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Finally, after months of toil there comes the supreme moment of joy when the last little gap is filled up and the job is over. Away then along the grade to Cochrane and to the city where in the congested tenement cheap lodgings may be had till next season. If it has been a good summer, and the station-man has cleared four or five dollars a day for his labors, as some of them do, he may bring his family out at once. If not he must wait till next year, but bring them out he firmly intends to do. "Russia no good—Canada good," is the motto of the station-man.

BOOK REVIEW—Continued**ADDRESSES TO ENGINEERING STUDENTS**

This volume of some five hundred (500) pages is a compilation of forty four addresses and papers of interest to the student body as a whole but more particularly of course to those in Applied Science. It is edited by Waddell (of De Pontibus fame) and Harrington consulting engineer of Kansas City. It is well printed and bound and its low price as it is handled by the Engineering Society at cost places it within reach and should place it on the shelves of every student.

The papers are all well worth reading and many of them would repay careful perusal. Their scope is perfectly general, ranging as they do, from engineering ethics to papers on Ambition and Success. They give moreover an insight into the style and methods of the famous engineers on the continent although it is to be regretted that the editors did not see fit to include some papers by English engineers whose training and ethics render their remarks on such subjects especially valuable. The book was compiled with the aim of using it as a textbook in technical schools but as no apparent co-ordination is visible among the various papers it is hard to see how this would be accomplished.

The collection contains some valuable "Advice to freshmen" by Prof. Shenehon. "The durable satisfactions of Life" by ex-President Eliot, a valuable paper on the making and keeping of records by E. E. Howard, C. E., a good paper on "Practical Engineering," by Merard Bales, C.E. a past president of the Am. S.C.E. "The Engineers duty as a citizen" by Rear Admiral Melville, and many other papers by successful engineers give their advice to students who seek some day to fill positions of eminence. Several good definitions of the term engineering are also given—from Treadgolds "Engineering is the art of

directing the great sources of power in nature for the use and convenience of man" to "The Engineer is the brother of the gods and the master of gravitation."

It is well worth buying and reading not once but many times for the principles and ideas gained from it will be of great advantage to any student.

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past and of the effect of removal. He believes that Trinity's best days are before her and that there will be great advance between now and the centenary. Dr. Paterson-Smyth considers that Trinity is young for a university. She is just getting her second wind for the race that is before her. His speech throughout was brightened with flashes of Irish humour.

Canon Davidson, of Guelph, proposed a final toast to the Provost, who he asserted was the right man in the right place at the right time.

Two songs, one of which was an encore, were rendered by Mr. G. M. Matheson, of '14. The students sang "My Name is Provost Macklem."

The Provost modestly replied, giving credit to those who have co-operated with him and supported him in the work.

Auld Lang Syne was sung and year yells were given in the darkened front hall before the graduates and undergraduates separated

THE GYM. TEAM**To Start Practices for the Assault-at-Arms**

Regular practises of the Gym team will take place from now on, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4.45. All the old members are requested to turn out and get in shape for the Assault-at-Arms which takes place third Friday in February.

The team will endeavor to put on some new kind of work—such as pyramids, etc., which will take a great deal of team work.

Any new aspirants to the team are requested to be on hand.

On account of Prof. Williams illness it will take an extra amount of work on the part of the executive and past members of the team to bring this year to a successful close. Everybody get busy!

JUNIOR O.H.A. TEAM**To Play St. Mikes—Men Wanted At Next Practice**

At the Ravina Rink in West Toronto at 4.30 p.m. to-day Varsity Junior play St. Michael's College Juniors. The following will represent Varsity:—Armstrong, Boulter, Hutchings, Reynolds, Matthew, Gouinlock and Sinclair. It will be a first class game. Let us see a large and enthusiastic crowd of Varsity supporters out this afternoon.

There has been one practice only for the Juniors this year. That took place on January 10 with the first game of the season coming on January 12. At this practice twenty-six (26) players turned out to catch a place on the Junior team.

Herb picked the seven to the best of his ability but he thinks there are still some excellent players whom he missed. The chances are that some one feels slighted. Don't let a single man get sore but let every player who wants a chance at a place on the team be out to practice at Excelsior Rink, this afternoon at 4.30 sharp.

A BUSY ANECDOTE.—A private soldier once rendered some slight service to the first Napoleon.

"Thank you, Captain," said the Emperor, carelessly.

"In what regiment, sire?" was the instant response of the quick-witted private.

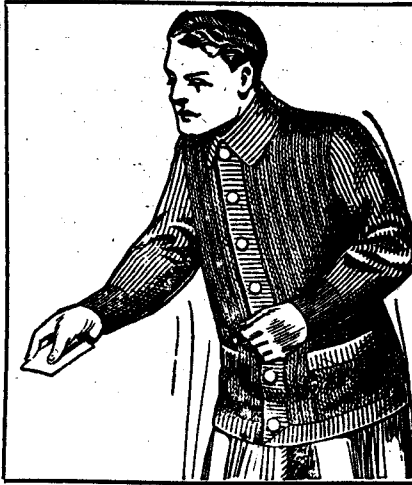
"In my Guards," replied the Emperor, pleased with the man's ready retort.

This incident, with appropriate variations, also happened to Genghis Khan, Ivan the Terrible, Attila, Gustavus Adolphus, Louis XIV., Charlemagne, Alexander, King Alfred, Xerxes, Richard the Lion-hearted, and Henry of Navarre.—*Quess.*

LIKE A WOOL SCHEDULE.—"Sha'n't I paly you the woolen-underwear record?"

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WASTED.—*Physics Prof.* (after long-winded proof)—"And now, gentlemen, we get X—0."

Sleepy Voice (from rear of room)—"Gee, all that work for nothing!"—*Yale Record.*

STEADY HABITS.—"We had a fine sunrise this morning," said one New Yorker to another. "Did you see it?"

"Sunrise?" said the second man. "Why, I'm always in bed before sunrise."—*New York Ledger.*

MATCHED.—"I would like," said a book-agent to a busy editor, "to call your attention to a little work that I have here."

"Yes?" replied the editor. "Well, let me call your attention to a whole lot of work that I have here."—*Exchange.*

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED.—"What you want, I suppose, is to vote, just like the men do."

"Certainly not," replied Mrs. Baring-Banners. "If we couldn't do any better than that there would be no use of our voting."—*Washington Star.*

NO REST.—"George," she asked, "if we were both young and single again, would you want me to be your wife?"

"Now, my dear," he absent-mindedly replied, "what's the use of trying to start a quarrel just as we have settled down to enjoy a quiet evening?"—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

LOVE'S WAY.—*She*—"I'm afraid, Tom, dear, you will find me a mine of faults."

He—"Darling, it shall be the sweetest labor of my life to correct them."

She (flaring up)—"Indeed, you shan't!"—*Boston Transcript.*

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