### KNOX COLLEGE.

The customary college conferences are being continued this year. The meetings are held alternate Saturday mornings, commencing at 11.30. All interested, whether connected directly with Knox or not, are welcome. Principal Caven, Prof. McFadven and Dr. McLaren have favored us already with able and practical addresses. No theological student should miss any ture conferences, save for unavoidable

circumstances.

The last meeting of the Literary Socdety had two interesting features. First of all, Prof. McFadyen gave us some practical suggestions as to the most profitable way to conduct our regular meetings. He favored the Glasgow and Edinburgh plan of having a prepared essay or a live theological or social problem read, criticised, and freely discussed by those whose spirits moved them. A discussion of this plan, led by Mr. A. S. Andrews, a senior student from Glasgow Union, will form part of the next meeting's program, next Tuesday evening. Then came the first of the inter-year debates, between the classes of '04 and '03. The

Messrs. H. E. Abraham, B.A., and Dr. Hunter, B.A., are to be congratu-lated on winning the debate last Friday evening, for Knox, against their able and worthy opponents from Wycliffe College. This puts Knox in the second round of the intercollegiate

The 35th open meeting of the missionary society was held Friday evening, Nov. 15th. The large audience who were assembled heard interesting addresses from Mr. Burkholder, "On Mission Work in B.C.," and from Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Knox church, on "Motives to Home Mission Work." President A. L. Burch conducted the devotional exercises, while Fin. Sec. W. G. Wilson gave a concise financial statement. Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A. showed himsel' to be an efficient chair-

The p operations for the at home ar progressing, Mr. R. J. Wilson will be in his room, No. 15, from 12 to 2 pm. daily to consult with all those who may desire to know how and when to pay their subscriptions in the readlest way. Tickets can also be purchased from

The fellowing up at by Mr. H. Black '04, will give some idea of the namorous side of Home Mission endeavor in north-west Manitoba.

His instructions were to report Thunder Hill, Man., June 1st. spent two weeks trying to find out where it was. He has since learned it never was an inhabited place. It is simply a stornty region located near Swan Valley, a region which the

Indians give a wide berth. Mr. Black next tried to reach his destination. That took one month. He took one of the C.P.R. daily trains for Winnipeg. Then he went up a branch (on which trains run by-weekly) to N.W. Manitoba. Here a box car, which ran once a week, landed him twenty miles from Swan Valley. That twenty miles he wilked passing through heavy sand banks, mud banks, and creeks. He reached Swan River. The only sign that it was a town was a board over the door of the one house in sight, entitled Borden P.O. Two of his other stations were of historic interest, namely, Durban and Pretoria. The fourth station was Bear Tree Hill, so called because a wayfarer rather hastily thought it wise to rest himself on a tree top in that vicinity. He found considerable difficulty in finding a suitable meeting house at this last place. He was referred to the dirtiest man in the district, a Scot. The set-tlers warned Mr. Black regarding this man's stubbornness. Our friend said the warning was well advised, for he found our worthy Scot to be like all Scotia's sons when they are dogmatic, namely, bull-dogmatic. However, he was won over and arranged a vacant shack for the missionary Himself he cleansed, clothed, and got into his right mind. From a hopeless waif, he became transformed into a re-spectable. God-fearing man. Mr spectable Black also labored among the Doukhobors, of whom he said many favorable things could be affirmed, and also some unfavorable. The ed, and also some unfavorable. The Indian, also, came within his charge, but his way to the happy hunting ground was too hard for the poor red face. In the words of one of them, "No go to —— church. Pay him four mink. Get to Heaven cheap." Mr. Black endured much hardship on his

We hope in the near future he will give us a fuller account of his ABOUT THE HALLS AND LECTURE ROOMS.

Prof.-Mr. J., I am afraid you are trying to evade the difficulty.

Mr. J.—Oh: about Phrygia and

Prof.-Yes. Can you tell me any thing

about it?
Mr. J.—No, sir: I cannot tell you any.

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thing about it. (Laughter.)

Prof.—Can you tell me all you know about this question? Student-I know nothing about it,

At Missionary meeting, Mr. McL., in noving the reception of Mr. R-B-C-N E.'s report for his mission field, said that no doubt Mrs. Winslow in presenting a steam launch to the mission knew Mr. C. was in need of some sooth ng syrup.

A slip in a report: "This lady is an island, a group of slands in Muskoka."

A Knox student's reception by northern elder, on announcing that he was sent out to represent K.C.S.M.S. Another boy-Say, when is Knox Colege going to send us a man? have been sending us boys for the last

twenty years. Mr. Sark-a-n, in moving the reception of P. T.'s report—I was surprised to hear that Mr. T. was sent out as a missionary. I knew Knox College was good college, but I did not think hey could make a man out of a boy

within one year.

Judge at the inter-year debate—What is style? A Voice—Articulation, pro-nunciation, enunciation.

All Arts men are hereby warned not go near room 14, for the righteous indignation of the occupant may break forth and consume them.

Certain residents of the first floor

vish to say that they are not engaged in the fumigating business.

## VICTORIA COLLEGE

Our newly-purchased campus is being put into condition for use, under the able management of the president of the Athletic Union, W. E. Hamilton '02. The ground is being levelled, holes filled up, trees cut down, and where needed it is being sodded afresh. Altogether the work is progressing with a vim and energy that augurs well for the enterprise of our Union and for our chances, in the near future, of enjoy-ing the use of a magnificent campus. Under the able management of Mr.

T. C. Jeffers, Mus. Bac., as instructor seconded by the no less energetic efforts of Harry Neville, '02, as president, our Glee Club is being rapidly welded into a first-class musical organization boys are turning out well to the practices, and great enthusiasm is be ng manifested in the work of the club Members have two great events for which to prepare, for they are engaged to sing at our conversat,, and there is every prospect of a tour being under taken this year.

At the list meeting of our Literary Society the opposition forces, led by V W. Odlum, '03, made a determined effort to overthrow the government by introducing a want of confidence mo But the speeches introducing the motion lacked effect, as no serious charges of neglect or maladministra-tion could be urged, and our ship of state rode safely through the storm in-to its accustomed harbor of government, and His Majesty's Opposition is still entitled to seats on the left of the

But, most important of the business of the evening, was the decision of the Inion Literary Society to purchase for e college a collection of Indian speciers, owned by a hunter in Vancou-er, B.C. The boldness and energy of he society in expending several hun-red dollars in the purchase of such a ollection is a matter of congratulation our student body, and is malled only by the kindness of Prof. dlum (the father of V. W. Odlum, '03) brough whose agency the society is ourchasing the valuable collection. He Prof. Odlum) has not only undertaken o defray a considerable portion of the expense of purchasing the collection. but has also undertaken to supervise the packing and shipping of the entire purchase free of transport charges And, still further, he has generously donated to the college his own valuable

Altogether, Victoria is to be congra slated upon being the recipient of such a noble gift from one of her own graduates, which, taken with the collection that has been purchased, will give us without doubt one of the most complete collections of this nature to be found in any university or museum n America.

Year '03 class held their annual re p ion on Friday evening, and in every way it was a most successful event. Departing as it did from the stereoyped form of college receptions, it possessed a quality of variety that ided materially in the social success

The first part of the evening was "A Study it, Books," each one having provided a card on which was represented the title of some book. During the guessing that followed the chief aim of the event—social intercourse and general acquaintance—was, of course, neessary, and long before the promenadng commenced there was noticeable strong feeling of friendliness and intimacy that is unfortunately not notice able at all college functions.

Prizes were awarded to those having the most successful guesses recorded and also to those who had made the smallest number of correct guesses. The successful contestants for the izes were Miss A. Will and Mr. G. W. Wallace, whilst the recipients of the "booby" prizes were Miss Lindsay and Mr. Kitching. Immediately following the awarding of the prizes and speeches of welcome from the honorary president, A. P. Misener, M.A., and the Varsity representative, Mr. Walter Nichol, '03, the promenades were proceeded with. Refreshments were served during the intermission between the promenades, and so ended one of the most pleasing and successful receptions that has been held in Victoria.

JOTTINGS. Years '03 and '02 played another tie game in the inter-year football series. Year '05 defeated '04 by a score of 1-0

the same series. Who is responsible for the disappearance of the ice cream on Friday even-ing? Reward offered by '03.

Wanted-Position as foreman on con-struction work by Hamilton, Fowler, and Odlum. References, experience gained in levelling our new campus.

Ladies' colleges preferred. Did Proc. Burwash really not know the difference between the Conservatory of Music and the Chemical Build ing?

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ics! Bingham-No won ler '02 didn't win. was off!

Hamilton (after hunting up an address for a conversat, invitation) remarks despairingly: "She's fooled me! There's no such number."

### PHARMACY.

(Whirr!)

"Hello! who's speaking?" "You're College Topics are you; well, this is the O.C.P."

"What did you say you wanted?"
"Exams.? Why they're on now."
"Yes, pretty stiff, thanks."

"Oh, no; the boys haven't all become despondent yet."

"What's that you say? Urquhart?"
"Oh, I guess he will manage to do it within the time limit set by last year's

"How long? Six years, they say. "Bald? Certainly not. brushing his hair the other day."

"No; I didn't say hairs; I said hair-singular number." "Why, most assuredly Scobell is go-ng to bring his cane. What else are

canes for? "The fellow that makes the funny speeches? Oh, I see: you mean New

To be sure, he is alright. His South African rep. will make up for any thing his brain has failed to surround. "You bet; Jameson's going to get it where Mary word her beads."

"Yes: it is too bad, but he insisted on riting poetry and songs." 'Wilson, with the seductive voice and peace-making disposition? He is fair-ly sure of Latin, for he clinched that by acting as president of the Y.M.C.A. No. there is no pecuniary considera-

tion attached to that job.' Well, I guess yes; Hewson's bristles will carry him through. Alexander is sorry he cut his out now."

"That's a fact. Mortimer is a smart hild, but he will have to get up early to get ahead of the Jean."

"Yes, that's the unvarnished truth. Dr. Scott left us all in the hands of Providence." No, we're not all there now; some

of the boys didn't get a good hold and slipped off. "That's a vile slander! Certainly no professor would consign us into the hands of—ahem! the other one."

"No, Central, we're not through yet."
"What's that? Long enough? Aw,

No, Central, I didn't speak." "Repeat your last question, please,

"Is there going to be a dance or feed Well, I hardly know; some of the feminine portion favor a dance, but the boys are bashful, and afraid of being lost among such a beyv of maid-

"I don't quite catch your meaning. Do you mean Tamblyn had a smile on his face, or one that goes better in-

Oh! on his face. Well, he gets on all right with the ladies, but Snyder has been giving him a pretty close run." "Snyder, I said. S-n-y-d-e-r."

Kestle isn't such a bad boy ven if he is a minister's son. But I guess pa had better read over Proverbs to him during the holidays? Whose feet?'

'Oh, Monkman's! They are both doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances."

"Why, of course, the faculty will let married men through. want in this country is family men, acding to Premier Ross Soaked? What for?"

Well, now that you speak of it, I believe there is a rumor to the effect that the Pharmacy correspondent is going to get soaked on the exams. for being fresh.

Thanks, Topics, for the hint, but I'm afraid the alibi dodge won't work Yes, the semi-annual senior exams. begin December 9

Who for? Why, they are for the 'also started' of last year.' "Say, who told you that? I don't be-lieve that Cook is going to be married at Christmas. Just think of the glorious future opening before him-making up seidlitz powders and quinine cap-

"Ha! ha! That's a beaut. Harvey down for head man, eh? Burt Gerrans will have to hustle if he intends No, sir; we will not crib in any way.

Pharmacy has formed a non-cribbing society in connection with the Y.M.C.A. We wish it to be distinctly understood that what marks we do make will be all our own fault."

Yes, the dean addresses the first Y. M.C.A. meeting of the new year. The boy's all hope to hear him, in their official capacity

"Shure, McFadden's O K! He's ar Irishman, and did you ever yet see an Irishman come out wrong side up?"
"Well, rather! It wouldn't be Phar

macy without a speech from Phelps. 'How about the girls? They're safe. The boys have all sworn a most solemn and dreadful oath never to return un less our ladies come back, too. Isn't that loving devotion?" Yes, Henderson's quite a boy, isn't

He is feeling quite elated because seat is the one that was occupied by last year's gold medalist."
"Oh, no, we don't mean to infer that

the learning is all in his seat." "That's what. Ryries want 75 cents

apiece for college pins, in batches of Well, now, I would hardly like to express my o-pin-ion on it; speak to Best about it. But Scobell says he can

get them from Levi Zerinski for 35 cents, cash down." "Yes, it is easy money that Waugh and Johnston have the most pleasant

countenances of the class." "No, Waugh's is real enough, though Johnston's is inclined to be a little bit glassy."
"That's all you want to know, is it'

Well, good-bye."
"Yes, I said good-bye." "Good-bye."

The boys say, however, that Thom-son has quite "bennett" ease since Caverhill has taken his "tripp."

#### TO KING ECNA.

"Counts" and earls may sing the praises-

Sing the praises, loud and long, of the man who wrote the comedy-Wrote the comedy in song; But to thee, most mighty Ecna-Ecna V.—of Ida town, Are the laudits of the masses,
For the pluck which thou hast shown

Some have termed it nerve colossal-"Three-star Hennessey" and such; Thinking only thou wert freshman, Needing pruning overmuch. But the best of thy companions, Note in all thy ways the good See the right side of thy actions— Of thy actions misconstrued.

When the great, the Rugby Ballard-Rughy Ballard of the Hill. Organized his clique of warriors-Clique quartette redoubtable: Planned the downthrow of thy king

Of thy court dismemberment; Said they'd heard thee, to the ladies, Blunt, discourteous, by intent: Flinched thou not one single second, Turned but to the right for cheer; Made appeal unto the ladies,
Whether thou hadst been austere.

dom,

Thus didst thou, most puissant Ecna, Turn the arrows from their course; Stand alone against a hundred, Hold thy throne despite such force; Gain the favor of the ladies,

Greatest gain of all to thee For since then to heaven they laud thee For thy perspicacity n appealing to their justice,
As to Caesar's Paul appealed:

Lucky thou to have such judges, Else thy doom had then been sealed. Through the wisdom of thy courtiers-Wisdom of thy reign alone. ou wert judge of thy successor's

Right to sit upon the throne. Like the king thou art, most mighty In thy rightness, thou didst aim To disclose thy high decision

But to those of rightful claim.

But the brigands, men of Belial, Baneful curse of thy domain. Waxed impatient, and demanded Thy decision to obtain

Thy decision to obtain

Ere the opening of the seance

When to give it thou hadst right,

Threatened thee with dire ablution—

Threat of children clothed with

But again thou show dst thy training-Training for a warrior great. Stood alone against a hundred, Like an oak tree, tall and straight; Bad'st them think of thy position, Scrutineer unto the court, Not the herald of the brigands,

Listening that they might report; Bad'st them scatter, scatter quickly This they did in wrathful mood, Heightened by their want of dinner, They had craved for fame, not food

As a martyr thou wert treated-'Parliamentary procedure' Was thy motto, kept in sight: For they dragged thee on the morrow Dragged thee to the awful tap. Held thy head beneath the water-

Like a hero thou didst bear it-Bore it meekly, 'thout a word, Filled with courage, righteous cour age. Stood alone against a horde

Held thee as if in a trap.

Thou hast held an office, Ecna— Held an office for a year, Which the writer would not enter, Not at forty pounds a year courtiers of thy successor

Feel it is but due to thee That we launch this little epic-Epic to thy probity. For the reading of accusers, Flinging out their taunts and sneers In the hope that this may finish Poems on "The Scrutineers."

## SENIOR MEDS.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr Russell came in late he seems ambitious to become a sport, for he neve wearies of the charms of "Collingwood Fair." If he only continues to exhibit as much ardor he will prove a winner or else injure his eyes in so far as he will sport "a large pupil" for life.

Mr. Kerfoot, '03, and Mr. Evans, '03, have begun to measure lengths by leagues." They commenced the un rtaking on Sunday on Carlton street and report progress. The afternoon

as found to be the best time.

Jack Robb is becoming a great church worker, and is paying special attention to Jarvis street. He works on the principle. "four ears are better than two" always at church, and seems most particular to have every. thing very nice for those other pair of

Mr. Hector McLean, who has been ill of typhoid in the Western Hospital, has been able to go home last week, and is expected to resume his studies after

F. M. Crosby, '03, broke his clavicle while training for the hand ball tournament. Much was expected of him in this form of sport, and we are sorry to hear that his partner has declared all "bets off" in consequence of the accident. Almost every evening his friend Mr. Whitmore visits him and others" at the house on George street

As a result of the reception at Bond street Congregational church, Mr. Edmonson has since been constrained to occupy the sad plight of being "stored and cornered." Fortunately he takes kindly with the condition, although it will not look well to buy sugar-sticks every time.

It may be of interest to scientists to learn, as a result of enthusiastic investigation during extravagantly lucid moments following the recent Council exams, that some three devotees record the curious fact that some of the "satellites" smiled on them and even spoke. They decided to prosecute the quest still further, but

The Medical Society is to be congratulated on securing the services of Mr. Yeigh for their open meeting. This is undoubtedly a step in the right direction, a fuller appreciation of which.

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education, we shall gain by-and-bye,

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### THE RUGBY DANCE.

Varsity's "Rugby" dance will be held this year on Tuesday, December 3, and promises to be as enjoyable as ever. tickets have been limited to four hundred, to prevent crowding, and will on sale before long. The following is the list of the patronesses Loudon, Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. ameron, Miss Mowat, Mrs. Harcourt, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Henderson, Lady Meredith, Mrs. Sweny, Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. B. E. Walker, Mrs. D. B. Mac-

### CLASS '02.

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