COLLEGE TOPICS

VABSITY VEBSUS
MeMASTER HALL
First of the Intercollegiate Debate
for this Term Friday Evening

ANGLO-SAXON ALLIANCE

The opening debate of the second round
of the Intercollegiate Debating Union will
take place in the chapel of the Conservatory take place in the chapel of the Conservatory
of Music, on College St, at 8 ot corce on
Friday. January 2oth. The officers of UniFriday, January 2oth. The officers of Uni-
versity College Literary Society, who won
the bye, have charge of the arrangements, and have succeeded din providing an excellent
musical and literary program. The colleges contesting for supremacy in
debate are V.arsity and McMaster. Presi-
dent Loudon will act as chairman, and the
following program will be 1. Vocal solo, by Mr. Alexander Gorrie:
2. Reading, by H. F. Cook. Debate-"Re
solved: That an immediate alliance, offen. sive a id defensive, between Great Britain
and the United States would be in the best
interests of the world's civilization." The above is the proposition which McMaster
has elected to defend through its two cham-
pions. Messrs. R MacDonald and Harkpions, Messrs. R. MarDonald and Hark-
ness. For Varsity, W. F. Mackay and John
Mackay will endeavor to sustain the nega-
tive position Old Varsity's reputation is ive position. Old Varsity's reputation is
perfecty safe in the hands of these two orators, who will undoubtedly make as good
a showing as was done last fall at Trinity. The next number after the debate include
an instrumental solo by E. Hardy, Polacca an instrumental solo by E. Hardy, Polacca
Brilliant, and a vocal solo by W. J. Knox
M.A. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a representative turnout of both facult
and undergraduates. Varsity's chances a a
very good for the finish, and it behoove
every every o oue to add his quota of support by
being present, and, if need be, by shouting.
The following gentlemen have consented to act as referees: Dr. Caven, W. R. Riddel

Owing to the fact that next Friday even
ing will be the occasion of the debate be ween Varsity and MM. MMaster Heall in be the
nter College Debating Series, there will Inter College Debating Series, there will be
no meeting of the Literary, Society. The
popularity of the Mock Parliament has been so great that there is considerable talk
of having it take the place of the cus-
tomary debates. It is felt that there is far more interest taken in the proceedings of the
Parliament and that the arrangements afford better opportunity for all concerned to take
part in the speaking. It is thought that here mikht be arranged inter-year contests
o stimulate interest and that of the four
vears there inight be formed four parties-a overnment, Opposition, Third Party, etc,
t is altogether likely that such an arrange nent would be received with great favor and would serve to keep up the attendance of
he Lit during the term. in which everybody have very little time for anything but work.
The prospect of a lively time in the Mock
Parliament will be far more likely to draw the average pluz out of his shell than the


## Essy on

When shall we laugh? say when?

- Merchant of Venice.
The proper answer to Bassanio's query
each one must settle for himself. If one
does not know when one is amused, no rules each one must settle for himself. If one
does not knuw when one is amused, no rules
will help him to soch a knowledge. The
laughter, poet-like, is born, not made. If,
If when all the company are in the throes of
laughter, one sits apart with a look of blank laughter, one sits apart with a look of blank
wonder at it all, nunc est ridendum will
evoke from him no answering smile - he will but stare the more blankly. In view of this,
I have made little attemptiof fit the occasion of laughter, but have merely thrown to
gether in fimmiest unity a few idly fanciful
remarks on this bipy Demarks on this happy passiun.
Dictionaries define laughter as being an
involuntary movement of the facial muscles particularly of the lips, or a peculiar expres-
sion of the eyes, indicating merriment. or sion of the eyes, indicating merriment. or
satistaction, usually accompanied by a son-
orous emission of air from the lungs, attend ed by a shaking of the sides. You will ob-
serve that the eye and the lip each holds a place in the structure of the laugh; you will
further notice that the position of prominence has been allotted the sinews. These won-
drous funny fibres are the braces and girders in the stout remple of Gelos. From them
our merriment derives its bulk, its elastic ity, its lustihood. Sixteen muscles. to accept
the enumeration of Sunset Cox, are said o join in jollity. The Occipito-frontalis
communicates its quiver to the Compresso Nasi, and the Zigomaticus, which makes one
finch to say it, wavers in the Platysma Myodes, which, causes a wonder why it
should be considered a laughing matter at Only the fortunate few are possessed of
the genuine laugh - what one may call laughing. The majority either maim or suffocate
his cheery passion. It comes from them a
husky, muffed, broken sound, which'twould husky, muffled, broken sound, which 'twould
be slanderous to label laughter, seeng that
it has lost all semblance of expression. It is pseudo-laughter-a mere pretender. Most
men rest content with a snigger; some evolve
from the lining of their throats a very une from the lining of their throats a very unex-
pressive titter. They seem to fear disastrous
results to the universe should they les results to the universe should they let loose
the lion of their lungs. Others sniff and
hiss like an intermittent radiator, or, on
lit hiss like an intermittent radiator, or, on
his
special occasions, by an ambitious effort,
and produce some wheery, croaking cachinnation
like an asthmatic who has fallen into a well.
Repose no trust in any of this stripe. All suph are to be feared. The man who has no
barmony in his laugh is not " At for harmony in his laugh is not only "fit for
treasons, stratagems and spoils," but his
very life is a treason and a trick. very liee is a treason and a trick.
To laugh properly one must not burst
forth suddenly like an eruption of Vesuvius or raar him loudly like any hungry lion
first, but all must begin gradually. First,
light must kindle in the light must kindie in the eyes and face, a
glowing, o'er-spreading, lovely light, as of
Euphrosyne incarnate, then, after a few
prelininary twitches of lips and brows, you prelimininary twitches of lips and brows, you
may rend the air with a risible ratte. enough
o waken the seven sleepers. ©hen may you m waken the seven sleepers, oise resembling
me unanimous riot with a neighing of the borses of the unanimous neighing of the horses
Hercules ; tears stream dow your cheeks
both hands clutch your sides or make fran it grabs toward the knee region; one foot,
then the other, must be held aloft as you totter in your pleasant agony; the head
must be thrown back ithen, peal upon peal,
stentorian, uninterrupted, uncontrollable-a stentorian, uninterrupted, uncontrollable-a
laughing fanfaranade, not of any one set of
muscles, but of the whole man from head to
heel. This is the laugh we eulogize, the lusty laugh, the laugh with no undercuurrent
of pathos, he care-free lauhh, the laugh of
the heart-hearty. Goldsmith would have the heart-hearty. Goldsmith would have
verr likety called this .the loud laukh that
spoke the vacant mind." Despite Gold-
smith, anyone who has dipped into psychol-
ogy ever so slighty knows how much is to ogy ever so slightly knows how much is to
be inferred from this - that no one who has
thus once given himself over to unrestrained laughter can be bad, altogether, irreclaim-
ably.
Why we laugh has afforded the essayist with many pages of surmise, and variant are
the theories advanced as to the source of
this witching power. Hazlitt is of the opinion that there is no real reason for our laugh-
ter. while Addison considers it the effect of pride. Old-time doctors explained the
difficultv more ingeniously. They located n our system a paricular vein-a vein or
lauyh to run in, and when the blood in this
vein was siirred, the man laughed whether he would or not. Tasso, in "J "Jrusalen
Delivered." recouns the story of the Cru
sader who was killed by a Persian lance. sader who was killed by a Persia
Many a knight fell in the combat,

But 'twas Ardonio's fate,
Through the quick spleen to be transfixed
where lies
where lies
The vein whose mirthful throbs the heart di-
late.
So that (a astrange and horrid sight I I he bess
Jocund with mortal pain, and loudly laugh
So that (a strange and horrid sight !) he lies
Jocund with mortal pain, and loudly laugh
ing, dies.
Others aver that laughter is implanted and
nvolved in the muscles of the stomach, and that the larger this organ the more capacious
the laugh. And if one reflects on that goodly array of men with a plethoric intumescence
of body, rotund of voice, rubicund of visage whose healthy laughter-tones "rumble and almost led to credit such a theory. Who ever saw, who ever heard of 250 pounds of melan-
choly? Nobody. The "buues never thrive
on obesify, for fat and fun have linked hands to travel the pathway on life together. A fa
man in a company is a certain guarantee

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## DENTAL COLLEGE

Dean Willmoit is unable to resume his
lectures this term owing to a severe attack lictures this
of Influenza.
Dr. Webster, Professor of Clinical Den
tistry is taking the Dean's lectures.
The College intends entering a team in
the College Hockey League. From reports
he $t$
Several of the boys are indisposed, suffer
ing from an attatk of the gripe. Among ing from an attatk of the grippe. Among
whom are C. B. Bell, "B Billy" Hacket,
"Herby" Bowles and "Jimmy" MacPherson
The Y. M. C. A. hold services every Sun urn out as the meetings are interesting and

What do you think of My Rugby Photo Come early and avoid being fired.-D
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Hustler-Perkins.
ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE
The Hockey Club held their first meetin of the season on Monday last. The delay
in organizing was more than counterbalanced by the enthusiasm displayed. More than a
score of aspirants for first team honors were present. After the preliminary work of the
meeting had been disposed of each one apmeeting had been disposed of, each one ap-
pointed himself a committee of one to see
what was saved from the wreck of promising team. On the forward line we will miss the genial face of Lindsay's auburn playing a winning game for his own burg.
Otherwise the cast of characters is unchang. ed. George Roach is on deck again with a
pair of $\$ 2.00$, which he heartily endorses reld to fill out. We A. M. Regan will agai help to hil out. We may expect to see the
latter looking bewitching in a pea-gree
sweater sweater, although he is somewhat disabled
from trying to teach those rough natives of
Orillia the game. Tom Morrow's place at point will be as equally well filled by Harry
McKenna Heretofore the difficulty has

| Friday evening last, at the residence ancellor Wallace. The first two hour the evening were passed in a pleasan ancellor's, where refreshments were served <br> dan enjoyable social entertainment pr <br> ed. The President and officers of the are to be congr itulated because of the cess of this year's Rally. <br> Prof. Farmer addressed the Theologic ciety on Thursday evening, on "Th rils and Privileges of a Preacher's Life e address was practical and full of man pful pointers. |
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## SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

The regular meeting of the Enkineering
Society was held last Wednesday at $80^{\circ}$ clock Very interesting papers were read by two o
he undergraduates, Mr. T. S. Richards "He undergraduates, Mressure on Engines," and Mr. D.
Ross on "Railway Location in the Crow's Ross on "Railway Location in the Crow"s
Nest Pass." Both are practical men, and A very small but enthusiastic meeting was
held in the interests of hockey on Thursday.
The following offficers were elected : Hon. held in the interests of hockey on Thursday.
The following officers were elected: Hon.
dresident, Mr. W. T. Jennings ; president,
vilst laughter, for the nonce, drowns in the
rippling of its merry notes all the bitte respite and nepenthe "are the portion of its Addison, hold that laughter slackens and
unbraces the mind, weakens the faculties ion in all the powers of the soul, and in so
har it may be looked upon as a weaknes in the composition of human nature. But
if we consider the frequent reliefs we obtain
from it and how often it breaks the gion from it and how often it breaks the gloom
which is apt to depress the mind and damp
ur spirits, with rransient and leams of joy, one would not care to grow oo wise for such a pleasure in life. Laughter
bobricates the car of care and if used generously, our affairs will roll along most easil.
Laughter is amiable, is beautiful. Almo an we be persuaded to pardon the man wit
the smile sesquipedalian, for the elegth of e the man who laughs! May his tribe in
crease and loid it over the whole arthin ha-ha or ho-ho.
To trace the rippling course of laughter
through the realms of literature is a refreshng occupation-a foot journey on a pleasan
day, It receives gold nopinions from all
sorts of penmen, and the praise of it is said and sung in divers languages. Quaint tri-
bute comes to it from the most unexpected sources. Here it gleams silverery in one
fair line like a woodland stream; her broadens into a pleasant sonnet skipping in
merry measure; now it is a grand song which gleams in its splendor like an expan
ive, moon-lit lake holding stars in its trem bing embrace. "Why should a man ", ",
quires the immortal dramatist, . who cuat is alabataster? Sieep when he wakes and
creep into the jaundice by being peevish?" The golden chain of Jove, records the genia
Jerrold, was nothing but a succession of
laughs-a chromatic scale of merriment reaching from earth to Olympus. And man in his lines. Milton, the glum Puritan, has
given us in "L'fllegro" the most perfect deSport that wrinkled care derides, and Laughter holding both his sides, thomer could ind no dearer uite for Horace
styles the same divinity maiden, and He goddess delight styles the same divinity the goddess delight
ing in laughter. So universal is the admira-
ion of this beniso lion of his benison to our race that in every
laguage we find it metaphorically attributed o any pleasing and beautiful object in nature,
We speak of the ""laughing dawn," the
"laughing sky," "laughing stars" and "aughing sky," "laughing stars" an
"laughing brooks." And who has not lis
tened to the wimpling music of Minnehaha
 ing truth laughingly with a squib of Whit
comb Riley's, which contains in a few
beautiful words the gist of my endeavor:

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th skatef, but this year, for the other positions,
he main difficuly will be in making ion from the host of candidates, all with
reputation prospects for hockey were never so bright
before, and with a little ice the boys before, and with a little ice the boys ough
to do something. It is to be deplored tha The club was not able to enter any of the
leagues, but they are now open for engage Charles MacDermott who was visited Charles MacDermott, who was visited
wih a see ere attack of la grippe during the
Rev. Father O'Neil will assume charge of
R. Michael's Literary Society for the bal. ance of the scholastic year. If the success
of the Literary Society under his direction may be measured by the great success of
the Dramatic Association, of which he ha charge, then its members may c
appointment as a signal favor.
Mr. Owen Rowan was made the recipient
of a handsome Christmas gift by one of his many College friends.
P. J. Hopkins also received a very valu-
able and useful New Year's gift in the form The New England boys have not yet re-
here by some of their friends that the grippe must have taken a fast hold on them.
St. Michael's Lit, will meet on the even St. Michael's
ing of Jan. 22.
The Dramatic Association will meet this week to make arrangem
Washington celebration
VIncent Murphy, who recently finished his
ovitiate in preparation for entering that novitiate in preparation for entering the
Order, is at present at the College pursuing
his philosophical sudies.
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