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THE UNIVERSITY AND PATRIOTISM.

The Universities, both in the Mother Country and on the Continent, have always been recognized as centres of patriotism, and coupled with the cultivation of the mind is found an increased love for one's native land. A touching incident related of the great German philosopher, Fichte, which will illustrate this. It was shortly before the invasion of Napoleon in 1813 that Fichte was lecturing to his students on one occasion, and he closed with these patriotic words: "This course of lectures will be suspended until the end of the campaign. We will then resume them in a free country or die in the attempt to recover our freedom." He, himself, joined a volunteer corps with his students, and died in one of the early battles of the war.

It is a common saying, too, that "Waterloo was won on the cricket fields of England." And we all remember well the alacrity with which College men sprang to the assistance of their country, when the President of the United States called for volunteers in the late war with Spain. Company after company was formed, and the University men were always well to the fore. After the Civil War, too, after many a student's name was written simply "killed in battle."

Although Canadians have had but little chance to show their love of country by defending her honor in actual conflict, yet in the few opportunities of recent years, University of Toronto men have always been ready to answer their country's call. In the spring of 1866 the bugle sounded to arms throughout Toronto, and the news quickly spread that the Fenians had invaded Canada. Then the University company was ready and eager to offer its services, and it was immediately sent to the front. A number of them never returned, and many brought back the wounds of the battle of Ridgeway. In the rebellion of 1885, too, a number of our men offered their services, and acquitted themselves with honor to their country and their University in that arduous campaign.

We now come to the present time when the honor of Greater Britain is at stake, and the "sons of the Blood" are called upon to show their allegiance to the "Widow of Windsor." And clear and full has been the note of answer. Thousands hurried to enlist, and where but one thousand were wanted there were five times as many anxious to go to the front. Complete, indeed, has been the fulfillment of Kipling's great prophetic song, "England's Answer":

"Truly, ye come of the blood; slower to bleed than to ban,
Little used to lie down at the bidding of any man,
Flesh of the flesh that I bred, bone of the bone that I bare;
Stark as your sons shall be—stern as your fathers were."

Now, too, will Britain say:
"So long as the blood endures
I shall know that your good is mine;
Ye shall feel that my strength is yours."

The Universities and Colleges of Toronto and Canada are well represented in the Canadian Contingent that has recently set out for the Transvaal. Although we have not a complete list to hand the names of quite a number immediately present themselves. Capt. Barker is a graduate of University of Toronto, and Lieut. J. M. Ross was once a student in Arts. Arch'd Anderson is a Trinity Medical man of the second year, and Corp. Joseph Jordan a fourth year student of the medical faculty of the University of Toronto. Lieuts. Temple, Wilkie and Barrie are graduates of Trinity University. In addition to these we know of a great many who volunteered their services but for various reasons were unable to go.

The University men turned out about two thousand strong to say good-bye to the soldiers, and formed one of the most interesting and enthusiastic bodies of the parade.

We would have this considered as an introduction to an article which will be published shortly advocating the establishment of a University Rifle Company. Some interesting information will be given, and reasons adduced for the institution of such

a company. No one will ever hesitate to believe that the Universities and Colleges of Toronto and Canada are not different from other Universities. They, too, are centres of patriotism in Canada, and when we leave our particular institution we can say of it as Fred'k Freylinghuysen said of Princeton, "I have learned patriotism as well as Greek at Princeton."

We wish to thank the several daily papers who have given "College Topics" such friendly notices during the past two weeks. It is a great encouragement to us in our somewhat difficult undertaking of endeavoring to supply news from so many institutions. We hope that we may continue to merit their good words.

"College Topics" may be obtained for the rest of the year for forty cents. We offer this because many who hesitated to subscribe at first are now anxious, but do not feel justified in paying the full subscription price. Nor do we care to ask it.

Heard in the Halls.

Orlando Jolliffe, '97, has obtained the position of classical master in the Owen Sound Collegiate Institute.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Prof. Hutton. He is confined to Grace Hospital with typhoid fever.

"Feather" Aylesworth spent his summer touring in the Old Country, and has brought back many stories of his travels.

F. E. Brophy, '01, was elected to fill the vacancy on the Varsity Editorial Board caused by the resignation of G. F. McFarland.

Now is the chance for boarding-house mistresses and freshmen to furnish their rooms to the Queen's or King's tastes (respectively).

The many friends of "Ben" "Rohoe," '97, will be pleased that he has returned to third year medicine from a very pleasant trip abroad this summer. He is looking well.

"Biddy" Barr, who graduated in Political Science in '97, has returned to take a course in divinity. "Biddy" had been teaching for two years at Bishop Ridley College, St. Catharines.

Alf. Caulfield, '02, who was unfortunately prevented from taking his exams. last spring on account of illness, spent the summer in Muskoka. He has returned again to Varsity looking fat and healthy.

"Eddie" Grange, B.A., '99, who so energetically and successfully edited Acta Victoriana last year has gone into journalism, and is on the staff of the Evening News. "Eddie" says he likes the work very much.

W. T. Allison, '99, who became so well known by his clever writing in various College publications and his work on the News and Star, is now pursuing post-graduate work at Yale. "Billy" is also doing special work for the Evening News.

George Kay, '00, will likely be a busy man for a few days now, because he was fortunate enough to find a bunch of money on the Athletic field. He has advertised this fact and will doubtless be very popular until the real (?) owner is discovered.

The bursar has called for tenders for the old furniture of Residence, and the home of so many famous men in by-gone times will soon be depleted. Alas! That beds, chairs and tables should be desecrated in such a manner to add to the general funds of the University.

On account of Prof. Hutton's illness he was unable to address the Classical Association on Monday last as was intended. The subject, "Pagan virtues and theories of life," would assuredly have proved very interesting. It is to be hoped that the Professor will soon be well again.

The Y.M.C.A. has inaugurated an excellent scheme for providing a few comforts for their friends, or rather all Varsity students. The Executive have installed a gas range in a room at the Y.M.C.A. building, where those bringing their lunches may partake of them with all the comforts of a home. The Y.M.C.A. invites all men who so desire to take advantage of their offer, and no doubt many will.

The next meeting of the Natural Science Association is scheduled for Wednesday next at 4 p.m. G. E. Smith, '02, will lecture on Faraday's Life and Works; while F. G. T. Lucas, '01, will read a paper on explosives, which will be illustrated by experiments. It is a pity he couldn't get a Boer or two, on whom he could more forcibly and lucidly show the effects of a pound or two of gun cotton. The representatives from the first, second and third years will be nominated. All whether Natural Science or not are cordially invited to be present.

The University of Toronto Harmonic Club is holding regular practices now, and the Executive have divided the members into two sets, vocal and instrumental. The former will meet on Thursdays and Fridays for practice at 4.30 p.m., and the latter on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Students' Union, and all interested are cordially invited to be present and assist the club either with their voices or instruments. A tour is contemplated or rather partially arranged for the Christmas holidays, and a good time is expected.

Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather on Wednesday afternoon last Class '01 turned out in large numbers and elected the following officers: President, F. E. Burton; first vice-president, Miss Watt; second vice-president, Miss McGibbon; secretary, R. A. Cassidy; treasurer, J. E. Robertson; musical director, H. M. P. DeRoche; orator, W. W. McLaren; prophet, G. M. Clark; athletic director, F. A. Aylesworth; poetess, Miss Barr; judge, N. S. Shenstone; critic, J. Mulcahy; historians, Miss Conlin, R. D. Keefe; councillors, Miss Darling, Mrs. B. White, A. Greene, W. Hanley.

In our issue of last week a typographical error crept in by which we gave it to be understood that the Ladies' Glee Club had not had promising initial practices. This is entirely wrong, for the practices have been the most successful of recent years, and great hope is held out that the club will do better work than ever. "College Topics" wishes the club the great success which it merits, because it fills a unique and useful place in the realm of our fair co-educationalists. Their concert last year was a good success, and we hope that this year it will be even more successful, both from the musical standpoint and in attendance. The following list of officers promises well for a successful season: Hon. President, Mrs. Alfred Baker; president, Miss C. S. Wegg, '00; vice-president, Miss Frances Dignam, '03; secretary, Miss M. M. Lang, '00; treasurer, Miss J. T. A. Robertson, '01; curator, Miss Edna Bitton, '02; pianist, E. L. E. Peers, '02.

A meeting of Class '02 was held in the West Hall on Tuesday, October 24th, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other important business. The attendance can hardly be said to have been representative, as some of the most prominent members of the year were absent. The officers elected appear to form a very representative body, and, with a slightly increased knowledge of parliamentary usage, should carry on the affairs of '02 with complete success. The following is the result of the balloting: Pres., Mr. Soule; 1st Vice-Pres., Miss M. Phillips; 2nd Vice-Pres., A. E. Hamilton; Secretary, H. Wallace; Treasurer, E. R. Paterson; Critic, J. Denholm; Judge, H. Symington; Orator, R. B. Cochrane; Prophetess, Miss C. L. Mott; Historians, Miss M. E. Marshall and Miss A. May; Athletic Director, S. P. Biggs; Poetess, Miss B. King; Musical Director, W. Darling; Councillors, Miss J. M. Eason, Miss M. M. McMahon, W. A. Little and A. Magee.

The regular meeting of the Women's Literary Society of University College was held Saturday evening, October 28th, in the Students' Union Hall. The meeting opened with a short speech from the president, Miss Hughes—in which she thanked the girls for the honor conferred upon her in making her president, and asked for the co-operation of the committee and members of the society throughout the year. Miss Allen, '03, gave an instrumental solo, "Alice," which was well received. Miss Lough, '03, rendered Godard's Second Mazurka very effectively. The next number was a little farce, entitled "The Melow Drama," the different roles of which were cleverly taken by Misses Cockburn, '00; Hutchison, '01; Watt, '01; C. McDonald, '01; C. McMurtry, '03; R. Cameron, '03. Then followed the elections for First Year Councillor and Curator of the Women's Literary Society. Miss McMurtry was made Councillor and Miss Cameron Curator. The election of Miss J. M. Eason as second year representative on Editorial Board of "Varsity" followed. Miss Robinson was elected second year representative on the Editorial Board of "Varsity," and Miss Moore as first year representative on Editorial Board of "Varsity." It was decided that the society should subscribe for the "English Review of Reviews," "Munsey" and "McClure's Magazine," for the ladies reading room. The meeting came to a close by singing the National Anthem.

Pharmacy Notes Concluded

"What's in a name?"—A small-sized Botany mostly.

Look not into the test tube when it bubbleth for thou mayst receive a shot in the eye.

The "Ancient and Archaic Order of Rubber mixers" perpetrated their annual chestnut on Thursday last.

The University Avenue Elevated worked beautifully Wednesday afternoon, much to the small boys' delighted terror.

The ladies are reported to have liked our appearance. Many, many thanks, ladies! You know who makes complexions, don't you?

Patterson says McKay and Mills are no gentlemen. 'Twas ever thus. They saved him from a cigarette and 'tis thus he "gratitudes!"

"Pharmaceutical Preparations" are the efforts put forth by O. C. P. boys, that all things may be ready for making Papa Time dizzy on Hallowe'en.

Let the other fellow smell the test-tube when it bubbleth, taking his word for it, and thus avoiding many useless contractions of the lachrymose glands.

Just a word of explanation so as to avoid any wrong thinking on the part of other College men. The animated part of the decorations did not belong to us. None of us are family men.

"Charlie" only "heard of the 'warm doins' in Concord Wednesday evening." But where did he get the tail-feathers of the little God of Pleasure that he exhibits so proudly?

"Tom," you must not excite the populace again. When you pull out of lectures in a hurry, and are seen on the street with a grip in your hand, bury some of your distant relatives or get married, but don't turn up at the very next discourse.

Some things we want: (a) Fewer bosses, more workers. (b) Fewer suggesters, more practices. (c) To sing quiet when the other fellow is talking. (d) To remember that what the president says goes. (e) To be the supporters of the football team in their matches.

A very peculiar and apparently contagious disease is prevalent among us just now, viz., "Hirsutical Eruption of the Upper Lip." It can be overcome by free use of "Williams' Barber Bar," followed by judicious application of a safety razor. A treatment which leaves no scars.

The strong pro-Trinity feeling was to the front some more times, thereby allowing the Dents to go up one in the line of march when we wheeled out to be near the apple of our eye. In good sooth "Black and Red" draweth "Black, Yellow and Red." A new field of magnetic force!

It was some time since the popular elucidator of the mysteries of our "internal workin's" Dr. Fotheringham, had appeared before us. He was, accordingly, given a warm welcome on his return Tuesday afternoon, and his merited, if brief, laudation of "College Topics" was much appreciated by the College Editor. The subject was introduced by Mr. A. N. Mitchell in a lightning three-minute effort which covered pretty thoroughly the aims and objects of the paper, and has, I am pleased to say proved to be seed sown on good ground. It has brought forth of subscriptions a number, and of "I'll see's" a multitude.

An assistant is, apparently, a necessary evil. The evils might be alleviated, however, if by any means chemical, physical, or mechanical, they could be rendered transparent. Let us then each and all struggle to discover some process of alleviation, and to him who discovereth shall be the laurel wreath of victory, and the never ceasing thankfulness of his fellow sufferers. If they would but shift one window of their souls to their posterior cranium, that we poor pocketed ones behind might read the hidden pages of their gigantic intellects, then we, too, might become skilled manipulators of test-tubes and Bunsen burners, and more thoroughly versed in the mysteries of Evaporation, Dehydration, Filtration, and other Pharmaceutical lore.

Twice has the announced football match been postponed. Once on account of "the parade," and again because nature was unkind. Though she made it soft sitting, it was very poor standing, a state of affairs not encouraging to football. In fact not any more encouraging than the attendance at practice, which is, perhaps, the largest discouragement the captain has to contend with. To think that out of one hundred and twenty men only twenty can be induced to turn out, and hustle the inflated sphere, is enough to call down upon us any amount of uncomplimentary remarks. No one dare hint that we lack material for an A1 team, because it is fairly granted on all sides that we have the men, but lack the practice. Yet when one is called some of this material slopes, and those who cannot play, but should have the interest of the game at heart, say nothing, and do nothing to show what they really think of the proceedings. A remedy for the evil is easily found and easily applied. Let every man turn out on the field, some to play and some to cheer. In this way we can obtain an efficient team, and what is half the scrap, a first-prize assortment of "rooters."

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

The Literary and Theological Society on Friday night last elected Mr. Wilson, '00, as president, and by acclamation Mr. Ben Kinder as secretary. There promises to be lively evenings in the future meetings of the Society.

The College "Association" team, which will, it is feared elect Mr. Fred'k. White as captain, promise at some gray indistinct time to do something. They are expected to dress before Xmas.

A pronounced agitation in favor of Residence traditions was set on foot last week, with encouraging results. The freshmen instituted the movement, and the Dean concluded it. There is a marked beneficial tendency as a result. Freshmen leave their doors unlocked at night and extend cordial invitations to all to make use of the opportunity. There is a noticeable increase in attendance on prayers; and Arts men have learned their true place in Residence.

Mr. French, of Whity, is visiting A. H. Adams this week.

"Biddy" Barr hurt his hand in the match on Saturday. The metacarpal bone was broken, but he pluckily went on playing the match.

Mr. Church last week very kindly gave the elocution class a night at Massey Hall to hear "Redemption." He's all right! We'll all take elocution next year.

Yesterday morning, as Adams, '01, stood waiting for the pupils of Havergal Hall to pass, a Verral man stopped in the road and enquired: "Is this liquid College?" The

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15.—County Model School term ends.

15.—Provincial Normal Schools close.

22.—High Schools first term, and Public and Separate Schools close.

sentinel replied that it wasn't, though it was the driest place in Toronto. Was McCallum in his cups when he gave the address?

A certain freshman is keeping a handful of burrs in a glass case. He also says that his head won't grow burrs, as it is fully occupied in hanging to the other vegetation. He has decided to let his hair grow long enough to braid, just to show the spirit and enterprise of the freshmen generally.

Hull and Carpenter have been appointed to represent Wycliffe in the Intercollegiate debates which are to begin shortly.

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