

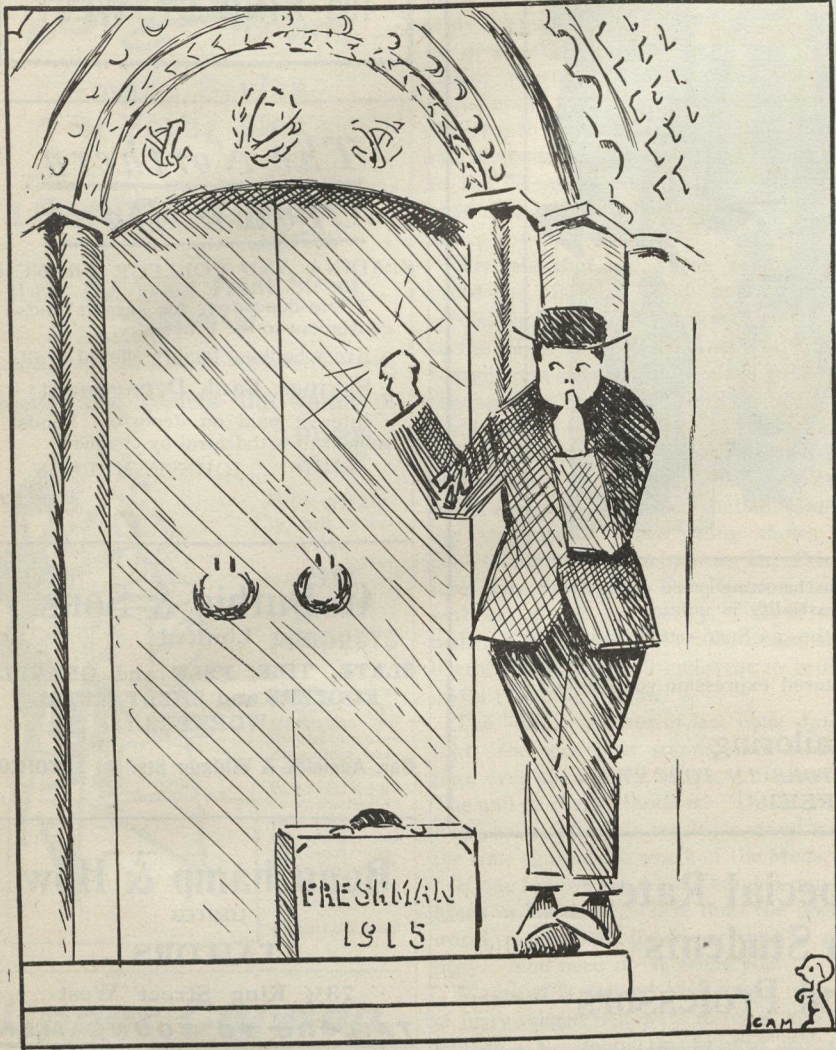
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"THE AGE OF INNOCENCE"

REALITY OF THE UNSEEN

Faith Was Subject of First College Sermon

PRESIDENT FALCONER

Preached to Large Audience in Convocation Hall Yesterday Morning

The first of the University Sermons for this year was delivered in Convocation Hall yesterday morning by President Falconer. Notwithstanding the inclement weather a large number of the students and representatives of the Faculty attended to hear the President's address.

The President took his text from Heb. 12: 2, "Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our Faith." In a brief, but comprehensive manner the speaker explained the difficulties against which the early Christians had to contend. Against the powerful prestige and continuity of the older established religions and of the all-powerful Roman Empire, these struggling zealots had but their faith alone.

"Faith is the act of our whole nature that makes the unseen real. Faith is that co-operation of will, mind, and emotion that gathers up and gives body and substance to things we cannot touch. Faith tells us there are real things and that these cannot be moved."

"In the passage containing the text the writer brings before those to whom he is writing, an honour roll of those Israelites, who by faith have wrought great things. But there is one who far surpasses these—Jesus. There is one whose faith has superseded that of his predecessors—the Captain and Prince of Faith—He is the One who wrought himself into, and realised faith, and now stands forth among you as an example—Jesus."

"What I want to bring to you is this," continued the speaker, "the fact that Jesus had faith ought to be a tremendous power enabling us also to have faith. Who Jesus was matters not in this argument. His whole life was one of perfect faith and this is one of the most reassuring things in our struggles and one of those historic incidents that helps us to realise our faith."

THE WORLD HAS CHANGED.

Reference was made to the great difference between the world at the time these words were penned and now. Then,

everything was in a dying state, learning, religion, science, government and commerce. Now the scope of man's knowledge has become enlarged to such a marvellous extent that "the mind of man seems to-day to be ready to encompass nearly anything. He has renewed his vigour."

With this great progress along worldly lines runs also, however, a tendency to neglect the spiritual and unseen things. Men become fond of the superficial side and little consideration is given to those things which are unseen and which are the only true and abiding ones. "On the whole, there is to-day less meditation and pondering on these unseen things than there has been for some ages in the world."

THE SOURCE OF FAITH.

To create an atmosphere of faith we must return to the source of faith—and that is Jesus. From his life and precepts—goodness, charity, the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God—the moral life of Christendom has been renewed during the centuries. "Our past is made up of heroes and Jesus is the hero of Christendom. Look at him when in distress and there renew your faith."

THE BIBLE ON A NEW BASIS.

Owing to the advance of learning, scholarship and science, it has now been made easier to gain access to the sources of faith. New methods adopted in the interpretation of the Bible have placed it upon a new basis. "It has separated the essentials and non-essentials. After difficulties, which have naturally caused some people trouble, it is now easier to return to a living fount which has, as it were, been choked up but now streams forth clearer than ever before."

"Surely Jesus, the world's hero, cannot be mistaken! Surely those who before this believed cannot be mistaken! Surely those whose lives are rooted in the unseen are standing upon the realities! The human mind is naturally Christian. Faith in God, in His kingdom, faith in the destiny of humanity as brought out in Christianity, are fundamentally reasonable. That reasonable faith is immensely strengthened when it is known to have been held by men of all ages and by the greatest moral hero of the world—Jesus."

At the conclusion of his sermon the President drew the attention of the students to the Y.M.C.A. settlement work. It was urged, that, any having spare time, who desired to be of real service to their less fortunate brothers, should get in touch with the department of Y.M.C.A. activity.

THE OLD BOYS SUCCESSFUL

In Saturday's Game Against 1911 Team

SCORE WAS 11-6

Large Crowd and Good Football for First of Season

Varsity Old Boys vs. Varsity provided the first rugby attraction of the season at the University. The game was played on Saturday afternoon and attracted a large crowd. The event is important in more than one respect. In the first place, it marked the opening of the Stadium, which was completed during the past summer and which provides the University with a suitable place for its athletic events. Again, the game was the first of its kind that has been played. After the success with which it met, the event will be made annual. Six thousand was the official estimate of the attendance on Saturday. The game had a strong appeal for all who have taken an interest in rugby in Toronto during the past few years. It gave them another opportunity of seeing the heroes of other years and of comparing them with the men now in the game.

The result was a victory for the Old Boys by a score of 11-6. This was expected. Opposed to the University team were the best of the veteran players in recent years. These men, old boys though they may be called, are not at all old physically. They have been the best athletes of Toronto and are too fond of the work to give it up. Lawson, Gall, Dixon and the rest appeared almost as strong on the field as ever.

The 1911 Varsity team is considerably lighter than the team they faced. The game showed that they were essentially a running and tackling team. When they have worked together for a few more days they should develop form in an open game equal to anything that has appeared at the University. Captain Maynard showed up in fine style.

The game was an interesting one from the spectators point of view. Those who have watched University Athletics for years declare it was one of the best first games of the season that has been played. The playing was almost entirely open. It was decidedly thrilling throughout practically the entire time.

One feature which was not quite up to the mark was the cheering. For a college game, there was little noise. However, it is needless to emphasize that. University students may be depended upon to develop the necessary amount of yells and songs when they have once entered into the rugby spirit.

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BANQUET SATURDAY NIGHT

To Rugby Players—Old Boys' Game to be Annual

The rugby players who battled for supremacy at the Stadium on Saturday afternoon attended a banquet at McKonkey's on Saturday night. At this banquet it was decided that the Varsity—Old Boys' game should be an annual event, the season being opened with it each year. Dr. Barton was appointed a permanent secretary for the Old Boys' team and members of teams will leave their addresses with him so that they may be summoned for the combat each year.

It was due to Billy Foulds that Saturday's game was arranged. All lovers of rugby owe him their thanks for starting what promises to be a most interesting feature of university athletics.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Will Commence on October 5—Officers of Club Elected

At a meeting of the devotees of tennis on Friday last, the following officers were duly elected:

Pres.—P. L. Armstrong.

Sec.—E. M. Rowand.

Assist. Secy.—H. D. Livingston.

H. V. Wrong and W. B. Wiegand were elected additional members of the Executive.

Ladies' Repr.—Miss F. M. Cameron, Miss R. B. Fairbairn.

It was decided that the tournament should commence on Friday, Oct. 6, all entries having to be in not later than Thursday, Oct. 5.

The meeting was very enthusiastic and an interesting tournament is anticipated.

Entries should be handed in to the Secretaries or to any member of the Executive.

The fees are: 50c. for each event or \$2.00 for everything.

COLLEGE SERMON SERIES

Distinguished Speakers to be Here During Term

Yesterday the first of the College sermon series was delivered by President Falconer. For the benefit of freshmen it might be explained that there will be a sermon in Convocation Hall each Sunday morning during the term. The speakers will all be prominent men whom students will be glad to have the opportunity of hearing. They include President Rush Rhees, University of Rochester; Sir Andrew Fraser, lieutenant-governor of Bengal, India; Robert E. Speer, of New York; Bishop Williams, of Detroit; Dr. John R. Mott; Dean Du Moulin, of Cleveland; Prof. Ropes, of Cambridge, Mass.; Bishop Anderson, of Chicago; delegates to the Ecumenical conference which will be held in Toronto in October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To-night in Bloor Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. W. Pedley, will lecture on Jean Val Jean.

The following faculty receptions to freshman are announced to take place at 6 p.m. on the days indicated in the Y.M.C.A. building: University College, Monday, October 2; Applied Science, Tuesday, October 3; Medicine, Wednesday, October 4.

All students in the Honour Course in German must enroll with Professor Vander Smissen (Room 39) before Tuesday next at 3 p.m.

The first regular meeting of the University College Literary Society will be held next Friday evening.

The Physics Laboratory work in the various years will begin as follows:—

First Year:—Course 2, Monday, October 2 at 2 p.m. to all Honour Classes except M & P, and P. The latter two classes will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m.

Course 3, Thursday Oct. 5, at 2 p.m.

Medicine, B, Monday, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m.

Medicine A, Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m.

Dentistry, Friday, Sept. 29, at 9 a.m.

Second Year:—All Honour Courses, Friday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m.

Third Year:—General Course, Thursday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. C. & M, Friday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m.

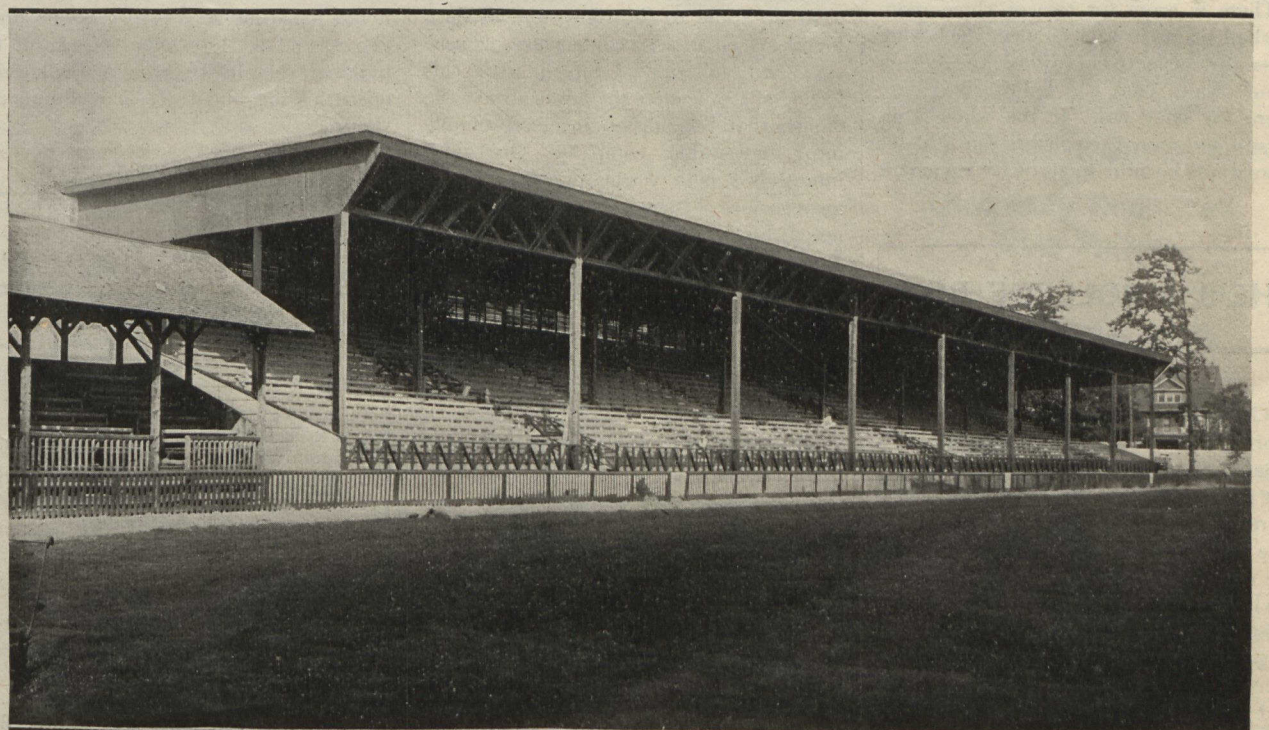
Lectures are being offered in the Department of Physics beginning as follows:

First Year:—Six lectures will be given on Mondays and Fridays at 11 o'clock, beginning Sept. 29 in Room 43; these lectures are common to the following courses: Arts and Forestry, Biology, B. & P., Classics, C. & M., Commerce & Finance, Dentistry, Eng. & Hist., Forestry, G. & M., Gk. & Heb., General, Household Science, M. & P., Mod. Lang., Medicine, Orientals, P. & H. Sc., P. & B., Physics, Pol. Sci. (Course 7); Course 1, Properties of Matter, Prof. McLennan—Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Room 41, at 11 a.m.

Second Year:—Course 3, Elementary Magnetism and Electricity; Mr. Gilchrist—Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Room 43 at 10 a.m.; Prof. Burton—Thursday, Oct. 5, in Room 43 at 10 a.m. Course 5, Elementary Acoustics, Prof. McLennan, Wednesday, Oct. 4, in Room 43, at 11 a.m.

Third Year:—M. & P., and Physics. Course 10, Theory of Potential, Prof. Burton—Monday, Oct. 2, in Room 18, at 9 a.m. Course 11, Properties of Matter, Prof. McLennan—Monday, Oct. 2, in Room 41, at 10 a.m.

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VIEW OF THE NEW STADIUM WHICH WAS ALMOST FILLED THE FIRST TIME IT WAS USED AT THE VARSITY-OLD BOYS' GAME ON SATURDAY.