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School Men Make Merry

Twenty-third Annual Dinner Last Night a Big Success

"One of the most successful dinners ever held, and, you know, this is the twenty-third for me" said Dean Galbraith. And the five hundred men who sat down to the repast in Convocation Hall last night, and listened to the inspiring addresses from some of Canada's prominent men heartily concur with the Dean. The big event was a remarkable success in every way. Nothing marred the arrangements, which were thought out with a degree of care that reflects immense credit upon the Executive of the Engineering Society.

The huge shield on the West wall which stood in the centre of the general scheme of blue, white and yellow, interspersed with smaller shields and national flags bore the inscription, "Faculty of Applied Science Welcomes Commission of Conservation."

The members of this federally-appointed body were the official guests of the evening, and the message of the Commission constituted the key-note of the evening's speeches. There were thirty guests at the head table, among whom were: C. H. Mitchell, Dr. Hastings, Dean Pakenham, W. F. Tye, M.M.J. Patton, Dean Galbraith, W. D. McPherson, C. H. Rust, J. B. Tyrrell '84, P. W. Sotham, Dean Fernow, J. F. Mackay, Prof. Coleman and numerous other members of the Faculty.

All the speeches on the toast list were heartily applauded, and the good old spirit of the good old School was evidenced in the University, Faculty and Year yells, which resounded through the hall during the whole proceedings.

To the amateur voices were added the trained Octette, which, as usual, surpassed itself in a number of catchy selections.

And the Orchestra!—Oh! the orchestra! It was just about twice as good as any musical organization since Sousa was in his prime.

After the first toast, to the King, President, W. B. McPherson, called on Mr. E. R. Grey to propose the toast to the Conservation Commission, to which Mr. M. J. Patton, the official representative of the Commission replied.

"Conservation," said Mr. Patton, "the economic use of natural resources. It is a constant search after efficiency. It has rested with engineers to do a great deal in forwarding the work of the Conservation Commission. The recent volume published by the Conservation Commission was made possible only by the hearty co-operation of engineers. The engineer is a man who can speak with authority, his words have great weight with the public.

The enthusiasm which the movement provokes is sometimes its own enemy, the effervescence of public opinion often reacts against its continuous development."

Mr. Patton then went on to show how

the advisory powers, to which the Commission is limited give it a very desirable status.

The development of the peat industry, the prevention of fire losses, and the evils of overcrowding in cities. On these subjects in particular there is necessity for a great amount of public education.

"The success of the graduates, all over the civilized, and in the case of our faculty, the uncivilized world, is an indication of the influence of the University," said Mr. G. B. Taylor, in proposing the next toast, that to the University, to which Dr. Ellis, after a perfect storm of acclaim, responded.

The Doctor's words about a "divine lyre," referring to himself, were completely lost in the laughter of the whole hall. He dwelt upon the growth of the University, but asked "Has it grown in efficiency? I think it has. I think we have now grown large enough to have a University Boat. I hope we shall have a University Battalion which will be worthy of this great institution."

Dr. Ellis said that the tree, just east of the Main Building, which was a European maple grafted upon a Canadian stock, but the Canadian twig developed far beyond the strength of the added European branch, and is now a truly Canadian maple, should be the emblem of the University, as it has assimilated all the good of the other and become a thorough native.

R. J. Fuller proposed the toast to the newly appointed Professor of Metallurgy, Prof. G. A. Guess, who said he would take the advice which the Dean had given him, and would say little, and just watch the "wheels go round." They did, in the next speech by Mr. W. F. Tye, responding to a neat proposal "The Profession" by J. S. Galbraith, in which the man of the modern world was explained to be "the School man, of course." Mr. Tye said that the best advice, that he as a graduate of thirty years standing could give was to make a careful collection of cost records both for one's self and of all others one has access to. Mr. Tye also dwelt upon the difference in status of the Engineer of today and of the past when a college education was more probable to hinder a man, in applying for a position than to help him. It was, he said, the age of the Engineer and a technically trained man had a vast advantage over the so-called practical man.

Dean Galbraith, who was received with tremendous enthusiasm, and Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, '83, made short address expressing there appreciation of the success of the dinner.

With a final stirring "God Save the King" from the orchestra, the festivities broke up.

It's bouquets all round: to the School, to President McPherson and the Executive, to the members of the Faculty who helped with the decorations, and in other ways, to the Orchestra and the Octette, and to Paul Sheard, the artist on the menu card.

Varsity Plays McGill

Fast Hockey Game at Ravina Rink To-night

A MOURNFULLAY OF RAVINARINK

It was a blue McGill man, He stopped us with a cuss. "By thy long lean face and dribbling eye Now, wherefore stopp'st thou us?" He held us with his trembling arm "There was a game," quoth he. His tale was long, it had no charm "It was a frost, Ah me!"

We hope to give the rest of this touching ballad in prose form in Monday's issue. In the interim, to be exact at 8.30, on Friday night, in Ravina Rink, West Toronto, certain gentlemen who answer the roll call occasionally to the names of Parker, Frith, Derman, Strome, Blakely, Webster, Hanley, and Caldwell will try to bring about a happy fulfilment of the foregoing prophecy and incidentally show their superiority over the Red and White aggregation of stellar phenomena.

McGill has defeated Queen's in Montreal by a close score but Queen's had not had much practice so that that game is not a fair criterion. Varsity has had some rattling good practices. The men are all in first class shape and will show the benefit of their arduous endeavours and competent coaching.

All that is necessary to complete the enjoyment of the evening and to enliven the inhabitants of our newly adopted little sister is a big, gay, good-humored crowd of healthy, happy fair-minded students, to say nothing of their friends.

There is a section of the Ravina rink reserved for rooters who promise to be as entertaining a feature as ever.

Get off at Humber Avenue and walk straight west. Take five minutes gentle exercise till the rink heaves in sight. You know what to do then.

The Spirit of Social Reform

Stirring Address on Settlement Work by Mr. Elliott

"Play is as essential to a child as food in his life."

"The Settlement doesn't teach a creed, it takes in everyone."

"Get people to take hold of their own problems."

Before 225 enthusiastic men at the Canadian Club luncheon Wednesday afternoon Mr. J. L. Elliott delivered a stirring address on "The Spirit of the Pioneer in Social Reform."

In American desert irrigation they go straight down 1000 feet until they reach water, and so we must get to these people. I have met boys trying to take their mothers home in a drunken condition. What chance has a boy brought up in a home like this. So we take the boy in.

Play is essential to his life, and we give him an opportunity to play. You talk of your conservation of energy. I tell you the greatest gold mine of power is in the people, and we haven't found the way to bring it out.

The employer thinks of the girls as tools. They are degraded and do a lot of mischief. We give them dances, and endeavour to get them interested.

At Christmas we do not give them presents. What we do is to let them bring in poor little children and we give them gifts to give these little tots. It brings out the loving instinct. The Church hadn't got hold of them, the schools hadn't helped

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Personal Views of Great Men

Mrs. Woods Tells of Acquaintanceship With Noted Authors

On the evening of Tuesday, Victoria college was the scene of an unusually interesting event. A splendid lecture was delivered by Mrs. Margaret L. Woods, wife of Rev. Henry George Woods of Trinity College, Oxford, and daughter of the well-known Dean Bradley of Westminster. Her handling of her subjects, "The Spirit of the Victorian Era" and "Great Men Whom I Have Known," was highly appreciated by all present.

Mrs. Woods criticism of the poets and thinkers of the Victorian Era was specially interesting because of her intimate knowledge of them. She and her sisters were favorites with Lord Tennyson and the poets house was often the scene of their youthful pleasures. Browning and George Eliot were also well known to her and she proceeded to tell some humorous anecdotes connected with their acquaintanceship.

With regard to the early, middle, and later Victorian development of thought, Mrs. Woods pointed out that Tennyson in his, "In Memoriam," fore-shadowed the thoughts of Darwin's theory and preceded his discussions.

Nothing has been more marked in nineteenth century movements of thought than the change in the general attitude to woman.

Talking on this strain the speaker compared the respective attitudes of Tennyson and Browning. Tennyson's was the typical Mid-Victorian point of view, and in his poem, "The Princess," he describes woman as a lesser man. Browning, on the other hand, was endowed with the happy faculty of surveying the world from the point of view of a woman or in other words, of looking through the eyes of a woman.

From her intimate friendship with Tennyson, Mrs. Woods was enabled to become familiar with his style of reading. She describes his voice as deep, booming and impressive. He read rhythmically rather than dramatically.

Mrs. Woods is a poetess herself and an author of distinction. Her delivery is free and interesting and her phrasing witty and pleasing.

President Falconer fulfilled the duties of Chairman with his usual grace. In his brief address he made a humorous allusion to that well-known volume, Bradley Arnold's Latin Prose, of which Dean Bradley was an associate author.

At the conclusion of the lecture Chancellor Burwash moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Woods which was seconded by Principal Hutton. In his speech, which was exceedingly witty throughout, the Principal commended the rhythmic style of reading. In his estimation it was much superior to some of our modern elocution.

Some of those present were Honorable J. M. Gibson, the Lieutenant-Governor Sir Charles Moss, Dr. MacDonald of the Globe, etc.

WAR OF 1812

British Owe Success to Training of Volunteers

A large number of students, and several officers of the local regiments, enjoyed an extremely interesting lecture by Major Brown on the operations in the Niagara Peninsula in 1812-14.

Major Brown gave an account of most of the engagements in the Peninsula, and described more in detail some of the more important actions, including those at Queenston Heights in 1812, at Chippewa in 1814, and at Lundy's Lane the same year.

He emphasized the fact that the success of the British forces, composed partly of regulars, but mostly of Canadian volunteers, was largely due to the system of universal training which was then in force, — a system which made every able-bodied

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The sermon next Sunday in Convocation Hall will be delivered by the Rev. R. H. Rowell Bates, of New York.

A daffydil programme will be put on by the Medical students in Convocation Hall on the evening of February 26th.

A meeting of the Executive Class of 1915, University College, will be held on Friday Jan. 19 in room 4 at 4.30 o'clock.

Freshmen of University College may get their invitations to the Class reception by presenting their registration cards at the Post office.

The first girls' hockey match of the season will be played between Victoria and University College at the Varsity Rink, on Saturday afternoon.

The Executive Committee of the Undergraduates' Parliament will meet on Monday at 4.30 in the Writing room of the Union. A full turn-out is requested.

An address on Northern Trails and Waterways will be given by Professor Powell at an open meeting of the Medical Society, on Monday afternoon, January 22nd.

The Modern Language Club will offer, on Monday, January 29th, at 8 p.m., two French comedies "Le retour du Japon" and "Les deux Soueds." All interested in French are welcome.

There will be a grand re-union of bible study leaders at the Y.M.C.A. supper at six o'clock sharp. Everybody must turn out as they are now nearing the close of the series and the secretary is anxious for a large attendance.

The General Secretary of the University Y.M.C.A. is preparing a series of statistics as to the number of students in the University who are going into religious work upon graduation. Anyone desiring copies of this should communicate with him.

On the 11th of February, the Colleges Sermon Committee have arranged to have Prof. Johnston-Ross, lately of Bryn Mawr, now of Montreal. It is probable that a service will be held in the evening as well as in the morning. Mr. Johnston-Ross will also lead the Bible Study Conference of the Y.M.C.A., February 9-11.

COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 19—McGill vs. Toronto. Basketball 4.30 p.m.; hockey 8 p.m.
- 20—1915 Class Reception.
- 25—Queen's Hall Dramatic Club.
- 26—Arts Dance.
- 29—Modern Language Club, French Comedies.
- Feb. 2—Dental "At Home."
- 2—East Residence Dance.
- 7—Fourth year U.C. Skating party.
- 8—Trinity College Conversazione.
- 9—School Dance.
- 9—Wycliffe Conversazione.
- 15—Trinity Glee Club.
- 16—Queen's Hall Dance.
- 19—St. Hilda's Dance.
- 22—Glee Club Concert.
- 24—Boxing Tournament.
- 29—Trinity Oratorical Contest.
- Mar. 8—Women's Dramatic Club, "Much Ado about Nothing."

JUNIORS PRACTICE

Will the following players please be at the Excelsior Rink at 5.30 o'clock this afternoon for a good workout. Armstrong, Boulter, Clarkson, Matthew, Webster, Bryan, Taylor, Barry, Nelles, Hutchings, Gray, Reynolds, Sinclair, Gouinlock.

