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TORONTO, TUESDAY, JAN. 25TH, 1898.

The scheme of giving a play by the students at the next Hallowe'en demonstration was discussed at the University Literary Society Friday evening, and we are pleased to say, was approved of by that body. Since the matter was first broached, considerable interest has been aroused, and the plan has already been sanctioned by the authorities of University College. It has been proposed that a committee be appointed in the near future to confer with all the colleges interested in the annual demonstration and secure their opinions in the matter. Until this committee has been appointed and has made a report, no more progress can be made toward furthering the plan. If the interest already manifested, however, is any sign, there is not the least doubt but that the Hallowe'en demonstration this year will be essentially a students' night, as it should be.

At a meeting of the McMaster Literary Society last week the question of forming an intercollege debating league was brought forth and discussed. It seems to us that the suggestion is an exceptionally good one. The benefits arising from such a league are well worth the consideration of every college society in the city. At the present time there are few societies in the city in which debating is carried on with any considerable amount of interest. This would not be the case if the debates were between different college societies, instead of students of the same society. The friendly rivalry created by the plan suggested would increase the love for debating and would also afford students many more opportunities for public speaking than they enjoy at present.

The president of a Chicago University claims that there are a large number of students in that city actually starving themselves in order to secure a college education. This is indeed a pitiful state of affairs. But what heroes those students must be! We wonder if there are any cases of this kind in Toronto.

HEARD IN THE HALLS.

The date of the opening meeting of the Natural Science Association of Varsity which was set down for Feb. 4th, has been postponed, as the conversat will be given on that evening.

A "Burns" supper will be given by the students at Knox this evening. The birthday of Scotland's great poet will be celebrated with speech and song. A very interesting programme is arranged and everyone is looking forward to a good time.

F. W. Godeve, of Wycliffe, has received an invitation to preach the anniversary services in Horning Mill's parish.

Mr. Keele, B.A.Sc., gave a very interesting exhibition of Old Country Architecture before the School of Science Engineering Society Friday evening. Mr. Walter Boyd also performed on the graphophone.

A. M. Rosebrugh, M.A., lecturer in electrical engineering at the School of Science, was wedded to Miss Jessie A. Whyborn, A.B., of Syracuse, N.Y., during the holidays.

At the meeting of the Natural Science Association to-morrow afternoon, W. H. McNairn, '99, will read a paper on the "Song Birds in Canada," and D. Whyte, '99, will speak on "Color in Animals."

A hockey club was formed at Knox College last week with the following officers: President, Harper Gray, B.A.; Captain, R. W. Dickie, B.A.; Sec.-Treasurer, A. W. Haro.

Miss Florence Sheridan, B.A., '97, who has been visiting friends in New York for the past few weeks, is expected home this week.

"Jack" Martin, B.A., '96, of Hamilton, spent Sunday with friends in town.

John R. Mott, organizer of Y.M.C.A. work among students, will visit the Toronto colleges about the middle of next month.

The Conversat this year promises to be the most enjoyable in the history of this great student event. "Nick Hinch," who has charge of the decorations, is going to turn the building into a veritable flower garden. The Natural Science Committee will have a more than interesting exhibit in the Senate Chamber. The orchestras of Messrs. Bailey, Glianni and D'Alessandro have been engaged for the main building. Every student should speak for a ticket at once, as the number will be limited.

The Varsity Tennis Club elections will be held this week.

As predicted last week the social function held in the Fourth House, Varsity Residence, on Saturday, surpassed all its predecessors. The ground floor rooms were used as dressing rooms, into which the guests were ushered by two little pages, who also announced the arrivals. On proceeding up stairs, the guests were received by that charming hostess Mrs. C. M. Fraser, who chaperoned the "At Home," and Messrs. Black and Fitzgerald, at whose hospitality was due the very pleasant time which all enjoyed. Mr. Black's room, which is known as the Lyceum of Residence, was looking its best, with a profusion of cut flowers and palms. The piano solos were much enjoyed, and the draperies and cosy corners more than admired. D'Alessandro's orchestra was stationed in Mr. Hinch's room, while Mr. Gahan's served as a refreshment room and Mr. Fitzgerald's room as a secluded spot for those who preferred quiet. The halls were decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting and curtains, and the old Fourth House was hardly recognized by many of those present. The refreshments were served by Webb. Amongst the invited guests were the following: Professor and Mrs. Wright, Professor and Mrs. Fraser, Dr. Needler, Dean DeLury, Miss Salter, Misses Lash, Maybee, Burns, Boulton, Kinnear, Williams, Miller, Sheridan, Crane, Young, Gibbs, Montgomery, Kerr, Skinner, Thornton, Webb, Wegg, Anderson, Woolverton, Lynde, White, Patterson, DeRoche, Rumball, Beatty, Cleary Kirkwood, Slater, Lamont, the Misses Lamport, the Misses Crane, the Misses Burbidge (Ottawa), Miss Hill (Ottawa), Miss Pinhey (Ottawa), Miss Craney (Bay City), Miss Burgess (Montreal), Messrs. Carder, Young, Parker, Parsons, Boulton, Burbidge, Hobbs, Hill, Carson, Beatty, Cleland, Inkster, Jackson, Ross, Hinch, Scott, Gunn, Gahan, Bogart, Cohoe, Hastings, Johnston, Richardson, Bone, McEntee, Meredith, King, Armour, Clegg and C. R. Fitzgerald.

Trinity will not hold a conversat this year.

A very pleasant dinner party was given Saturday evening by Professor Wrong of Varsity to a small party of professors and Varsity seniors. Those present were Professor Hutton, Professor Fraser, and Messrs. Wickett, Moss, Hinch, Murray, Gunn, Shotwell, and Cushing.

The "Saturday" lecture this week will be given by Professor Robinson on Palestine. It will be illustrated and will be given in the Biological building.

Varsity Base Ball Club will hold a meeting to-morrow afternoon for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

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A highly instructive and very interesting lecture was given on January 20th, in the Students Union, before the Political Science Club of Varsity and their friends. The subject was "The Present Condition of Banking in North America," and the club could not have chosen a better qualified man for the subject than Mr. Byron E. Walker, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who had so kindly consented to address a meeting for them.

Mr. Calcut, ex-president of the Board of Trade, acted as chairman, and in opening the meeting emphatically pointed out of what great importance was the problem of banking to a nation, and how necessary it was that the students in Political Economy should gain a broad and thorough knowledge of this subject that they might be of good service to their country when in public life.

He showed that our banking system was much superior to that of the national system of the United States in points of elasticity, distribution of capital and in stability. The financial question as it is now apparent in the U. S., Mr. Walker said, is the most serious problem with which they have had to deal since the time of slavery, and a crisis or radical remodelling is imminent. The banking systems of Canada and of Scotland are the soundest and most advantageous of all present systems, and the reform will likely be along their lines. The democracy of the American, however, objects strongly to the principle in our system which requires the large capital of \$1,000,000 to be subscribed before a charter incorporation can be taken out. In our country this has resulted in the fact of there being but a comparatively small number of banking companies (about 11), while in the U. S. there are between 10,000 and 11,000, arising from the fact that each one must be a local institution and the

amount of capital required to start a bank is only \$25,000. The Americans consider banking in Canada of a monopolistic character, but such it is not, more than that it takes a large amount of capital to incorporate it.

At the close of the lecture Dr. Hoskin in very appreciative terms moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Walker, and complimented the club upon the high order of meetings they were affording the students and public. Professor Mavor, replying in behalf of the club seconded the motion and the deep appreciative interest with which the audience had received the address was plainly evidenced by their hearty applause.

IMAGINATION IN EDUCATION.

ITS VALUE STRIKINGLY DEPICTED IN AN ENTERTAINING LECTURE BY REV. G. M. MILLIGAN, D.D.

The friends and pupils of St. Margaret's College, who accepted the invitation of the Board of Management and Mrs. Geo. Dickson, Lady Principal, enjoyed a rich intellectual treat Friday evening, when Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D., delivered a lecture in the college assembly hall on "The Value of Imagination in Education." The lecturer had evidently given profound thought and research to his subject, and his carefully-prepared remarks were thoroughly appreciated by an audience notable for intellectuality rather than for numbers. In opening, the derivation of the word imagine was discussed, and the value of imagination in every sphere of life was pointed out. The power of imagination and its application in art and science was forcibly portrayed by numerous illustrations selected from the most celebrated authors. Shakespeare's power of imagination would, the lecturer thought, have made him a magnificent reporter, whose report of some of the politicians of the present day on the stump would be most entertaining. Imagination is especially necessary in the student in order to enable him to grasp the idea and spirit of the author before he can thoroughly appreciate and grasp the truths he is seeking to acquire. The advantages of the imagination were shown to be many, among the most useful being that it cultivates our powers of observation, having its fixed laws requiring great self-discipline and bringing us into sympathy with nature and when acting as it ought, is directed by knowledge acquired by study and discipline, directed by judgment based on experience. Secondly, it is useful in giving a higher scope to our reasoning powers; it is in studying imaginative truths that we cultivate in the most effective way our reasoning powers, as illustrated by Tyndall's idea that no great progress can be made in science without imagination. Thirdly its great educational value is that it gives vigorous exercise to our voluntary powers to enable us to put ourselves in the author's place, and by so doing to obtain a true conception and view of his ideal.

The value of imagination in education is that it teaches people to see with reason's eye, and hear with reason's ear. Imagination enables a reader to see through the eyes of the author. At the present day people read newspapers and magazines—the "knickerbockers" of literature—almost exclusively. The reader should aim to cultivate continuity and self-control, and try to understand his author. Imagination enabled Dante and Goethe to see into the truths of life. The object of culture is to enable people to see the wondrous in everyday life. The aim of education should be to cultivate healthy influence—the scaffolding to the formation of a useful life.

On Friday evening next Dr. Spencer will deliver a lecture on the Geology of the Niagara River and Niagara Falls.

To whom it may concern:

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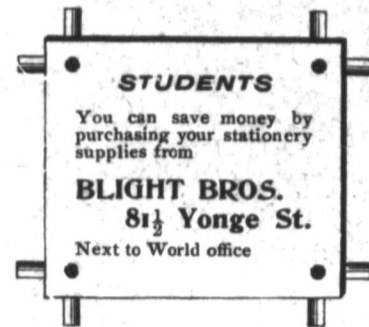
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