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## THE CONVERSAT FRIDAY EVENING

An Unusually Large Number of Students and Their Guests Expected to be Present

## THE CONCERT PROGRAM

Mention of the Arrangements which the Committee has Provided for the Evening

There is just one night in the College year when the student abandons all thoughts of the things of this world and enters into the realms of the ideal and the beautiful. That blissful but only too infrequent occasion is Conversat night. Let the bards sing on of the delights of "the far-off regions of delight" (which most of us may never see), but the truly wise man enjoys the present hour, and when occasion offers enters into the regions of beauty and delight which are created for him here below. That the Conversat is an occasion which every student at the University should enjoy, is a statement almost too trite for repetition. But strange as it may seem there have been students who have never once shared in the pleasures of this joyous event. To such as these and to others who are the least undecided, let it be known that everything is being arranged for your pleasure on Friday evening, and if you attend you will never regret the loss of a few hours from your work or any other trifling occupations that may persuade you to remain away.

The committee this year has proven to be an energetic one, and old Varsity will be festive again Friday evening just as in former times.

The decorations this year will be even more elaborate than in previous years. In the commodious rotunda, especially will the decorators have full sway for the exercise of their art. The great hall will be transformed into a scene which could never be described with mere words. Amidst all that is beautiful in color and in the brilliancy of a myriad of varied colored lights the guests of the evening will be received by Mrs. London, the lady patronesses and Dr. Wickett, the president of the University Literary Society.

This reception will be held from half-past eight until nine o'clock. In the West Hall the graduates will be received by the members of the Faculty.

After a brief intermission two concerts will be held in the east and west halls, beginning at half-past nine and continuing until half-past ten. The program of these concerts will be as follows:

**IN THE EAST HALL.**—Violin solo, "Polonaise," Wieniawski, Miss Louie Fulton; solo, Mlle. Trebelli; solo, "I can never forget," W. J. Knox; recitation, "Cholly's Meditations," Brooks, J. H. Cameron; solo, Mlle. Trebelli; recitation, J. H. Cameron.

**IN THE WEST HALL.**—Violin solo, "Bolero," Germany, Miss Lena Hayes; recitation, "Henry V.'s Address to his Soldiers," Shakespeare, J. H. Cameron; solo, Mlle. Trebelli; solo, "O Moon of My Delight," Lehman, A. M. Gorrie; descriptive selection, "A New Year's Race," Murray, J. H. Cameron; solo, Mlle. Trebelli; Mrs. H. M. Blyth and Mr. Edmund Hardy, Mus. Bac., '02, will be accompanists for the evening.

In the arrangement of the concert program the committee deserve great credit for the tasteful selections they have provided. The appearance of Mlle. Trebelli will doubtless be awaited with much impatience, and her numbers will be one of the most delightful events of the evening.

At the conclusion of the concert, the great East and West halls will be cleared, and the strains of sweet music issuing from leafy bowers at each end of the halls, will announce the hour of dancing. It is expected that the first number of the dance program will be given at a quarter to eleven. They who are not of the joys of the "poetry of motion," or care not for it, will find ample opportunity to pass the hours pleasantly in other ways. After listening with enchanted ear to the strains of three orchestras and watching the merry dancers glide round and round in the latest *deux temps*, should a change of scene be desired (which is scarcely possible) the desire may proceed to the east wing of the building and there observe the wonders of nature which will be revealed by a learned corps of naturalists of the Natural Science Association. This exhibit will be given in the ladies' cloak room. In the Physical Laboratory a series of amusing lantern slides will be offered, and a gramophone will entertain those present here with a variety of new selections—speeches, songs and music.

A very interesting thing will be the new automatic banjo, which will render all kinds of pretty airs in lecture room No. 6. This is a novel piece of mechanism and excites the wonder of all who hear it.

Besides these attractions, which one might justly term incidental, there will be present

the flower of the beauty and youth of Varsity circles. With such offerings as these it is not a matter of surprise that any man with a spark of wisdom in his being could withhold himself from joining in the festivities of this occasion.

The Conversat is created primarily for the students of the University, and every man and woman should relinquish for the nonce all the petty things of life and enjoy the pleasures that await one and all on Friday evening.

### NOTES

Lecture rooms 12, 13, 14 and 15 will be converted into the ladies' cloak room.

The entrance will be at usual place in the East wing.

The gentlemen's cloak room will be in the basement, and room 7 will be utilized as a smoking apartment.

Giouna, Neapolitano and Bailey will furnish the music.

Webb will attend to the catering.

## MOCK PARLIAMENT DRAWS TO A CLOSE

Friday Night's Session in Students' Union an Exciting One

Business was soon disposed of at last week's Lit. Meeting, there being little to do beside the reading of the minutes. After that the Conversat was taken up. John McGaphone McKay made a brief speech concerning the undergraduates' part in the affair, and was followed by a visitor to the Lit, Mr. Theo. Hunt, B.A., a former enthusiast in literary society work, who spoke on the Conversat from the graduate standpoint. The meeting was then adjourned and a Mock Parliament formed between the Freshmen and Sophomores, Mr. Hunt being unanimously voted Speaker for the evening.

On taking their respective seats it was at once seen that the Government was much stronger numerically, and it remained to be seen if the men of '02 would be stronger than their inveterate foes in sallies and argument. The session opened in more uproar and invective than is usual in an Austrian Reichstag, during which the speech from the throne by Wood, '02, could scarcely be heard, especially as great applause greeted the reading of each measure, particularly the ones re the Ladies' Colleges and the partition through the Library. The Varsity girls seem really to have been de-throned in the affections of the lower years by the blooming maidens of Moulton and similar institutions.

The Government leader then arose, and in a much interrupted speech, dealt rather wittily with the questions re the partition and the "slippery slide." He was followed by the Hon. E. J. Kylie, The Hon. Leader of the Opposition, assumed a lofty and condescending tone, and his policy seemed to be essentially one of agin the freshies, no matter what their policy might be. He strongly doubted the ability of the newly fledged, with their young pleading voices, to form a Government. The Hon. Edward's speech was very sound, and approached more nearly to the standard laid down by President Wickett before the meeting, than that of any of his colleagues.

Sir Richard Hamilton, K.C.B., the Premier and president, followed in an oration that savored very strongly of the land of hoot, mon, hoot. It was a neat, quite eloquent speech, that turned the tide in favor of the Government at once. Cassidy arose, and spoke a few fiery words. If the Inter-colonial R.R. were extended to Parry Sound, the people of Ontario would rebel.

S. Alex. Smile, D.D. arose to reply, whereat the Government back-seaters made such terrific demonstrations of antipathy the Chairman was forced to interfere. "Our future is assured; the golden era of prosperity is at hand." In fact, Dr. Smile promised everything from the millennium down. Sir E. H. Cooper appearing from the thin and select ranks of the third party, facetiously inquired, why not "drop a line" instead of "draw a line to the Pacific Coast?" Economy was the idea in this project, and it met with considerable approval. "Feather" Aylesworth dealt exclusively with the partition question, contriving to become the author of several jokes.

In reply, Hon. R. M. Stewart, Member of France, related a heart-rending story about a sentimental freshman who came to his ruin through the enticements and results of stolen glances in the Library from the fair ones there.

A host of lights of more or less luminosity succeeded, whose sallies of wit and replies were really quite above the average.

After a protracted debate the discussion was adjourned, and, although the speaker, through courtesy, reserved his opinion, yet the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the Government would be sustained for an election or two to come.

### NOTES

Allen, of '02, made the best retorts of the evening.

Fisher, of the Opposition, was very much in evidence all through.

## OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY

Elections Held in the Old School Friday Evening

## A VERY ENJOYABLE TIME

Prize Awarded for the New Med Yell Some of the Contributions

After one of the hottest elections that has ever taken place in the history of the Varsity Meds, Mr. Paul L. Scott was declared president of the Medical Society for '99 and '00. After 6.30 p.m. on Friday, the old school on Gerrard street was filled with a howling mob of excited voters, all eagerly discussing the chances of the various candidates. At eight o'clock the poll closed, and the crowd made a rush for the small lecture room upstairs, where the promised show and concert was to be presented. There was some delay in starting, but the boys made noise enough to wake the dead in Hamilton, and seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. At fifteen minutes after eight the "Faculty Club" began their show. It was a satire on some of the professors, boys and "others." A Punch and Judy stage had been erected, and dolls, which bore striking resemblances to the originals, were manipulated from behind. It would not be right to give the boys away by telling the names of those caricatured, or what strange words were put into the mouths of staid professors and diligent students. However, the boys, by their applause, signified their huge enjoyment of the affair, and that should be praise enough for those concerned in its presentation. Harry Hutchison, Glen MacDougall and Billy O'Brien were the people responsible for the thing, and their labor was evidently not in vain. Doc Carder and T. D. Archibald performed their duties of accompanists very acceptably.

After the crowd had cooled down, Deacon Williams sang "Bona," and delighted the audience with his rich baritone. Then came the representatives from the great Second Year, Messrs. Tommy Kerr and Rolly Hill. This "year" had been looking with envious eyes on the triumphs of the Third Year in the dramatic line, and this spring determined to "go and do likewise." That they succeeded, in putting it very mildly, for Tommy and his partner in the moon cake-walk were second to none on the program. Mr. Crackers and Miss Cheese went through some steps that would paralyze any coon, and should win them the cake every time.

Mr. Walsh did his duty nobly for the freshmen, and his song about a "Safety-pin" received a hearty encore. This brought the program to a close. Now president "Cece" Holmes, came along with the announcement that another ballot was necessary to decide the presidency. Immediately there was a rush for the lower regions, and several arms were broken in the hurry. From this time until the final announcement was made that Mr. Scott was the new president, pandemonium reigned supreme, and the active canvassers had their hands full rushing their charges to the poll, fearing that they might be waylaid by others just as eager, but whose sympathies did not run in exactly the same channels.

It was shortly after ten o'clock when all the results were known, and the following gentlemen then began to receive the congratulations of the boys: President, Paul L. Scott; 1st vice-president, J. A. Campbell; corresponding secretary, W. F. McKay; treasurer, N. L. Rogers (accl.); recording secretary, Alex. Steele; curator, Mr. Coates; councillors, Messrs. Gray and Smith.

The fight between Messrs. Scott and Flath was very close, the casting vote of President Holmes giving the position to Mr. Scott.

Mr. Dittick was beaten by two votes, as was also Billy Doran.

Dr. Webster was on hand to enjoy the show, and see how the boys are running their elections in these late days.

Some Varsity Arts men came over to get a few pointers on how to run their Hallowe'en show next fall.

Art. Tanner says it was the best election fight he has ever seen in the School.

"Wally" Sadler, '99 Arts, enjoyed the show, and is now seriously considering the idea of entering Medicine next year.

The election was marked by the entire absence of any ill-feeling among the candidates.

"Doodles" says he has "trod the boards" for the last time; we pray his decision may be like Irving's farewells.

Harry Wals was so delighted with the show that he promises to send any stray Meds down to Varsity when he moves west in the spring.

At last, after what seemed needless delay, the prize for the new College yell has been awarded, and the fortunate individual is Freddie Young. Freddie is a graduate in Arts, and has had plenty of experience in everything connected with college life, and that he should have been the successful one,

is not at all strange. He had plenty of worthy opponents, however, and the decision of the judges, although just, must have been a difficult one. His yell, which will now be distinctive of the University Meds, runs as follows:

Who are we?  
Varsity, Toronto, Arbor Aveo, Medico  
U. of T.  
Meds, Meds, Meds.

There were about fifteen contestants, and it would, perhaps, be interesting to some of our readers if a few of the other "yells" were heard. That of George W. Smith, of the Third Year, was seriously considered, and certainly was good enough to be a big factor in the race. Here it is:

Epistaxis! Prophylaxis! Coughs! Colds!  
Meds!  
Varsity Meds, Varsity Meds, Varsity Meds.

Torcular Herophili! Val-sal-va!  
Varsity, Varsity, rah, rah, rah.

A. W. Kelly, of the Final Year, had a winner, but unfortunately he "also ran." He yells it like this:

M-E-D-I-C-I-N-E  
We are Meds from Varsity.  
Ri key, Rah, Rah, Bis Boom Bah.  
Varsity Meds! Varsity Meds!  
Rah, Rah, Rah.

G. W. Manning Smith, whom the boys would know better, perhaps, if "Stub" was mentioned, had a try for the lock, but was unsuccessful. His "yell" may look queer on paper, but to hear it when clothed in his charming voice, would bring tears from a stone.

Surgery! Medicine! Hulla pa! Chulla pa!  
Bottles! Bones! Pills!  
Varsity Meds! Varsity Meds! Varsity Meds!

Carciuoma! Sarcolemena!  
Hikee! Chikee! Chaw!  
Medicos! Medicos! Hurr! Hurr!  
Hurr!

T. H. Wilson came along with this effusion:  
Mucha Ilka, Bella Bad,  
Iron, Arsenic, Aqua ad,  
Varsity M-E-D-S, Meds,  
Varsity Meds, Varsity Meds,  
Bony, Bony, Bony.

## WYCLIFFE "AT HOME"

The Beautiful Halls and Corridors of the College Crowded with Guests, Friday Evening

Wycliffe College has had many great events in the social line, but in the opinion of many the affair of last Friday evening surpassed all previous College functions. It was the occasion of the annual "At Home" which is always eagerly looked forward to, both by the students and their friends.

The beautiful roomy corridors and lecture halls of the building were very prettily decorated with flags of every description, bunting of all colors, and heavy Persian curtains. Upon the blackboards the college cartoonist had displayed his skill by drawing some exceedingly clever cartoons, including the members of the faculty, and also of the graduating class. The students also had especially decorated their rooms for the occasion, and threw them open to their friends.

The guests, as they arrived, were received in the spacious College library by the patronesses, which included Mrs. Hoyles, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Caldecott, Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Hague and Mrs. Kuhring.

After the reception, the following concert was given: Trio, "Evening," Misses Piney, Dalton and Hapty; Glee, "Annie Laurie," Glee Club; Reading, Selected, Mr. Bell Smith; Song, "Die Zwei Grenadiere," Mr. Winborne; Reading, Selected, Hon. S. H. Blake; Song, "La Palma," Miss Mae Dickinson; Glee, "Weel may the Keel Row," Glee Club; Song, "A May Morning," Mr. Winborne.

At the conclusion of the concert the orchestra played several selections, and the rest of the evening was spent in conversation and in viewing the several attractions arranged by the students in the different parts of the building. The event was splendid from start to finish, and all the students are to be congratulated upon the success. The executive committee in charge of the "At Home" were: G. W. Howland, B.A., chairman; E. A. Langfeldt, hon.-sec.; G. H. Wilson, hon.-treas.; R. A. Hiltz, B.A.; R. J. M. Perkins, B.A.

Among those present the following students were noticed: Misses Archer, Peers, Harrison, Smith, Sealy, Mason, Middleton, Hannington, Crawford, Creighton, Dickson, Johnston, Harris, Ross and Wegg. Messrs. McLean, Hill, Green, Carter, Kay, Barrie, McKenzie, Beardmore, Gillespie, Good, Ritchie, Montgomery, Scott, Westman, Higginson, Musson, Steacey.

At the next meeting of the Political Science Club Mr. Lefroy will deliver an address on "A Century's Constitutional Development in North America." Among the programs to follow this meeting will be an address by Hon. G. W. Ross on "Side-lights of Canadian History," and addresses by Professor Clark and Deputy Minister of Agriculture, James.

## SENIOR CLASS TO HAVE A YEAR BOOK

The Interesting Publication will be Ready about the First of April

## SEVERAL NEW FEATURES

It will be very Similar to Torontoniensis in Form and Style

It has finally been decided that '99 shall have a Year Book. The question of issuing this interesting publication has been discussed by the members of the class for over a year past, but until the present no definite steps have been taken in the undertaking. Perhaps the cause of this hesitation has been the various undesirable circumstances which attended the publication of Torontoniensis by the class of '98 last year. But that these circumstances were wholly due to the lack of unity in the year, and in a measure, to poor management, is a question upon which most everyone is agreed. The result, therefore, of the efforts of the editors of last year's book, should not be a criterion for the class of '99. And it will not be.

The class of '99 Year Book will be edited by Mr. G. W. Ross. The popular and bustling editor of The Varsity has already collected a vast amount of interesting material of all kinds, and there is not the least doubt that the publication will surpass any previous effort of the kind at Varsity, and will prove to be a memento of which the members of '99 may forever afterward feel proud. In the new Year Book, there shall be none of the personal references which were the cause of so much comment last year.

The individual histories of the members of the class will be written up in a bright and interesting way, but all conjectures as to why so-and-so came to the University, etc., will be one of the things that will be omitted. On the other hand, a beautiful sketch of each member of the year will be given. Mention will be made of the Honor stands taken, the offices held during the year's course, and the renown that may have been gained on the platform, in the realms of literature, or on the field of athletics. A feature in connection with these sketches which would prove both novel and interesting, would be the publishing of the individual photographs of the members of the class. It is understood that an endeavor will be made to add this interesting feature to the book this year, and should this be the case, every member of the class should feel it his duty to assist the promoters in their work.

In form and arrangement the book will be very similar to Torontoniensis. It has been found that the editors last year succeeded, above all things, in selecting a more convenient and handsome form for their book than any of the year books on the other side, where such publications have become so popular.

This year's edition will be cloth-bound, finished in maroon color, with gold trimmings. It will contain about two hundred and fifty pages. Besides the histories already mentioned, there will be several literary contributions by the best writers in the year. These contributions, which shall consist of both poetry and prose, will be interspersed throughout the book. Among the cuts used will be the Athletic Team, the Lit. Executive, Athletic Directorate, the famous '99 Rugby Team, etc., etc. A sketch of each of the other years and the class rolls, together with a brief outline of all the clubs, societies and organizations at Varsity, will occupy the remaining pages.

The promoters of this commendable enterprise have not yet decided what name shall be given to this memento of '99. One title that has been suggested is the "Blue and White." This is undoubtedly a most happy selection and a very appropriate one.

Whatever may be the name, however, there is one thing certain and that is, the Year Book issued by the class of '99 will be one truly befitting the enterprise and ability which has characterized the class ever since its entrance to Varsity four years ago.

It is confidently expected that each member of the year will take an interest in this final effort and assist in making the publication what it should be—the crowning effort of four illustrious years.

Word has been received that B. K. Sandwell, '97, now of London, Eng., intends to visit Toronto this year.

The opening meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society, which was to have been held on Feb. 17th, has been postponed to a later date. Instead of the opening meeting on that day, the program arranged for March 3rd will be substituted. This program will be as follows: Foundations of Geometry, J. H. McDonald, B.A.; Modern Mathematics, A. C. McPhedron, '01; Physical Experiments, Miss E. Bell and Miss A. Lick.