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THE ANNUAL ARTS DINNER.

The Dinner Committee of University College have put forth their best efforts to make the dinner a success, and their efforts will no doubt be rewarded this evening. The hour of the dinner is 7.30 p.m., and the committee desire to say that no one need stay away on account of not happening to have a dress suit. Gowns are to be worn and dress suits are optional.

DECISION OF THE DENTAL HOCKEY TEAM.

The students of University College and of the various other colleges making up the University of Toronto, if they take any interest in hockey, will be pleased to learn that the Dental students have reconsidered their decision to enter a team in the O.H.A. and have finally made up their minds to compete in the Jennings Cup series again. The decision is an important one, because had the Dental team left the University League it would have formed a precedent, and there soon would have been teams from other colleges dropping out to join some other league. The representatives of the Dental College, when the case was laid plainly before them, realizing that their institution was a part of the University as much as any other college, and that it was a question of loyalty and support to the University's athletic success, felt that they were doing their duty in remaining, and decided to do so without reserve. On the other hand, the athletic directorate have shown their appreciation of the action of the Dental representatives by giving them extra opportunities for practice at a considerable additional expense to the directorate, but for which they feel they will be well repaid by the good results obtained.

It is agreed by all that the different hockey teams are likely to be on a better footing than ever with each other, since the position of each in regard to the other and in regard to the whole league has been made plain, and since the attention of the directorate has been called to the various inducements there are to divert support from the intercollege league. All are looking forward to a good season in hockey, and the team that wins the Jennings Cup must be a fast one.

CORRIDOR ECHOES.

W. J. Hanley, B.A., '01, was elected vice-president of the O.H.A. at the meeting of the association last week.

The fashion of dry dinners is predominant at present. The Trinity Meds. tried the experiment this year, but haven't quite made up their minds whether they liked it or not.

Messrs. Woodroffe and Younge go to Queen's this week to represent Varsity in the annual debate with the Scot-

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men. It is expected that they will take with them a good stock of "words of learned length and thundering sound."

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Look out for the mock parliament on Friday evening. Wit and humor will be furnished for the audience, regardless of expense, while some weighty problems of state are to be discussed by the famous politicians of the day.

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Why is it that the men in physics in the senior year are expected to work two days a week in the optical laboratory, where the cold is always unbearable? This is a matter which surely deserves immediate attention.

Found, while sitting on the stairs leading to the East Hall at the '04 reception—A lady's medium-sized kid glove. Owner may have same by producing the mate and applying to J. J. Creelman.

At the open meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society on Thursday evening we heard a remark to the effect that Pat Deroche and Flirt McDiarmid were present.

C. R. Fitzgerald, '00, renewed acquaintances at the '03 reception on Saturday evening.

G. A. Thompson and J. C. McIntosh have each been nursing a sore hand the last few days as a result of "too much work" in the chemical building.

Reggie Bell and Fred Honeywell entertained a large number of their friends at the matinee on Friday. They enjoyed their smoke very much.

H. M. McNeil, '03, looked very natty in his high silk at Rugby. Did you see him?

A. R. Cochrane enjoyed a very pleasant evening as representative from Varsity at the Victoria concert, on Friday evening. Also says the walking was good, but "there was more wind than anything else."

Let there be a large turnout at the mock parliament next Friday evening. The leaders, Messrs. Cunningham and McFarland, promise a treat for those who are present.

Naughty senior to freshmen at '03 reception—Come and let us slope out this number. Freshette—Wait till I see with whom I have it. M-o-n-t-a-g-u-e—Montague, oh, no! I won't; he is such a dear little fellow! I will not miss it!

F. A. McD., '02 (soliloquizing aloud)—Yes, Cranston went to Guelph for Thanksgiving Day. They went to the Bobby Burns concert. She enjoyed it immensely. He is a firmer believer than ever in the Thanksgiving season—and in taking joints of that nature.

Cran, says he didn't see Freddy Broadfoot anywhere around, but heard that Alex. and Bob Cochrane had been meandering around the Royal City about the time of the King's Birthday.

Tommy Hogrove, '03, has at last been heard from. He is running a ranch for his father away out at Walsh, Assa. Owing to the fact that his eyes have given him some trouble, he is unable to return to Varsity until next fall, when he will doubtless be welcomed to the ranks of '04, as an addition to their strength in political science, the gymnasium, and in the games of the Mulock series.

The many friends of James P. MacGregor, '02, are glad to see him around the halls again.

WHY HE TURNED.

Not long ago, in Perthshire, a woman was driving her husband down a narrow lane when on turning a sharp corner they encountered a brewer's cart. Neither had room to pass, and in most disagreeable tones the woman said: "He must go back, for I shall not. He ought to have seen us before entering the lane."

"But, my dear," replied the husband, "how could he, with this sudden turn in the road?" "I don't care," said the woman haughtily: "I shall stay here all night before I give way to him."

The driver of the cart overheard all the conversation, and said, resignedly: "A right, sir; I'll gang back"—adding, sympathetically: "I've got just such another one at home."—Glasgow Mail.

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UNION NOTES.

Varsity Trims Y. M. C. A. in Chess Bq 4 1/2 to 3 1/2.

MEETING OF MEMBERS.

On Monday, the 2nd inst., a general meeting of the members of the Union was held, for the purpose of electing a second vice-president and the representative of the Medical students to the executive. Mr. J. L. McPHERSON, B.A., was unanimously elected to the second vice-presidency and Mr. Berson as the medical representative. No further business was transacted.

In another column will be found Mr. McCredie's article on the Glasgow exhibition. The University of Glasgow last year invited delegates from different "unions" to a conference to take place there during the exhibition, and Mr. McCredie was one of the University of Toronto Union representatives. Be sure and read the article.

On Thursday evening, the 5th inst., the first match in the Toronto Chess League took place. The University of Toronto chess team met the Y.M.C.A. team in the Y.M.C.A. parlors and defeated them by the score of 41-2 to 31-2. The teams were as follows:

Varsity. Y.M.C.A. T. N. Beck..... 1 Dr. Meyers..... 0 Prof. Mavor..... 1/2 Mr. Boulton..... 1/2 S. Wood..... 1 W. L. Branton..... 0 F. B. Brown..... 1 Mr. Blythe..... 0 G. S. Hoggson..... 0 E. Williams..... 0 C. L. Gould..... 0 G. Compton..... 1 R. M. Stewart..... 1 J. Powell..... 0 H. C. Parsons..... 0 W. E. Galley..... 1

The next match is on Thursday, the 12th inst., between Y.M.C.A. and Varsity, and will take place at the Union.

DUGAS AND HIS WONDERFUL SNAKE.

A cabin in a lonely gulch near Gold Hill, in Arizona, had two occupants, a Frenchman and a snake. The Frenchman's name was Dugas and the snake's name was Jock. They were very fond of each other. Jock knew his master's footfall, and when the sun was warm and bright he would meet him down the trail from the cabin and accompany him home; he would cross and recross the trail and show by every means possible his delight at his master's return. When it was cold and cloudy or damp, he stayed in the cabin, but never failed to show his joy by racing about the dirt floor when his master came home. He was perfectly harmless, and if any snake could be called pretty, he could. For he had large bright eyes and clean white and steel gray spots, about the size of half-dollars, alternated all over his body, with the exception of that part which touched the ground, which was a cream color. His home was over the ceiling of the cabin on a bed of leaves and dry, loose dirt, where he usually stayed, except on the occasions I have mentioned, or when the sun was bright, when he took a sun bath on the roof, or when his master called him he responded to the call as quickly as the most affectionate dog. The Frenchman was proud of Jock, and would call him forth when men had occasion to pass or stop at the cabin, and show the tricks and fine points of the snake, the same as fine dogs are exhibited.

The cabin of the Frenchman was fastened by an old-fashioned inside latch, a string was tied to the latch and passed through a hole some six inches above it to the outside, the string hanging down on the outside. When the Frenchman desired to enter the cabin he pulled the string, pushed the door, and it swung inward. One night he returned home quite late, and on pulling the string to open the door, it broke and he was locked on the outside. All his work tools were on the inside, and he could think of no way to effect an entrance. Many weary miles were between him and the settlement, and he hesitated for some little time, deciding what was best for him to do. All at once he heard a noise, which seemed to emanate from the inside of the cabin near the hole in the door from which he had broken and pulled the string. He lit a match, and to his amazement he saw the tail of his pet snake protruding from the hole in the door. At first he did not understand what it meant, but on second thought he knew Jock had come to his rescue. Jock had wound his body around the latch near the catch and poked his tail through the hole, and the Frenchman had only to pull on the tail and the door would open. This he did, and he was once more inside his home.

It is needless to say that he gave Jock an extra supper that night.—H. Frazier in Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

The first of the series of interyear debates was held on Friday evening last, when the first year won a well-earned victory in a close and intensely interesting contest with the second division. The subject was, "Resolved, That the Chinaman be excluded from Canada."

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but before the evening came to a close the judges and audience were convinced that Brother John Chinaman had a claim upon us after all. The matter of the various speeches was excellent, and the form was above the average. The result of this first debate, augurs well for the interest and success of those yet to come in the spring term. The third and fourth years will meet probably in January, so that the finals may be pulled off before the men settle down for the final "plug" for exams.

The fellows who are attending Miss Masson's lectures in voice-culture at the Conservatory of Music are more than satisfied with the course of instruction which they are receiving. They have, moreover, been especially favored of late in being the recipients of an invitation to her charming residence in St. George street, and also to the meetings of the "Round Table" club. Those who had the pleasure of being present report a most delightful time.

Final examinations are to be held in the college this Christmas. The advantage is a twofold one, in that it makes the careless worker more careful, while the diligent are given an opportunity to give tangible proof of the results of their labor. For both alike it gives a rational solution for the disposal of the year's work. This new method is, we believe, to be generally adopted in all the university examinations after the present year. No little interest therefore will be centered on the action of the College Council in taking the initiative in this matter. It is expected that in every respect the new system will be an improvement over the one in vogue at present.

The graduating class have had their group photo taken this year at Park's. The result, as might be expected with an operator so adept and with subjects so excellent, was all that could be desired. It will be with more than ordinary regret that the class will go out from their fellows, for they have to an extraordinary degree won general affection and regard. That the work to which they look forward will be well and faithfully done is a certainty which makes up for regrets at parting.

With the editing and production of this issue College Topics makes its retiring bow to the college life and activity of the year nineteen hundred and one, and retreats in humbleness with a sigh of relief to partake of its Christmas dinner, amid the festivities of that joyous season. Ere it shall appear on the stage of student life once more, a new year shall have been ushered in, and a fresh milestone shall have been passed as we press on to the goal of student ambition—that goal which, fortunately, is but a means to an end—the final examinations. The past term has been to us especially in residence a happy one, for it has brought us into close touch with our dean, and has ripened October acquaintances into true and valued friendships, which have made residence not merely a house, but a home. With gratefulness for the past and with real and sincere hope for the coming year we give our readers over to a joyous vacation, and wish them, in every truth, "A merry Christmas, and a happy New Year."

MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

The Mathematical and Physical Society held an open meeting in Room 16 on Thursday evening last. A large number seized this opportunity of visiting the society and learning more of the work which is being carried on in these departments of science. The faculty was well represented, while the members of the Astronomical Society came up in a body. The program consisted of two lectures, with music interspersed. Mr. C. A. Chant, Ph.D., in the first lecture, on "Diffraction and Diffraction Gratings," explained what is meant by these terms, and showed how research verified the wave theory which accounts for this bending of light. Several examples of gratings were shown and their usefulness in the case of the spectrum illustrated. Dr. Chant also explained the workings of several optical instruments, and pointed out the manner of measuring the velocity of light by means of gratings. Mr. J. S. Plaskett, B.A., in the second lecture, on "Color in Monochrome and Photography in Natural Colors," discussed the various advances made in this science of late, and described the extreme care and wise judgment which must be used in the selection of photographic plates. The undeniable superiority of certain plates was illustrated by lantern slides. In the scenes from nature cloud, foliage, and water were vividly depicted. The increased difficulties and the methods employed in the instance of color photography were pointed out. In this case, three differently colored photographs must be taken on three plates through different screens and at different exposures. Finally the three plates are combined, which gives the natural color effects. The reproductions in colors, as shown by lantern slides of the Foresters' and Manufacturers' arches, of the address to the Duke of York, and of University College, were much lauded. The selections by the Banjo, Mandolin, and Guitar Club were each encored. The trio on violin, flute, and piano, by Messrs. Lucas, Abbott, and Klotz, and the vocal duet by Messrs. Smith and Matheson were much appreciated. Mr. A. T. De Lury, B.A., occupied the chair.

THE TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

The disagreeable weather on Sunday did not prevent the usual large attendance at the Canadian Temperance League meeting in Massey Hall. It was students' day, and speeches were given by representatives of each of the colleges, while Varsity Glee Club, under

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Prof. J. G. Hume of Toronto University was chairman, and in a short introductory speech struck the keynote of the situation in which the people and Government of Ontario find themselves to-day with regard to the prohibition question. The Government, he said, is confronted with a great opportunity, and a great responsibility, but the problem gave them bad dreams. It was a time when they had to choose at once, and they couldn't please everyone. In the words of the witty Scotsman, "They must grasp the hardy thistle close, or grasp it not at all." The temperance people were up in arms. They felt that they had been fooled once, and were determined not to be so treated again.

FEEL IT IN RHEUMATIC BONES. The Government, he said, felt it in their rheumatic bones that there was an east wind blowing. As the best means to the desired end, he advised that the people first make sure of the politicians and then prohibition would follow naturally. The same grounds were taken by the speakers who followed, all of whom made eloquent and forceful addresses in the cause of temperance. Dr. A. T. Hunter represented Knox College, A. C. Farrell represented Victoria College, W. H. Vance represented Toronto University, D. Brown represented McMaster, and F. H. Howey represented Trinity University.

THE TOUR OF THE HARMONIC CLUB.

The Executive Committee had to meet two great difficulties in attempting to organize a tour of the Harmonic Club through cities of Western Ontario: 1. The "ancient" history of the Club is not very favorably regarded in some of these cities. 2. The Committee, and especially the Business Manager, were unable to get at the work early enough to secure the co-operation of the various societies, etc., which are giving concerts before Christmas.

However, in spite of these disadvantages, the work was taken up heartily, and no stone was left unturned which seemed to offer any inducements in the concert line. After all the work of correspondence, and a personal trip by the Business Manager to these cities, the trip has had to be abandoned, on account of the fact that the expenses would be more than the probable income. It was found that Brantford and St. Mary's, the two most promising places on our list, would have several concerts during the week the Club would have been there, and these would necessarily have detracted from the financial success of the Club's concert.

The Executive are hopeful, however, that they will be able to arrange an Eastern tour of three days some time early in the new year. The abandonment of the Western tour was approved by the members of the Club at the regular practice yesterday (Monday) afternoon. A. H. A.

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