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The Athletic Association Supper.



THE Third Annual Supper of the Athletic Association was held on Friday, Nov. 9th. and proved a great success, thanks to the care of Mrs. Craig and the committee.

After a sumptuous repast this year's president, T. F. Paterson, began his duties as chairman, which he carried out to every one's satisfaction. We thought the speeches this year were better and more interesting than last year's, and notwithstanding a long list of toasts every one enjoyed listening to the proposers, some of whom showed themselves good and witty speakers.

T. F. Paterson in the opening speech, like most of the other speakers, had some excuse to make for speaking. He said he could not make a long speech and did not mean to, as he was afraid some one might say the same as an old Scotch lady who told a minister that she did not like his last sermon at all "For in the first place," said she, "you read it; in the second place you did not read it well, and then it was not worth reading at all." The speaker expressed his pleasure at the presence of President Mills, who was seated on his left. He had much pleasure in calling upon Pres. Mills to propose the toast of the Queen, and was sorry there were no members of the Royal Family present to respond. We possessed two Kings, but whether there was any blue blood in their veins he could not say.

The President then rose to propose the toast to the Athletic Association and in his speech said he was pleased to see old members of the Association present. Athletics and study should go hand in hand and neither should be allowed to encroach on the other. He thought lawn tennis too quiet a game, suitable for ladies and ladies men, but wished the College success in all their games, and said he heartily sympathized with our athletics.

The chairman, T. F. Paterson responded, and the next toast, that of the Football Club, was proposed by Mr. Harrison. He was glad to see last year's captain, Mr. B. W. Gonin, and also Mr. A. N. Mac-

donald, another prominent member of last year's team, present. Rugby had been revived again and he hoped to see it carried on with as much success as it had been started with. Mr. F. McCallum, this year's Captain, responded, and called upon Mr. Gonin for a speech, who said he still took great interest in O. A. C. football, and wished it every success.

The next toast on the programme was that of the Lawn Tennis Club which was proposed by Mr. P. B. Kennedy. Tennis had received a great impetus last year, various matches with the city having been played. He hoped next year to see more tennis played up at the College, and as a consequence more ladies gracing our Courts. Cricket and tennis were admirable games to play when the weather is too hot for football. This toast was responded to by F. Rowe, who mentioned the various enchantments tennis had for him, and said the game must appear somewhat strange to an uninitiated onlooker, who every now and then hears the lady say "I'm 15," and the gentleman replies "30 love," and must think it rather a nice game to play.

Prof. G. E. Day and Mr. E. F. White proposed and responded to the toast of the Literary Society, both mentioning the great advantages the Society gave to its members, making them good speakers and broader in their views.

The next item on the programme was a song by Mr. E. J. Edelsten, entitled "Fiddle and I," sung by special request, and very heartily received.

Prof. Reynolds and A. H. Christian were the proposer and responder for the Y. M. C. A.

Then came the toasts of the various years. J. F. Clarke proposed the Third Year; A. A. King the Second Year, and F. Elford the First Year. G. A. Robertson, E. J. Edelsten and J. Shields responded for their various years.

Mr. Robertson referring to how he felt when he was asked to respond for the Third Year, told rather an amusing anecdote. Mr. Spurgeon's students had to preach extempore sermons to fit them for their work. It was the custom for each student to receive a slip of paper with his text on it. One student got a paper with the word "Zaccheus" on it. He stood up and said "Zaccheus was a small man, so am I; Zaccheus was up a tree, so am I; Zaccheus made haste and came down, so will I."

The next item was an instrumental trio by Chadsey, Lailey and Edelsten, who gave the "Shoo Fly Gallop," and as an encore "The Girl I left behind me," which was very enthusiastically received.

L. W. Lang and W. A. Kennedy proposed and responded to the toast for the Press. Mr. Harcourt and Mr. Hutt the O. A. C.

Mr. King then gave two of his inimitable recitations, which were received as heartily as usual.

J. J. Yuill proposed the toast of the Militia and Fire Brigade and G. E. Chadsey captain of the Fire Brigade, responded. The Hockey Club was proposed by W. G. Campbell and N. F. Wilson responded. The last toast of the programme was that of the Ladies, ably proposed and responded to, by W. M. Doherty and Mr. G. A. Patnam. A very pleasant evening closed with the College Yell and National Anthem, the boys rendering both with equal enthusiasm.

We are sorry space does not permit of a fuller account of this year's Athletic Supper, but we hope the speakers will not be disappointed by so meagre an account of their admirable speeches. We are so sure what they said will sink deep into the hearts of the students that there is no need to put their speeches in print.