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TORONTO, TUESDAY, NOV. 9TH, 1897.

HEARD IN THE HALLS.

The '99 Arts reception will be held in the East and West Halls of University College, Nov. 13. It is understood that this affair is to eclipse anything of the same nature which has previously been given. The orchestra will be stationed in the rotunda, refreshments will be served in one of the halls, and the promenading will take place in the other.

The opening meeting of the Classical Association will be held Thursday evening. Prof. Dale, of Queen's, is to deliver an address. Altogether quite an interesting programme is promised.

"Bogus" Coyne and "Fizzer" Smith, '00 Arts, took in the Queen's-Varsity game at Kingston recently, and report a good time. They don't think much of the way the Kingstones turn out to the games, however. "Fizzer's" songs were much in evidence at the banquet held after the game.

Alex. Crawford, of Upper Canada, is at home in Windsor. He will not return for some time on account of his eyes.

Dr. Wash. Buchanan, Dental School, has been laid up all week with a sprained ankle as the result of playing football.

S. L. Frawley '98 Dental School, left on Monday for Philadelphia Dental College where he will graduate in the spring.

Dr. A. E. Webster, Demonstrator and Lecturer at Dental School, is taking his final in medicine at Chicago. He will be back after Xmas.

J. Kirkland and N. Hunter, formerly of Dental School, are attending Chicago Dental College.

"Bob" Coates, '96 Arts, is taking life easy at Clinton after his return from his recent European trip.

J. K. Arnott, '89 Varsity, is practising law at Simcoe. He is meeting with unqualified success with Simcoe County juries.

J. B. Rooney, recently of Niagara University, has entered St. Michael's College as a theological student.

One of St. Michael's best athletics, H. Reagan, has returned to college. He is a general favorite among the students, who are glad to see him back.

Dr. R. W. Shaw, of Springfield was a visitor at Trinity last week. The cares of a country practice do not seem to have caused Billy's heart to beat less warmly than in the old days when with Doc. Harcourt and Dan Shier he held nightly revel in the East End.

H. A. Johnston, '98, left on Thursday evening for Los Angeles, California. A large number of the boys were at the depot to wish him God speed and a quick return to his wonted vigor of health. Herb is very popular among the boys and will be much missed in many circles.

Miss Mabel Thompson, the gold medallist last year at the Conservatory of Music is teaching vocal music in Stratford.

W. Ernst Hastings, B.A., and F. Cuyler Hastings, B.A., old grads of Varsity and brothers of George W. Hastings, '99 Arts, are winning great renown in the dramatic world. Cuyler is now playing the leading role in "The First Born" which caused such a stir in dramatic circles in New York recently. Ernst stars this season in a new play, "On the Klondyke."

J. Bowes Boyne, '00 Arts, left on Wednesday for his home in St. Thomas. "Bogus" will be greatly missed in the corridors.

"Ting" McBeth left for London this week. He was loathe to depart, and 'tis said he shed many tears of sorrow at the Union Depot.

There is a new musical composition on the market entitled "The Banderero's Banjo." First House men in Residence say it is a good thing.

B. K. Sandwell, '97 Arts, is at present in London, England, "engaged in the somewhat hopeless business of writing for the papers," as he puts it. He is not very much in love with the English, and expects to return to America next summer.

One of the freshmen at Toronto Medical School would like to meet Dr. George.

"Jimmy" Couche, all the way from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, is back at Toronto Medical again. He was a little late but he got there all right. Glad to see you Jimmy!

A. W. Kelly went home to Chatham last week to attend a Hallowe'en pow-wow. They sing "O coons, you look alike to me" up in Chatham, so 'Kell' says. It was only a little watermelon party, and corn-cob carousal. No razors!

Mr. Munroe, teller of the Bursar's office, Varsity, has a bad memory, so Charlie White says, or else he must have very poor distinguishing powers; for when the popular Woodstocker paid him his annual visit he was taken for a freshie. Charlie is quite insulted. It is not known when the lawsuit will come off.

It is very remarkable the resemblance there is between the "chin-chin" of J. A. C. and the "goatee of Mr. C—."

E. S. Roy, of McMaster has been at the Toronto General Hospital for some time suffering with a severe attack of typhoid fever. He was very low at one time and his recovery was hardly looked for, but he is now improving slowly.

McMaster was well represented at the reception held at Jarvis Street Church Friday evening.

Percy Murray, of Pharmacy, has been called to his home at Kingston on account of the death of his mother.

L. H. Stanton, of Pharmacy, who has been on the sick list during the last week is well again.

Pharmacy put up a very good article of football in the game with Varsity II, when the fact that the team has never played together until they came on the field Wednesday is taken into consideration. The team has no grounds on which to practise and labors under other disadvantages.

Mitchell and Stanton, of Pharmacy, took in the game at Hamilton, Saturday. They report a good time.

Rev. F. McGuire, of St. Johns, N.B., was a visitor at St. Michael's last week.

Miss Elsie M. Burgess, who attended the Ladies' Presbyterian College last year, is expected to take up a course at the Conservatory of Music, after the holidays.

George W. Hastings, '99 Arts, is studying hard at present. He does not intend to do much work next term.

Trinity men seem to have encountered a hoodo in those nice new sweaters. The victory over Osgoode was the first and likewise the last of the season.

Prof. A. Smith, F.R.C.V.S., of the Veterinary College, is in Chicago this week. He is acting as judge of Fat Stook at the big show which is being held there.

Fitzgerald of St. Michael's College is playing a great game on the Rugby team. In the game with the Toronto Meds he made two long runs and secured just half the points which his team scored.

"Arty" Burnett, Dentals '98, has been running his brother's office in Strathroy for the past week.

A. H. Birmingham, '99 Arts, son of Robert Birmingham, the Conservative leader, is destined to be one of the greatest orators in college circles. "Birm" has a good presence, a clear voice and a marvellous flow of language. He will be one of the leaders at the public debate and the betting is sure to be 10 to 1 against the other side.

Charlie Barber, '00 Arts, Knox, left last week for the West to take charge of a mission at Red Deer, near Calgary.

Brethour, Bell and Hoare of the Dentals are going to Chicago after the holidays to complete their course at the Chicago Dental College.

"Larry" Hurlburt, '99 Arts, is at present ticket agent for the Sarnia Ferry Company.

The annual dance of the Athletic Association will be held in the Students' Union Hall, Thursday, Nov. 23rd. The affair will, as usual, be a swell one. The number of invitations issued will be limited to 500.

Toronto "Meds" Friday elevated a freshman's bicycle to a prominent location at the top of a telephone pole near the Biological building. The freshie promptly appropriated a new wheel belonging to one of the jokers. The sops declare that once in a while a freshman looms up who knows something.

Mr. William Houston, 84 St. Mary's street gave a reception, Friday evening to the students from Bruce County.

Dr. Tracy, of St. Michael's Cathedral, gave a lecture on Metaphysics at St. Michael's College last week.

It is announced officially that George Black, the well-known President of the Glee Club, will sing one of the new college songs next Friday at the Lit. This should draw a big house.

F. D. Woodward, '97, is rusticating at his home in Welland. He is expected in the city this winter.

The young ladies on the Board of *Sesame* at Varsity are canvassing this week with the purpose of publishing the magazine again this year. It is hoped that they will receive

sufficient encouragement to warrant the re-appearance of *Sesame*, as the publication last year was a credit to the ladies and to the University.

Professor Proudfoot of Varsity, is again compelled to discontinue his lectures on account of illness.

On Saturday evening the Ladies' Literary Society at Varsity will present a drama which will incorporate several of the characters from Shakespeare. Miss Helen MacDongall will appear as Portia, Miss Burgess as Lady MacBeth, Miss Helen Johnston as Ophelia, and Miss Rumball as Juliet.

The following notice, which appears on the bulletin board at Varsity this week is quite unique:—

'98 will play their first inter-year match with '99 Tuesday, Nov. 9th, at 3 o'clock.

Inducements to the players:
1st Prizes—Touchdowns 25c; Rouges etc., 10c.

2nd. Free drinks to the whole team if it wins the game.

3rd. Banquet to the team if it wins the cup.

Tips to players:
1st. A chance to make a competency for yourself.

2nd. A chance to make the year immortal.

3rd. A chance to win fame from the Gods, Venus, etc.

McMordie, '00, has resigned as director of the University Athletic Association. The election to fill the vacancy will be held, Friday. Douglas, '99, is a leading candidate.

FIELD DAY AT McMASTER.

FIRST ANNUAL EVENT AN ENTIRE SUCCESS.

The annual field day of McMaster University Athletic Association was held on their athletic field Friday afternoon. It was a very successful affair. All of the performances were very creditable, and while no records were broken, since there were none to break, this being the first event held by the association, several were established which will probably stand for some time. There was a large attendance of spectators notwithstanding the somewhat unpleasant weather. The fair damsels from Moulton College were present in a body, chaperoned by Miss A. L. Dicklow and other members of the faculty. McMaster's faculty was well represented. During the latter part of the afternoon rain prevented the completion of the programme and a few events were postponed until the next day. There was more than the usual interest felt in the result of the contests owing to the fact that several valuable prizes were offered for competition. Mr. W. K. McKnight presented the association with a valuable cup, to be held for one year by the student in McMaster or her affiliated colleges taking the greatest number of points. Then the Chancellor presented a gold medal, to become the property of the student from McMaster alone taking the highest number of points.

Two silver medals were offered by the association to those taking second and third places, respectively.

Matthews scored the greatest number of points, with Sprague and Reid following him in the order named.

Following are the events with names of the winners:—

Kicking the football—Daniel, 148 feet 7 in.; won; Gunn, 2nd; J. P. Schutt, 3rd.

Putting the shot—McNeil, 28 feet 10 in.; won; Daniel, 2nd; J. P. Schutt, 3rd.

100 yards (final)—Sprague, 11 seconds, won; Matthews, 2nd; Cornish, 3rd.

High jump—Matthews, won; Schutt and Brown, equal.

220 yards run—Matthews, 25 3-5, won; Sprague, 2nd; Cornish, 3rd.

Throwing the heavy weight—Fairchild, won; Marston, 2nd.

Half-mile run—Reid, 2.17 3-5, won; Sprague, 2nd; Matthews, 3rd.

Running hop, step, and jump—Cohoe, 38 feet 3 in.; won; Sprague, 2nd; Reid, 3rd.

Pole Vault—Matthews, won; Torrie and Sayles, equal.

Running broad jump—Cohoe, 17 feet 9 inches, won; Sprague, 2nd; C. L. Brown, 3rd.

440 yards run—Sprague, 1 min. 5 sec., won; Reid, 2nd; Matthews, 3rd.

Fatigue race—McNeil and Mann, won; Vichert and Mode, 2nd.

Half-mile walk—Reid, 3 min. 41 sec., won; Shaw, 2nd; Gobles, 3rd.

Following are the officials:—

Starter—Mr. W. S. W. McLay, B.A.

Time-keepers—G. H. Grant and W. Daniel.

Judges—Prof. McKay, Prof. Willmott, and R. D. George, B.A.

Clerk of the course—A. G. Baker, B.A.

Announcer—P. C. McGregor.

Measurerers—W. P. Cohoe, B.A., F. H. Phipps, L. Brown, B.A., and W. Findlay, B.A.

Referee—H. N. MacKechnie, B.A.

Committee—C. H. Shutt, B.A., E. J. Reid, A. G. Baker, B.A., A. Imrie, B.A., W. Daniel, A. W. Torrie, F. H. Phipps, and A. J. Ferguson.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LIT.

Friday night wasn't as nice a night as a person could wish for to attend the Literary Society meeting at the Students' Union, but notwithstanding this fact, a very good crowd was in attendance. The drawing card, no doubt, was the announcement that the public debaters, the essayist and the reader would be elected at this meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that two debaters be chosen from the third year and two from the fourth, and after the nominations were received, it was found that Billy Birmingham and John McKay had been elected by acclamation to represent the third year, while the contest in the fourth year resulted in favor of Messrs. Hugh Munroe and H. H. Narraway.

"Feste" McFarlane was the unanimous choice of the assembly as public essayist, and after an interesting contest between "Freddie" Cleland and "Jock" Inkster, for the position of reader, the former was elected. That "Freddie" will ably uphold the office entrusted to him goes without saying.

That same old story about fees again arose. Prolonged was the discussion as of yore, but the president shifted the whole matter to the shoulders of the treasurer, by declaring that anyone could vote, unless the treasurer said he had not paid his fees. "Mack" didn't give anyone away.

"Blondie" Blackwood, in his usual taking manner, favored the boys with the very latest in songs, "A-Hot Time," which was received with great applause. Eric Armour was responsible for the piano obligato. Mr. Wagar gave a reading, which was very well received, and the debate was then announced.

The question under discussion was, "Resolved that trade unions are beneficial to the community at large." Billy Alexander, '99, opened the debate for the affirmative in a really excellent speech. Fred McKay, '99, handled the negative side well, but couldn't succeed in twisting Billy's arguments to any extent.

Murray Cohen, '99, took up the affirmative where his colleague left it, and by the time he had finished, it would have been pretty hard for any debater to win for the negative. In spite of this Ed. Cleary, '99, presented many telling points and altogether put up a strong argument for his side. This was E. A.'s maiden speech before the Lit. and he did exceedingly well.

The president awarded the debate to the affirmative and the meeting broke up about 10.30.

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