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AN ADVANCE IN COLLEGE JOURN

As our old friends and subscribers will observe, College Topics makes its first appearance this year under different auspices. Last year it was in the nature of a newspaper devoted to the interests of the students of the city, but under private management. This year it appears for the same purpose but as the official organ of that body which is destined in a few years to be come the controlling center of all un-dergraduate operations in the University of Toronto. We, therefore, issue with greater confidence than ever before our first number, knowing that the Union has for its members the best element of each affiliated institution, and that we can, therefore, depend upon the support of this element wherever our paper is introduced.

It is a matter of pleasure not only to the present publishers of College Topics, but also to its founders and successive owners, to note the gradual progress and success which has attended their efforts, and to find that the journal is now recognized as fulfilling a necessary and important function in university life, and that it has now been placed upon a basis which ensures its remaining a permanent feature of undergraduate organization. This journal has been well tried in the struggle for existence. The large number of publications in the city and the consequent demands upon advertisers and subscribers make it an arduous undertaking to begin a new paper, and, had it not been that College Topics filled a place which no other publication was in a position to fill, it would doubtless have been unsuccessful. The tendency toward closer and more effective organization between the various undergraduate bodies is steadily increasing during recent years, and it is owing to this movement that the journal has been successful.

To the same movement the Undergraduate Union owes its existence. A feeling that some means of drawing closer together the different affiliated bodies of the university was necessary led to the proposal and the adoption of the scheme which has resulted in our possessing a club house of which each member may be justly proud. The fear entertained by some that the Union would not have a sufficient membership to sustain it, after the first novelty had worn off, is removed by the fact that already the membership list is almost twice as large as last year, while the fee has been doubled. This surely shows that the students consider the benefits received from the Union to be amply worth the cost of belonging, and that those who joined last year at the fee of \$1 consider the fee of \$2 to be by no means too large. The executive are feeling their way slowly but surely, and no move is made without careful deliberation. The efficient way in which the house is managed reflects credit upon their executive ability. have the confidence of the members of

the Union. Their latest action, viz., the taking over of this paper as the official organ of the Union, is the result of a careful consideration of the interests of the students at large and of present exist-



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ing conditions. It seemed absolutely necessary that the Union should have an organ, but to start another publication was out of the question, as there was no room for one. This paper seemed to meet their requirements in every respect, being a weekly paper, of low subscription price, established among the students, and having a large circulation among all the affiliated bodies of the university. Hence their action.

As is the case with every progressive movement, there is a certain amount of opposition in some quarters. People seem invariably to criticize in invers ratio to the amount of assistance they render. It is much easier to destroy than to build up, and much easier to present constitutional quibbles than to present some idea of real value. Those who are most interested in the success of the Union and who have done the most to promote its interests are unanimous in declaring this last action of the committee to be a wise one.

What little opposition there is is from those whose interest in the Union has at best been but lukewarm, and to whose protests little weight should be attached. Their criticism will be bene-ficial rather than otherwise, as it will serve the purpose of calling attention to what is being done and awakening greater interest in the Union's affairs. These little gales of wind will but bet ter show the seaworthiness of the Union craft, and the seamanship of her officers and crew.

As we have stated above, prospects are most encouraging for the coming year, and every effort will be made to make the paper better than ever be-We close by wishing our old and new readers every success in the academic year which we have just en-

Some of the most democratic people who witnessed the display in Toronto during the Duke's visit, and saw the great expense and labor to which the city went in order to make the greatest display that has ever been here have questioned the sense of such proceedings. They express the opinion that it seems foolish to make such preparations to welcome one whose great attraction is supposed to be the fact of his being a member of the Royal family, and the heir apparent to the throne. They say he is no better than thousands of men who live and die in comparative obscurity, whose talents are equal to his, but whose visits are never heralded with pomp and pageantry. Let this money expended in use-less decorations, they say, be put to some lasting and useful purpose which will benefit the citizens of the city, for when the Duke has gone all will be forgotten, arches will come down, decorations be removed, and the city go on as before, only that many will be considerably poorer in pocket for the

While there is a great deal to be

said against foolish expenditure in pomp and display among the more volatile nations of the world, when every occasion out of the ordinary is greeted with blare of trumpets and great processions, it seems to us that in this instance there is a deeper meaning which those who hold the above opinion have not considered. We, to use an oft reiterated statement, are sons of the greatest empire in the world, governed by what we believe to be the best form of government vet evolved, held together by no coercive bonds, but by stronger and more subtle ties. Mere curiosity to see the Royal personages and a mere desire to impress them with the progressiveness and beauty of this city would not have brought together this mighty concourse of people, and impelled them to don their most gala attire. It was because we saw in the Duke the man in whom, in all probability, in the future will be represented the living head of the mighty British constitution. To see the heir apparent to the throne is not granted to a Canadian every day, and as we gazed upon him our minds ran back over the past, recalled legends of the misty times when the foundations of our Empire were laid. dwelt on the roll of English sovereigns some great, some both great and good. and some neither one nor the other. We reflected on the glorious record of our race during the reign of our late Queen, Victoria, and of the future, which lies bright before us under our present King. Now, the prince of the realm does not come to us in tyrant's guise, our happiness and security depending upon his personal whims. Our boast is that every man is free, that the ultimate power is vested in the sovereign, but that the present happy relations between sovereign and people, and the constitutional provisions between government and sovereign cause everything to move in harmony and dispel any possible likelihood of the King using, or wishing to use, his power to the detriment of his people. The demonstration in Canada will

not be forgotten either by him who received it or by those who gave it. It will have the effect of binding him and his people closer together with mutual admiration, and of promoting the interests of the Empire here and in the Motherland. The arches will crumble and the flags decay, but the memory of these days will live and be recalled with oride by all who took part in their events, and a greater interest than ever before will be manifested in the affairs of our country.

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feel it to be a matter of congratulation to themselves that the choice for the principalship of University College upon Professor Hutton. broad-mindedness, experience, culture, and deep interest in the students, make him a man eminently fitted for the position. We feel that he will have the hearty co-operation of the stu-dents in every undertaking which he

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RECEPTION TO THE DENTAL STUDENTS-UNION NOTES.

The University of Toronto Union has opened for this college term with a very bright outlook. Up to the pre-sent the membership has reached two hundred and seventy-five and the executive hope to increase this to five hundred before the end of the month. Among the new features of the Union this year is the billiard room, which has been furnished with a complete outfit, and up to date seems to one of the popular branches. In the reading room will be found all the current monthlies and weeklies, number of which has been largely increased. The writing room will be found a great convenience, Union paper and envelopes being furnished to members upon application. A new Mason and Risch piano has been secured for the reception room, and the music rack has been filled with the latest popular music.

The Union has decided to give series of receptions, the first of which was given on Tuesday evening last to the students of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons. About one hundred and fifty were present. The thanks of the Union are due to Messrs. Reed, Rolph, Darling, Klotz, and Fox for providing the program. The second of these receptions will be given to the students of the School of Practical Science on Thursday evening. On Friday evening a reception will be given to the ladies. Some time during the next week a reception will be given

this week. It is hoped that the members will take advantage of this opportunity of meeting one another socially.

The Union is for the use of the students of all the federated and affili-ated colleges of the University of To-Are you a member? If not, why not?

CORRIDOR ECHOES.

in ampionship in American billiards lin will regret to learn that he does not will be played at the Union this week between A. Cochrane and E. Coffin, both of '02. The principals The game for the Undergraduate made final arrangements, but it expected that the game will be played for a score of 250 points. The match will be a close one, and a large crowd is expected. Referee, W. Allison, '02.

The sophomores presented the base ball bat, wrested as a trophy from the freshmen, to the Undergraduate Union, to be preserved as a sacred relic

W. McLaren, of '01, is at Knox this year. It looks like old times to see him around the halls occasionally.

Walter Campbell, S.P.S., played good game on Saturday. well in Rugby headgear. He looks

Some of Varsity's students' faces will go down to posterity as heroes of stereoscopic fame. Several cameras stereoscopic fame. Several cameras were at work on Friday for stereoscopic firms, getting views of the Duke's pilgrimage for a degree.

We were glad to see "Bill" Ingram's smiling face in the procession on Thursday. The seniors are proud to welcome him back again after his long trip in Europe.

It is reported that "Lexie" Isbester is coming back again. The hockey and Rugby teams of '02 couldn't afford to miss "Lexie's" valuable assistance in the Mulock and Jennings' cup series.

If F. Honeywell, '02, could only have landed an upper-cut on the chin of the driver who cut his face with a whip on Friday night he would have gone home contented. As it was, the man evidently didn't like Fred's looks, and drove away at full speed as soon as he had struck the dastardly blow.

Last Thursday evening the secretary of the Union chanced to be out late, and coming home after midnight was surprised to see the top flat windows of the Union lit up. Ascending the stairs, he found two venerable mem-

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deeply engrossed in a game of pool. Before leaving, at 2 a.m., they had learnt the fine points of the game, knew which end of the cue to chalk, and how to keep the cue ball out of the pockets. Next game McLaren will

The Year-Book Committee are hard at work now, and expect to turn out something good. Everyone in the graduating class ought to have one. Subscribe now, before you have spent all your money.

M. W. McHugh blew in to Varsity again last week. Marshall has been teaching mathematics the past three weeks in Streetsville High School.

T. E. Brown, '02, spent the past summer in Montreal and Quebec, being engaged in newspaper work. He has many amusing stories of the French girls whom he met.

The many lady friends of E. W Mackenzie are pleased to see his smiling face around again. "Mac" got a clean shave before resuming operations for the fall.

A. N. Mitchell, B.A., formerly business manager of this paper, is now advertising manager of the Manufacturers' and Temperance and General Life Insurance Company. Alf's many friends wish him success in his important position.

H. Lang, who has been away from Varsity for the past two years, has joined the class of '02 in mathematics.

We heard a remark to the effect that H. G. O'Leary was at convocation Friday. Did any person see him?

J. R. Bell spent a very pleasant part of the vacation at Bayfield summer resort. The knowing ones assert that a young lady was responsible for many happy moonlight evenings.

W. Mac. McKay, who formerly wielded a mighty influence in the class of '02, is back again.

C. J. Allan, '03, is filling a vacancy in Streetsville High School.

Arthur Cohen, late of the Toronto World staff, has returned to Varsity and joined the class of '03. J. W. Hedley returned to Varsity last

week, and, like every other dignified to the medical students.

The Executive have decided to make the subscribing for this great jour-every second Saturday evening al.

Club night, commencing Saturday of Simpson formerly of '01 has re-

> turned from his sojourn in Scotland and cast in his lot with the physicists

E. Simpson, formerly of '01, has re

E. F. Burton, B.A., is pursuing or iginal research work in the electrical laboratory. M. E. Gowiand, '01, is at the Toronto

C. C. Smith is harvesting in Mani-

toba at present, but will return to Varsity in a couple of weeks.

C. P. McGibbon, '01, has decided to take a course at the School of Science

The many friends of "Archie" Mul-

The class of '02 are glad to welcome to their ranks J. J. Simpson, formerly of '01, who has returned from England. A. E. Honeywell, '03, has come back

with an evidence of original summer work on his upper lip. For combs, brushes, soap, perfume

or anything usually found in a well-stocked drug store, try H. W. Burgess, 278 Yonge street (corner Alice). gives special attention to students. The freshies showed up well in the

hustle. Had it not been for Captain Vance's heroic efforts, they would undoubtedly have hustled the sophomores.

The Engineering Corps look very "dinky" in their new uniforms. It is wonderful how a little open-air exer-cise develops the chest. We can now study with composed minds, as there is no fear of any more Fenian raids.

"A little unsteady" fitly describes many men and watches. We can "brace up" the latter. Proctor repairs watches.

The friends of Walter Little, '02, were startled by a rumor going round that he had forsaken the bachelors' ranks, and started a "happy home" of his own. Walter says he is sorry, but it is not true, a namesake of his being

The friends of Miss Fraser, formerly '02, are glad to see her at Varsity

A lady student was hurrying along the lines on Friday afternoon near the Varsity entrance, and dropped a rose in front of a sophomore. He rose to the occasion, and picking it up, saluted it with great gusto. We are returning to the romantic age. Probably he serenaded her that evening.

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THE DEEMSTER

A story that has interested the by Hall Caine. MATINEES-Wednesday, Saturday.

the hustle, had the misfortune sprain his ankle in Rugby practice the other day, and may be out of the game for the rest of the season. This is most unfortunate, both for himself and for the first team. We wish him a speedy

The Duke had to run the gauntlet between two lines of Varsity girls on the stairs on Friday afternoon. That is the reason he was blushing when he came out.

F. E. Brophey, former editor of College Topics, and of the year '01, has entered medicine, and is having the pleasure of being a freshman again, down at the Biolog building. We expect to see him in a few years seat ed in his carriage, and stroking a Vandyke beard as he hurries on his mission of relieving suffering human-

Messrs. G. M. Clark, Hanley, Mulcahey, Hogg, Green, Aylesworth, Brown, Robertson, and Deroche, all of '01, represent Varsity's last graduating class at Osgoode this year.

"Sandy" McLeod's "Hielan" blood was aroused on Thursday afternoon when a sergeant, in making way for his company, became too violent, and struck one student with his swagger stick. "Sandy" planted his right on the soldier's chin, and the latter measured his length in the mud, after which he walked away in the most docile

Carter, of '03, was seriously disap-pointed on Friday, when the Duke failed to recognize him personally. Cheer up, Carter, he didn't recognize you in your Sunday blacks.

Fred Broadfoot, '03, is raising an indignant protest against the spirit of militarism. By its stern command he was compelled to remove his beautiful growth of facial decorations in or der to parade with his company on Fri-Better resign from the army

VARSITY'S FIELD DAY.

On Friday afternoon come the annual games. No man ought to miss them, as they are a regular, established feature of university life and a most important feature. A live university with good college spirit and progressive ideas, is always characterized by its interest and success in the athletic world. When interest in athletics declines it generally means that interest in everything is declining. Those who train hard, make a creditable showing and thus advertise Toronto University should be encouraged by both profes sors and students. Turn out, boys, and ginger up when you get there. be afraid of making too much noise in yelling for your respective champions. Take your lady friends; they like to come to University events, and the other fellows will not jolly you too

FAVOR VISIT OF CANADIAN TEAM

London, Oct. 14.—The possibility of a British visit from a Canadian Rugby football team in December, 1902, is arousing the keenest interest of sporting circles. At the annual meeting of the Scottish Rugby Football Union in Edinburgh it was stated that the Glas gow clubs were prepared to combine to raise a guarantee fund. The Union grounds in Edinburgh will be provi-sionally promised for one or two matches. The border clubs also ap-



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