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SHAW IN RICHELIEU.

An excellent performance of Richelieu was given by Mr. H. N. Shaw and the members of his dramatic school at the Grand last evening. Mr. Shaw's interpretation of the cardinal surpassed that of the best known actors of the day. His support too, was unusually good. Miss Berryman as Julie, Miss Sibbett as Francois, and Miss Fellows as Madame De Lorme, all displayed marked dramatic ability. Mr. Selman made an ideal De Mauprat, while Mr. Kirkpatrick as Baradas, and Mr. Proctor as Louis, left little to be desired. In the role of Huget Mr. Grant Gordon gave a clever portrayal of the treacherous spy. In every detail Mr. Gordon's acting showed him to be a hard and earnest worker and there is little doubt but that he has a bright future before him in the dramatic world. Needless to say Mr. McHenry, as Joseph and Mr. Cochrane as Beringhen were both excellent. Mr. Bruce as Orleans and Mr. Walker as the Governor of the Bastille also did full justice to their parts.

This evening Romeo and Juliet will be presented with Mr. Shaw and Miss Wingfield in the title roles.

ANOTHER NIGHT AT THE GRAND.

On March 17, 18 and 19, Julia Arthur, supported by Mr. W. J. Thorold, B.A., and a large company appear in A Lady of Quality at the Grand Opera House. Miss Arthur, who was born and educated in Hamilton, Ontario, is one of the greatest actresses on the American stage, and her visit to Toronto is sure to bring out the best society in the city. Mr. Thorold is a graduate of McMaster University, '95, and a former pupil of H. N. Shaw B.A., of the Conservatory of Music. Both these Canadians have won great success in New York and Washington this season and their visit here should meet with an ovation. A rally of the students of the colleges will be held on Saturday night, March 19th. A committee, with N. E. Hinch at its head, is arranging for the rally and a large turnout is expected.

The most fashionable barber-shop in the west end is Coke's, 464 Spadina.

DISCORD AMONG THE SENIORS

Class of '98, 'Varsity, Hopelessly Divided on the Year Book Question

CLASS EXECUTIVE RESIGNS

Stormy meetings held.—Legality of Year Book Board Questioned.—Facts of the Case.

During the present college year there have been few more important or exciting weeks about the corridors at Varsity than the past one. Notes of discord in the senior year have been sounded at various times during the year. In the fall term division showed itself in the Literary Society over the filling of a fourth year vacancy on the editorial board of *Varsity*. An article from Mr. A. E. MacFarlane on the Present Spirit of Residence emphasized this division more strongly. And when "Torontonensis" appeared matters reached almost to a fever heat. Amid all the conflicting elements of discord, personalities bitter and often repeated, arguments pro and con, and sympathies for persons on either side, it is hard to give a calm and impartial view of the most deplorable state of affairs that has arisen in the class.

The division in the senior year now will not redound to the honor of those who are responsible for it. For the sake of the University and of the senior class, which these gentlemen seem to have forgotten in their endeavors to bring their petty jealousies and personal feelings forward for the whole class to wrangle over, they should have fought out their little quarrels by themselves and not have brought the rest of the class into a quarrel deplorable and disgraceful. The facts of the case are as follows: Last April the Executive Committee of the Class Society of '98 met and appointed from its members a committee of five to nominate a committee whose work was to be the production and publication of a Year-Book. The Committee nominated a Board consisting of two parts, one to carry on the business of the board, the other to edit the book, each committee to have power to add to its numbers: Business—J. W. Hobbs, H. P. Hill, D. A. Ross, Misses M. I. Northway and E. Lynde; Editorial—Burris Gahan, O. M. Biggar, E. W. Beatty, Misses M. M. Stovel and H. G. S. Macdonald. The Executive Committee of the class did not think it necessary to have these appointments ratified by a meeting of the whole class, following the precedent of the classes of '96 and '97, and further believing it impossible to get a representative meeting of the class just before examinations. The Committee undertook the work and began gathering material and information during the holidays. The matter was not discussed at the annual meeting of the class last October, but the new executive committee elected W. G. Fitzgerald to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of D. A. Ross from the business board. Then the Committee went earnestly to work and using the power which had been given them they added the names of J. G. Inkster and N. E. Hinch to the Business Board, transferred H. P. Hill from the Business to the Editorial Board and accepted W. E. A. Slaght of Victoria College to help in the work. The book was published in December just before the holidays. In the first number of *Varsity* this term A. E. MacFarlane published a drastic criticism of the Year Book "Torontonensis." This was followed by another very unfavorable one by J. T. A. Smithson and squibs and skits on the book appeared weekly in the *Varsity*. The element in the book that called forth criticism was the way in which individual members of the class had been referred to in the sketches of them that appeared. The Editorial Board had made a careful study of American Year Books and claimed that this element of "jolly" is much more prominent in the models they had before them. But many of the class refused to accept any such statement and maintained that the editors had "jollied" their personal enemies and "todied" their friends. Last Tuesday a meeting of the class was called and the Boards were ready to make a report to the class. It was a stormy meeting, violent language and

personalities being the order of the day. Those opposed to the Year Book were led by W. M. Martin, Hugh Munroe, G. M. Murray, J. T. Shotwell, H. H. Narraway and A. E. MacFarlane. The business manager, J. W. Hobbs, read his financial statement but such a storm of opposition arose that he withdrew his report. A scene worthy of some other place than college halls followed, and at length by a majority of one the following motion was declared carried: Moved by W. M. Martin, seconded by G. M. Murray, "Whereas the Committee which calls itself the '98 Year Book Committee is not composed of members of this year's Executive Committee, nor of members elected to serve on such Executive of '98 of University College at any regular meeting, and whereas last year's Executive had no power to create any such committee, either from its own members or by appointing others to act during the present year; be it resolved that this committee is not a properly constituted committee of '98 of University College."

The meeting then broke up, but on Thursday another meeting was called at which all the members of the Executive resigned with one or two exceptions, giving as the reason that the class had censured them by passing the above motion. J. G. Inkster made a lengthy speech arguing for harmony and conciliation and moving that the resignations be not accepted. Hugh Munroe seconded the motion, but his speech instead of conciliating proved a bomb-shell that aroused all the latent passions of the students. His sarcastic style of address had an effect entirely opposite to that which he claimed he wanted. Mr. Inkster wanted a reconsideration of Tuesday's motion and not being able to get it he withdrew his motion and handed in his resignation. N. E. Hinch then moved, seconded by R. H. Greer, that the resignations be accepted. This was carried after many violent speeches had been made and taunts had been hurled across the room. The meeting adjourned for a week, when the class will meet again to elect new officers. What the outcome will be it is hard to foresee, but it is to be hoped that sober consideration before next Thursday will bring about a better state of affairs. At present there is hopeless division, and none but careful measures can bring back at least even an appearance of union in the class.

SNELL, RUSSELL, DOUGLAS.

Yesterday was a red-letter day for old ninety-nine. From eleven until five her stalwarts worked might and main bringing the members of the class to the Students' Union to vote in the hottest election in the history of this famous year, and one of the hottest in the history of the University. Out of 119 members of the class eligible to vote, 113 voted for the fourth year arts' representatives on next year's Athletic Association, and of this large number only two came to the booth in backs.

The candidates in the field were: Eric Norman Armour, William E. Douglas, Thomas Russell, Art E. Snell, Alexander MacDougall, G. William Ross and Bob H. Patterson. It certainly must have been difficult to choose three men from the above list of able candidates. Every man plays football, one is a star hockeyist one is a good baseballist, at least three are good tennis players, while others of the seven are famed as acrobats.

Two of the candidates played on Varsity I Rugby team, two played on Varsity III, six played on the Ninety-nine Mulock Cup team one played on the association championship team, while each and every one is considered a good fellow by his class-mates.

The difficulty in choosing the men to vote for is clearly evidenced by the closeness of the vote.

"Art" Snell headed the pole with 59 votes. "Tommy" Russell and "Billy" Douglas were the other "successfuls," with the following respective votes, 57 and 48.

NOTES.

Many of the supporters of the successful candidates enjoyed a small party given by friends on University avenue.

The second year elections are being held to-day, while the first year take place to-morrow.

The candidates in the second year are: Messrs. McMordie, Whitely, Ansley, Armstrong, Gibson.

There are three men in the first year field: Messrs. Isbester, Brown and Smilie.

E. White has gone to Venezuela. He was sent for to vote, but didn't show up.

It was eight years ago last night since the great fire at Varsity.