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It is our purpose to briefly review the principal and most important events that have happened in the history of the College during the year that has passed away, and which is now numbered with those things which were and are not.

On the 30th of January the first number of the *College Times* appeared. All the boys were delighted with the idea, and if they had only resolutely determined to aid the Editors and Committee by their contributions, the *Times* would have been a more complete success than what it was. The Editors were able, however, with a very slight assistance rendered by a few of the boys, to perform, in what manner and with what result it is not for us to say, the task they had undertaken, the last two numbers of Volume I. of the *College Times* being issued on Convocation Day; and we think we can say that the successful carrying on of this undertaking was the most important event that occurred in the history of the College during the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

No other event occurred between the opening of College in January and its close in June which requires much comment. The Debating Society was in a most prosperous condition, and the only circumstance of note in its history was the resignation of most of its more prominent members, who formed themselves into the Upper Canada College Literary Society.

After the Easter holidays cricket was commenced, and though nothing very flattering can be said of the first eleven, still it is but just to add that they succeeded in regaining from the Bankers the laurels that they had lost in the previous year.

The College work proper seemed to be going on very vigorously, and in most of the forms the contest for the head places was very keen. In the fifth form, where the head places are decided by the Exhibition Examinations, the first place resulted in a tie.

Convocation Day has come at length, and the boys are eager to have the ceremonies over, and this year the Principal is extremely willing to accede to their wishes. All the boys know what is done in the Public Hall on Convocation Day, where are gathered a gay and brilliant

assembly of wit, wisdom and beauty. The Principal takes a public farewell of those of the sixth who have been the happy recipients of prizes, and speaks most feelingly of the sorrow it gives him to part with them, and especially with the head boy, and wishes for them, one and all, the greatest success in whatever they may do in the big world outside and beyond the College. In presenting the successful students of the other forms with their prizes he makes a few remarks, and then follows with a long oration, telling in the most eloquent, classic and beautiful language what the College has done in the past, is doing in the present, and expects and intends to do in the future, and always concludes by wishing the boys a most happy and pleasant time during their long-summer holidays. This year the Principal was very brief, and paid a most graceful compliment to the Editor and Committee of the *College Times*, by taking the most of his remarks from its columns; and we feel sure there were none of the boys who felt prouder on that day than they did, and none wished more that the Principal would have a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic. The wishes, we are sure, of all the boys also would cross the deep with Mr. Martland, than whom no master could take a deeper interest in the welfare of the boys. The usual cheers were given, and college duties were packed in the trunks of the boys, along with their books, to be thought of no more till College should open in September.

Early in the summer those of the masters' residence which had been injured or destroyed by the fire which occurred a few weeks before the summer vacation of the previous year, were repaired or rebuilt.

Two of the masters, J. A. McLellan, Esq., M.A., who received and accepted the appointment of High School Inspector, and C. H. Connon, Esq., M.A., resigned their positions, and the college authorities were fortunate in securing as their successors the Rev. A. Sweetnam, M.A., and Mr. C. G. Sparling.

After the holidays many of the old boys returned, and a numerous company of new boys were ready to cast in their lot with them. The Boarding House was full, and many applications for admission had to be refused. Cricket was played but little after the holidays; in fact we think it is fast becoming to the boys of the College one of the lost arts. This is greatly to be regretted, as there is no better out-door game that the boys could play. Base Ball, however, was played with a will, and, with but little practice, the boys were able to wrest victory from many clubs, and only suffered one defeat throughout the whole season.

The games were this year quite successful. The boys took more pains in training and practising for them, and the issue of the races was in consequence much more exciting than it has been for some time. The Committee also took more pains in selecting the prizes, and they were rewarded by hearing no complaints from the winners.

The only other event of which comment need be made is the Theatricals. The whole affair promised to be a grand success, but owing to the critical condition in which the heir apparent to the throne, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, then was, it was wisely deemed advisable that the entertainment should not be given.

Thus ended eighteen hundred and seventy-one—a year of which all the boys may well feel proud, and of which none need feel ashamed.

## AN ODE TO THE PAST YEAR.

Departed year around thee cling  
Sweet mem'ries of the past.  
But oh! thy months, thy weeks, thy days,  
Were unto some their last.

To some thou wert a year of joy;  
To some a year of pain;  
And many thy neglected hours,  
Would gladly spend again.

But thou art gone, forever gone;  
O! solemn, solemn thought:  
By man in his unrighteousness  
Too oft considered naught.

I loved thy spring, bright smiling maid,  
With sunny garlands crowned;  
I loved thy summer when he waved  
His golden sceptre round.

I loved thy autumn when he dealt,  
With overflowing hand,  
The bounty of His plenteousness  
O'er this my Fatherland.

Departed year, thou art to me  
By thousand ties endeared;  
The hallowed records of thy scrawl  
Shall ever be revered.

J. G. M., ex-pupil.

## TO THE BOYS.

Hail once more the *College Times*,  
See its banner now unfurled;  
On it written all the items  
Passing in the College world.

Hail each issue of your paper,  
Make it worthy of its name,  
Aid your comrades in their efforts—  
Higher, higher, be your aim.

May its interests e'er be blended,  
Joined with those of every boy,  
Let it form a College medium,  
Its appearance hailed with joy

If it should attain its purpose,  
We shall evermore be found  
Glad, that once old U. C. College  
Had a paper so renowned.

Should it meet with your approval,  
Happy shall we be to find,  
In the next some sparkling fragment,  
From your own enlightened mind.

Seize, then, seize the passing moments,  
Be your motto "Carpe diem,"  
Hurry in your contributions,  
Whether they be prose or rhyme.

R., pro Ed.

"We used to hear long ago that the curse of Cain was upon us all. We do not think the curse of Cain exists in Upper Canada College." This was sent to us by a marvellously intelligent boy in the third form, who had probably narrowly escaped a licking.