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Time Flies.

Here we are again, going home for vacation. This time it is Easter, and all will be at home in time to see their friends come out in all the glory of their Easter bonnets. All unite in calling the past term the worst in the school year, for the mornings are dark and the days are dreary and cold. But as we glance back through the vista of time we see that many little incidents have occurred which have livened up the dreary three months wonderfully.

And now, from the time that we leave for our homes till we come back again, the wings of Father Time will seem to beat more swiftly than before, and in what seems to us like only a short day we will be back again sitting in the old class rooms and studying—or, perhaps, dawdling over the same grimy books.

Editorial Notes.

We have received the following exchanges which, after perusal by the Editorial Committee, have been deposited in the boys' reading room: *College Times*, *Trinity University Review*, *McMaster Review*.

Our modesty received a rude shock last Christmas. Our artist, we fear, has lost his modesty forever. The fact is that an edition of 250 copies was sold off on the day of publication. The day after many copies changed hands at 15 cents and even 20 cents apiece. The editor's room was besieged by angry subscribers who demanded a second edition at once.

We are glad to notice that, so far as we know, an Old Rideian, Dr. George Musson of Toronto, was the first medical man in Canada to make a practical application of the Roentgen process to surgery. One of his patients had the misfortune to run a needle into her foot. The foot was photographed,

the needle accurately located and successfully extracted.

We are extremely sorry to lose the services of the manager of our advertising department, L. M. Somerville, who left at Christmas and is now in a bank at Stouffville. His business capacity made a greater success of his department than has ever been made before. If he proves as valuable to the bank as he did to the ACTA, we have no doubt that he will in a few years be general manager. Moncrieff Mair has been appointed his successor.

The vignettes in this number are the work of our artist, J. L. Street (IV.), whose cover for the Christmas, 1895, number was so much admired. If the present large edition is successful more may be done in this direction next Midsummer. The picture of the football team we owe to the generosity of our contemporary, the *Toronto Mail and Empire*, to whom we make grateful acknowledgment. We expect it will be highly valued as a souvenir of one of our best teams.

We congratulate Upper Canada College on the last Christmas issue of the *College Times*. Our last recollection of the *College Times* was of a monthly magazine after the fashion of the old series of ACTA RIDLEIANA. The present *Times* is a genuine newspaper and contains no purely literary matter. The football season is treated very thoroughly, the matches most fully described being T. C. S. and Ridley. The accounts of the matches make excellent reading and are written in a true sportsmanlike vein. U. C. C. shows that it can take a defeat as gracefully as a victory.

We are afraid we cannot congratulate our Old Boys on their energy. After going to press last Christmas we heard that the day was fixed for the annual dinner in Toronto, only to be disappointed a few days afterwards by the news that the arrangements had fallen through. Our Old Boys have responded just as half-heartedly to the appeal for subscriptions to the ACTA. About 50 personal appeals and about 80 sample copies were sent out at Christmas to as many Old Boys and have been met with response in four cases only. We have the idea that it is not "patriotism" our Old Boys lack, but the energy to get a quarter's worth of stamps and send them in. We mean to try again.