

L'Alliance Française

La première réunion de l'année de l'alliance Française a eu lieu le samedi 8 octobre dans la salle du Y.M.C.A. de l'Université. Le conférencier du jour était M. Masson qui a fort habilement, quoique brièvement, examiné et tiré au clair les causes et le but des grands mouvements qui ont emporté la littérature française à travers le XIX^e siècle, et lui ont donné son magnifique éclat.

Après cette intéressante causerie plusieurs questions ont été discutées et comme conséquence, il a été décidé que les assemblées de la société cesseraient d'être bi-mensuelles pour devenir mensuelles. Le premier samedi de chaque mois a été choisi comme jour de reunion.

Un sous-comité a ensuite été désigné, avec mission de mettre à l'étude une comédie qui sera représentée le premier samedi de décembre.

Le président de l'alliance désire profiter de l'occasion qui lui est offerte pour rappeler aux étudiants de langues modernes que le but principal de cette société est de faciliter la propagation du français au moyen de conférences, lectures, récitation et représentations théâtrales, et que l'accès aux séances est absolument libre.

Rein ne saurait être plus utile au point de vue de la connaissance pratique de la langue que la fréquentation constante de ces réunions dont chacune offre pour ainsi dire les avantages d'un court séjour en France, puisque l'usage du français est seul autorisé et que l'oreille peut ainsi se familiariser avec les différents organes, les diverses prononciations et les genres de diction les plus variés.



Dining Hall Notes

The attendance at the Dining Hall is rapidly increasing.

About fourteen of the women students take luncheon in a private room below.

Any having an eight o'clock lecture and therefore desiring an early breakfast may have the same by entering at the outer side entrance between 7.30 a.m. and 8 a.m.



Hallowe'en

Art, Applied Science, Pharmacy, Dentals, will go to the Princess Theatre. The senior year of University College will have a dinner at McConkey's after the play. After considerable discussion it has been decided to make the dinner entirely a dry one.

The students in Medicine will, as usual, have their elections for the "At Home" committee, and the Dean's Supper.



Addition to the Staff in Oriental Languages

An addition has been made to the staff in the department of Oriental Languages in the appointment of Rich. Davidson, Ph.D. Dr. Davidson is a '99 graduate of the University of Toronto. He took a brilliant course in Oriental Languages and Philosophy and in 1902 was granted the degree of Ph.D. He has been for two years in Berlin making a special study of Arabic, Hebrew and the Old Testament.



Addition to the Staff in Applied Science

Mr. A. E. Gibson has been appointed a fellow in civil engineering at the School of Practical Science.

A Ballade a Mlle.

My heart is torn, tormentress fair,
And all for love and lack of you,
Your sunny smile and scanty hair
They lacerate mon coeur—unpeu
And this has lasted for some time too.
Ma grande passion is just the same,
And quite pervades me thru and thru,
Ma belle, ma belle, comme je vous aime !

I'd serenade you did I dare
At night time 'neath the star's kind view,
And blow musette to you ma chere
But the policeman's dans la rue,
And tom-cats are around to mew,
And votre mere is a doughty dame
So on the whole it wouldn't do
Mais ah ma belle, comme je vous aime !

The thoughts of you my sleep impair
And when just jolly ayant bu
Some thimbles-full of whiskey clair
I always quaff a glass à vous
And, telling all I ever knew,
I murmur your enchanting name
With sapristel! sacri! parbleu!
Ma belle, ma belle, comme je vous aime !

—L. Owen, '06.



Maxims of a Senior

When a lecture is scheduled at nine,
Though the voice thou would'st hear is divine,
Leave not thy soft bed and thy snore
For apples that rot at the core.

When thou hast a date with a maid
And an essay is due on the morrow,
Why shouldst thou to lose marks be afraid?
Better lose marks than breed sorrow.

When a Freshman buyeth thy books,
Who is young and suspects nothing wrong,
Take his coin without penitent looks,
There are dances to come before long.

Would'st thou be reckoned a sage
Amongst the wise acres of college?
Read no books—no, not even a page,
Lest thy wisdom be tinctured with knowledge.

R. C. R. '05.



First Meeting of Y.W.C.A.

On Tuesday afternoon the Y.W.C.A. held its first meeting for the year, the new President, as well by her clear and able address as by her gracious and winning presence, showed herself well chosen for her position. She was ably assisted by Misses Breckon and Adie. The subject for the afternoon was Bible study. In her address, Miss Carruthers dwelt on the importance of Bible study as one side of our education. This is a thing that is much neglected, or at least not done systematically. In our Bible studies, as in our other work, we should keep always in mind Dr. Arnold's last words to his boys, "Be in earnest."