

KNOX COLLEGE.

The customary college conferences are being continued this year.

The last meeting of the Literary Society had two interesting features.

The 35th open meeting of the missionary society was held Friday evening, Nov. 15th.

The preparations for the at home are progressing. Mr. R. J. Wilson will be in his room, No. 15, from 12 to 2 p.m. daily to consult with all those who may desire to know how and when to pay their subscriptions in the readiest way.

The following up by Mr. H. Black, '04, will give some idea of the famous north-west Manitoba.

His investigations were to report at Thunder Hill, Man., June 1st. He spent two weeks trying to find out where it was. He has since learned it never was an inhabited place.

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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, sir. At Missionary meeting, Mr. McL., in moving the reception of Mr. R-B-C-N-E's report for his mission field, said that he doubt Mrs. Winslow in presenting a steam launch to the mission knew Mr. C. was in need of some soothing syrup.

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

A Knox student's reception by a northern elder, on announcing that he was sent out to represent K.C.S.M.S.: Another boy—Say, when is Knox College going to send us a man? They 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 a good college, but I did not think they could make a man out of a boy within one year.

Judge at the inter-year debate—What is style? A Voice—Articulation, pronunciation, enunciation. All Arts men are hereby warned not to go near room 14, for the righteous indignation of the occupant may break forth and consume them.

Certain residents of the first floor wish 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 enjoying 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.

The boys are turning out well to the practices, and great enthusiasm is being manifested in the work of the club. Members have two great events for which to prepare, for they are engaged to sing at our convocation, and there is every prospect of a tour being undertaken this year.

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

But, most important of the business of the evening, was the decision of the Union Literary Society to purchase for the college a collection of Indian specimens, owned by a hunter in Vancouver, B.C. The boldness and energy of the society in expending several hundred dollars in the purchase of such a collection is a matter of congratulation to our student body, and is to be equalled only by the kindness of Prof. Odium (the father of V. W. Odium, '03), through whose agency the society is purchasing the valuable collection. He (Prof. Odium) has not only undertaken to 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 collection of articles of a similar nature.

Altogether, Victoria is to be congratulated 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 in America.

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

The first part of the evening was "A Study in 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, necessary, and long before the promenade commenced there was noticeable a strong feeling of friendliness and intimacy that is unfortunately not noticeable 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 prizes 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 in the same series.

Who is responsible for the disappearance of the ice cream on Friday evening? Reward offered by '03. Wanted—Position as foreman on construction work by Hamilton, Fowler, and Odium. References, experience gained in levelling our new campus. Ladies' colleges preferred.

Did Proc. Burwash really not know the difference between the Conserva-

tory of Music and the Chemical Building? "Now is the time to subscribe for Topics!"

Singham—No wonder '02 didn't win. I 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 president."

"How long? Six years, they say." "Bald? Certainly not. I saw him brushing his hair the other day." "No; I didn't say hairs; I said hair—singular number."

"Why, most assuredly Scobell is going to bring his cane. What else are canes for?" "The fellow that makes the funny speeches? Oh, I see; you mean Newton."

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

"Yes; it is too bad, but he insisted on writing poetry and songs." "Wilson, with the seductive voice and peace-making disposition? He is fairly sure of Latin, for he clinched that by acting as president of the Y.M.C.A."

"No, there is no pecuniary consideration 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 child, 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, go!" "No, Central, I didn't speak."

"Repeat your last question, please, Topics." "Is there going to be a dance or feed this year? 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 bevy of maidens."

"I don't quite catch your meaning. Do you mean Tamblin had a smile on his face, or one that goes better inside?" "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." "No, Kestle isn't such a bad boy, even if he is a minister's son. But I guess he 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 the married men through. What we want in this country is family men, according 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."

TO KING ECNA. "Counts" and ears may sing the praise: 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 Hennessy" 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 Ballad— Rugby Ballad, of the Hill, Organized his clique of warriors— Clique quartette redoubtable; Planned the downthrow of thy kingdom, Of thy court dismemberment: Said 'thou' 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.

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.

In 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, Thou 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 Bellal, Baneful curse of thy domain, Waxed impatient, and demanded Thy decision to obtain Ere the opening of the seance When to give it thou hadst right, Threatened thee with dire ablation— Threat of children clothed with might.

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, Scrutinere unto the court, Not the herald of thy 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— Martyr to the cause of right; "Parliamentary procedure" Was thy motto, kept in sight; For they dragged thee on the morrow— Dragged thee to the awful trap, Held thy head beneath the water— Held thee as if in a trap.

Like a hero thou didst bear it— Bore it meekly, 'thout a word, Filled with courage, righteous courage, Stood alone against a horde, Thou hast held an office, Ecna— Held an office for a year, Which the writer would not enter, Not at forty pounds a year.

We, 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 Scrutinere."

SENIOR MEDS.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Russell came in late, he seems ambitious to become a sport, for he never wears 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 undertaking on Sunday on Carlton street, and report progress. The afternoon was 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 everything very nice for those other pair of ears.

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 Xmas.

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 result is unknown.

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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. The tickets have been limited to four hundred, to prevent crowding, and will be on sale before long. The following is the list of the patronesses: Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Cameron, Miss Mowat, Mrs. Harcourt, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Henderson, Lady Meredith, Mrs. Sweny, Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. B. E. Walker, Mrs. D. B. Macdonald, Miss Salter.

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