

The News

Convocation proceedings were held on Tuesday evening, 3rd inst. President Loudon took as subject for his official address "Technical Education." He referred especially to the development of the subject in Germany and to the Canadian application of the question. In Canada twenty-five years ago it was a burning question, at present it is a field for abstract discussion alone. At that time, under the supervision of the government, evening lectures were held. Shortly afterwards the government abandoned this plan and established the School of Practical Science after the model of the German Polytechnicum—it might be mentioned that this was largely on the recommendation of President Loudon. Technical Education was but auxiliary in the resourceful development of our Dominion—it must be joined to capital and enterprise, the latter arising from legislation. President Loudon referred incidentally to the great need there was in business of men who were skilled in foreign languages. Especially was this being recognized as the case in the mercantile and trade centres of Europe. Following President Loudon, Mr. B. E. Walker made a few remarks.

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Convocation was continued in the Students' Union on Wednesday afternoon, when the prizes, medals, scholarships and fellowships were presented. The freshmen, as is their wont and in accordance with a spurious notice placed upon the bulletin board, assembled in the pavilion in the Queen's Park, and, four abreast, marshalled by a man on a wheel, filed through the East entrance and up to the Students' Union, taking up their position in the East end of the running track. The sophomores, much fewer in number, were in the West end, while the juniors and seniors occupied the rear seats in the body of the hall. The freshmen made their presence known by their new yell, "Var - si - ty! Who are we? We are the boys of nineteen three." The freshmen's yell must be admitted to be very modest, although not altogether harmonizing with the subsequent defiant march round the campus. Hustle or no hustle, only after convocation does the status of the first year seem definitely determined in their own minds. However, even their seniors in academic life must admire their pluck and unanimity. The class of 1903 has certainly made its *debut* under most favorable auspices.

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On Saturday, night, October 7th, the Y.M.C.A. was the scene of an informal reception to the freshmen. Those who have attended many receptions say this was the most successful one yet. The freshmen spent an enjoyable hour or two and got well acquainted both with one another and with the members of the other years present.

The official reception took place on Tuesday the tenth. The reception was tendered by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's and Young Women's Associations of University College to the incoming year. The guests were received by Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. Hoyles, Mrs. Ballantyne, Mrs. Squair, Mrs. Fletcher and Misses Fleming and Wicher. A unique feature was the wearing, by every person present, of a slip of paper bearing name and academic year. This greatly simplified matters and gave adequate opportunity for becoming acquainted. Mr. Murison gave an address on behalf of the faculty, and Mr. N. F. Coleman, '00, for the Association. Miss Wegg and Miss Robertson sang a duet with much acceptance, and Mr. Connery, a graduate of "Queen's," received much applause for his recitations.

The opening meeting of the Literary Society will take place on Friday evening next (20th). The programme will consist of speeches from two fourth year orators, an essay and several musical selections. There will also be business of importance. Let every man make a good beginning and come to the first meeting of the "Lit."

Most of the Canadian and American journals and magazines have been placed on the reading-room tables. The English publications are expected shortly.

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The first meeting of the Harmonic Club was held Wednesday afternoon in the Students' Union. Quite a number of the students assembled and the enthusiasm was manifest. Mr. G. Pirie, president of the club, gave a short account of its formation and prospects, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many new members present. Active work in the several branches of the club is expected by the end of the week. For some time past there has been felt a need for a musical organization in connection with the college. The plan of uniting the glee, mandolin, guitar and banjo talent into a single club is one that commends itself and should meet with energetic support from the student body.

The first meeting of the Chess Club was held last Thursday in their room in the Students' Union. As a result of the meeting negotiations are now going on for the formation of a Chess League between Varsity, the Y.M.C.A. and the Athenæum. S. F. Shensstone, '00, the president, is to represent Varsity in this movement. Proctor Burwash was elected representative from Victoria and A. Matheson, S.P.S., was elected Curator. The regular meetings of the club will be on Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 p.m. Arrangements will be made to allow members to play at any time. A welcome is extended to all lovers of Caissa and especially to those of the incoming year. Any further information can be got from the Secretary, R. A. Cassidy.

The Executive of the Political Science Club has already got into harness. The special features of the meetings this year will be addresses by men of note in their own lines, and debates on economic questions between the undergraduate members. It is proposed to amend the constitution so as to have a first year representative on the Executive. At the opening meeting of the club S. M. Wickett, B.A., Ph.D., Hon. Pres., is expected to give his inaugural address on "City Government." Mr. Willison, Editor of the Globe, and Mr. C. C. James, M.A., Sec'y Ontario Bureau of Industries, are expected to give addresses at two of the subsequent meetings.

The other associations have not yet begun active operations though they are arranging for programmes.

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The play to be presented by the University Dramatic Club on Hallowe'en at the Princess, is Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The cast is drawn almost entirely from University College and affiliated colleges, and a successful presentation is anticipated.

—It is interesting to notice by an item in a recent Harper's Weekly that some of California's wealth is to be spent on her University. A wealthy lady offered a prize of \$10,000 for designs for a group of college buildings, and the design of a prominent French architect has been chosen. Two of our own graduates have lately been connected with this University: Mr. John Rowland, '96, was fellow in classics there for a year and has been succeeded by Mr. W. H. Alexander, '99.