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AWARDS

The Council Committee for Awards last year apparently encountered some difficulty in interpreting the rules governing the awards. Usually they solved any difficulty by simply tossing out the award involved, so that persons who had been listed by Societies as having won awards found the decision overturned by the Committee in a rather tactless manner.

This sort of situation should not be allowed to exist. This year as Dalhousie enters its fourth year of having a large student body, a great many awards may be expected, and if the awards are to be subject to the same vague conditions as existed last year, there will be a great deal of unnecessary unpleasantness over them.

Now, while the year is relatively young, the Awards Committee should be appointed at once to decide with the Societies exactly what rules are to govern awards. If the leaders of the societies are to go through another year without knowing whether or not their recommendations are doing to be tossed out by the Committee, they will be hardly justified in holding out awards to those who work for their groups as an incentive.

SODALES' PROGRAM

There is probably no art more neglected in our Universities today than that of public speaking. Comments on this state of affairs, and complaints, have been heard from time to time from prominent educators without having too great an effect.

Very little, if anything of the subject, is taught in the schools, and the freshman coming to University finds football and other activities much more within his scope than the new activity of debating, and yet few of our Societies can provide training which will be as useful in after life as that which Sodales does.

Sodales' plan for this year includes not only the regular schedule of debates, but also a new feature. Largely due to the interest of Dr. Kerr, a series of lectures on public speaking have been arranged which should prove of inestimable value not only to the neophyte, but also to the practised debater.

Our regular debates with teams from other Universities are generally much more interesting than the attendance would indicate, and you are not only doing yourselves a favour by attending them, but supporting a University team which deserves quite as much attention in its own field as an athletic one does in another.

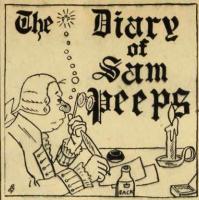
FOOTBALL

The Canadian team has won its first game, and will be playing McGill tomorrow in our first game with a Canadian team from one of the Big Four Universities. It is very gratifying to see the progress which the new game has made here, and the prestige which it has brought the D. A. A. C. and the University in athletics.

It is very likely that we will meet a better team tomorrow, which should not be a source of any great worry. On the contrary, the fact that a team is coming here from Central Canada is in itself a tribute to the energy and enterprise of the D. A. A. C. and the Physical Director in developing the game.

Our somewhat neglected English rugger team has been quietly practising on its own. Supplied with less in the way of equipment and facilities than the other team, the players are using the Gorsebrook grounds for practise, and thinks it has a coach. It may be that this year, as happened last, this team will be the one that climbs to the top of some league.

It seems to us that the offer from Harvard to receive a rugger team from Dalhousie has not been awarded the attention it merits. If arrangements are going to be made, they should be made soon.



Wednesday, Oct. 6—This morning Captain Clink Heavy sent me twelve bottles of Cheval Noir Ale. He also did send a request that I write a letter for the Press in praise of his troop of soldiers. Three of the bottles I drank. The letter, I forgot. Later in the morning, due in some part, I believe, to the strong ale, I lost five shillings at nine-pins.

In the afternoon I did hear much of the meeting of the Parliament in the Lessy Homestead, wherein the band was forbidden to ride in a coach to engagements, but rather must walk, as seems fit.

Abroad, wearing only one shirt, I was brought much pain and cold.

This morning read the King's proclamation against swearing and debauchery, and was much amazed at this seeming reformation.

Being not very well settled, partly through last night's drinking and want of sleep, I lay down in my gown upon my bed and slept til 4 o'clock when I was wakened by classes changing in the college on the hill, which I took for 8 o'clock in the morning and rising . . . mistook the sun rising for the sun setting on the previous night.

Thursday, Oct. 7—Much amazed this morning to hear of the dastardly action of the scholars who placed a privy, taken from the camp of some city workmen, on the steps of Marmalade Hovel, where the young maids of the college on the hill do dwell.

Did hear that Dr. Hound was much incensed, as too, were nearby residents. Some say it was an old privy, and that might, in some part, account for the incense. Two workmen, churlish chaps who demanded money before they did the work, removed the offensive structure. Dr. Hound has demanded that Parliament reimburse his pocket.

Thinking over this weighty problem I did procede to my house, with my money clutched tightly in my arm, as the streets were mighty dark. A gentleman on Aqua Street had a great and dirty fall over a sewer pipe that lay along the channel.

So to bed, after looking over the things that my wife bought today, they costing too much, I went to bed in a discontent.

Friday, Oct. 8—In the morning my wife tells me the bitch has whelped four young ones and is very well after it, my wife having had a great fear that she would die thereof, the dog that got them being very big.

This morning intended to have gone to Westminster Abbey to see the Archbishop, but it raining, I forbore, at which he did give off my pew to another, denying me permission to sit in the abbey on Lord's Day—I shall go to a rival institution, and visit the West End Swimming Pool.

Was amazed, on reading the Spectator (early version) to see a sketch of Dr. Hound and others, standing in a group, one a-drinking of a glass of wine, and he most prettily bearded in the French fashion. Some believe he is an Ambassador from the court in Paris. Heard much comment on the cleverness of the artist who penned the sketch, which shows most subtly the difference between old world and new.

Heard today in the streets much talk that a ship has been sighted at Land's End bringing many Redmen from the Canadian colonies. I do believe they are to have a display or exhibition on the great square upon their arrival and it is said they may well find opposition from the scholars who are most fine athletes on Saturdays.

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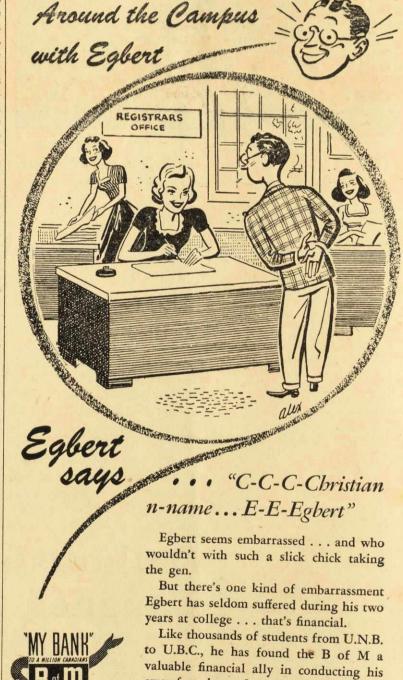
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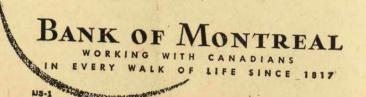
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