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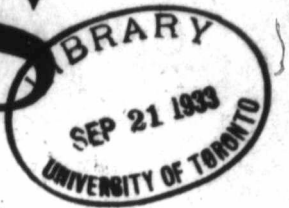
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VARSITY ONCE MORE ARE CHAMPIONS

McGill put up a Hard, Plucky Fight, but were Outdone by our Men

A HARD FOUGHT GAME

The Score was 11:5 when Darkness came and the Game was Called

There have been a number of accounts published of the game with McGill on Saturday last, but none of them has been correct. The situation to-day is that Varsity and McGill have agreed to leave the result of Saturday's game in abeyance, until after the next game with Queen's. If Varsity defeats the latter, then there is no doubt about the championship, but even now there is practically no doubt, because the Executive will probably decide either that Varsity has won the game, or will declare the game a draw. As a matter of fact, Varsity did win the game, for our men outpointed their opponents in every department of the game. Darkness, however, intervened about ten minutes before time, and Captain Barr rightly refused to go on. Neither the ball nor the players could be distinguished. Who was responsible for the delay in starting? That is the question. Not Varsity, at any rate. We were ordered to be on the grounds at 2.30 p.m., and we were there sharp on time, ready and anxious to play, because it was very cold standing around. One or two McGill men, however, thought the time of playing was three o'clock, and from other causes in addition the game was not called until ten minutes past three.

Just at half-past two it began to snow quite hard, and a smart wind blew the snow up the field. Varsity won the toss and elected to play with the wind. When the whistle sounded to start the fight a mighty shout went up from three or four hundred McGill students, as they yelled together, "What's the matter with old McGill," etc. This cheering put great heart into the McGill men, and they played as McGill men have seldom played. From the beginning to the end they contested every inch, and fought hard to win; but there is no question that Varsity outdid them at every point.

At the kick-off, the ball was returned to McGill's end, and remained in their quarter for some time. It was several times within ten yards of the McGill line, but Varsity could not get over. A rouse was now scored, though, on a long kick.

About the middle of the first half, however, Varsity secured a free kick on the bad scrimmage work of McGill. The kick was ten yards from McGill's line, and Barr kicked along the line to Isbester, who went over for a try. This was not allowed because the referee thought the ball should go ahead five yards.

McGill next forced the play from a scrimmage, and a good run by Shillington brought the ball to centre. Gradually Varsity worked the ball to McGill's 25.

Then from a long throw in from touch, Brown got the ball and made one of his pretty runs. It was by far the best play of the day. He got away from the bunch on the line, and, though closely pursued by three or four McGill men, outspurred them all and dropped over the line for a try. Darling failed to convert. One minute later, half-time was called.

The second half opened most fortunately for Varsity by the wind veering around to be still in our favor. The ball was in Varsity's quarter for about half of this (Continued on page 3).

WOMEN'S LIT MEETING

An Interesting Session held in Students' Union Saturday Evening

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Women's Literary Society of University College in the Students' Union Hall, Saturday evening. A great number of matters of business were brought up. Among them was a motion that the society should petition the Council for any furniture belonging to Residence which would be of use in the Ladies' Reading-room. Miss Wegg, '00, then made a few remarks in regard to the concert to be given by the Ladies' Glee Club. She said that the success of the concert would reflect on the College girls, as a body, as well as on the members of the club, and pointed out the necessity of the support of the girls. She asked that each girl should guarantee one ticket, and was heartily supported in this suggestion by several present.

Miss Allen, '03, played Leybach's "Norma," in a style which showed her appreciation of the piece. Miss Grace Hunter, '98, then read a literary report. She began her paper by mentioning the various articles known as the Klondike literature. The Spanish-American war has been the cause of endless articles on such heroes as Hobson and Dewey. In biography, we have the love letters of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning; and a new life of Thackeray is soon to appear. In the realm of poetry there is Edwin Markham's "The Man with the Hoe," which has aroused the discussion of the labor question. The war in the Transvaal has caused an outburst of patriotic odes. Kipling has given us "The King," as his contribution. In fiction, we have Grant Allen's "Hill Top," Anthony Hope's "The King's Mirror," and "David Harum," by E. W. Westcott. In England there appeared Ellen Fowler's "A Double Thread," "No. 5 John St.," by Richard Whiteing, and "When Knighthood was in Flower," by Caskoden, all of which have received great popularity.

Miss Rosebrugh then sang "The Home Where the Heart is," very sweetly. This was followed by a debate, which closed this meeting. The debate, "Resolved, that women are justified in entering the professions," was between the Misses Norton and Martin of the first year, and then Misses Philips and May of the second year, the former taking the affirmative, and the latter the negative. Good speeches were made by all the debaters. The decision was given in favor of the affirmative.

INTERCOLLEGE DEBATE

Wycliffe and Knox to debate next Wednesday Evening

The second debate of the series, held under the auspices of the Inter-Collegiate Debating Union, will be held at Wycliffe College on Wednesday evening, November 22nd. The subject of "American Expansion" will be discussed by the representatives of Knox and Wycliffe Colleges. As the debate is public, no invitations are issued, but a hearty welcome is extended through the columns of the press to all students, friends and the Colleges, and to all who are interested in the work of the Debating Union. The second debate takes place between Osgoode and Varsity at Osgoode Hall on Friday evening, November 24th. The subject of debate will be "The Government Ownership of Railways." A like cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested.

VIC'S ANNUAL BOB A GREAT SUCCESS

The Freshmen are Introduced to the Genial Robert—According to Time-honored Custom

ALL SPEND A MERRY TIME

An Account of the "Bob's" Programme, and the Many ways in which Freshmen may be Suppressed

"Fresh" men are no longer at Vic. "Bob," with the help of an inquisition board of nine, backed by the Class of '02, completely annihilated all such last Friday evening, upon the occasion of the 27th of the now famous annual take-offs, in which the failings and foibles of freshmen and professors are depicted in cartoon and caricature.

The main hall of old Vic, decorated with a wealth of bunting and flags, presented a beautiful sight, and until the arrival of the freshmen, the numerous cartoons riveted the attention of the immense audience. The perusal of "The Bob Journal," on the programme gave occasion for ceaseless laughter. The staff (C. E. Auger, President; S. F. Dixon, Sec.-Treas.; J. R. Vanwyck, D. R. Moore, W. B. Nixon, B. W. Thompson, J. H. Fowler, F. H. Dobson, H. E. Curtis), thus give greeting. "We greet you for 997 reasons, viz.: Firstly—Because we expect to do you good; Secondly—Because we have already done you good (Tickets 52 cents); Thirdly—Because it does us good to do you good. Space and expense prevent our giving the 964 other good reasons." Each of the usual editorial sections of our ordinary journal is devoted to witty and striking "hits" at the freshmen; thus the literary editor writes: "The quality of freshmen is not changed; they come down as the noisy herd from 'Green' land upon the College place; they are so cumbersome, they cumber them that come, and them that go. They're greenest of the greenest; they become the kindergarten better than the school; their antics show the force of fancied power, the attribute of gall and travesty, wherein doth sit the dread and fear of justice. But wisdom is above this motley gang." From "Bob's" Observatory, which may well become famous if all its probs. are as true as the following, comes this special for the night of Nov. 10th, "High, blustering windstorm, to loth by a very hot spell, later on a dead calm for several hours."

About eight o'clock, strange, unearthly sounds told the intensely expectant audience that the freshmen were coming; and in a few minutes, with a flourish of tin horns and rattles, they entered, each wearing a bib of the College scarlet. Seats were reserved for them in the front of the crowded hall, where they could well be the butt of all the gags from the stage.

W. J. Drope, famous in "Bobs" of old, presided, and, after a short and witty speech to the freshmen, read several amusing 'phone messages—Paul Kruger, who knew how it felt expressed sincere sympathy with the freshmen; Gen. White counselled the "Bob" committee to do their duty well, while he himself would attend to the "Boors" of South Africa.

Blank dismay followed the rendering of the first "act"—the singing of the freshmen's songs. According to time-honored custom, the freshmen give their secretly-prepared programme between acts, and thus got back in some small measure at the sophs., but this year in some mysterious manner the "Bob" committee secured all the songs and gags and even cartoons of the first year boys.

Freshmen and freshettes in another act "registered" with the different profs. As each new character entered, the applause of the other years showed how good was the mimicry, while the roars of laughter from all in the hall told how ridiculous both freshmen and freshettes were made to appear.

In Percy Punshon's original songs, the new men were humorously introduced to the audience—as each character was presented the real freshman revealed his identity by trying to get down behind his seat.

In a district meeting, a score of innocent "brethren" met their theological instructors to answer questions as to age, moral conduct, books read, ability, and, perhaps, the most humorous of all, as to whether they were engaged or not. The answers ranged in all degrees from the one who had received his learning from the perusal of "Scott's Cod Liver Emulsion," and "The Progress of Pilgrim's Bunions," and who proceeded to amend the discipline of the Methodist Church, and to correct the various professors in their theology, to the poor fellow who explained his inability to work by his being the reaction

of a parent who had died of hard work. Each "hit" at the profs. was followed with uproarious laughter; one advocated the itinerant system because the same old sermons could be used at each place, giving as an illustration the fact that he was using the same stories in his lectures this year as he had used for the past twenty-eight years; a young man of most desperate character was passed with the highest honors merely because he had enough of hard common sense to slope a certain professor's lecture. (These and numerous other "gags" on the profs. were rendered intensely humorous by the fact that the professors were themselves in the audience as spectators.)

The whole Faculty appeared upon the stage late in the evening. Each had a share in a short discussion, and the boys of '02, so well depicted, both in appearance, and voice, and gestures, the members of the staff, that the sudden hush that came over the freshmen can well be excused. However, the Faculty have all promised the "Bob" committee to behave better in the future.

The final "act," a tragedy in two scenes, "The Ill Starr'd Lover," repeatedly sent the already laughter-wearied audience into convulsions. Two freshettes in the first scene conversed regarding the different freshies, and one of them determined to stake her matrimonial destiny upon the choice of one of three caskets. The third suitor learns of his success, and is about to embrace his affianced one when the curtain drops, as a burly policeman arrests him upon the charge of murder.

The second scene opens in a court-room—the successful suitor being in the box for murder. In the cross-examination of the various witnesses, a cue is given to the audience as to how the freshmen's songs (given in the first number), had been secured. Surprise after surprise is sprung upon the freshies in the replies of the witnesses, of their intimate and thorough knowledge of all the secret meetings held by the first year during the past month—proving conclusively the claim of "The Bob Journal," of having "reporters" all over the College, and some under it. The defence attempted to prove that the prisoner could not murder the two freshettes in question, and claim for him insanity, but he is finally found guilty of the heinous offence of murdering not two girls, but "Just One Girl," and is sentenced to learn how to "execute" the piece properly. (The prisoner had, during a recent reception, played, in a lull in the programme, a few bars of this air.)

Robert ("Bob"), the janitor, now received some "Klondike nuggets," the proceeds of the evening, and, after "His Excellency" had given a few words of advice to his "innocents," "grub" was served to all—gruel being given to the bruised and battered freshies to enable them to gather sufficient strength to toddle home to bed.

The "Bob" brought back many old grads, and ex-students. Many prominent men in the city were present; among the most prominent ministers were seen Dr. Griffin, Dr. Withrow, Dr. Parker and Dr. Tovell.

A few of the Faculty were not on hand who were present last year—perhaps once a century is enough.

Freshmen's songs after the first "act" were decided "chestnuts."

It is reported that the sophs. are going to attend lectures now.

Certain Freshettes, so rumor goes, failed to secure refreshments. They may secure the same by applying to the "Bob Committee"—they have some left yet from the "LUNCH" satchel, used in the registration act.

Jokes are no rarity this week; freshie after freshie have rushed down town to see important men, who 'phoned them, or else some soph. has held sweet conversation with the "best girl," of some poor freshie.

During a "Bob" practice, some freshies crawled through an open window into the College to see what was going on, but upon the appearance of Robert and his sworn defence, they promptly crawled out again.

And so the "Bob" the Giftie gie's us, To see ourselves as others see us.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC DANCE

Will be held on Wednesday Evening, Nov. 29th. In the College Gymnasium

The social season at Varsity for '99 practically opens with the announcement that the Annual Rugby Dance will be held on Wednesday evening, November 29th in the Gymnasium. It was stated in the local papers that the date fixed was December 1st, but this has been changed in deference to Victoria's conversatione, which is to be held on that evening.

With this announcement comes also the information that the committee has already commenced preparations for the occasion, and they intend that the Athletic Ball of '99 will be foremost among the social events of the year. The tickets are to be sold at \$1, and are to be limited to four hundred.

DINING-HALL PLAN MAY BE TRIED

A Down-town Caterer will Probably Open the Residence Dining Hall

A SPLENDID INNOVATION

Conversation Rooms will be Provided. Good Board at a Reasonable Figure

The agitation towards securing the re-opening of Residence, though not succeeding in one respect, has resulted in the consummation of a plan which promises even as satisfactory results. At the last meeting of Convocation, a committee was appointed to test the practicability of Dr. Wickett's plan of having the old Residence dining-hall opened as a common dining-hall for the students of the University of Toronto. It was then pointed out that the system of having large halls, where the students met three times each day, was productive of much good. Harvard particularly is evidence of this, for there three large halls fail to accommodate the immense number of students; and the beneficial results of the intercourse of these students are fully appreciated by the Governors of Harvard.

Now, Toronto is to have a common dining-hall, which will seat about 150 or 200, and arrangements have been made whereby a good caterer will supply first-class meals. It is well-known now that many students dislike the unpleasant dining-halls that are provided in different parts of the city; and would much prefer taking their meals with their fellow-students, than with anybody who should happen along. Moreover, the accommodation is more often than not of the poorest description, and altogether the meals unsatisfactory.

Of course, students do not expect all the delicacies of the season, but they do want good, wholesome food, well served. Variety is another important consideration, and finally, strict cleanliness. With these the average student will never complain.

We were fortunately able to obtain a copy of the proposed menu, and as it will no doubt be of interest to many students, we print it. Breakfast: Preserved or fresh fruit; oatmeal or cornmeal porridge; hot rolls, toast, etc.; eggs, as ordered; steak, chops, or sausages; potatoes; tea or coffee. Dinner: Soup; meat—two joints; poultry twice a week, with one joint; vegetables, potatoes, etc.; pastry, puddings; ice cream three times a week; fruit; tea or coffee. Supper: Soup; fish; cutlets and cold meats; poultry three times a week; vegetables; tea or coffee.

It will thus be seen that the desires of even the most exacting should be satisfied, and that in addition to the advantages of social intercourse, the students will have the pleasure of good meals. Moreover the rate offered is remarkably reasonable: \$2.25 per week, or seven meals for a dollar. This is as reasonable as anyone could expect, and no doubt there will be many waiting to take advantage of this opportunity.

The authorities of the University, too, intend renovating the late dean's quarters, and turning them into conversation rooms. It has not been yet decided whether smoking will be allowed or not, but it is to be hoped that the authorities will not be too strict in this regard, in consideration of the fact that so many of the students smoke, as a matter of course. These rooms, at any rate, will be welcome additions to our University.

It is not intended to restrict the dining-hall to any one faculty, but all alike will be admitted. The faculty graduates, and undergraduates of any faculty will be permitted to take their meals in this hall, providing accommodation can be found.

The scheme is well under way, but one necessary step has to be taken before further progress can be made, namely: the committee must have assurance that at least two hundred students will give the new dining-hall a trial; and two lists will be found at the library, and with the Janitor, at the main building. Students are especially requested to attend to this matter without delay, for it is hoped and expected that the hall will be opened at the beginning of the spring term.

FUTURE EVENTS

Open meeting and dance of Osgoode Literary Society, November 17th. Trinity Athletic Ball, November 22nd. Varsity Rugby Dance, November 29th. Victoria Conversatione, December 1st. Dental "At Home," December 8th. Trinity Medical Dinner, December 8th. Varsity Dinner, December 15th.

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