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A SUPPORTER FOR Dr. COOK

A Heated Correspondent Demands That the Press make the Amende Honorable

We are in receipt of a timely letter from one of our undergraduates. At least we are doing some thinking for ourselves.

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir.—I am not alone in my conviction that Dr. Frederick A. Cook did scale Mt. McKinley, that he did discover the North Pole, and that he is the most brutally wronged man alive to-day.

Some will smile incredulously as they ask, "Who would be gullible enough to take all Cook says for gospel truth?" Let them take the answer to their inmost soul, "Do you believe in British fair play?" If they did, they would have helped to fill the two thousand vacant seats in Massey Hall on Monday night. Twenty-five cents to hear the "Apologia provita sua" of one of the greatest explorers the world has known; yet the College Boy, with cynic wisdom, told his cronies in the Union that "that faker" was really clever to tour about "making money by his barefaced swindle," but that he would not go across the street to hear him—even for a bribe.

Why do I believe in Dr. Cook? First, because every utterance revealed the man of courage, sincerity, and truth. Second, because, with fearlessness, conviction, and restrained indignation he hurled the most specific and deadly charges against the man by whom he has been wronged. Peary must answer if he can. In a tone that would have been pathos or bitterness in a smaller man, Dr. Cook's voice rang out, rousing uncontrolled applause. "If what I say is not true, then the prison doors are open to receive me." Lecturing with the sword of criminal libel suspended above him by a hair, Dr. Cook, in the assurance of truth and justice, defies the sword to fall.

To be specific—Dr. Cook declared as facts what would brand Peary as a scientific thief, a heartless rake, a would-be murderer, and a liar. Those were strong things to say on a public platform. Dr. Cook said them only in self-defence; and he is prepared to produce the proofs.

First, as a thief—Peary at different times secured on false pretences some thousands of dollars from the people and government of the United States. His ostensible purpose was to seek the Pole; but Dr. Cook declares that the numerous expeditions were merely a blind to a very profitable trade in furs and ivory for Mr. Peary and his friends.

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COLUMBIA CLUB

Of the University Holds Successful Function at McConkey's

The Columbian Club of Toronto University held their Inaugural Ball on Tuesday evening when over one hundred merry couples assembled at McConkey's and enjoyed one of the most successful dances of the season. The guests were received by the patronesses who were: Lady Thompson, Lady Falconbridge, Mrs. R. A. Falconer, Mrs. R. P. Gough, and Mrs. W. McKeown.

The hall was appropriately decorated with college colors, crests pennants etc. and the handsomely embossed programmes were in themselves a work of art.

A delightful supper was served as only McConkey's know how to serve it and the music—Oh! the music; Bodley never had his big orchestra tuned up better and the twenty-two numbers were simply irresistible. Mr. Ed. Ryan was the representative from McGill Columbia Club and previous to the dance a supper was held in his honor. The committee's one regret was that owing to the lack of accommodation it was necessary to limit the tickets and as the demand far exceeded the supply they were extremely sorry to disappoint so many friends.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME

At Lit. To-night—Dr. Dindgar Singh Will Speak

Dr. Dindgar Singh will deliver an address on "Asiatic Immigration" to-night in the Gymnasium. The II-III Inter-year debate, carded as the principal feature of this week's Lit has been relegated to a class-meeting and the routine business will be rushed through promptly. Dr. Singh is a graduate of the University of Punjab, is a scholar of repute, and is one of the prominent figures in the present controversy regarding Sikh immigration to Canada.

THIEVES CAUGHT

Constable Christie announces the capture of two thieves who have been lifting car-tickets out of unguarded pockets for some time past, and selling them wholesale to some particular buyer. The thieves were two small boys. Mr. Christie is going to round up the man who bought the tickets, and hopes thus to put a stop to this annoyance that has caused so many complaints around the School buildings.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Extracts from The Varsity of Jan. 27, 1882.

CO-EDUCATION

Mr. Gibson of Hamilton, has given notice of motion, "for a return showing what applications have been made by females for admission to any of the lectures of University College for the session of 1881-2, and the results of such applications, together with copies of all correspondence in connection therewith." It will be quite worth the while of the undergraduates to hear the discussion, if only to enjoy the turning-over which the College Council will in all probability receive.

ALMA COLLEGE

A new ladies' college, called Alma College, has been established, at St. Thomas, Ontario. The Principal is Rev. B. F. Austin, M.A., a graduate of Albert College, Belleville.

CAMBRIDGE DEGREES

Cambridge has conferred the degree of B.A. on two ladies.

ATHLETIC EXPENSES

The following petition to the College Council has been circulating for signatures among the undergraduates for the past few days.

"Whereas the current expenses of the Gymnasium Association amount to about \$250 per annum;

"And whereas the committee has found it impossible to raise the above amount by collecting;

"And whereas it would be a great misfortune to the students if this institution had to be closed for want of funds;

"We, your petitioners, do humbly pray and suggest that the Council may see fit to increase the present College fee to \$11, the extra amount to be devoted to the support of the gymnasium, which shall be under the management of a committee to be appointed by the students."

The petition has already been signed by all of the Committee of the Gymnasium Association, and by nearly 250 other undergraduates.

There are registered this year 356 students.

STUDENT'S UNION

A meeting of the undergraduates of University College will be held this (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of choosing representatives in the student's Union. This College is entitled to elect seven representatives, a larger number than any other college in the Union. A meeting of all the representatives of the Union will be held in Temperance Hall, Temperance Street, on Saturday, February 4, at 8 o'clock p.m.

"A Lent well spent brings an Easter content."

BOSTON A.A. 4-VARSITY

Varsity Not Up To Form Shown in New York

The Varsity Senior Intercollegiate team played the second game of their tour on Wednesday evening, and met defeat at the hands of the Boston Athletic Association by 4-2. Varsity did not enter the score column till Boston had scored their 4 goals, 2 in each half.

Parker in goal for Varsity played a grand game and his work was appreciated by the large audience. Blakely was good but did not shine as he did in New York on Monday, when he astonished the critics with his spectacular rushers down the side on the goal, scoring five out of Varsity's eight goals.

The Varsity line-up was the regular one, except that Clarkson and Strome alternated at centre.

BOXING AND WRESTLING

Large Entry List Augurs Success For To-morrow's Tournament

The Interfaculty Boxing and Wrestling Tournament to be held to-morrow in the gymnasium is attracting particular attention in view of the fact that the fast approaching intercollegiate tournament is to take place here.

The entry lists are not yet complete but already twenty three boxers and ten wrestlers representing eight faculties are entered. It is a fact worthy of note that nine of the boxers are from Trinity. Surely so large a pugnacious delegation from a theological college does not speak well for the physical welfare of future backsliders.

This will be an excellent chance to get an idea of Varsity's chances at the intercollegiate meet a week from to-morrow.

The preliminaries are at 2.30 p.m. and the semi-finals and finals at 8 p.m.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY

A general meeting of the Engineering Society was held in Room 22 of the C. & M. Building on Wednesday, February 14, at 4 p.m. Mr. Lee first addressed the meeting in regard to the need of Engineering men being able to handle foreign labor both from a business standpoint as well as national. The President of the Society then introduced Mr. W. H. Boyd '98, of the Dominion Topographical Survey. He spoke of the benefits that topographical maps would give to the Engineer in the development of the Country. He then described the methods used and the precision of the work. The address was illustrated by several good slides showing the work being carried on in the field. At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Boyd for his very pleasing and instructive address.

LECTURE AT WYCLIFFE

At the earnest request of many of the students who attended the Belleville Conference, Mr. C. W. Bishop, B.A. has consented to repeat his address on the Constantinople Convention, at the open meeting of the Student Volunteer Union in Wycliffe Hall, Sunday the 15th, at 7 p.m. Mr. Bishop represented the Canadian student body at what has been called "the greatest Christian students' Parliament in history," held last summer in Constantinople. Students of all faculties are cordially invited to hear his most interesting report.

SIFTON CUP GAMES

Dents play Victoria in the semi-final Sifton Cup game on Tuesday night and every one should be on hand. Both teams are in the pink of condition and a very close game is assured. Mel. Brock will act as referee. The admission is just 15 cents, and as usual the ladies will be the guests of the Basketball Club.

COLLEGE LIFE =

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A Science Man Has Been Sitting Up At Night

"Mathematics is the key to everything." This statement by Prof. DeLury is responsible for the following contribution which undertakes to make a mathematical analysis of college life.

For some weeks past, "Habitual High-brow" has been vainly endeavoring, from a series of well chosen view points, to arrive at the true answer to the question, "What is College Life?"

Although undoubtedly a deep thinker, he is possibly not a lover of Mathematics, and, consequently, has never tired the application of this "golden key" for the unlocking of his mystery.

Lest his heightening brow should, through such continued mental exertion, reach those proportions where hair in conspicuous by the absence of it, may we, in sympathy for his troubled soul, submit the following.

FIRST CONSIDERATION.

Despite any statements which may appear to the contrary the so-called "College Life" has certain presentable difficulties. Some are pecuniary problems, not a few are difficulties in the academic course, itself, while others are more closely related to the society of mankind.

Any quantity used to represent the sum total of all these must necessarily be a variable one, dependent upon the individual in question, the length of his purse, the "breadth of his brain," and the "height of his ambition." Let this quantity be represented by "X", the cross, symbolic of tribulation.

SECOND CONSIDERATION.

College life is composed, primarily, of the two elements, work and recreation. Let these be represented by the letter "Y," its two branches expressing, graphically, the two aforementioned elements. This quantity, also, is a variable, depending in the individual, his inclination and purpose in life.

In a few scattered instances, the arms of this quantity are of equal magnitude. This is the ideal condition. In the majority of cases, however, this falls far short of attainment. With many, especially among those who are serious minded or poor, the work arm far exceeds in length, its complement, the arm of recreation. Nevertheless, in a vast number of cases, the two arms are of equal length.

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Y. M. C. A.

University College Y. M. C. A. Holds Nominations—Reports Received

The University College Y.M.C.A. held their annual meeting last evening in Room 11. Reports were received from the various convensors. The number of men in the bible study and mission study classes in encouraging. There were 184 enrolled in 20 classes in Bible study and 118 in 10 classes in Mission study. The Settlement convensor reported a successful year. The treasurer reported a balance of \$119.18, and this will probably be increased. There are 98 active members. The volunteer convensor reported 20 volunteers of whom five were added this year.

The questions of the monthly meeting and morning prayers came up and it was decided to recommend their continuation, suggesting that more speakers be arranged for the prayers.

The following were nominated: *President*—J. R. Mutchmor, H. L. Nicholson. *Vice-President*—J. A. Dickson, A. E. Swanson, G. S. Lloyd. *2nd Vice-President*—J. P. Ferguson, D. C. Soules, C. C. Robertson. *Treasurer*—J. P. Ferguson, R. McGillivray, W. J. Preston. *Secretary*—H. A. Lordly, J. D. Doherty, H. R. Kay, Schreckenber. *Ass. Treasurer*—G. G. Galloway, H. A. Mowat.

Withdrawals must be left with the secretary at once. Elections Tuesday, February 20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Glee Club is going to attend New St. Andrew's Church Sunday evening as Dr. Anderson's guests.

Owing to the Installation of the New Organ in Convocation Hall, the Medical Students have postponed their daffydil night to Monday March 4th.

An exhibition of fancy skating will be given by W. Smith, present holder of the Ontario Championship at Varsity Rink, on Saturday at 8.30 p.m.

On Friday afternoon at 4 p.m., the class of 1913 Victoria College will hold their Senior Stick Elections. Every member of the class is expected to be on hand.

The next regular meeting of the Women's Literary Society of Victoria College will be held on Monday at 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Professor Mavor will speak.

The Literary and Scientific Society will meet in the West Hall at 8 p.m. to-day instead of the Undergraduates' Union, as the "Meds." are holding their Annual Election in the "Gym."

The Electrical Club of the Faculty of Applied Science will run an excursion to Peterboro on Friday. The C.P.R. train will leave the station at 9.00 a.m. There is a special rate. Tickets from the executive.

Students of 1915 don't forget the Class skating party and dance Tuesday, 20th, at Aura Lee Rink, this is the last big affair of the present session and should be well attended. Tickets are fifty cents and may be had from any member of the Executive.

The short series of lectures which is being given at the University will be continued this afternoon, when at five o'clock in the West Hall of the Main Building, Dr. Hume lectures on "The Philosophical and Religious Views of Hegel."

Owing to the carpentering in Convocation Hall, the Sunday sermon will be delivered in Wycliffe Convocation Hall. William D. Mackenzie, of Hartford Theological Seminary will preach. Owing to the restricted accommodations, the student body is requested to come early.

The next meeting of the Classical Association will be held on Tuesday next. Professor G. W. Johnston is to give an illustrated lecture on "Aosta, a Roman frontier fortress, and Augustus' campaign with the Alpine tribes." Time and place will be announced later.

COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 16—Queen's Hall Dance.
- 17—Interfaculty Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing Tournament.
- 19—St. Hilda's Dance.
- 19—Hya Yaka Dance (Dental College).
- 20—Applied Science Y. M. C. A. Dinner.
- 20—Class 1915 U.C. Skating Party.
- 22—Glee Club Concert.
- 23—Indoor Track Tournament.
- 23—Victoria Senior Reception
- 24—Intercollegiate Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing Tournament.
- 26—Medical Daffydil Night.
- 26—Modern Language Club, Italian and Spanish Comedies.
- 26—I.C.D.U. Final Debate, Osgoode vs. McMaster
- 26—U.C. Graduating Class Dinner.
- 27—University Oratorical Contest.
- 29—Trinity Oratorical Contest.
- 29—Indoor Track Meet (Second Day).
- Mar. 1—Assault-at-Arms.
- 1—Victoria Senior Dinner
- 5—Robert Knowles, West Hall