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VARSITY GIRLS TO DANCE.

Two Sets Will be Given at Victorian Era Ball.

LADY ABERDEEN'S INVITATION.

Women's Lit. to Represent Characters from George Eliot.

No little flutter of excitement was caused among the members of the Woman's Literary Society at Varsity last week by the receipt of a communication from Lady Aberdeen inviting the society to give one or more sets in the Victorian Era Ball which is to be given at the Armories, Tuesday, Dec. 28. The matter was brought up at the meeting of the society held Saturday evening and was left in the hands of the executive with full power. They will decide whether or not it will be possible to accept the invitation, and in case it is accepted to select the members who will take part. The Jubilee Year has been celebrated in many ways, but in none at once so unique and pleasing as that in which Lord and Lady Aberdeen will bring their stay in the Queen City to a climax. The affair, which is aptly described by its name, will be a grand masque in which nearly all of Toronto's 400 will participate, and to which everybody who is anybody, not only in this city but throughout the province, will be invited.

The ball will be divided into two parts, the first of which will be historical and spectacular. A committee of women is co-operating with Lady Aberdeen, and it has been decided to begin the entertainment with six dances in which the participants will assume different characters. The first will be a group representing the various portions of the empire—England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Australia, India, South Africa, Egypt and so on. Lady Aberdeen will have charge of this group, and will be assisted by the staff at Government House. The participants in the second group will be arrayed in early, middle and later Victorian costumes. There will be four sets of dancers in this group, dancing at the same time and to the same music. The early period will be under the charge of Lady Kirkpatrick, the second under Mrs. Forsyth Grant, the third under Mrs. Edgar, and the later probably under Mrs. Osler. The third dance will represent Victorian Literature. Four sets have also been decided on for this dance. Mrs. Nordheimer is organizing a set representing characters from Tennyson; Mrs. Walter Barwick assumes charge of a set of Dickens' creations; Lady Thompson and Mrs. Cockburn are looking after the heroes and heroines of Sir Walter Scott, and Mrs. John Cawthra takes charge of the Thackeray characters. The fourth dance will be extremely spectacular, being the Inventions. Mrs. Sweeney will arrange a dance representing electrical inventions and Mrs. Osler and Miss Kingsmill will get up the advances made in the Postoffice department. Two other sets will make manifest the changes made during the Victorian era by the introduction of steam and other scientific discoveries. The fifth dance will be Arts and Music, very probably representing famous pictures produced during the Queen's reign, and the last will be Historical Sports and Amusements, both of which will be under the charge of Mrs. Arthur Ool. Denison will be Master of Ceremonies. At the conclusion of the programme supper will be served, after which dancing will be general.

Although the acceptance of the invitation so kindly extended to the Woman's Literary Society by Lady Aberdeen has not yet been formally decided upon, there is no doubt that the young ladies will take part. Each and every one of the members are thoroughly enthusiastic over the matter, although the fact that the affair will take place during the holidays, when so many of the students will be out of the city, may cause some hesitation. The college girls will probably get up two sets representing some of the characters of George Eliot and Rudyard Kipling. These sets, which will be double ones, will dance

the Lancers. And right here comes an announcement which will cause every young man at Varsity to be exceptionally nice to the girls for the next week or so. Each of the young ladies who will take part will have to be provided with partners. Just how these partners will be chosen has not yet been made public, but rumor hath it that each fair damsel will select her own partner.

Miss G. H. Hunter and Miss D. F. Wright attended a meeting of the committees at the Government House on Friday, when it was decided what parts, if any, should be taken by the students.

The question of accepting the invitation has already been informally settled and will no doubt receive the official approval of the society at its next meeting.

THE THANKSGIVING GAME.

MANAGER CHURCH TELLS WHAT HE THINKS OF IT.

Manager Church, who saw the Hamilton-Ottawa College game, at Montreal, says "it was a first-class exhibition. Both sides played for all they were worth." He considers Hamilton should certainly have won, as they had the ball in College's territory most of the time, and went over the line six times to College's three. The referee only allowed a rouge and safety where the Tigers should have had a "maul" and "try." College line was not in it with the Tigers. The Tiger scrimmage had also the best of it. It was hard luck for the Tigers as they had all the officials against them. Capt. Counsell's record as a player and general is greater than Capt. Gleason's in the opinion of Mr. Church. The latter has seasoned veterans to handle while the former had to play a team of "raw recruits," when compared man for man with College. The O. R. F. U. should follow the policy of the gentlemen who run the M. A. A. A. grounds and "cage" the crowd away safely from the touchlines. The College back division did not do so well as the Tigers. McGuiken's fumbling being considerable. Counsell can punt farther and quicker than Gleason. Manager Church says Hamilton should have kicked into touch more as their scrimmage was doing better work than College. College have the most bare-faced plan of robbing their opponents of "possession" of the ball when "held." But the Tigers put a stop to this in the second half. Smith and Gleason were well taken care of by the Tigers. Montreal and Ottawa men say this year's College team is much inferior to last year's. There are only five students on the team and seven new men have taken the places of the absentees, who played against Varsity last year. The press despatches were all written by College supporters at Montreal, among them "Mike" Shea, and the Tigers got none the best of it. Western teams are fully up to the standard of Eastern ones, and Varsity II. could give College a good game.

PUBLIC DEBATE AT McMASTER.

The McMaster Literary and Scientific Society will hold an open meeting Friday evening, Dec. 3. A programme of excellent quality will be provided. The subject of debate will be: "Resolved, That the British constitution is more democratic than the American (U.S.) constitution." The subject promises to be a very interesting one. Some of our best speakers and brightest thinkers will debate. Prof. Mavor, of Toronto University, has kindly consented to act as judge. The society has secured the services of one of the best male soloists of Jarvis Street Baptist Church choir, and with this excellent entertainment before them, the friends of McMaster University should avail themselves of the opportunity.

FOR THEIR EXCELLENCIES.

A PRIVATE PERFORMANCE OF RICHELIEU TO BE GIVEN AT ST. MICHAEL'S.

The students of St. Michael's College will give a private performance of Richelieu in honor of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen in the College Hall in the course of a few days. Mr. H. N. Shaw, B.A., of the Conservatory of Music, has been rehearsing with the students for several weeks and the play will doubtless be one of the most elaborate amateur performances given in Toronto in years. A complete rehearsal of the play was held yesterday afternoon and each member of the cast showed up exceedingly well. The public performance will be given during the week of Dec. 13th.

A. T. Stanton, of Trinity Medical College has been enjoying a visit at Pontypool.



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VICTORIA UNIVERSITY LIT.

As usual the Lit. met on Saturday night. President Tucker occupied the chair. The first number on the programme was a reading by F. E. Mallott. His interesting and well-rendered selection was from "Imogen." Then followed an excellent solo, "Out on the Deep," by A. J. Cushing. W. H. C. Leech, who has now completely recovered from his attack of fever, recited "The Recruiting Officer." No debate was arranged for the evening, as much important business was to come before the society. Probably it is wise to forego occasionally a formal debate, in order to allow more time for the development of impromptu utterance. When Government business was taken up there were expectant looks and nervous fears that something startling was going to happen, for rumors had been circulating through the week that there would be a division of the House, and probably the formation of a third party. No third party, however, appeared, but the Opposition succeeded in defeating the Government in an order of appointment. The Victoria Associate editor of COLLEGE TOPICS was made by this vote the official representative of the Lit. and Victoria University.

In response to invitations the following gentlemen were appointed to attend the stated coming functions: B. A. Cohoe, Queen's University Conversat; H. W. Gundy, Osgoode Conversat; W. F. Hansford, Trinity Medical College Banquet; President S. Tucker, Ontario Medical College for Women's Conversat; J. W. Sifton, Dental College At Home.

Other matters of business were discussed. Some members gave notice by motion to amend the constitution, and it was decided not to hold the usual meeting next Saturday night owing to the possible aesthetic fatigue of some members after the great conversat on Friday night. Mr. E. E. Craig, '96, was present and favored the society with a short speech and a "tuckeronian" pun. The critic, Mr. Partridge, gave his honest report, and then the society adjourned, amidst a general glow of interest in the social function of Friday night—the Conversat.

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