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Another of the relics of the past, if 1905 can properly be called old, is leaving us, in the form of the observatory at the N.W. corner of the C. and M. Building. This was built in 1905 as a temporary observatory during the removal of the observatory to its present place by the Main Building.

In this respect it may be interesting to quote from an article of Prof. Stewart in the Applied Science of 1905.

"There are possibly some students still in attendance at the School, who have seen the evolution of the astronomical observatory, from a simple stone pillar on which an alt-azimuth could be mounted through the form of a small shed, with a revolving roof, just large enough to contain an observer in addition to the instrument to the present more commodious building. It is to be hoped that the future will witness a still further development into a more substantial building on a more convenient site, as the present building is regarded as only temporary, designed to meet immediate need."

Professor Stewart goes on to describe the aims of the Department "to afford instruction to students in geodetic astronomy, viz., the precise determination of time, latitude, longitude and azimuth." "The equipment consists of an alt-azimuth a zenith telescope, a transit instrument, an electro-chronograph, an astronomical mean time clock, a sidereal chronometer, and other accessories.'

The longitude of the pillar in front of the Physics as determined about 1880 by Professor Caysmael of Montreal has been carried up to the new observatory by a triangulation with a difference of 0.0722 seconds of time, which will slightly revise the longitude used in observations.'

SIFTON CUP GAMES

On Tuesday the 20th, the semi-finals Cup series will be played be tween Dents and Victoria at the Gymnasium-Senior Arts were to have played Dents last Tuesday but due to the fact that two of their men could not play they defaulted the game and so Dents. and Victs. have to fight out the interfaculty championship and the winner of this game will play O.A.C. at a date, to be arranged, for the Sifton Cup.

The Dents have a basket ball floor in their own building, thereby getting lots of practice and are in fine shape. Victoria men are in as good shape but do not have as good a chance to practice.

The game will start at 5 p.m. sharp-Mel Brock will referee. Rooters are expected and provided for. Admission 10 cents. Ladies free.

ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION

The members of the Women's Literary Society were the guests on Saturday evening of the Alumnae Association of U.C. The programme consisted of a lecture given by Miss Grace Smith on French Music of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries. Miss Smith's talk was much enjoyed, also her delightful rendering of certain selections on the piano.

The Literary Society felt that the Alumnae had afforded them a rare treat in such an evening.

Theatre Night Profitable

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of a \$2 schedule because the comedy presented was of a superior class. The Undergraduates Parliament did not profit by this but contrary to all precedent sold the seats at the same price charged any time during the week. There was only one exception to this. The first two rows in the Gallery were raised from 50c. to 75 c. The committee had a large and notable company of guests for the evening, and such persons lent by their presence a favourable atmosphere to the general success of the evening.

An organized and systematically arranged programme was carried out at the cost of considerable time and money to the committe, for which much credit is due them. In fact this was the one favourable feature of the students programme which the press acknowledged. This entertainment eminently served its purpose of preserving order during a period usually given over to somewhat doubtful conduct.

This year the committee was able to economize considerably on the printing accounts by securing competitive prices on the printing of the programmes.

The marshal system was carried out most successfully. This, however, might be more efficient if tried and experienced men were appointed as the committee was unfortunate in the selection of some of the men but on the whole the general order preserved was excellent.

Suitable decorative effects were obtained by a decorator retained especially for this purpose. The whole rendering a college tone to the event universally appreciated.

The total number of seats occupied theatre night amounted to 3,171 of which 63 were complimentary being dedicated to the various luminaries who were the guests of the university on that occasion. Thirty seven seats were unsold, while forty six were reserved for the press, spot-lights and lanterns (all in one class).

The occasion was not only a huge success from a social standpoint but the finances have also resulted satisfactorily. The financial statement is submitted:

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PRAISE FOR VARSITY

The following communication speaks for itself:

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir,-* * * Your paper is splendid this year and speaks well for the energy that has been put into it. Wishing you continued success. I

Yours sincerely, JOHN A. STILES. Professor of Civil Engineering.

A Good Story

Rather a good story is being told around Kingston at the expense of Arts '15. It seems that one day last autumn Mr. W. P. O'Meara, the august president of that brilliant year, received a letter from Montreal stating that a meeting was to be held there at an early date to discuss a style of student gown. The letter, in due course was read at one of the year meetings and the president was deputed to represent

On arriving in Montreal he took a cab to the address given, full of ideas about student gowns and conning over the speech with which he hoped to win the plaudits of the gathering. His surprise and chagrin may well be imagined when he found himself dumped at a fourth class hotel on the outskirts of the city with no sign of a committee. He suddenly awoke to the fact that he had been the victim of a well-planned hoax.

Note—He suddenly awoke!!!— "Queens Journal."

FOOLED AGAIN.—"Didn't I give you a piece of pie last week?" demanded the cooking-school graduate. "I didn't expect to see you again so soon.'

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U.C. '14 SKATING PARTY

Sophs Disport in Traditional Manner

Last night, the University College sophs held the stereotyped skating-party at Aura Lee. The weather-man was in a propitious mood and most of the people enjoyed themselves or should have if they didn't. Of course, some ungrateful spirits thought that when the class wanted a separate skating-party and dance, they should have got it, but they ought to take what the Executive dispenses and not grumble. The affair was marked by the presence of outsiders and the absence the hard-worked Political Science men, but otherwise it was the usual success. Of course, most of the men attended only the "skatorial" part of the programme, but they weren't missed as there were just enough ladies to go around, anyway. The dance broke up at midnight—exactly just in time for night-fares.

APPLIED SCIENCE

Following is list of the more important School functions for the balance of the

February 14-Mr. W. H. Boyd will speak before the Engineering Society on Topographical work in the Mountains. February 28—Sectional Meetings of the

Engineering Society. March 1-F. B. Gilbreth will speak on

Costs and Efficiency Engineering. March 6-Mr. Glaubitz will address the

Civil Section. March 13—Nomination Day.

March 15-Annual Elections. March 27-Annual General Meeting and installation.

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