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MEDS HAVE NAMED THEIR CANDIDATES

A Number of Good Men Nominated to Fill the Offices of the Society

ELECTIONS FRIDAY NIGHT

A Brief Sketch of the Chosen Candidates—A Lively Time Expected

The old school on Gerrard Street was thronged with an excited crowd of Meds last Friday afternoon, it being the occasion of the nominations for the offices of the Medical Society. As the hour for which the meeting was called approached, the Freshmen and Sophs bustled in, all eagerly discussing the coming meeting and talking about the men who were already considered as kings in the field. No sooner had these unsuspecting youths entered the portals of the Meds mansion than they were waylaid by energetic juniors, and filled with the praises of some aspiring candidate, whom they had perhaps never seen, but whom they ardently promised to support. Such is the innocence of these boys without guile. However, let them be happy while they may as the time will soon come when they shall see that all is not as it seems, and though they may be burnt by the flame, yet their experience should be taken to heart, so that they in their turn may educate the medical students yet unborn.

Four-thirty was the time set for the meeting, and shortly after that hour President Cecil Holmes called the boys to order. A new constitution had been drawn up since the previous meeting, and he proceeded to wade through rules and sections without number. When he had finished, there were a few questions asked and explanations given, and then the new constitution was adopted. Now came the interesting part, and when the president called for nominations for Hon. Treasurer, the boys felt so happy that they elected Dr. Boyd by acclamation. The other nominations brought out the following men:—President, E. Flatt, R. Y. Parry, P. L. Scott and T. H. Wilson; Vice-President, J. A. Campbell, and W. Hamilton; Corresponding Secretary, H. Dittrick, and W. F. McKay; Treasurer, N. L. Rogers, (acclamation); Recording Secretary, W. A. Cerswell and Alex. Steele; Curator, Messrs. Coates, Doran, Parent and Wright; Assistant Treasurer, Jones and Ansley; Councillors, Gray, Smith, Charlton and King.

The above list is a very representative one and any man selected should prove worthy. Of the candidates for the presidency a few words wouldn't be amiss.

Mr. Flath is of the good-natured, easy-going variety, and his pleasant face and jocular smile will win him not a few votes.

Paul L. Scott, whose dark and penetrating eyes show cleverness beyond the ordinary, is more retiring, and probably the most bashful of the four, yet in a contest he should prove a dangerous foe.

"Bob" Parry is a good head, and one of our handsomest boys. His moustache is irresistible, and that fluffy curl of hair, hanging low over the forehead, has broken many a feminine heart.

"Thea" Wilson, or "Holy Bill," as he is familiarly called, is not by any means of the least, because he happens to be last. He is well-known among all the students, for a conscientious worker, a good sport (in the right time), and an all round fine fellow; he should make an excellent run.

Howard Dittrick, who is running for corresponding secretary, is inordinately bashful, but is well liked for this very reason.

Mr. McKay, his opponent, is also a little backward, but since his moustache has attained its full growth his diffidence is disappearing. It is difficult to pick the winner between these two.

N. L. Rogers captured the boys by storm, and was elected to the position of treasurer by acclamation. He is a good fellow, and will handle the coin well.

The elections take place Friday evening from 6.30 to 8, and a big time is expected. The entertainment will be new and original, as was explained in last week's issue, and should draw a large crowd. Every student is invited to come and bring his friends; but unfortunately we cannot include the ladies in this invitation.

OPEN MEETING OF NATURAL SCIENCE

Will be Held Thursday Evening, February 16th—The Program

The open meeting of the Natural Science Association will be held this year on Thursday evening, Feb. 16th, in the Biological building. This meeting has always been considered a most interesting event around Varsity and the program this year will be as usual, of a high order. Among the num-

bers will be an address by Prof. Ramsay Wright; "Fire and Fire-building," by Dr. Ellis; a reading, by H. F. Cook; piano solo, by W. C. Klotz; violin solos, by W. W. Beardmore and Miss K. Patterson; songs, by a quartette, and selections by the Banjo Club. At the conclusion of the program the Museum will be open for inspection.

ASSAULT-AT-ARMS

Some New Features this Year—Takes Place Early in March

Just as the Athletic Association Dance, late in the fall term, heralds the close of all the outdoor sports commenced at the beginning of the term, so the annual Assault-at-Arms, to be held this year early in March, is an event declaratory of the fact that the long winter training indoors has reached its consummation.

Instructor Williams has had his class picked for this year's tournament since the opening of the term, and is diligently engaged in training the boys and getting up some novel tricks on the apparatus. An extra thick mattress has lately been added, and found to develop a surprising amount of new courage in the boys. The class drill will probably be performed more largely on the "horse" than the horizontal bar this year, as instructor Williams, with his wonderful ingenuity has devised some neat and clever performances on the "horse," which the class are "getting on to" very well. The muscular gymnasts were hoping to have their entertainment made more novel and attractive by the participation of the more genteel but skillful ladies of the foil. However the powers behind the Board (athletic) had reserved their sanction and the tournament will be strictly all male.

It is to be regretted that neither of the field champions of '97 or '98 appear at all; indeed the whole personnel is to a large extent changed, and funny men for clowns are at a premium. The question as to whether the tournament will be held by invitation or ticket has not yet been decided by the Directorate with whom the important matter rests. It is to be hoped, however, that the Athletic Association will let this exhibition be an opportunity for the members to pay off obligations to their many city friends. This branch of gymnasium work has few opportunities to receive popular commendation, and those interested in it should be encouraged in every possible way.

WOMEN'S LIT "AT HOME"

A Large Number of Guests Expected at this Function Saturday Evening—The Program

Invitations are out for the Women's Literary Society's annual "At Home," to be held Saturday, February 4th, in the University Gymnasium. The invitation list numbers some five hundred names, the great majority of which consist of the Faculty and their wives, the women graduates and the undergraduate body of the University. The hours set are from 7 to 9. A reception will be held during the first part of the evening, and dainty refreshments served by the ladies in the reading room. The following interesting program will then be rendered in the Literary Hall:

Instrumental duet, Misses Lang and Mason; vocal solo, Miss Mae Dickenson; trio, the Misses Evans and Covert; recitation, Miss Lamb; vocal quartette, Misses Kennedy, Robertson, Wegg and Hughes; violin solo, Miss K. Patterson; "Place aux Dames," dramatis personae, Lady Macbeth, Miss G. Burgess; Portia, Miss L. M. Wright; Ophelia, Miss E. M. Neilson; Juliet, Miss Sheppard.

This will conclude the program so far as stated facts appear, but rumor has it strongly that an informal adjournment will be made thereafter to the Gymnasium, where the presence of the orchestra and the ideal accommodation of the place will afford a short indulgence in the ever popular amusement.

VARSITY AND KNOX TO MEET IN DEBATE

The Final Oratorical Contest takes Place Friday Evening, February 17, in Association Hall

The final debate of the Inter-Collegiate Debating Union will be between Varsity and Knox and will be held in Association Hall, on Friday evening, Feb. 17. This event promises to be a very large affair, as a program of unusual excellence is being arranged besides the debate which will be the hardest fought of the whole series. Varsity will probably be represented by Messrs. W. H. Alexander and T. A. Russel and Knox by either W. Findlay, B. A., or T. Aiken, M. A. and T. R. Robinson, B. A. The musical and literary part of the program will be provided by men from the different Colleges of the Union. The judges will be Dr. Parkin, Prof. Clark and perhaps Prof. Goldwin Smith. On the platform will be Hon. G. W. Ross and the presidents of the different Colleges. In order to meet the expenses of this occasion a small admission fee will likely be charged.

CLASS OF '99 TO HAVE A CLASS WEEK

The Days Preceding Commencement to be a Time of Pleasure

SOME THINGS SUGGESTED

A Series of Athletic Games and Excursion Parties Proposed

It is now almost four years ago since the class of Ninety-nine first knocked at the doors of the University of Toronto. Four years! It is almost impossible to believe it, and yet you cannot do otherwise if you happen to stroll along the corridor of a morning and listen for a moment to the talk that is going on around you. One man is saying, "well, we are on the home stretch now, old fellow." Another is overheard asking a friend, "what will you be doing in the autumn?" while a third wishes that he had just one more year to spend in lecture room and campus. Yes, the academic sun of Ninety-nine is sinking, and very, very soon even its golden after-glow will be only a memory.

It is admitted that the present Fourth-year has been an exceptionally brilliant one. In every branch of University life they have made records which will stand for a long time, and have produced men whose equals either in purely intellectual or administrative gifts are not likely to arise for some years at least. As regards scholarship, which after all must be one of the chief aims of the University, Ninety-nine can boast of many a student who will bring distinction to himself and his Alma Mater in the days to come. Several of the best of these are preparing to prosecute their studies in foreign centres of learning, and if they maintain the record they have themselves created in the halls of Toronto University.

In the domain of sport the athletes of Ninety-nine have ever been to the front. It is a well-known fact that it has always had far more than a proportionate representation on the various teams—whether they be Rugby, lacrosse or baseball—which have upheld the Blue and White on a hundred fields. Nor must it be supposed that this majority of Ninety-nine men on the "fifteen" or the "nine" was due to any "pull" or influence: not at all; it was because they were the best men for the place. But they have done something more than merely man the teams. Ninety-nine has reconstructed the Athletic Association in the effort to centralize the administration—no small achievement.

In other departments Ninety-nine has not been in the rear. It has successfully launched the Intercollegiate Debating Union—an organization which promises to be of great benefit to all the colleges of Toronto. Many of the men of Ninety-nine have made quite a reputation as writers, several of them are contributors to magazines and periodicals of repute, and there is a bright prospect before them if they devote themselves to literature.

But enough has already been said to prove the statement made, that Ninety-nine has ever been restless to push through to success what it has undertaken. And it might be thought that with such a record behind it, the present senior year would be content to rest on its oars and float on the tide of its fame to graduation day. But no, such is not the case. Ninety-nine has something yet to do, and its last effort bids fair to be its greatest. The new project is this. It has often been noticed that time hangs very heavy on the hands of the men who have just written their last exams, and who are waiting in anxious expectancy in the city for commencement. So with characteristic enterprise Ninety-nine has resolved to turn those lagging days into a week of gaiety. A whole series of entertainments will be got up to make all the new graduates enjoy themselves and "drive dull care away," nothing has been definitely fixed upon yet, but a great many proposals are being discussed. Theatre parties are already on the tapis. There could be scarcely anything more pleasant than these, though there would be an element of sadness about them too, for the shadow of parting would be over all. Yet to go once more to the Grand or the Princess with fellows one has often gone with before, to cement old friendships what is there finer, even if it be sad? Then there is dinner parties, when the men, who have grown to know one another during four years, will gather to drink their last toast together—to drink to the Queen, the College, and the Class of which they have all been members. Others again speak of getting up a day of field sports, when the field athletics of Ninety-nine could once more join in friendly contest ere they separate to the four corners of the earth. Another project is to organize a big excursion somewhere—most probably across to Niagara, or perhaps a moonlight sail on

that great lake which laves the feet of the city which has sheltered them for the happiest years of their lives.

Such is the plan—one may rest assured it will be carried into execution. When Ninety-nine once puts its hand to the plough it has not been wont to turn back, nor will it now.

LAST WEEK AT THE LIT

Mock Parliament still Continues to Draw Large Houses—Important Measures Passed

The "Eleventh Parliament of the Dominion," with its epoch-making measures is already with the Pharaohs, but its legislative thoughts will live forever! Its fast Atlantic line, its refrigerator route to the Klondike, its cooking school for Varsity girls, its provision for a Poet Laureate, legacies for the Highland men, and straightjackets for cheeky freshmen, called forth thoughts at once weighty and witty.

Colonel H. M. S. Banwell rose slowly and with dignity. He endeavored with all the reserve and complacency becoming his high rank and class to impress the Honorable Speaker and House with the extreme importance of all matters contained in the "Speech." General Hamilton soon sprang to his side and assistance. But vain, seemingly, was their eloquence and that of the Hon. Premier, R. G. Hunter, for the cool, cutting leader of the Opposition, Sir Alexander Mackenzie Wilson, with his Oriental reminiscences, was irresistible. Puns and witticisms were soon suggestively rife. "Sandy" Macleod of Knox proved himself to be a true step-son of Auld Scotia. And did ye no hear him?

Last Friday's session was between the third and fourth years; the coming one will be between the freshies and the sophs. The speeches will be limited, as at last meeting, in their temporal loquaciousness, but the third party, composed of the other two years, will be expected to make their superior humor also felt. Last Friday the juniors were given the honorable and well-merited honor of the chair.

The president, Dr. Wickett, congratulated the society on possessing once more the old chair of its forefathers. The chair, according to information given the president, was originally built for Moss Hall. McKim—peace to his name!—had its head amputated, and the chair itself converted into a professional bower. It has now been restored to its original form, re-upholstered in leather, and set in position in its new home.

Mr. John MacKay, the first vice and financier of the Conversat, gave welcome and glowing news of the progress of conversational arrangements. The price of tickets has been reduced this year to \$1.25 for gentlemen, and \$1.00 for ladies. The opinion is fast gaining ground that tickets will be quickly snapped up. And as it is desired above all that this year's Conversat should be a genuine academic function, the students are urged to secure their tickets as soon as possible. The committee have decided to limit the number to be sold, so that ladies and others will suffer no inconvenience. Other points of information will be found in another column.

As the president and speaker remarked at the close of the session, it is advisable for the members to direct their batteries at their respective opponents only as regards the political life and actions of the latter. This healthy parliamentary tradition should, indeed, be more attentively observed.

WOMEN'S LIT MEETING

An Interesting Debate Between Members of the First and Second Years.

A very good number of women undergrads and their friends was present at the "Co eds." Lit meeting last Saturday evening. The program was one of the best of the year. The Ladies' Glee Club showed their particular utility to college circles by contributing a couple of chorus selections. The event to which the serious attention and enthusiasm of the evening was directed was the first round of the Inter-year debates. The question was: "Resolved: That a University education best fits a girl for after life in any sphere." The argument fell between the Sophomore and the Freshettes, the Affirmative being upheld by Misses Marshal and Fraser, '02, who won, and the Negative stoutly fought for, but in vain, by Misses Wicher and Gundry, '01.

A humorous selection "The Joke Club," as delivered by Miss Denis, '00, caused much amusement. The chief number on the program was the production of the play—"The Iconoclast." The frequency of these little plays on the programs of the Women's Lit meetings show that the dramatic art is in actual practice among the girls; while the great interest which they create among the Lit corners, is evidence of the worth of their productions. The general University public will be afforded an opportunity of seeing one of these plays, heretofore rendered only in their Sanctum Sanctorum, as one is announced on the program of the Women's Literary Society's "At Home" for February 4th.

THIS WEEK IN MOCK PARLIAMENT

An Innovation Introduced into the House

FIRST AND SECOND YEARS

Several New Measures of Utmost Importance to be Discussed

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We have much pleasure in welcoming you to this twelfth Parliament of Canada, and in congratulating you upon the marked prosperity of the country. Our exports have enormously increased, the railroads and shipping interests are all flourishing, and the agricultural condition of the country is such as to promise continued advance in national prosperity. We have every confidence that under the ministry which has again received the approval of the electorate, the country will make every great stride in the future that it has made in the past.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The following measures will be proposed for your consideration:—

1. To extend the Intercolonial Railroad to Parry Sound.
2. To grant a charter to the G.T.R. to build a line to the Pacific coast.
3. To establish a differential tariff in favor of the British West Indies.
4. To authorize the removal of the principal Ladies' Colleges of Toronto into closer proximity to Varsity.
5. To extend the franchise to lady graduates of Toronto University until such time as they enter upon a state of connubial felicity.
6. To amend the Redistribution Act so as to give the "Lit" a representative in parliament.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to vote supplies for the following purposes:—

1. To build a partition six feet high through the centre of the Library-Reading Room to prevent stolen glances.
2. For a fast line of transatlantic freighters from Paspebiac, N.B.
3. To aid Toronto University in erecting a Convocation Hall.
4. To deepen Toronto harbor.
5. To establish a secular College for the Russian Doukhobors, with Sir John C. Mackintosh, A.B.C., X.Y.Z., as chief push.

Premier and President of the Council, Sir Richard J. Hamilton, K.C.B.; Minister of Finance, Hon. Robert M. Stewart; Minister of Public Works, Hon. John Wilson Cunningham; Minister of Justice, Hon. W. Mac. Mackay, L.L.D.; Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Wm. J. Loughheed; Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Admiral Edward Brown; Minister of Trade and Commerce, Sir Ernest R. Paterson; Minister of Railways and Canals, J. Alex. Soule, D.D.; Minister of Militia and defense, Gen. Tarte Hills, K.C.M.; Minister of Interior, Hon. Herbert T. Wallace; Postmaster General, Count Neil R. Gray, P.O.; Secretary of State, Earl Egbert Carson; Solicitor-General, Hon. H. Allen, Q.C.; Controller of Customs, Sir Albert MacRae; Controller of Inland Revenue, Archibald Mullin, P.C.; Ministers without Portfolio, A. Cohen, W. C. Bray.

John Wycliffe Monds, A. L. Burch, Alex. MacDougall will be gazzeted a Royal Commission to investigate the charges against certain freshmen who used sophomores as toboggans at the hustle.

Gen. Van Wick, Lord Victor of Slippery Slope, will be appointed Varsity's representative to Tampa.

The front benches of the opposition will be occupied by the following members:—Messrs. Kylie, Cassidy, Miller, Aylesworth, Brophy, Wilcox, Chapman, Robertson, Coyne, Lockhart, Carson, Brown, Fisher, Deroche.

BEQUEST TO KNOX COLLEGE

Mr. James W. Brown of Chatham Leaves the Institution the Handsome Sum of \$50,000

Mr. James W. Brown, a native of Paisley, Scotland, and for the last thirty years a resident of Chatham, died on Thursday. Beside one or two bequests, he has left the residue of his estate to Knox College for the endowment of one of its chairs of Theology or for the endowment of Bursaries, as in the wisdom of the College Board seems most desirable. The Rev. Dr. Warden visited Chatham in connection with Mr. Brown's funeral, and reports that the residue of the estate coming to Knox College will amount to about \$50,000.

