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TORONTO, TUESDAY, NOV. 2ND, 1897.

The first number of COLLEGE TOPICS is issued with the hope that its readers will be pleased with it. In college journalism, in this city, it is an innovation. We shall endeavor to make it a successful one. It is not our purpose to compete with any college paper already in existence. We intend to move on different lines. A paper which shall contain news of interest to the students in attendance at the universities and colleges in this city, is what we intend to publish. It will be the organ of no one university or college, but representative of the interests of the 6,000 students in Toronto. Such a newspaper should succeed. In the matter of news we will do our part. No newspaper, however, can succeed without the revenues derived from advertisements. Will you, the student reader, if you are pleased with COLLEGE TOPICS, aid us to make the paper a success by giving our advertisers an opportunity to see if they can please you?

AN EVENING WITH BARRIE.

An excellent programme was given at the opening of the McMaster Literary and Scientific Society, Friday evening.

"Barrie" was the subject of discussion, and a number of very interesting readings and addresses were made on the life and works of the author. The following was the programme:

Instrumental Duet, Misses Bailey and GHe; Recitation, Selection from "Little Minister" (Barrie), Miss B. E. Newman; Lecture (J. M. Barrie), Mr. W. S. W. McLay; Solo (selected), Mr. H. C. Newcombe; Reading, from "A Window in Thrums," Miss O. M. Clemens; Guitar duet, Plantation Melodies, Messrs. Brownlee and Phipps; Original Cartoons from Student Life, G. H. Campbell; "Thy Praises," McMaster.

Mr. McLay's Lecture was very pleasing and instructive. The main points of Barrie's personality as an author and as a man, together with a general resumé of his works, were presented in a very pithy and interesting way. A living man who has reached distinction makes a much more interesting subject for discussion than an old familiar dead one, before a literary society. The society are to be congratulated on the success and up-to-date-ness of their programme.

Miss Clemens, who made her first bow to a McMaster audience, left a good impression upon them as a reader.

The solo of Mr. Newcombe was well received, as were the guitar selections by Messrs. Brownlee and Phipps.

HEARD IN THE HALLS.

Tom Day, '97 Pharmacy, is at present studying "Nitology" in Guelph. He expects to leave for California in the near future.

"Casey" Watt, '97 Arts, is on the staff of the Woodstock *Sentinel Review*. "Casey" visited his friends in Residence last week.

Harvey O'Higgins, '98 Arts, is at present on the *Star*.

A. J. Poynter, '99 Arts, is taking a course at the Normal School, and also his third year Varsity work.

P. J. Kelly, '97, St. Michael's, is taking up Philosophy at Ottawa College.

"Connie" FitzRandolph, '99 Arts, has left Varsity. He is in business with his father in Fredericton, N. B.

"Herb" Till, '97 Pharmacy, is in a large wholesale drug establishment in New York city.

J. Purcell, '97 St. Michael's, is at Montreal Seminary.

"Ernie" Buros, of second year Osgoode, has dropped out for this year, and is now on the staff of the *Telegram*.

"Billy" Greenwood, '97 Arts, is articulated with his father in Whitby. He is expected in the city this week, for a day or two.

"McDougall, the base-ballist, would make a great actor."

"How's that?"

"Well, he surely ought to make a good hit, and then he'd have a great run, you know."

J. Pend-rs, '97 St. Michael's, is at Yonkers Seminary, Yonkers, N. Y.

Dr. W. T. Pallister, formerly a '97 Toronto Med., but who graduated at McGill, is at present practising in Guelph.

The Normal School Class will have its photo taken this week.

Samuel Sloan, '97 St. Michael's, is at St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

J. Bowes Coyne, '00 Arts, has found it impossible to take his second year work this year, on account of his eyes. It is hoped that "Bogus" will be with us again next year, as he is not only a good student, but a popular fellow with the boys, who never like to be without Coyne.

Mrs. Louise McKay Leslie, a gold medalist at the College of Music, is now in New York studying for grand opera.

It is rumored that if the Varsity Rugby Team had gone to Montreal instead of Kingston on Saturday, that George Hastings, '99 Arts, would have accompanied them.

It seems funny to call him a freshman, but Horace Boulton is now taking a course at the School of Practical Science.

P. W. Saunders, '96 Arts, is at present in the bicycle business with Mr. Emery, Yonge St. He expects to return to college again soon.

Overheard in the corridor:
Junior—"Say, old boy, I have to have an operation performed on my sebaceous gland."

Fresh Soph—"Get your whole face mended when you are at it."

F. Burbridge, '00 Arts, who is at present in the Bank of Montreal, in Ottawa, intends to write on his second year examination in May.

John Kidd, a '97 graduate of St. Michael's, is at the American College at Rome. His brother, Joseph Kidd, the well-known artist, is studying art in the same city.

Miss L. Newton, '97 Normal School, is teaching near Thornhill.

A. C. Caldwell, champion athlete of last year, is attending the University of Pennsylvania Dental College.

George Greeve, Edward Abbott and Herbert Boles, of the Dental College, belong to the Varsity Mandolin, Banjo and Guitar Club. Lumly and Murray are members of the Glee Club. There is good talent in the college for an orchestra, and a move should be made to organize one this year.

Miss Bessie Bonsall, formerly of the College of Music, has decided to spend the winter in Toronto. She has just returned from the Savoy Theatre, London, where she has been singing in grand opera.

Wm. Kerney, Arts '98, has returned to his home in Brussels on account of illness.

Tom Campbell and B. Shantz, Dents, are now pursuing their studies at Chicago Dental College.

L. H. Stanton, Pharm, has been confined to his bed for over a week.

The University Y.W.C.U. held an enjoyable entertainment after their regular meeting, Wednesday evening. The affair was a success and it will probably be repeated.

Frank S. Welsman, who graduated recently from the Krause School, Leipsig, and who was for some years at the College of Music, is now in the city.

Those who know Mr. C. C. Fissette, '98 Med., will be sorry to learn of his illness. He is at present in the Toronto General Hospital, about to undergo an operation for appendicitis. It is hoped it will be successful, and that he will have a speedy recovery.

Claudie Brown and A. McNaughton, formerly of the Dental College, are now attending the Philadelphia Dental School.

Geo. Gow and F. Bert Kenward are attending Chicago Dental College.

Rev. R. S. Paddock, of the Berkely Divinity School, Middletown, Conn., and General Secretary of the Church Students' Missionary Association, addressed a meeting of the students at Trinity University, Wednesday evening, in regard to the convention of the C.S.M.A. to be held at the University next February. Bishop Andrey, of Osaka, Japan, also gave a very stirring address on "History of Missionary Development in Japan."

The attendance at McMaster this year is the largest in the history of the University. About one hundred and eighty students are registered there this term.

On Saturday afternoon a large party of "Vets" enjoyed a drive around the city.

The Seniors at Trinity are complaining at the increase of cheek amongst the Freshmen, and the decrease of the means of suppressing it. The faculty are determined to put a stop to all hazing, and consequently there is a lull in the corridors.

Rev. Prof. Clark, of Trinity, is ill with pneumonia.

Varsity is well represented in the Osgoode Literary Society this year: J. H. Moss, '88, is president; S. S. Sharpe, '95 1st vice-president; J. G. Stanbury, '96, treasurer; W. E. Burns, '95, secretary, and J. G. Merrick, '96, is on the committee.

William Roach, '96 Arts, is teaching second year Latin at St. Michael's College.

"Jew" Wallbridge, '97 Arts, is in a law office in Belleville.

Miss Florence Brimson, who took the Cameron Gold Medal in vocal music in '93 at the College of Music, has returned to this city after spending three years under Madame Mearhesi, of Paris. Miss Brimson will make her debut with the Damrosch Opera Company of New York. It is expected that she will be heard in Toronto during the winter.

"Bob" McKinnon, of Osgoode, had quite an extensive trip west this summer. He likes Manitoba, and can tell some good western stories. He was much surprised on entering a restaurant in a small village near

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At the last elections of the Toronto Meds E. J. Stubbs was elected vice-president; A. D. Stewart, representative at McGill dinner; R. Howey, Bishop's; T. H. Lawrence, Queen's; F. J. Cawthorpe, London; J. P. Mitchell, Trinity; J. A. Baker, Varsity; W. H. Bennett, Victoria; Mr. Anderson, Ladies' Toast; and Mr. Rutherford, Freshman's.

Miss M. C. McBain, '99 Arts, of Port Dover, will not return to college until after the holidays.

The ladies at Varsity are endeavoring to revive the custom of wearing gowns at lectures. The University has provided lockers, and it looks now as if the gowns had come to stay.

Miss Florence Manson, '99 Arts, has discontinued her course at Varsity, spent a few days visiting friends in town last week, on her way home from Grimsby where she has been summering.

The Ladies' Glee Club of Varsity will hold its annual concert in Association Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 9th. Mr. Harold Jarvis, the well known soloist of Detroit, has been engaged for the occasion.

Professor Proudfoot, of Varsity, who was taken ill during lecture hour last Monday, will resume his lectures this week.

Rev. A. W. H. Francis, of Dunnville, called on his friends at Trinity last week.

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