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HEARD IN THE HALLS.

One of the striking features of Christian activity to-day is the multitude of consecrated young students who are volunteering for foreign service. Two thousand of these gathered in Cleveland last week, and Toronto's contingent, numbering over one hundred, has returned, filled with enthusiasm. It has been arranged to have six of the most representative and best speakers speak each for ten minutes on some special phase of the gathering, at the Guild Hall, McGill Street, next Friday evening. A student quartette will supply vocal music, and the public are given a hearty invitation to be present.

The Varsity I. baseball team is arranging for a Western tour to begin about the 25th of May. The T. A. C. team wish to play the first home game with Varsity on Good Friday, April 8th.

A very large number of guests responded Friday evening to the invitations sent out by Mrs. George Dickson, the lady principal of St. Margaret's College, to hear a lecture on architecture by the Rev. C. H. Shortt. Rev. Dr. Milligan presided, and the lecture was preceded by a couple of choruses sung in capital style by the Glee Club of the college, and a finely-rendered piano solo by Miss Fanny Sheldrake. The lecture, which was most interesting and instructive, was entitled "How to Read Architecture." It was the same which Rev. Mr. Shortt delivered some weeks ago to the Woman's Art Association, but on this occasion it was most beautifully illustrated by the best examples of classic, gothic and modern architecture, by means of lantern slides. Some of these were: The majestic Temple of Theseus at Athens, the Parthenon, Coliseum, the Arch of Titus, and the noblest examples of ecclesiastical architecture in England from the earliest period. Light refreshments were served before the departure of the guests, who expressed in warmest terms their intellectual as well as social enjoyment of the evening. The lady principal of St. Margaret's College is to be congratulated upon the success of these delightful Friday evenings.

At the final meeting for the academic year of the Political Science Club, held on Thursday afternoon, the following officers were elected:—Honorary president, Prof. Mavor; president, J. H. F. Fisher, '99; first vice-president, W. G. Harrison, '00; second vice-president, F. A. Kilbourne, '01; secretary, W. F. Mackay, '99; treasurer, F. E. Brown, '00; librarian, F. G. T. Lucas, '01; fourth year councillor, F. W. Halliday, '99; third year councillor, J. W. P. Ritchie, '00; second year councillor, A. J. Isbester, '01. The question of forming a union society was discussed but no action was taken.

Rev. W. H. Sparks was a guest at Wycliffe last week.

The Varsity Ladies' Glee Club held a meeting Tuesday afternoon, at which the following officers were elected for next year: President, Miss N. Cleary; vice-president, Miss B. Tennant; secretary, Miss H. Hughes; treasurer, Miss L. Darling; curator Miss E. Crane; pianist Miss M. E. Mason.

The ladies of class '98, Varsity, held a luncheon Friday afternoon in the ladies' lunch room in the college. Toasts and speeches were made and a most delightful time was enjoyed by all.

The annual elections of the Knox Theological and Literary Society were held last week and the voting was close and exciting. The following officers were elected: President, T. Eakin, M.A.; vice-president, J. McRae, B.A.; 2nd vice-president, Findlay Matheson, B.A.; recording secretary, W. A. Findlay, B.A.; treasurer, N. H. McGillivray; corresponding secretary, Hugh Matheson; secretary of committees, W. Mercer; critic, J. L. Murray, M.A.; curator, R. M. Carlyle; councillors, J. T. Cheyne, R. S. Laidlaw, R. Douglas

"Casey" Watt, R.A., '97, who is now on the staff of the Woodstock Sentinel Review, was a guest at Varsity Residence Sunday.

The dental exams commence on Tuesday, March 22nd. R.C.D.S. students, who have been grinding away for some weeks past, say that it is worse than pulling teeth; other people's at least. They are consoling themselves with the reflection that they will have the laugh on the others when they are through.

The initial article in the current number of the *McMaster University Monthly* is devoted to a life sketch of the late Alexander Grant, by D. E. Thomson, Q.C. Other features of the issue are: "Some Impressions of Cambridge," by Miss Eleanor P. McKay, and "The Scene of Barrie's Stories," by Rev. Thomas Wilson. The "Students' Quarter" is also ably sustained in its several departments.

It is probable that the army of Klondikers will be reinforced this spring by a squad of S.P.S. students.

Harvard University has just issued its annual announcement of the famous summer school, which, for six weeks, meets in historic old Cambridge. On the list of lecturers Toronto University is represented by Dr. W. H. Schofield, who graduated from Victoria, and Mr. George H. Locke, who graduated from the University of Toronto.

At the meeting of the Varsity Mathematical and Physical Society, Friday afternoon, the following will be the programme: The Ether: its nature, properties, etc. Mr. Wilton '01; Mathematics applied in chemistry, Gibson, '00; biography of Kepler, E. G. P. Cwell, '99; Physical experiments, Messrs. Mode and Wager. Nominations for next year's officers will be made at this meeting.

Dr. Kirschman will discuss "Lime Light Views" before the Philosophical Society Friday afternoon.

The committee from class '99 Varsity appointed last year to arrange for the publication of a Year Book will hold a meeting this afternoon.

The annual meeting of the University of Toronto Cricket Club was held in the college on Friday. The following officers were elected:—Honorary president, President Loudon; honorary vice-president, Prof. Fletcher; president, R. W. K. White; vice-president, J. R. Howitt, '98; secretary-treasurer, S. F. Shenstone, '00; curator, A. J. Isbester, '01; committee, D. B. White, '98, R. S. Waldie, '99, R. Telford, '00, E. P. Brown, '01; captain, M. C. Cameron, '99. The prospects for cricket were never brighter in the University than this season. The new material includes A. F. Mackenzie, last year's Ridley crack; E. P. Brown, who held the batting average at U.C.C., and A. J. Isbester, of Ottawa. The season at Varsity will last from about May 15th till June 15th. Every student that has ever played the game is requested to turn out to the practices, which will be held as soon as practicable. Address all communications to S. F. Shenstone, 16 Walmer Road Toronto.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.

The St. Charles Literary Society held its regular fortnightly meeting yesterday, which proved to be the most successful of the year. Much interest and speculation had been created as to the probable outcome of the debate "Resolved that Lee was a more accomplished General than Grant." The vice-president Mr. D. O'Connor, was in the chair, and called upon Mr. H. Martin to open the debate. Mr. J. Mahady, the leader of the negative, championed the cause of Grant, and lost no time in warming up to his subject. Almost with the first sentence the flood of oratory began, and continued till the call of time by the chairman. So pronounced a rhetorical success has seldom resounded through the halls of St. Michael's. Mr. M. Martin for the affirmative and Mr. J. Curley for the negative also made successful speeches. Mr. W. Roach, at the request of the vice-president, presided at the debate, and with a brief resume of the arguments proposed, decided in favor of the negative.

A most successful debate was held at the last meeting of the St. Michael's Literary Society. The subject was from the well-known sentence of Principal Grant of Queen's University: "Resolved that the day is not far distant when college games will be played only on the home campus." Mr. D. Powers opened the argument for the affirmative, and although his speech was not fluent, his arguments were very effective. The negative found an eloquent leader in Mr. A. Walsh, who quoted such high authorities as Newman, Longfellow and Burke, to confirm his assertions. His speech was a pronounced success and contributed largely to deserve the decision. Mr. Torpey for the affirmative made a good speech, and Mr. J. Hayes in a very humorous oration was an able second to the eloquence of Mr. Walsh. Rev. Father Kelly, the president of the society, in deciding the debate remarked that the debate was in his estimation the best he ever listened to in his sixteen years' experience in the society. The decision went to the negative.

Rev. Dr. Teefy attended the funeral of Archbishop Cleary, at Kingston, Ont., last week.

Right Rev. D. D. O'Connor, of London, stopped a few days at the college last week.

The second of Father Kelly's course of pedagogical lectures was given on Saturday evening in Belles Letters Hall by Prof. Robertson of Victoria University. His subject, "The teaching of Latin in the first year," was treated in a masterly style. The lecturer advocated a medium between the "cramming" style of teaching so prevalent in American schools, and the equally deficient spoon feeding which holds in the English schools. The amount of success in presenting this happy medium will depend largely upon the innate tact of the teacher. The lecture was an unqualified success.

Some of the boys enjoyed a trip home during the week to vote.

James McPeak, who fell on the ice last Wednesday, was hurt pretty badly and was obliged to go to the hospital. The boys hope to see him around soon.

Mr. Girordot, Mayor of Sandwich, took dinner at the college on Sunday.

Mr. C. McRae, after a week's absence, succeeded in casting his vote.

McMASTER HALL.

A very interesting meeting of the Camelot Club was held last evening at which the life and work of Charles G. D. Roberts was discussed. The following was the programme: Instrumental solo, H. W. Newman; sketch of the poet's life, G. L. Sprague; reading, "The Silver Thaw," Miss Dryden; vocal solo, A. C. Newcombe; paper on Acteon, J. T. Jones; paper on the poet's style, Miss Whiteside.

A number of McMaster men went to the Union Station last week, to bid bon voyage to Rev. A. B. Reekie, who was leaving to take up missionary work in Bolivia.

A very enjoyable sleighing party to Little York was given last week under the auspices of Messrs Rock and Torrie. During the evening the following programme was enjoyed under the direction of chairman MacGregor: Recitation "Jimmie Brown and the Baby," by Miss Gile; solo, by Miss Lugsdin; recitation "Lord Ullin's Daughter," by Mr. F. Brophy; and a trombone and guitar duet by Messrs. Phipps and Brophy.

At the Lit meeting Friday night, the debate was "Resolved that the country is in need of immediate prohibition." Messrs. W. Daniel and A. MacDonald argued for the affirmative, and Messrs. P. C. MacGregor and H. E. Jordan for the negative. Rev. J. B. Warnicker acted as judge, and in an excellent little speech decided the debate in favor of the affirmative side. A solo by Mr. H. C. Newcombe and a piano solo by Mr. A. Thompson added greatly to the evenings entertainment.

WOMEN'S LIT NOMINATIONS.

The meeting for the nominations of officers for the Varsity Women's Literary Society for next year was held Friday afternoon in Room 8, University College. The following is a list of candidates:

Honorary president, Miss Ryckman, elected by acclamation; president, Miss L. R. White, '99, Miss D. F. Wright, '99; vice-president, Miss C. C. Benson, '99, Miss B. Tennant, '99; fourth year councillor, Miss H. S. Woolverton, '99, Miss B. Jamieson, '99; recording secretary, Miss A. Cole, '00, Miss L. Wegg, '00, Miss C. Cockburn, '00; third year councillor, Miss M. E. Mason, '00, Miss E. Fleming, '00; treasurer, Miss C. C. Grant, '00, Miss R. Thornton, '00, Miss G. MacDonald, '00; corresponding secretary, Miss Robertson, '01, Miss Darling, '01; third year, Miss G. Hall, '00, Miss L. Wright, '00; representatives on Women's Residence Committee, assistant secretary, Miss N. Cleary, '99, Miss E. Dennis, '99, Miss C. Benson, '99; representative from fourth year, Miss H. Wolverton, '99, Miss G. Millar, '99; representatives from third year, Miss H. Hughes, '00, Miss C. Cockburn, '00; representative from second year, Miss L. Darling, '01, Miss Wicher, '01; second year councillor, Miss A. C. MacDonald, '01, Miss E. Crane, '01, Miss White, '01; representatives on Editorial Board of *Varsity*—fourth year representative, Miss H. Downey, '99, Miss E. Preston, '99; third year, Miss L. Mason, '00, Miss H. Hughes, '00; second year, Miss Barr, Miss Forrest, Miss White, Miss Ahner; business board—fourth year, Miss G. O. Burgess, '99, Miss N. Cleary, '99, Miss M. F. L. Turner, '99, Miss J. Johnston, '99.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

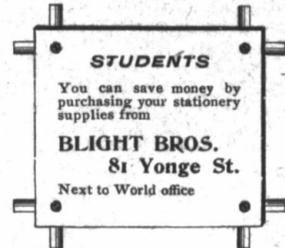
A large audience attended the Varsity Glee Club concert at Massey Hall last evening. The following excellent programme was rendered: March, Blue and White, Varsity Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club; Lullaby and Poor Willie, Varsity Glee Club; variations, Misses Sutro; song, Bruce Bradley; Geisha, Varsity Mandolin Club; two pianos, (a) Polonaise (b) Gavotte, Misses Sutro; song, Bruce Bradley; valse, Andalusia, College of Music Ladies' Mandolin and Guitar Club; two pianos, valse, Carnavalesque, Misses Sutro; Kentucky Babe, Varsity Glee Club and Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club.

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