Hon. William Hardy, besides other prominent men in the legal and other learned profes-

The Osgoode Hall Rugby Club will hold its dance at the Hall on the evening of Friday, Feb. 27. Convocation Hall and the benchers' quarters will be thrown open to the dancers. The attendance has been positively limited to three hundred. Glion-na's Orchestra will be in attendance. The tickets, which have been placed at one dollar, may be procured from Mr. J. T. C. Thompson. (Telephone 1076).

A work which the executive committee of the Literary Society intends completing before the elections, is the arranging of the membership list. Owing to the disastrous fire of 1892, the original membership roll was lost, the result being that there is no record of the members prior to that date. The names of those who can give satisfactory proof of membership will be inserted on the roll, while arrangements will be made for those graduates who are not life mem-bers, but who may be so rated upon payment of the necessary amount of fees which entitles them to a place upon the roll.

What might have proved a most disaswhat might have proved a most disastrous conflagration was fortunately prevented by the Residence Fire Brigade last Sunday. It seems that during the restful quiet of the morning, some thoughtless youth threw a cigarette "butt" into an old hat, which smouldered for a while and subsequently was fanned into a flame by the strong breeze that was blowing. Soon the strong breeze that was blowing. Soon the whole hat was in flames, and immediately the "Sooner" Fire Brigade was on hand. John Bone in top boots superintended the operations and the fiery element was soon mastered. Ainslie Green was an excited spectator of this thrilling event.

#### VARSITY MEETS McMASTER HALL

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of civilization and religion. In a theory of civilization it is considered that the best civilization should have scope and opportunity for the spread of its influence American nation, possessing this civilization, requires allies to assist and support her in extending it in the east. England is such an ally. One of the great problems of the an ally. One of the great problems of the future of civilization is the settlement of the influence which shall prevail in Asia. England and Russia are the two predominant nations. They are struggling for supremacy on this continent. Russia's successes have been considerable, while England has been standing still or going back. She must have help, which must come from the United States. There friendship doesn't amount to anything between England and the States, as is evidenced by the American attitude in regard to the Nicaraguan Canal. A formal alliance is necessary. Nations cannot be subject to feelings of sentimentality. An alliance can accomplish more than can friendship in elevating the low and protecting the weak, as would have been the case regard to the Armenains who were so cruelly treated by the Turks. Moreover, this alliance would foster the desired friend-

ship.
Mr. John McKay, the second speaker for Varsity, proceeded to point out what he considered some "strange things" in the arguments of the affirmative. He thought it devolved most certainly upon them to prove that the alliance was an immediate necessity. He considered that of immediate necessity there was none. There were three great centres of danger at the present day— the struggle between Austria and Russia the problem in the far East, and Turkey. The United States could be of very little service in most of these. If any alliance were made, Germany would be a far more eligible and desirable party to it. England and Germany have more in common in regard to all three of these questions. Mr. McKay thought that Russia's desire for predominance was generally exaggerated. Russia wants an ice-free port and is directing her efforts to that end. Moreover, it is not to her interest to crush Great Britain, for in so doing she would be giving a crushing blow to her own wheat market. All nations are not agreed that Great Britain and the United States are the most highly

civilized, and the effect of an Anglo-American Alliance, offensive and defensive, would be to ram down the throats of all-comers the Anglo-Saxon ideal. Mr. McKay con sidered that German civilization was superior to American and proceeded to exemplify some of the disagreeable features of the latter. In the interests of the world's civilization the best results are obtained where each nation works out its own development. If the Anglo-Saxon race contains the highest elements of civilization, other nations will not be slow to recognize the fact and to adopt what is best in it. Let Russia work out its development in its own way, and civilization will advance as it was in tended it should.

Mr. Harkness was allowed the customary five minutes to reply to the arguments of the negative, which he utilized to the fullest ex-tent. This brought to a close the most Closely contested debate in the whole series.

The delivery of the speakers was excellent.

Mr. Harkness evinced a thorough knowledge and preparation of his subject, and expressed

his arguments clearly and forcibly.

Mr. MacDonald had the merit of making what must be considered the most eloquent speech of the evening. His delivery, man-ner, and voice, as well as his rhetoric, predict for him a brilliant future in public speaking. Freddie McKay confirmed his reputation for ability to deliver a clear, consecutive and logical argument, in a very pleasing manner; while John McKay showed conclusively, by his vigorous and determined presentation of his arguments, that he was armed at all points with ideas.

While the referees — Dr. Cavan, Dr. Workman and W. R. Riddell, Q.C.—were workman and W. R. Riddell, Q.C.—were considering the weighty matter of the decision, the musical part of the program was continued. Mr. Edmund Hardy, Mus. Bac., gave as an instrumental solo "Polacca Brillante" (Weber), which was received with great applause. Mr. Hardy gave evidence of marked artistic ability. Mr. W. J. Knox gave as the closing number a reset sole of the control gave as the closing number a vocal solo entitled, "On the Mighty Deep," which called forth such reiterated demonstrations of pleasure as induced him, after several hours, to accede to the popular clamor and render a delightful Scotch ditty, of which the burden was "Ah-em."

Mr. J. W. Bengough, who was among the audience, was requested to take the platform. After a neat speech he gave a recita-tion, which set forth the inseparable fond

ness of Uncle Sam and Johnny Bull.

The appearance of the referees at this juncture dissipated all evidences of mirth, in view of the expectation with which the award was awaited. President Loudon, after a brief conference with Dr. Cavan, announced that the contest had been very close, but that the decision was given in favor of Varsity.

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