

The Rotunda

The Rotunda last Friday night presented an altogether different appearance than usual. It was beautifully furnished with easy chairs and lounges, and carpeted with heavy rugs. Tropical plants were in abundance, and bright incandescent lights threw different colors over a large crowd of beautiful women, young and old, and many men. The notice board was gone, and if we reported what was heard in "The Rotunda" Friday night it would likely make very interesting reading.

R. G. Wilson, '97, is at present studying mining engineering at McGill. He was an old Upper Canada College man, and was well-known at Varsity in his time. He is in his second year.

W. J. Dromgole, '99, has definitely decided to give up his University course. He has not yet recovered from his severe illness. "Billy" has not yet decided what he will do, but whatever it may be we wish him every success.

F. D. McEntee, '99, now feels a big load off his mind since the last number of *College Topics* has been issued. The energetic editor of *College Topics* can well congratulate himself on the splendid success of his paper during the past year. It certainly was very bright and newsy.

John Jefferson Monds is now so set up that it is reported ordinary mortals hardly dare approach him. Mlle. Trebelli completely won his heart, and it was a treat to see John with the fair chanteuse on his arm at the Conversat.

Someone was asking where "Tommy" Russel was all the time the night of the Conversat.

"Doc." Carder, '97, is in his third year in medicine, but he usually turns up at any dance which is given at Varsity.

J. G. Merrick and "Rolly" McWilliams are two graduates who stick close to Varsity.

G. W. Umphrey, '99, does not consider that woman's view point is essentially different from man's—at least in regard to skating in the rink.

The Faculty dined in residence on Tuesday evening, and in consequence the Mufti and his followers banqueted at the seasonable hour of 5.30 p.m.

On invitation of the Hamilton graduates, Prof Baker attended their annual dinner in Hamilton on Tuesday night, February 14th. He replied to the toast "Alma Mater."

The following romance has come to light of a certain fourth year man, W. S. D. by name, who brought home ten frozen fingers one night during the late cold spell. He had escorted a friend home, and on their arrival she remarked that her ears were frozen. He at once began to help her "thaw" them out by the application of snow. When he had finished he felt the tips of his fingers and found them frozen stiff. The moral is of course, as has often been remarked, that—"women are only a necessary evil."

If anyone should ask "Scottie" Smeaton what he is going to do tomorrow night he would probably smile loudly and tell you he had been dreaming steadily of this oyster supper for weeks.

S. H. Armstrong has been ill for the past week or ten days, but is coming around all right again.

H. W. Irwin, '01, after several months' misery, is now again wearing a placid smile—for reasons best known to himself and a few others.



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