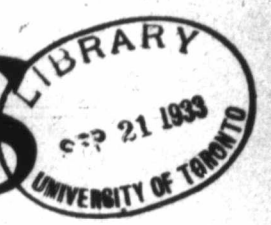


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## MEDS WILL HOLD THEIR ELECTIONS

Nominations Friday Afternoon and Elections a Week Later

### LIVELY TIME EXPECTED

A New Form of Entertainment Will be One of the Interesting Features this Year

Next Friday afternoon, in the Biological Buildings, the nomination for officers of the Medical Society will be held. From that afternoon until 8 p.m. of the Friday following, intrigues and political strings of all sorts and shapes will be thought out and worked, and the members of the primary years will have ample opportunity of witnessing and "observing" how a great election is run by their beloved and revered seniors. This lesson in politics and diplomacy should be studiously watched by the Freshmen especially, as the second year are beginning already to feel the blood of Juniors flowing in their veins, and will brook no caution or advice from any whom they imagine they so closely approach. However, they are good boys, at heart, and any condescension on the part of the seniors will not offend them seriously. Present indications point to a hot election, and from the number of candidates already spoken of, the previous statement cannot adequately express the degree of heat that our time shall rise to, on election night. But the excitement of an election will not be all that the Meds will be required to worry their brains over. There is to be a show. A new and original idea, the equal of which has probably never occurred in the history of modern dramatic art (in connection with Medical schools), Minstrel shows, vaudeville, the Legitimate and other commonplaces, which have hitherto amused the Medical Students of Toronto University, will drop into an inane obscurity when this dazzling and brilliant play will be presented to the expectant through a week from Friday night. Harry Hutchison, "The Boy Poet," is directly responsible for the outrage, that is, the idea, and as he spent Christmas on the farm, he is full of aphorisms, which he is only too ready to hand out to the boys. In perpetuating this conglomeration of ludicrous situations, "The Boy" will be assisted by "The Tenor" ("Doodles") and one or two others, whose names shall not be mentioned, as it might detract from the interest which the management hope will be taken in this affair.

Mr. Doodles, will, besides doing his turn in the great surprise, sing some coon songs and accompany himself on the Jew-harp, an instrument which, in his hands or mouth is divine. "Hutch" says if the show is a success, which it is bound to be, he intends to drop medicine for this year and take the company on the road.

Let every loyal son of old Varsity be notified of this wonderful yet mysterious performance, that is going to take place in the old school on Gerrard street, a week from next Friday evening. Ask all your friends to turn out and see how the Meds run their elections, and it is guaranteed by the management that no one will be disappointed.

## NOW FOR THE FINAL DEBATE

Varsity and Knox Will Meet Next Month to Contest for College Supremacy

As the time draws near for the final debate in the series of debates arranged and carried out by the Executive and the Colleges which are members of this Union, it is not amiss to review briefly the progress and success which has attended the efforts of this Union. An unmistakable evidence of the progress and revival of interest in debate has been observed in the ease with which it has been possible during the year to secure debaters in the various Lit. contests. In the past the difficulty has been to prevail upon members to take part in the debates, where now it is almost an impossibility to afford an opportunity to the large numbers who are eager and willing to debate. Another point to which President Loudon referred last Friday night is the widening of the relationship and sympathy between the various Colleges. As was predicted in the early history of the Union, the Colleges which have taken part undoubtedly regard one another with kinder and better feelings. It is to be hoped that the membership of the Union will be increased next year and that St. Michael's Wycliffe and others will see their way clear to joining the competition. The Union has been fortunate in the selection of its first committee. It is largely through the persevering efforts of these members that the Union has attained such a vigorous growth. There remains, now, but one debate for the completion of the series—between Knox College and University College. It is not yet decided what will be the date assigned

for this contest. In all probability Feb. 17th will be the night of this event. It will be held in a neutral hall. There is also some talk of having the Colleges which are members of the Union contribute to the literary and musical part of the program. It is also possible that a small admission fee will be charged. The debate will undoubtedly be one of the most intense interest and will draw a large crowd.

## MOCK PARLIAMENT STILL

Lit Will Continue this Program for Three Meetings

The Mock Parliament will continue its sessions during the next three meetings of the Lit. The spirit of competition seems to be rife and has resulted in a schedule of matches between the different years in Arts and the S.P.S. The opening session will see ninety-nine in the Government benches headed by R. G. Hunter. Century will constitute the Opposition. The leaders discussed are F. E. Brown and A. N. Mitchell. The sophomores, freshmen and the S.P.S. will form themselves into Third party, Patrons, etc. On the occasion of the second session, '01 and '02 will constitute the Government and the Opposition, with the seniors, juniors and the School bringing up the rear. Without playing off the winners in these two contests at a separate session, a decision will be made in favor of the party making the most creditable showing. The winner will come up against the School of Science in the finals, which will in all probability take place at the second meeting after the Conversat, Feb. 24th. This program affords every prospect of a hot time, and will probably cause a boom in the attendance at the Lit.

## LECTURES AT TRINITY

Series of Annual Saturday Lectures Begins Next Month

The annual Saturday afternoon lectures given at Trinity in aid of St. Hilda's College will begin next month. These lectures have been one of the most interesting events of the Spring term, and it is expected that this year they will even exceed the popularity that has attended them in former years. In the series last year Mr. Watters, of Ottawa, lectured on Nathaniel Hawthorne, and the lecture was considered one of the best given in Toronto in recent years. The program this spring will include the following: Oxford, Dr. Parkin, of Upper Canada College; North American Indian Music, Mr. Cringan; Miracle Plays, Dean Rigby; Thackeray, Provost Welch; Chatterton, Mr. Walker. All of these lecturers are well known in educational circles, and there is no doubt that large audiences will be present to hear them.

## McMASTER UNIVERSITY

The elections for the officers of the Literary and Scientific Society for this year resulted in the election of the following:— President, B. R. Simpson, '99; 1st vice-president, L. C. Lauchland, '00; 2nd vice-president, Miss B. E. Gile, '00; sec'y-treas., H. E. Jordan, '00; corresponding sec., W. E. Faulkner, '00; Editor of the Student, J. J. Nicole, '00; sub-editors, C. L. Brown, '99 and R. L. Echlin, '01; councillors, A. G. Campbell, A. W. Vinning and Miss M. E. Dryden.

The elections of the Tennysonian Society were held on Thursday last. The officers for this year are:—President, A. B. Mann, '01; vice-president, Miss G. Wallace, '02; sec.-treas., S. H. Arkell, '02; Editors of the Argosy, S. M. McLay, '02 and W. P. McDonald, '02; councillors, Miss E. McLaurin '02; R. F. Guyatt, '01.

The opening of McMaster Rink took place on Thursday evening under the most favorable auspices, for the weather prophets had granted delightful weather and a good sheet of ice. The 48th Highlanders' Band was present during the evening to discourse sweet music, and a great many came to enjoy the delights of a skim over the slippery ice to the measured tones of the clarion horn. Many a Jack had his Jill to course the circle together, and the glow of the cheek and the sparkle of the eye indicated to mirth-loving deities the delights of a good skate.

The Women's Literary "At Home," which has heretofore been looked forward to as one of the most enjoyable functions of the season, will be held Saturday, Feb. 4th. The members of the Society have been very busy during the past few days making all the necessary preparations for the comfort and pleasure of their guests for that occasion. One of the most interesting things of the evening will be the presentation of a little play, "Place aux Dames," by Miss Burgess, Miss M. L. Wright, Miss Neilson and Miss Shephard. A musical program will be given by the following young ladies: Miss Kennedy, Miss Robertson, Miss Wegg, Miss M. E. Mason, Miss Lang, Miss Dickinson and Miss K. Patterson.

## VARSIITY MEETS McMASTER HALL

First Debate of the Second Round Held Friday Evening

### LARGE AUDIENCE THERE

Decision Given to Varsity after the Best Debate of the Series

The first debate in the second round, and the fourth in the series of the Inter-College Debating Union of Toronto, which took place last Friday evening, was probably the most successful in point of attendance, as well as in the closeness of the contest between the competing colleges. The auditorium of the Conservatory of Music, on College street, which was the scene of the debate, was more than comfortably seated with the friends and supporters of the respective colleges, and with those who take an interest in the promotion of this art. The undergraduates of both institutions lined up at their own headquarters and marched in double Indian file, with their usual demonstrations. Needless to say, each procession entertained the highest hopes of victory.

McMaster had succeeded in the fall term in downing the doughty Legalites, while Varsity had tallied a win in their contest with Trinity. What more reasonable, therefore, than that each should expect victory to perch itself upon their banner? A noticeable feature was the large attendance of the lady students, who must have made material contribution toward the encouragement of the debaters on both sides. The members of the Faculties of McMaster and Varsity were also in stronger evidence than on most former occasions. The subject of debate was the proposition: "Resolved,—That an immediate alliance, offensive and defensive, between Great Britain and the United States would be in the best interests of the world's civilization." McMaster elected to uphold this proposition and appointed as its representatives Messrs. E. B. Harkness and A. N. MacDonald. Varsity, in support of the negative, was championed by Messrs. W. F. Mackay and John Mackay. At about 8.15 President Loudon, who officiated as chairman, made his appearance upon the platform, accompanied by Dr. Wickett, the three referees and the debaters. The President in his opening remarks made reference to the success of the Union and the advantages which had accrued therefrom in broadening the sympathies of the various Colleges. He also adverted to the good-will which had always characterized the relations of McMaster and Varsity. The program was opened with a vocal solo, "My All" (Bohm), by Mr. Alex. Gorrie, accompanied by Mr. Edmund Hardy, Mus. Bac., who rendered very efficient service in that capacity throughout the evening. Mr. Gorrie's number was much enjoyed and very warmly applauded, eliciting an encore entitled, "Abendlied" (Blumenthal), which he rendered as creditably. Mr. H. F. Cook, '99, who was the reader, gave a selection entitled "Uncle Daniel's Apparition," which was very acceptably received. Then followed the event of the evening, the debate.

Mr. Harkness, the leader of the affirmative, stated his interpretation of the proposition. By an immediate alliance he understood one which could be formed as soon as international diplomacy would admit. Such an alliance must affect all interests and spread beneficial influences not only in England and the United States but upon all nations. He thought that civilization recognizes that every man and woman has certain rights and privileges which should be secured to them, and that such an alliance would secure peace and therefore establish mankind in the enjoyment of these rights. With such an alliance an accomplished fact there would be no danger of war, belligerent nations being held in check thereby. France and Russia might combine as allies, but Germany would stand aloof. The latter country the speaker believed, was next to Great Britain in being representative of the highest thought and civilization. Germany would probably form a third party to this alliance, which, if further supported by the progressive kingdom of Japan would make the peace of the world an absolute necessity. The speaker then proceeded to speak of the evils of war, which he thought was only justifiable when declared and carried on in defence of the right. The second point which Mr. Harkness emphasized was the advantage which would arise from the proposed alliance in ensuring the perpetuity and supremacy of the Anglo-Saxon race. These nations must ever stand as the repository of the world's best civilization, for the genius of this people essentially demands progress. A comparison of the continents of North and South America affords an example of the marked contrast between the civilization of Anglo-Saxon as opposed to that of other nations, and is a standing recommendation of the Anglo-Saxon race. They are the ex-

ponents of equality, liberty and justice. This alliance would, moreover, foster commerce. England's policy of the open door and free trade was an evidence of this, and its importance was becoming more and more apparent to the American nation. Lastly, one of its most beneficial results would be free and progressive missionary enterprise, in which connection the speaker instituted a comparison between English possessions and those of France, Germany and Spain. Missionary enterprise would foster and promote civilization.

Mr. W. F. MacKay, who opened the argument for University College, realized that the subject was a many sided one. His impression of the proposition was that the alliance was for no particular purpose, and that it was to be against the world in general. After quoting from authority the definition of an alliance as a contract between nations for aid in defensive wars, he stated that writers on international law claim that offensive alliances cannot be justified. An offensive combination is not only a menace to civilization, but is also problematical in its results. The Holy Alliance formed at the beginning of the century was an instrument of evil from the beginning. Moreover, such alliances last only so long as mutual interests keep the contracting parties together. Among the objections to the proposed exaltation of the Anglo-Saxon race was the arrogance which this favored race, not noted at any time for its lack of self-conceit, would assume. A second objection, particularly in the case of an offensive alliance, was the consideration that each nation would be continually involved in the settlement of the other's difficulties. The instability of American politics formed the theme of another objection. Where England's foreign policy remained unchanged, a new policy was adopted with each change in the American Government. There was also danger in the probability of the formation of alliances against England. European nations would not sit with folded arms and contemplate such a combination. The result would be an increase in the armaments, which are already such a burden upon the people. He failed to see any advantage to England in an alliance with the United States. Her army was poor and her navy small, while the matter of the supply of breadstuffs was the only respect in which Great Britain could derive any advantage.

Mr. MacDonald followed Mr. MacKay with an eloquent speech. He stated that the reason for an alliance between Great Britain with the United States, as opposed to any other nation, was the fact that no other countries in the world have such high standards

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## ABOUT THE CONVERSAT

Some of the Latest Moves Made Regarding this Function

The various committees in charge of the Conversat are all busily engaged in the preparations for this eagerly looked for event. Estimates are being received and the best talent being approached for engagement in the concert program. It is expected that Mrs. H. M. Blight will accompany Madame Trebelli. Dancing will commence at 10.45. In the meanwhile an orchestra will be stationed in the rotunda for the pleasure of promenaders through the corridors. This will doubtless be hailed with satisfaction by those who do not care to indulge in dancing. The price of tickets has not been finally settled, but it is probable that the rate will be \$1.25 for gentlemen and \$1.00 for ladies.

## KLEISER CONCERT WELL ATTENDED

A Large Attendance at Association Hall on Monday Evening

The Grenville Kleiser students' concert, which took place in Association Hall on Monday evening was, as everybody expected it would be, one of the pleasantest and most successful student events of the year. Mr. Kleiser was at his best. His assistants (Miss Ziegler and Mr. Hewitt), were all that could be desired, and the audience large and appreciative. Whether in the masterful rendering of "The Raven" or in the mirth-provoking "Melpomenus Jones," Mr. Kleiser never showed to better advantage. In serious or humorous, in rendering "Father's Way," or "Obliging His Landlady," Mr. Kleiser was equally at home. Indeed the students of Toronto should feel themselves highly honored to think that an artist of Mr. Kleiser's standing takes the interest in them which he has manifested, by giving this, his third complimentary concert to them. Such kindness is the more enhanced by Mr. Kleiser's obtaining for the pleasure of his audience the assistance of such excellent talent as Miss Delta E. Ziegler and Mr. Arthur Hewitt. Miss Ziegler's popularity with a student audience was clearly shown after the rendering of the encore to her second number, when she was forced to appear twice before the audience before quiet could be restored, while Mr. Hewitt's piano accompaniment to "The Raven" was a masterpiece.

## SOME PROPOSED CHANGES IN RUGBY

A Meeting to be Held Wednesday Afternoon to Discuss the Matter

### MAY DROP SCRIMMAGE

A Number of Other Changes Suggested to Remedy Present Evils

Written for College Topics by A. J. MacKenzie, B.A., LL.B.

On Wednesday afternoon of this week at 5 p. m., an important meeting and one of interest to all lovers of the game of Rugby will be held, when the members of last season's first and second teams will meet to discuss the playing rules and some very important changes that have been proposed thereto. Ever since it took its present form, from a modification of the English Rugby, the game has been degenerating from spectator's standpoint owing to the adopting of closer formations and the constant scrimmaging in defence play. The spectacle presented by a struggling mass of humanity, falling over one another in an aimless and hopeless manner near one of the goal lines for fifteen or twenty minutes, came to be a common thing in Rugby matches, and especially when bad weather rendered the ground slippery or the ball elusive. While this went on the spectators sat and shivered and grumbled and wondered if the eternal scrimmaging would ever be over, and whether there would be any of the fast open work which they enjoy and which evidences the skill of the players.

It was to remedy this and to improve the game from the standpoint of the player as well as the spectator who gives his support, that some of the football men set to work immediately after the Buffalo trip, to which experience they owe many valuable suggestions. Thrift Burnside, very providentially (in view of this and of a lucrative accident policy) was injured and confined to bed for several weeks. During this time he let his beard grow and devoted his whole attention to formulating a set of rules that would improve the game.

The American game is better than ours in the fact that every time the ball becomes dead, it at once goes into play again without the uncertainty of a scrimmage; thus permitting a team to work its signal and combinations without fear of failure of the scrimmage to get the ball into play. It is not so good, inasmuch as, allowing off-side interference, the game becomes one of possession of the ball and slow shoving.

With the adoption of the American style of passing the ball out to put it into play, the reduction of the men to twelve a side and the prevention of off-side interference, it is believed that the game will be faster and surer than at present, and hence certainly more popular with the spectator and the player, and that the obnoxious scrimmaging and scrapping on the wings will be prevented. To these ends the changes embodied in the new rules are directed, and they will be fully explained and discussed at Wednesday's meeting, and if adopted, will be advocated at the general meeting of the Canadian Intercollegiate Football Union, to be held next month. There is little doubt that the game would be greatly improved by the passing of these rules, and Varsity would once more deserve the gratitude of the football public for her advancement of the game.

## SEASON IN LACROSSE

Extended Tour for the Coming Spring Being Discussed

The plans and prospects of this Lacrosse Club during the coming season are at present a somewhat undefinable quantity. It is expected, however, that the team will be up to the average and that Varsity will as usual sustain its reputation in this branch of athletics. A proposed change in the selection of the team, and one which will be rigidly enforced, is the picking of a purely undergraduate team. Heretofore the team has numbered amongst its members several graduates who are in attendance at different institutions in the city. Another contemplated change will be in the extension of the tour. An increased manifestation of interest in the game has been evident in American colleges, and it is thought that more matches may be arranged. Among the possibilities for the forthcoming season are Graham, Hanley, Whitley, Groves, Wales, A. W. MacKenzie, Bogart and Snell.

A beautiful bunch of roses or carnations for the Osgoode Dance, Women's Lit. "At Home" or Conversat can be secured at Simmons', 266 Yonge St.