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## THEN AND NOW

The College News of Forty Years Ago and the College News of Today

### MEDICALS TAKE A NIGHT OFF

(As Reported Forty Years Ago)  
Last night the students of the Medical Faculty took a night off and held their annual parade of the town. Forming up on the campus outside the windows of the dissecting room the "Meds" moved in a compact body down College Avenue. Policemen McKoniker, who tried to stop them at

the Nicomachean Ethics of Aristotle Mr. Easy while expressing his regret that he had not had time to prepare a paper on the Nicomachean Ethics of Aristotle, delivered in place of it an excellent rendition about Harte's Heathen Chinee. At the close of the recitation the Chairman announced that the debate which had been announced for the occasion on the topic of *Are Mathematical Judgments Synthetically a Priori*, had been abandoned owing to the fact that the topic involved more preparation than the members of the society were pre-



"THE PROCESSION THEN MOVED UP TOWN."

pared to give it. He suggested instead that the society, after filling its glasses, should invite Mr. Freak of the senior class to give his imitation of two cats quarreling on a roof. The invitation was followed by similar exercises and the meeting was sustained to a late hour, those of the members who went home leaving about two a.m.

### PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY MEETS

(As It Does Today)

Last night a very pleasing meeting of the Philosophical Society was held in the parlor of the Women's Residence in the Martha Washington Building. Professor Strong in opening the meeting said that she was glad to see amongst the members of the Society, a very creditable number of men, if she might use the phrase. She said no professor could feel that her work was satisfactory unless she could attract a certain number of men students.

The professor then read her paper on the *Sociological Elimination of the Delinquent*. As the paper only lasted an hour and a half it was listened to in a luxury of enjoyment. The professor then having thrown the meeting open to questions, and a question having been asked, she very kindly spoke for another hour. At the close of the address a vote was taken on the resolution *That the Humble Classes of Society Ought to be Chloroformed*, and was carried unanimously.

### DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORTS

(As It Reported Forty Years Ago)

The report is published this morning of the Discipline Committee of the Faculty of the College. This Committee consisting of the senior professors of the Faculty was established, as readers will recall, about two years ago with the object of elevating the moral tone of the student body by expulsion, fines and the application of the criminal law. The Chairman reported that the Committee had every reason to be gratified at the progress made during the period of its existence.

The number of cases of suspension of students from lectures had increased under the operation of the committee forty per cent.; students warned by sixty per cent.; students found guilty of drunkenness by seventy per cent., and students expelled for unbecoming and insubordinate conduct ninety per cent.

The report enumerates a new schedule of fines calculating to raise still higher the discipline of the institution and recommends hereafter that every student guilty of striking or kicking a professor be brought before the committee and warned. The committee adds a further recommendation to the effect that measures be taken to let the student body understand that their presence at the University can only be tolerated within reasonable limits.

### STUDENTS CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORTS

(As It Reports Today)

The report is published this morning of the semi-annual meeting of the Students' Control Committee at the University. This committee, as

readers will recall, was established about two years ago with a view to raising the academic standard of the college. It is empowered not only to institute inquiries as to the capacity of the professors, but to recommend the expulsion of those of them who seem to the students committee to be lacking in personality or deficient in pep.

The opening pages of the report deal with the case of the president of the college. A sub-committee, appointed from among the first year students in Accountancy have been sitting on the case of the president for six weeks. Their report is in the main favorable and their decision is that he may stay. But the sub-committee pass severe strictures on his home life, and recommend that he has too many children for him to be able to give full attention to his college work and suggest a change in future.

The Committee accepts and adopts the recommendation of the second year class in philosophy who report that the professor's lectures are above their capacity and ask for his dismissal. A similar request comes from the third-year students in mathematics who report that the professor's lectures are below their capacity.

The committee has received and laid upon the table the report of the fourth year class in commerce to the effect that they have thus far failed to understand all the lectures that were given thm. and ask that they be given their degrees and let go. The committee acknowledges in its report the gratifying statement made by the chairman of the Trustees in his annual report to the effect that Student Control marks another milestone on the arduous path that is leading the college to its ultimate end.

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### SCHOOL FAIRS ARE MOST POPULAR IN LAMBTON CO.

There are twelve organized school fairs in Lambton county. The school fair movement continues to grow in popularity. There is one school fair in each of eight townships and two in each of the other two townships. The onus of success of the school fair is entirely within the local organization. There are two groups into which the school fairs may be divided. The first group consists of Sarnia township school fair, Euphemia township school fair at Cairo, Dawn township school fair at Rutherford; Enniskillen township school fairs at Oil Springs and Petrolia and the Plympton township school fair at Camlachie.

The second group consists of Bosanquet school fair at Jericho, Uttoxeter school fair, Arkona, Warwick Village and Moore Township fair at the township hall.

The former group, in each case, is under the management of a Trustees and Ratepayers Association. In the case of the second group the Womens Institute at the local point acts as convenors of the school fair. The agricultural representative, in all cases, acts as manager. A bond of co-operation has to exist between the ratepayers, the trustees, teacher, children, the local organization and the agricultural representative to insure real effective work.

School fairs are one of the finest mediums to teach rural children type quality, characteristics, market demands, varieties and breeds of farm animals and general products. A sense of fair play and leadership is developed by the competition in exhibits, contests and public speaking events. The staging of the annual school fair is an event looked forward to by all the rural school children. Primarily, the work of the agricultural people is production. The school fair marks the achievement and advancement relative to school children for the year.

There are 159 schools engaged in school fair work and 3881 children. They were supplied with seeds of the choicest varieties for 6955 plots and 426 dozen of bred to lay Barred Rock eggs. The Lambton Corn Growers' Association also supplied the children requesting same with 505 packages of seed corn, consisting of one peck each. All of the seed submitted is of the best varieties suitable to the locality.

Record of Success			
	No. Entries	App. chd	Att. adlt
Oil Springs	375	350	250
Wilkesport	460	250	300
Jericho	403	350	800
Camlachie	439	200	600
Arkona	797	300	1200
N. Enniskillen	525	250	350
Warwick Village	826	400	1800
Sarnia Twp.	652	425	350
Uttoxeter	768	325	1000
Moore Centre	747	400	1200
Cairo	662	250	500
Rutherford	632	400	1200

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There were 426 dozens of bred to lay Barred Rock eggs distributed and a report on the hatch of the eggs supplied is requested from each school child receiving same. 346 individual reports were received with the following results: 28 eggs broken in transit or on nest; 30 eggs infertile; 49 chicks died in the shell; 2367 chickens hatched; total hatch, 57 per cent.

### CHOP STUFF

According to the By-law the business places of the Town of Dresden will close at seven o'clock every night except Saturday, until April 1st.

Hydro on Monday carried in Essex, Kingsville, Leamington and Sandwich by large majorities in each place.

Canada in the past year exported \$37,467,169 worth of automobiles, \$15,000,000 more than the value of the automobiles exported last year.

The new siren whistle which was purchased by the Water Committee of the Essex town Council arrived by express on Tuesday from Rochester, N.Y. The whistle cost \$425 plus \$153.25 duty and \$22.62 express

It has Many Qualities.—The man who possesses a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is armed against many ills. It will relieve a cough, break a cold, prevent sore throat; it will reduce the swelling from a sprain, relieve the most persistent sores, and will speedily heal cuts and contusions. It is a medicine chest in itself.

The only motor cars in England which are allowed by law to have no number plates are those belonging to the King. When His Majesty is on a ceremonial tour his car is distinguished by the royal standard badge which is fixed in front. At night time, this badge is superseded by a small blue light on the canopy above the chauffeur's head.

Organized two years ago with a membership of 73 East Kent farmers, the Kent County Potato Growers' Association has concluded its second successful season. Approximately \$20,000 bags of early potatoes were shipped from 350 acres, and the prices realized were on the whole very good ranging from \$3.25 a bag in July to \$1.86 a bag at the end of the season. The lowest price was \$1.34.

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### PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY MEETS

(As it Used to Forty Years Ago)

Last night the Philosophical Society held the third of its bi-weekly beer parties in the supper room of the Men's Residence. After the reading of the Minutes, coupled with the drinking of beer, followed by the usual routine of drinking the health of the outgoing officers of the week and the toast of welcome to the officers of the week following, the Chairman invited the members to fill their glasses and listen, if they cared to, to a paper by Mr. Easy on