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Editorial Comments.

BASEBALL enthusiasts are already on the war-path. They have arisen from their long winter sleep, and have donned the paint and feathers. The baseball bear came out of his den early in February, saw his shadow, and returned no more. Let us hope he will thrive well during the coming season. This game should become more popular among the students than it is at present. We should have more supporters of the game and more persons interested in the success of our club, which achieved such greatness during last season's tour. A letter appeared in last week's issue which showed the great importance of beginning early to organize and get everything in running order before the season opens in reality. We understand Mr. Garrett, of the *World* staff, has offered his assistance to the club during the coming season, and this should be sufficient guarantee for the club's being in a good condition for work during the summer of 1892. Let us render the club all the assistance in our power by contributing something towards their support, and by taking an interest in their matches.

Mr. W. S. W. McLay, B.A., late editor-in-chief of *Varsity*, now occupies a good position in the greatest University of British Columbia. He is to be congratulated on obtaining such an honorable situation, and our University is also to be congratulated on having such a worthy son. In his undergraduate course he occupied some of the most distinguished positions in the gift of the undergraduate body, and filled them to the satisfaction of all. He was prominent in all departments of our college—in athletics and societies of all kinds he took a deep interest. His labors on behalf of *Varsity* were indefatigable, and the result of these labors was the placing of this paper on a very high plane, and making it most popular among his fellow-students. We, together with all the students of Toronto University, follow our predecessor in office with the best wishes.

Our graduates are distinguishing themselves in almost every field of labor, evidences of which are to be found in all departments of learning. Miss Madge Robertson, M.A., one of our most noted lady graduates, uses the grey goose-quill in the editorial columns of the *Ladies' Pictorial Weekly*, "a newspaper for the women of North America," printed in this city. She has contributed to several well-known American magazines, a fact which shows that her writings are of the very first order. Her name is becoming widely known throughout the country, and we predict for her a brilliant career in her chosen profession—journalism. In her new career we hope to see her distinguish herself more than heretofore as she will no longer be trammelled by other duties.

We wish to draw attention to the Glee Club concert, which will be given in the Pavilion, Friday evening, Feb. 19. It is not our intention to give the club any undue praise, but must say their efforts in the past have been most untiring on behalf of the students in furnishing them with excellent music on all grand occasions. Their expenses are heavy in being compelled to pay their conductor and to furnish sheet music. We hope the students will take this matter into their grave consideration and decide to attend the concert given by them in the Pavilion. It must be remembered also that this will, to a certain extent, take the place of the old conversats, and on this account it will be incumbent on every person to patronize the entertainment.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

The first National Conference on University Extension held in Philadelphia on December 29, 30 and 31, under the auspices of the American Society for the Extension of University Teaching, was a significant event. It marked the transition of University Extension from local to national recognition. Every section of the country, with the exception of the Pacific Coast, sent delegates, and these delegates were men of national reputation in educational matters. More than fifty colleges and universities, including Harvard, Yale, Bryn Mawr, Columbia, Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Brown, Bowdoin, Pennsylvania, Northwestern, Rutgers, Missouri Valley, Muhlenberg, and the State Universities of Virginia, Vermont, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Nebraska, were represented. The audience was thoroughly representative of higher education in America. The national character of the Conference is further illustrated in the attitude assumed toward it by Hon. Wm. T. Harris, U.S. Commissioner of Education, who issued a circular of information concerning it, from the Bureau of Washington, read a deeply interesting and philosophical paper before the Conference, and presided at several of its sessions.

The Conference, which Mr. Sadler characterized as the best Extension Conference he had ever attended, was marked throughout by an utter absence of carping criticism, and opposition for the sake of opposition; by an earnest spirit of inquiry on the part of those who, with limited experience, but deep interest, had come to learn from the wisdom of others; by a spirit of generous response on the part of those who had anything to give; by a universal recognition of the deep significance of university extension as a potent factor in national upbuilding.

AN APOLOGY FOR GAZING AT A YOUNG LADY IN — ST. CHURCH.

The sermon was long
And the preacher was prosy;
Do you think it was wrong?
The sermon was long,
The temptation was strong,
Her cheeks were so rosy,—
The sermon was long
And the preacher was prosy. E. S. H.