

2. When we think of the age, the disposition, and the opportunities of their members, colleges would seem to be organized in part for athletic purposes. Hence a representative team, in one or more forms, of popular games, is their natural product. Outside of colleges, a community has first to be created, of which the local team is the legitimate representative.

3. Hence the selection of a college team is the natural process of survival of the fittest, while a city team can ordinarily be organized only after a diligent search, and sometimes after a good deal of persuasion.

4. Hence, further, that blight of all good sport, professionalism, attacks city organizations much more readily than it does those of the college. Indeed, it does not seem probable, though it is theoretically possible, that any city team can be perpetually maintained at a level of national reputation upon a purely voluntary basis. The history of baseball in and out of colleges, is a striking illustration of the tendency in question. As to football, it is a remarkable proof of the Canadian love of true sport for its own sake, that city teams have here so long held their own with more or less success against the colleges, while in the States they are either quite insignificant, or have disappeared altogether. On the other hand, it must be remembered that most of the leading Canadian city teams have derived a great deal of their strength and trained talent from the ranks of old college men.

This last-mentioned circumstance suggests a general remark with which this paper, already too long, must conclude. Varsity does not enjoy the due and proper support of its graduates in athletic matters. It is hard to see how any department of the university can be at its best if the graduates do not take a large active interest in its work and progress. This is as true of athletics as of any other university pursuit, unless we assume that the institution should ignore the athletic movement and the athletic spirit altogether. The experience of expert graduates would often be invaluable if placed, as a matter of course, at the disposal of the undergraduate managing bodies, especially in those games which are of most public and inter-collegiate interest, which demand constant, intelligent supervision, and are in process of development or transition. The active participation of graduates in the games themselves, for two years or so, after promotion, would not interfere with the training of undergraduates, but would rather promote it, as the playing graduates would always be few, though influential. The great ultimate aim is the solidifying and strengthening of all university interests, and in this grand achievement athletic men may bear a worthy part.

In fine, college athletics have in them the physical and moral basis of vitality, and are replenished from the fountain of perpetual youth. May they be kept clean and wholesome, and minister in their good and proper place and way, to the high and noble ends of student life.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The Modern Language Club will open its series of meetings for 1898-99 next Monday afternoon, in Room 9. The Hon. President, Professor Fraser, will occupy the chair. There will, no doubt, be a large audience, as Professor Alexander will deliver a lecture on *The Novels of Jane Austen*. The meeting is an open one, and everybody is invited.

The College Girl

On Saturday night the Woman's Literary Society held its first regular meeting for the year, and the President and officers were gratified by an unusually large attendance. Several of our graduates and many outside friends were noticed among the audience, while the first year students were present in large numbers. As had been announced before, the principal business of the evening was the election of the first year representatives, which had been postponed from the day of the reception, two weeks ago. This was proceeded with, and resulted in the election of the following officers: Curator, Miss Wright; First Year Councillor, Miss Marshall; Representative on the Editorial Board of *Sesame*, Miss Amos; Representative on the Business Board of *Sesame*, Miss Street.

The musical talent of the first year was then represented by Miss Piers, who played a piano solo in well-finished style.

In the midst of our busy college life, we are apt to ignore the great moves that the various countries around us are making in politics. A careful review of the most important of these moves, during the last summer, was rendered by Miss Grant Macdonald. The deaths of Gladstone and of Bismarck, and the assassination of the Empress of Austria are to be counted as crises in the histories of the countries they represented.

Two members of our Glee Club, Miss Robertson and Miss Wegg, treated us to a pretty little boating-song, which was followed by the Literary Report by Miss Benson. As writers of fiction, Anthony Hope and James Love Allen were quoted, and one or two works criticized.

Miss White then announced the last, but not least, item, a farce, entitled "My Lord in Livery." Misses Watt, Burgess, C. MacDonald, Forrest, Hughes, Hutchison and Wright played their parts excellently, and judging from the storms of applause which greeted them, their efforts were fully appreciated.

The kind interest of the graduates is shown by their faithful attendance. Among these were noted our ex-President, Miss MacMichael, '97; the Misses Cowan, the Misses Hunter, and Miss Neelands.

The suggestive strains of "God Save the Queen," brought the meeting to a close.

The mass-meeting, that was called immediately after the Literary, proved a surprise to many of the students, its object being to discuss a project for celebrating Hallowe'en. It was claimed, by the originators of the plan, that on this night, girls who are away from home feel more than ever lonesome, and that some kind of entertainment for them would be very welcome. A taffy-pull was suggested as suitable for the evening, and many of the girls received the proposition with enthusiasm. A number of objections were raised, but the opponents of the scheme, though very tenacious of their opinion, were in the minority, and a committee was appointed to consider the best way of carrying out the idea. The meeting was then adjourned.

We were all very pleased to have a fine day for the games last Thursday. After so much wet weather, and so many disappointments, we had begun to give up hope of the sun shining on us again.

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