

LUSUS NATURÆ

It was an artless Freshman
 Who, in his kindest way,
 Resolved to teach the Faculty,
 What ought and what ought not to be,
 Their duty day by day.

It was a sage Professor
 Who, in his mildest mood,
 Gave ear unto the measured glow
 Of counsel how things ought to go,
 'What each Professor ought to know';
 And their inaptitude.

It was a Darwin theory
 Which caused a furtive wink.
 He piped his professorial eye,
 And softly said,—it seemed a sigh,—
 "Are you the missing link?"

G. F. S.



THE FACULTY RECEPTION

On Tuesday evening, October the fourth, the incoming students of University College were tendered a reception by the Principal and faculty of the College. This interesting and significant function took place in the East Hall and was attended by almost all the members of the first year and also by the executives of the other years. The guests were received by Principal and Mrs. Hutton, and were then welcomed by the members of the faculty and their wives.

After an hour spent in pleasant social intercourse the guests were addressed by Principal Hutton. In welcoming the new students to old Varsity the speaker assured them of the sympathy, not only of the Faculty of University College, but also of the University as a whole, and defined their position in the University. It was a difficult matter to prescribe the amount of attention that should be bestowed upon each of the several phases of university life, and to advise students in their selection of a course. He laid down as a principle, however, that those who pursue a science course should foster the esthetic elements in that course, and that those who study languages should seek to draw from them scientific facts and principles. The speaker, in the course of his remarks, made touching reference to the deaths of two students of the College, one an undergraduate, the other a recent graduate, both of whom met with fatal accidents during the summer vacation. At the conclusion of Principal Hutton's address, which was received with frequent and hearty applause, the guests adjourned to the ladies' reading room where a dainty supper was served.

Thus was inaugurated in a particularly auspicious manner the round of social events in which the class of '08 will participate in the course of its university career. The reception was a gracious and kindly act on the part of the Faculty and was significant as affording abundant evidence, were any wanting, of the readiness of the professoriate to promote those relations between themselves and the undergraduate body which make for harmony and the growth of a sturdy esprit de corps.

TRINITY'S "LAST CHAPTER"

On Wednesday afternoon, June 29th, Trinity University held its last convocation as a degree conferring body. Representatives of Trinity and Toronto and prominent educationists in connection with both Universities were present at the conferring of the degree of D.C.F. (honoris causa) on Dr. John Hoskin, K.C., and Mr. Byron E. Walker. They witnessed, as Provost Macklem said, "the writing of the last chapter of Trinity." It was indeed very fitting that as Trinity merged into the Provincial University she should pay honor to those who had had a part in bringing about the federation, Dr. Hoskin and Mr. Walker were respectively chairman and member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Toronto. The Vice-Chancellor, Provost Macklem, expressed a certain sadness at the passing of Trinity as an independent university, but greater joy at the federation of the "twin seats of learning," and this was the spirit of all the addresses. Canon Welch traced the gradual growth of the federation movement from 1897 till the present. Dr. Hoskin, in expressing thanks for the honor conferred, testified to the good work done by all his colleagues in bringing the federation movement to a successful issue. Mr. Walker, in his address of acknowledgment, said that in federating they were only keeping abreast of the times.



WANTED 100 MEN FOR GLEE CLUB

Glee club practices have already begun. On Tuesday evening last the first practice of the club was held, and the coming season promises to be a very successful one. Mr. Mun, the business manager, has already begun his fall campaign in preparation for the annual tour, and even at this early date arrangements have been made which assure financial success. As is generally known the club yearly make a tour through the province, and anyone who knows at all of last year's trip knows that the good time enjoyed was a never-to-be-forgotten one.

It is the desire of the executive that as many new men as possible come out to the next practice, notice of which will be posted on the bulletin board. This applies to any man who can sing. The freshmen particularly are to interpret this invitation as being addressed especially to them. Any man who identifies himself with the Glee Club who has had the least experience in singing will find the practices both instructive and worthy of constant attendance. It is the ambition of the club to have the most successful year yet recorded, and if all will turn out the fulfilment of that ambition may be hoped for. Seventy-five or a hundred men are wanted, and the sooner one identifies himself with the club the greater will be the probability of his going on tour. Therefore let everyone turn out.



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