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CURRENT COMMENT

The proximity of Thanksgiving festivities is suggestive of the slaughter of Turkey. The case of that ancient empire seems as precarious as that of its loquacious namesake in the barnyard. Italy wants a portion of North Africa, and from present indications, the opposition will consist mainly of language and feathers. Internally, there seems to be as much uncertainty as to whether the young Turk or the Old predominates, as in the case of the Thanksgiving trophy. However, the Sick Man who has so often recovered may not yet be without resource.

It is a widespread belief that the new graduate considers this world of comparatively insignificant proportions. There is often much truth in the opinions of graduates. The Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, now in session in this city, which will deserve our attention for a week or so, reminds us again of the world-wide-ness of the present day outlook. A mere national or even continental convention is a commonplace; people wonder that its scope is so parochial. The little problem of seeing that the affairs of all mankind are properly ordered is not devoid of difficulty, but it must be faced more steadily as the years go by; and present students may live to see great developments.

VICTORIA RUGBY TEAM

Big Chief Slein and his pack of wild Indians are going to make a big bid for the Mulock Cup this year. Under the coaching of Graham and Patterson the team is rounding into fine shape. Of last year's squad Slein, Burt, McDowell, Newton, Campbell, Guthrie, Graham, Patterson and Duggan are back. With the addition of Watson who played on the all-star British Columbia team last season, the back division looks very strong. Batzold who turned out with Varsity a year ago will strengthen the line.

Wednesday night a tie game was fiercely contested with T.A.A.C. Seniors. If ginger and snap count for anything the Victoria team will be the one to beat.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Formed at Knox College at Meeting Wednesday

Wednesday afternoon marked a new epoch in athletics for Knox College. At a large mass meeting of the students it was decided to organize an athletic Association to control the various forms of athletics participated in by the college. The following executive was appointed to carry out the work for this year:

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Mgr. of Hockey—(To be appointed).

THE HARRIER CLUB.

The Harrier Club have arranged for their first paper chase, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 7. Those wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity toward getting into condition will bring their running equipage, to meet at two p.m., at the College St. entrance of the Chemical and Mining building.

Bible Study

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The speaker thought that the study of the Bible should be put in the University curriculum, where it would be studied as an English classic. However, the Y.M.C.A. aimed at presenting the Bible as a source of spiritual power. As such Bible study is the pivotal part of Y.M.C.A. work.

"I believe in large classes," said the professor, "groups of 50 or 60 men." In the classes real Bible study should be followed, not discussion on general topics. Only from the Bible can the inspiration needed for Christian work be obtained. Whatever is done, the text book should be the English Bible.

Methods of conducting classes in Bible study were discussed by the professor in conclusion. He emphasized permanency and progression.

FOR ATHLETIC FIELD

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir: Now that the new stadium is opened I would like to make a modest suggestion through your columns for its decoration. The decoration in question is a simple one and would at the same time add much to the appearance of the field namely the erection of two flag poles. A staff at each end of the field would look well and should not be a matter of great expense. Such an arrangement would furnish us with an added opportunity for a display of courtesy to visiting teams, for of course, while one flag would fly the blue and white the other would bear the colours of our opponents. It would not be good sportsmanship to erect one without the other. If the idea should be considered it should be in *loto* or not at all. If another team is contented with fluttering its own colours on the home ground, the example should rather stimulate us to act otherwise than to follow its lead.

The flags too would not be destitute of practical use. It is not always easy for those in the grand stand to judge of the direction in which the wind is blowing and the spectators of a foot ball game would be surely not without gratitude for such a weather cock as a flag would prove.

While speaking of things useful, let me express my hopes that the scoring board will be on view at the next game. Many regretted its absence at the last.

Thanking you, sir, for giving me space in your columns.

Believe me, sincerely yours,

P. P. A.

THE "CLASS RUSH"

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir: I had the exquisite pleasure of witnessing the other day a riot on a small scale, an affair which, I believe, is usually dignified by the name of a "class rush." This, I have since heard, was a pre-arranged affair, highly organized and designed to furnish a pleasing diversion to spectators and participants alike. To heighten the effect further, there were introduced into the proceedings, large quantities of shoe blacking and flour, to say nothing of the water supplied by a near-by tap. I must admit that in my humble opinion either the organization was very poor or else I am constitutionally unable to extract the proper amount of enjoyment from a spectacle of that nature. If we must fight why can we not fight like gentlemen? The humour attaching to a liberal application of blacking and flour might be appreciated by the inhabitants of the Bowery, but we, the "intellectual aristocracy of Canada" surely should know better. One of the functions of a University is, no doubt, to teach a man to be a gentleman, but it takes for granted that some leanings in that direction are innate in the student. Either this premise is utterly incorrect or the University not only fails to discharge its function, but also cancels any natural cravings towards decency inborn in the students.

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