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VARSITY FALLS BEFORE OTTAWA

Great Game for the Championship of Canada Played Saturday

VARSITY'S SPLENDID WORK

Loss of the Game Due Solely to Ill-luck—Team Shows Up Better than Expected

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It really seemed too good to be true when the afternoon of Saturday last displayed a genuine burst of sunshine. The Rugby season of 1898 will not go upon record as having been singularly propitious in the matter of weather, but against the conditions surrounding the great game between the Intercollegiate Champions and the Champions of Ontario nothing can honestly be said.

It was a glorious sight that greeted the eye of the spectator on the Rosedale grounds at half-past two on the afternoon of the 19th—a sight, indeed, such one does not often look upon, and which once seen leaves a lasting impression. On the beautiful field, which was in excellent shape, were lined up the two finest teams in the whole Dominion, teams which by the arduous conflicts of a hard-fought season had well earned their right to play for the highest championship honors—the one garbed in the Blue and White representing the academic circles of the country, the other in the Red and White standing for the pick of the city aggregations. Then, too, everywhere as far as the eye could see were massed the many spectators; and while Rosedale has seen larger gatherings, yet that of Saturday will go down to history as not by any means the smallest turnout that ever crossed the ravine.

But to come to the game itself, the question perplexes us as to "where shall we begin?" As a matter of fact, the comments that might be made are so innumerable, and the order in which they rise in the mind is so inexplicably tangled, that we must be pardoned if our remarks seem to lack coherence.

There is no doubt that a number of people came to the game with the very charitable hope that Varsity wouldn't be beaten by more than fifteen points. In the case of such persons virtue found its reward; for they were favored with the closest, keenest and hardest game of football ever seen in this country.

The Rough Riders were brought to a good many sudden stops and at times were played pretty nearly to a standstill.

The boys commenced the game with the snap that characterized the teams of '95 and '96, when those famous aggregations were battling for final honors. The ball had not been in play very many moments before Wicky Wilson, attempting to make one of those famous dodges that have earned him glory in the past, found himself lovingly embraced behind his own goal line. The enthusiasm of the grand stand was intense and justifiable.

Two things were now quite apparent—that in fast sprinting work and in chain lightning tackling, the collegians were vastly the superiors of their opponents. Perhaps no place can be found better than this to dilate on the simply marvellous speed of Varsity's forwards, and if one may mention particular names here, Burnside and Blackwood shone very conspicuously. Ottawa City, it was plain to see, had never run up against anything so fast, and as a consequence they were for a time suffering all the disabilities of men surprised; though, as the game went on, they began to work the most flagrant interference, so as in some measure to prevent the College boys from getting the full benefit of their speed. As for the Collegiate tackling, everybody pronounces it superb—"The best thing ever seen on a Canadian football field." To Captain Burnside must be assigned the credit of having trained his men in tackling to a pitch which fairly outpoints perfection. Many of us remember Tiny Counsell's catapult tackle, in which he would leap feet through the air after his luckless victim, but in Tiny's day there was only one man on the Varsity who could do that, while now it is no exaggeration to say that each and every Varsity man could put up an excellent imitation of our old captain's famous tackle. The way the "Rough Riders" went down before it was tremendous, and while it is unsportsmanlike and brutal to boast of such things, one cannot help feeling unmitigated satisfaction at the way in which a team which has never been any too gentle in its tactics on the gridiron, was mown down by younger and lighter opponents. Some comparison of the tackling force of the two teams may be made from the fact that of the Ottawa city team eight were "laid out" as against two of the intercollegiate champions.

For the remainder of the half Varsity continued to press the Caps very hard, and indeed secured a pretty score on Hill's neat goal from a penalty kick, which made glad the heart of many. Yet, when the half was over, a good many felt that our boys were beaten, (despite the fact that they had thus far whitewashed the Senators), basing their conclusion on Varsity's inability, even when forcing the play, to carry the ball over. It must be admitted that at this stage hopes of ultimate success arose on all sides.

One may comment here on the fact that Varsity's halves, while playing a splendid game, were not playing their best game, if we may judge from their previous performances. Several times their fumbles had been costly; and yet, after all, one is forced to pay them every compliment, for seldom have half-backs made gaining kicks under more disadvantages than those which occasionally surrounded them. To kick for forty yards with one opponent on your neck and another clinging to your body is indeed a *chef d'oeuvre* of a football half-back.

During the first half Ottawa had the ball past half way only two or three times, and past Varsity's 25 only once.

Varsity resumed the aggressive in the second half. This was a genuine surprise to many all through the game, for the aggressive style of play was assumed by the Blue and White in place of the defensive, which it was rumored they would use. The wisdom manifested in the course they did choose was very evident throughout; for, as a matter of fact, Varsity could not begin to play a good defence game against the city team's weight, as may be seen from the fact that the Ottawas scored when they got the leather near our line.

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EMINENT ENGLISH JURIST

Professor Dicey, of Oxford, Addresses the Political Science Club on Friday Afternoon

The Political Science Club, together with several other members of the University, had the pleasure of listening to a half hour address by the eminent jurist, Prof. Dicey, last Friday afternoon. Prof. Dicey, whose reputation is world wide as the author of "The Law of the Constitution," is Vinerian Professor of English Law in Oxford. President Loudon introduced the distinguished visitor, who stated that it was his intention to offer no more than a few suggestions on matters constitutional, which those interested could investigate for themselves. He called attention to two principal facts—the growth within the last fifty years of parliamentary government, and the fact that the popular assembly was no longer looked upon with the same feelings of awe and dignity as formerly. Although, by the present generation, parliamentary government was regarded as the only true method of government, yet it was none the less a fact that it was only within the last half century that it had attained the powerful growth which characterized it at the present day. Without stating any inferences, he had also observed that parliamentary obstruction, which had even degenerated into physical obstruction, as in the case of the Germans, who had resorted to fist-cuffs, had resulted in a decrease of awe and reverence for the popular assembly. The Parliament of Great Britain had been the cynosure of the eyes of the civilized world and had been regarded as the most successful. In regard to the freedom of the press as applied to the legislative assembly, he thought that Parliament gains in repute by not being reported. Parliament at its best was a good machine for abolition, good for cleaning away the rubbish of accumulated ages. Of late, however, there had been a change in the way of a desire for constructive legislation.

Prof. Dicey's remarks were received with the closest attention, and were warmly applauded. A vote of thanks, which was enthusiastically endorsed by those present, was tendered Professor Dicey, who in making his acknowledgments stated that this was the first occasion upon which he had addressed a Canadian audience. Prof. Goldwin Smith, who had accompanied his illustrious guest, complied with the request of the students and made a brief speech, prophetic of the great destinies of the Political Science students present.

CLASS '02 RECEPTION

Will be Held in University College, Saturday Afternoon, Dec. 10.

The executive committee of the class of '02, met Wednesday afternoon, with President R. J. Hamilton in the chair. All the business connected with the class was effectively dealt with. The color committee have spared no labor in making a selection of a class pin, which it is hoped will be a credit to the year. It will be for sale in a few days. Various committees have been appointed, and complete arrangements have been made for the year's Reception, which will be held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 10th.

PUBLIC DEBATE HELD AT VARSITY

A Large Audience Attend the Annual Open Meeting of the Lit

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM

The Usual Contingent of Wise Attend and Add Much to the Enjoyment of the Evening.

It is somewhat difficult to say whether the One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Public Debate of University College Literary and Scientific Society was a record-breaker. While there was undoubtedly a good house, the seating capacity of the Gymnasium was not taxed to the uttermost. In what might be called the pit of the house there was a tidy sprinkling of the fair sex, with their escorts, the latter coming in for the usual bouquets which fall from the hands of the gods. Elderly parties were also present—fond and doting parents; nay, possibly prospective parents-in-law—who came to contemplate the triumphs of young "Edwin." In the seats of the mighty there was a host of gods and goddesses. The latter must have taken too seriously Professor Baker's exordium, to think twice before making a joke, judging from the profound silence they preserved. The conduct of the bewiskered deities was, however, characterized by no such scruples. They gave vent to their spirits in a manner absolutely regardless. Unfortunately, the field is, in the words of our University motto, *Velut arbor in aevum*—less fruitful in opportunities for the exercise and display of brilliant wit as the years roll by. To him, therefore, who is the father of a bright and original saying—something really funny—should be awarded a crown of parsley!

On the whole the best of good order prevailed. The contributors to the evening's entertainment were given a fair hearing, and some puns were made which merited publication in the leading comic journals of our time. As a necessary prelude to a program which for solidarity and the production of somnolence is calculated to put to rout the claims of the most enthusiastic Quaker meeting, an orchestra played a series of popular numbers, which were listened to with marked appreciation.

At about 8 o'clock, a dignified procession in hood and gown made its way to the platform amid the acclamations of what the members of the Toronto police force would consider the great unwashed. Prof. Alfred Baker, who was, as ever, an ideal chairman, opened the meeting with a few preliminary remarks in which he expressed his view of the importance of the Literary Society as a college organization. He said that in his time the president of the society had been usually considered a seventh professor. After complimenting the society upon its choice of its present President, Dr. Wickett, he called upon the latter to deliver his inaugural address.

Dr. Wickett, who chose for his subject, "Bismarck and Nationality," delivered a most interesting and instructive address upon the life and work of this great warrior and statesman. He considered Bismarck from a three-fold point of view—as a man, a statesman and a politician. Each of these divisions was illustrated by reference to his life and work, and furnished a very comprehensive view of the subject. Dr. Wickett concluded his address with a few remarks on the work of the Literary Society. He thought that great progress was being made. Its new feature was the inauguration of a debate between Queen's University and Varsity. Reference was also made to the recent formation of the Inter-College Debating Union, of Toronto, while the hope was expressed that the appointment of an elocutionist would be among the possibilities of the near future.

After the president's address, Prof. Baker called upon Mr. Walter Beardmore, of the S.P.S., for a violin solo. Mr. Beardmore's execution was admirable, and quite in keeping with the reputation he has won for himself around Varsity. His selection was succeeded by an urgent demand for an encore, which was, however, deferred until later. Mr. A. H. R. Fairchild, '00, followed with an essay upon "Genius and Reality," which gave evidence of clear thought, poetical sense, and rhetorical ability. Mr. Fairchild's ability as a reader contributed materially towards the success of his essay.

Mr. Beardmore then favored the audience with his encore, which was fully appreciated. Mr. A. L. Burch, '99, the official reader, gave as his contribution to the program of the evening a recitation from Mark Twain, which he rendered in an inimitable style. Mr. Burch's clever impersonation of the hysterical guide and the phlegmatic American doctor inspired this familiar passage with new interest, and kept the audience laughing throughout. This number brought the first part of the program to an end.

Part II. was devoted to the debate, the proposition of which was: "Resolved that Lord Salisbury's foreign policy during the present administration has been on the whole censurable." The speakers for the affirmative were R. J. McAlpine, '99, A. N. Mitchell, '00, the negative being sustained by W. F. McKay, '99, G. F. Kay, '00.

Mr. McAlpine opened the debate by stating that it was necessary first to know what was the policy outlined by Salisbury, and then to consider the extent to which he was deserving of censure. The policy enunciated by Mr. Chamberlain and authorized by Lord Salisbury had three objects in view. The efforts of Lord Salisbury were directed, firstly, toward preventing old markets from being closed to Great Britain; secondly, toward opening new ones; and thirdly, toward maintaining an open door. It was the policy of the open door, Mr. McAlpine said, which had raised Great Britain to her present state of commercial supremacy. Salisbury's policy in China was marked by failure, France, Germany and Russia having all succeeded in overruling it. Manchuria had been ceded to Russia in spite of Lord Salisbury's efforts to the contrary, while their obtaining possession of Port Arthur, a strong strategic port, gave strong evidence of his lack of foresight.

Mr. McKay, the leader of the negative, stated his case in a very clear and consecutive manner. He declared that Lord Salisbury's policy was a peace policy. He thought that the latter was deserving, not of censure, but of praise for the way in which he had kept Great Britain, while unprepared, at peace with Europe, by sacrificing on occasion a minor point of policy rather than embroiling the country in war. The result of Lord Salisbury's waiting policy had been

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RUGBY DANCE

Will Be Held Tuesday Evening, the 29th Inst.—Sale of Tickets Limited to 500.

The night of the Rugby dance, which was announced last week for Nov. 29th, is one which is eagerly awaited by all who delight in a good hop. This is an event which is popular, not only for its own sake, but also from the fact that it is the initial number in Varsity's social calendar. Around it cluster some of the tenderest memories of grads and undergrads of both sexes—memories of stalwart football heroes, whose tousled locks have been the admiration of many a susceptible maiden. Small wonder then that the Athletic Association is always considered in the light of a most charming host. The directorate is making every provision for the success of the dance. The following ladies have kindly consented to act as lady patronesses: Miss Mowat, Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Mulock, Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. B. E. Walker, Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. Irving Cameron, Mrs. Galbraith, and Miss Salter. Music will be furnished by Glionna's Orchestra. The dancing will, of course, be done in the Gymnasium, and will commence at 8.30. One of the features of the evening will be the distribution by Miss Mowat of the prizes to the victors at the University games. Tickets, the sale of which will be limited to 500 in order to ensure a good dance, may be obtained from the members of the Athletic Directorate, or at the Janitor's office, University College.

DAMON AND PYTHIAS

This Famous Play to Be Produced by St. Michael's Students Next Month.

The members of St. Michael's Dramatic Club are spending their leisure moments at present rehearsing for a grand production of Damon and Pythias, which will be presented in College Hall before the holidays. Professor Kirkpatrick, of the Conservatory, under whose management the play will be put on, will assume the role of Damon. The other leading parts will be taken by Mr. S. H. O'Boyle and Mr. E. Bradley. The following will be the cast of characters: Pythias.....S. H. O'Boyle Dionysius.....J. Lynch Damocles.....F. McCarthy Procles.....A. Savage Lucullus.....J. Lynott Philistius.....J. Mulligan Hermeon.....C. McRea Calonthe.....E. Bradley Damon.....Prof. Kirkpatrick

A very successful meeting of the St. Charles Literary Society was held on the evening of the 20th inst. Mr. Lynott occupied the chair. He put his hand to the helm the moment he took his seat, and in less time than it takes to tell, he had evolved an impromptu debate for the orators present. Some splendid oratory was listened to, Messrs. Donovan and Dugan distinguishing themselves in a very brilliant manner. Mr. McCarthy followed with a very interesting essay on the Boston subway, describing this unique construction in its every detail.

Mr. J. Lynett, the vice-president, following with a learned and logical paper on "Cause."

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO DINNER

This Great College Event will be Held on Friday Evening, Dec. 18.

COMMITTEE NOW AT WORK

A Large Number of Prominent Men Expected to be Present, Including the Governor-General.

The chief topic of absorbing interest in the undergraduate circles of University College will be, from now on, the University Dinner, of which previous mention has already been made in these columns. The Rugby season is now practically over; everybody has made arrangements for the Rugby dance; so that the next matter of "vital importance" to hold the attention of the College man is the Dinner.

It would not be amiss to advert to the history of this proposed event and to its claims upon the undergraduate. As has been already mentioned, it was only two years ago that a University dinner was within recent years discussed as a possibility and successfully carried through. Prior to that time it had been the custom for each class to hold its own dinner. Although an attempt was made last year to hold a dinner, it was found that the number of subscribers was too limited to warrant the committee in taking definite steps towards its realization. The Literary Society, which is taking the matter in hand this year, has through its executive made considerable progress in its preparations. The names of the committee appointed were published in a recent number. Since that time the various sub-committees have been appointed, the members of which are as follows: Invitation and Reception—A. McDougall, '99, J. J. Gibson, '99, E. P. Brown, '01, J. D. Cunningham, '00, and D. A. Ross, S.P.S. Finance—S. A. Dickson, '99, H. D. Graham, '99, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Biggs, and Lorn Allan, S.P.S. Decoration—H. D. Graham, '99, H. McLagan, '99, A. N. Mitchell, '00, J. D. Cunningham, '00, Messrs. Irwin and Briggs. Refreshment and Menu—G. W. Ross, '99, W. H. Alexander, '99, D. E. Kilgour, '00, and Mr. D. A. Ross, S.P.S. Entertainment—J. T. Richardson, '99, E. P. Brown, '01, and W. Boyd, S.P.S.

The Faculty has appointed as its committee: Honorary president, President Loudon; honorary secretary, Professor Fletcher; honorary treasurer, Professor Baker. The list of guests has not as yet been definitely decided upon. The Faculty will, however, invite their own guests, which procedure will be also adopted by the student body. Representatives from sister Colleges will be present, including McGill, Queen's, Trinity and the two Medical Colleges of Toronto. It is also expected that the Governor-General will be present. The price of the ticket, it has been decided, shall not exceed \$1.50. The date of this event, which will take place in the gymnasium, has been announced for Dec. 16th. Subscription lists are in circulation in the various years, but up to date the number of names could not consistently, with modesty, be called legion. If the holding of a University dinner be of any material service in developing a more vigorous College spirit, in bringing the Faculty and the Undergraduate members of the University into contact, and lastly, in storing away in the mind an event around which may cluster some of the happiest memories of that happiest stage of a student's existence—his undergraduate life—then surely Varsity men can contrive to go in for this event and still keep the wolf from the door. A College dinner is a recognized institution in most of our sister Colleges in this city. Trinity University, the Medical Faculty of our own University and Trinity Medical College each hold their annual dinner. It remains for University College to take her place on a scale befitting her dignity and the position she holds among the Universities of the Dominion.

The University of Toronto Baseball Club will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon of next week, in Students' Union. The meeting this year is held earlier than usual, in order to give the management sufficient time to arrange for the spring trip, which it is expected will include a number of games with American College teams. Every student of the affiliated Colleges of the University is invited to be present next Wednesday.

At the meeting of the Varsity Classical Association Tuesday afternoon, Mr. N. L. Wilson, '00, read a very interesting paper on "The Mythological Element in the Greek Poets." Mr. G. E. Will also contributed to the afternoon's program with a paper on "Cicero, citizen and statesman." Both papers displayed considerable care in preparation and thoughtful study, and reflect much credit on the readers.