

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS.

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FIFTH OF MAY.

It's coming, the merry,
The mad month of May;
The light-footed fairy!
It's coming, the merry—
With blossom and berry,
With sprig and with spray,
It's coming, the merry,
The mad month of May!

This little triolet of Mr. C. H. Patterson's appears in the last issue of the *Tuftsian*. Excellent as are the lines in themselves, our present state of mind is not such as to enable us to sympathize with their sentiment.

Elections to-night!

The next Missionary concert will be given in the Y. M. C. A. building, on the first Tuesday in April.

Any gentleman in arrears to Glee Club would confer a favour by leaving his fee (accompanied by name) in the janitor's room, addressed to the treasurer.

W. B. Nesbitt has been called home by the death of his father, Dr. Nesbitt, of Angus. The sympathy of the students is with Mr. Nesbitt in his bereavement.

The Cricket Club will hold a meeting in Moss Hall on Wednesday, at 4 o'clock. A large attendance is requested. Let all who are interested in cricket attend.

The question of removing the Theological College of the Congregational Church from Montreal to Toronto was discussed at the Conference of that body on Wednesday afternoon. Truly Toronto is fast becoming the educational centre of the Dominion.

A deputation of gentlemen who are promoting the bill now before the Legislature for uniting Woodstock College with the Toronto Baptist College in one institution with university powers, waited upon the Attorney-General on Friday morning, to present their claims more fully than they have hitherto done.

These claims, in substance, are: (1) A natural proclivity for organization peculiar to Baptists; (2) Strong desire for Christian education under the direct control of the denomination; (3) Pecuniary ability independent of extraneous sources.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY.—The Engineering Society held its last regular meeting of the session in the School of Science on Tuesday afternoon. At this meeting a paper, written by E. B. Herman, on the "Micrometer," was read. Mr. Herman is a graduate of the school, now engaged in Government surveys in British Columbia. Herbert Ward, B.A., dealt with the subject of mining in North Hastings. The writer handled this subject in a thoroughly scientific manner, and showed what might be done by a few enterprising capitalists toward developing the mineral resources of that part of the Province.

At a meeting of the Toronto Medical Society, held on the 17th inst., the following resolution was moved by Dr. Cameron and seconded by Dr. Machell: "That this Society has learned with satisfaction of the efforts now being made to establish a medical faculty in connection with the University of Toronto, and hopes that by a judicious combination of the facilities afforded by the University, the School of Practical Science, the Hospital and the teaching power of the schools now existing, a school of medicine may be established in Toronto worthy alike of the Queen City and the Province of Ontario. Moreover this society is of opinion that the schools could in no wise more profitably or appropriately celebrate this jubilee year than by the heartiest confederation of their forces for the attainment of this result."

LITERARY SOCIETY.—Friday evening, the 8th inst., was nomination night. After routine business the following nominations were made:—President—Prof. Hutton. M.A. (*withdrawn*), W. F. W. Creelman, B.A., LL.B., (*elected by acclamation*), T. C. Milligan, B.A. (*withdrawn*). 1st. Vice-Pres.—H. J. Crawford, W. H. Hodges. 2nd Vice-Pres.—T. C. DesBarres, G. A. H. Fraser. 3rd Vice-Pres.—A. A. Macdonald, G. B. McClean. Recording Sec.—J. N. Dales, J. W. McMillan. Corresponding Sec.—W. J. Healy, E. Lyon. Treas.—E. C. Acheson, J. W. Henderson. Curator—S. J. Radcliffe, F. J. Steen. Sec. of Committees—J. E. Bird, L. Boyd. Councillors: 4th year—T. M. Higgins, J. G. Witton. 3rd year—

W. N. Allen, F. Messmore, W. McCann, G. M. Ritchie. 2nd year—G. A. Ball, H. E. T. Haultain, J. P. Kennedy, E. A. Sullivan.

The Historical and Political Science Association held its closing meeting for this term in McMillan's Hall on Wednesday afternoon. The chief order of business was the election of officers for '87-88, resulting in the return of the following gentlemen: President, Wm. Houston, M.A.; 1st Vice-President, G. Cross; Recording Secretary, H. A. McCullough; Treasurer, T. M. Harrison; Fourth-year Councillors, Messrs. J. G. Harkness and R. McKay. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the President for his energetic interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the Society throughout the year. A recommendation was also made to the incoming committee to have the essays read before the Society published. The Society adjourned, after congratulating itself on the large measure of success which has attended its efforts throughout the past year.

At the last regular meeting of the University College Natural Science Association, in the School of Practical Science, the president, W. H. Pike, Ph. D., read a paper on the C. G. S. system of units. Opening with a few words on the manifest insufficiency of a system which measures lands by chains, a horse by hands and a man by inches, he related how a committee of the Royal Society in England arbitrarily selecting the centimeter as the unit of length, the second as that of time, and the degree centigrade as that of temperature, deduced therefrom those of weight, volume, force, electricity, etc., producing a system which has been accepted by men of science throughout the world. In the course of the paper, and during the discussion which followed, the advantages of the new system were well illustrated by calculations in both systems. At the close of the programme the society adjourned, having decided to hold its annual meeting on the 7th of April.

A largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the supporters of baseball was held in Moss Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday last, Franklin McLeay in the chair, and A. N. Garrett, secretary. It was unanimously decided that a Varsity Baseball Club be organized. After speeches from several of the gentlemen present, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers with the following result:—Hon.-Pres., Douglas Armour, B.A.; Pres., Charles P. Clark, B.A.; Vice-Pres., P. B. Wood; Sec.-Treas., S. D. Schultz; Curator, E. C. Senkler; Captain, A. N. Garrett; Committee, Franklin McLeay, J. W. Edgar, fourth year; J. H. Senkler, E. G. Rykert, third year; J. D. McLean, Ivan Senkler, second year. The fee was fixed at fifty cents, and Mr. Schultz, the Sec.-Treas., took in fees on Tuesday to an extent that warrants the assurance on the part of the friends of baseball that when the grass is green again the click of the willow and the leathern sphere will be heard on the Campus.

MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY.—The regular meeting of the above society was held on Tuesday afternoon, March 22nd, the president in the chair. Mr. J. M. Clark, M.A., read a very interesting and instructive paper, on the Development of the Theory of Energy. After enumerating the various kinds of energy, he gave an historical sketch of the theory of Conservation of Energy, and explained Thomson's theory of the Dissipation of Energy, showing that it depended on the fact that no physical process is exactly reversible. He concluded by indicating some of the problems which Physicists will soon have to consider, particularly those in connection with the properties of the luminiferous ether. Mr. J. A. Duff then gave some interesting experiments with the gyroscope. After the solution of problems, the nomination of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Those elected by acclamation were Mr. T. J. Mulvey, B.A., re-elected President, and Mr. L. H. Bowerman, B.A., Corresponding Secretary. A special committee was appointed to confer with the committee of the Canadian Institute respecting affiliation with that society.

At the mass meeting of friends and ex-pupils of Upper Canada College and Royal Grammar School (as one of the speakers pointed out its proper name) held on Tuesday night to oppose the movement that is on foot to disendow the College, Dr. McLellan moved the following resolution:

Whereas, A truly national and complete system of education must meet the needs and requirements of all classes of the community, and whereas there is a large and increasing class of citizens of this province who are forced to send their sons from home for an education, and who contribute cheerfully towards the maintenance of their local schools, but who for want of properly supervised boarding schools are unable to place their sons there;

Whereas, If the College is abolished there will be no institution in the province responsible to the public for its proper management to which boys may be sent who cannot be educated at home: therefore be it;

Resolved, That this meeting, while protesting against any interference with Upper Canada, would rather be prepared to support the original intention of its founders, and suggest the establishment of similar additional residential schools in other sections of the pro-