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### WAR IS NOT NECESSARY

To Advancement of Civilization  
is Decision

IN I.U.D.L. DEBATE

Toronto Vanquished by  
Speakers from McGill—  
Attendance Small

The Inter-University Debate between McGill and Toronto was held in Wycliffe Convocation Hall on Friday evening. Owing to several other events the attendance was rather small. This was a great pity as the Debate on both sides was of a very high order, and repeated applause accompanied the closely followed arguments where telling points were made by both affirmative and negative speakers. The Debate was "Resolved that War is a necessary means to the advancement of Civilization."

Messrs. W. E. MacNiven and W. Burt, representing Toronto, took the affirmative and Messrs. Bertram, St. G. French and John MacNaughton of McGill on the negative. The judge was the Hon. J. J. MacLaren.

In opening the Debate Mr. MacNiven referred to the co-operation of tribal and patriarchal primitive peoples creating keen competition which led to war as they advanced in civilization, that the autonomous city states of Greece, the creation of the Roman Empire through the Punic Wars owed their existence to war, that roads built by Rome which had so great a part in the ultimate civilization of the barbarians on the furthest limits of the Empire were constructed primarily to convey her armies. He stated that Roman Law was of a military order, and that without war there would have been no Scipio, no Caesar, no Anthony nor Pompey. In medieval times Christians joined with the Feudal barons to bring in the peace rule. Again, the forces of Christianity and the Crescent opposed one another, and fought out their issues on the battlefield, resulting in the Moslems being driven from Europe by the sword, and the Christians attacking, through the Crusades, their strongholds. As a result the merchants of East and West combined, and commerce was created so advancing civilization; and by the founding of Universities, with all the learning introduced from the East the Crusades justified their existence. And so on through the French Revolution to the present day, war has not become a whitened skeleton in the museums of the past, but is absolutely necessary to the advancement of civilization.

The second speaker for the affirmative, Mr. W. Burt, continued the above argument, shewing that war is constantly being carried on, in the elements, in the vegetable kingdom, and even in the human body itself. That arbitration failed because no power in the wide world would make two nations agree if they were unwilling to abide by the decision of the arbitrators, and that only force of arms would or could settle the difference. It only meant a procrastination of the evil day, when greater bloodshed would be probable because of the delay. He maintained that war freed Christianity of its corruption of the 5th and 6th centuries by the attacks of foes without, which made the Christian forces consolidate themselves, that freedom of conscience was only obtained by war that it stimulated patriotism, and effete manhood was reinvigorated. He held that war is one of the greatest elements in the consolidation of government, class distinctions are removed by the common danger and that the ancient world with all its corruption was destroyed by war. The presence of war stimulates intellect. Inspiration only reached its height when war menaced, that Pericles' dramas were the products of war. War nourishes, peace decimates, a nation. War teaches, peace forgets, war trains, peace betrays.

Mr. French, for McGill ably presented his case by saying that Europe came to think religious wars were wrong, and that

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### VICTORIA CONVERSAT

Brilliant Event was Held on  
Friday Evening

Once a year Victoria College is at home to all her friends, on the occasion of the annual conversazione. This event, which is one of the social features of University life, occurred last Friday evening, and was a scene of unusual brilliance and splendor. The College was very tastily decorated throughout, and everything possible was done to ensure the comfort of the guests.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Gibson, Chancellor and Mrs. Burwash and the patronesses, Madames Wright, Coleman, Dunlap, Edgar, Massey, Rowell and Wood received the guests from eight till nine o'clock. The reception was followed by a programme which included numbers from the College Glee Club, college quartette, and selections by Professor Hambourg and his colleagues, at the conclusion of the concert, prom-enading was begun and continued until eleven-thirty. The music was furnished by D'Alexandro's orchestra.

### SANCTITY AND PERSONALITY

The Subject of Sermon by  
Dean DuMoulin—Place of  
Temptation

Sanctity was the subject of an inspiring sermon at Convocation Hall on Sunday morning by Dean Du Moulin, of Cleveland. Temptation, the speaker declared, was the primary element in sanctity.

Temptation becomes a stepping stone. It offers a rich opportunity, giving man the tools with which he may chisel out character. The place of temptation in life is illustrated by the life of Christ. Temptation also relates itself to responsibility. New temptations mean new responsibilities.

Dean DuMoulin emphasized the romance of the struggle, quoting Paul's great description of the conflict as if it were an athletic event. In the struggle of life, success or failure does not count. The great fact is the struggle. It is the fight of life which develops personality, which can never be annulled. A man's personality is always acting and always producing some effect. It is then for man to see that a personality uplifting in its tendency shall be produced. For this the satisfied life is necessary.

### BIBLE STUDY WORKERS

Have Luncheon and Listen to  
Addresses

That the bible study activities of the Y.M.C.A. are in a flourishing condition was quite apparent Friday evening when a Varsity reporter dropped into their weekly 6 o'clock luncheon. The greatest enthusiasm and presence of mind in the face of danger was displayed by the students in the preliminary wrestle; as if with the presto change of the magician all disappeared;—meats, vegetables, cakes, ice cream and coffee. (As the luncheon was served in the Y.M.C.A. the bible study workers were strictly confined to coffee.)

But the luncheon itself, though important, was by no means the only part of the programme. Under the efficient leadership of Professors Law, DeWitt, Gilmour and Cosgrave the students (some sixty in number) retired to their various rooms where, from week to week, most instructive classes are conducted in the different branches of bible study included in this year's curriculum. The matter which the professors have to impart is most interesting and profitable and the system of bible study as we have it at Toronto to-day reflects much credit on the Y.M.C.A. and every undergrad, whether teacher or student, should take an active interest and so do his part towards the perfecting of the bible study work.

### THE ORGAN IS REAL REALITY

Convocation Hall is Actually  
to Have One Very Soon.

That an organ in Convocation Hall is to be a realization in the near future is impressed upon us by an announcement of the Y.M.C.A. that during January and February next the sermons will be delivered not in the regular place but either in Wycliffe Convocation Hall or the West Hall of the main building, owing to the fact that Convocation Hall will be in a semi chaotic state on account of the work of the installation of the new pipe organ. The instrument will be a large and handsomely constructed piece of workmanship and one that the students of Toronto will have reason to take pride in.

No longer, with such an accompaniment, will the sonorous voices of the Science quartette pass unappreciated by a stormy audience, no longer will the "amen" to the hymns fade in an incoherent hum but will "break out with singing." Then, All Hail to our Grand New Organ!

### WHY VARSITY WON

Some Reasons for Saturday's  
Victory over Argos

The outcome of Saturday's game is a direct proof of the superiority of swift resourceful tactics and intelligent, fast, open combined play over even the most impregnable defensive play when not backed up by a varied ground-gaining style of offence. There are four good reasons for Varsity's victory. The wings followed up well and tackled so effectively that the whole length of every punt was gained. The halves backed each other up consistently and in this way avoided great losses that might have been incurred from wretched fumbling. The combination of backs and wings forced the play into Argo territory and no matter where the ball was the whole team were indue with the feeling that to cross the Argo line for scores was the object of the game. This made them take advantage of every possible opportunity afforded by the few misplays or exhibitions of bad judgement on the part of their opponents.

On the other hand, the Argonauts paid great attention to their defense but were not daring or dashing enough to stop Varsity's dangerous runs.

The only successful means of attack that they had was kicking and this for the most part was excellently done and the game would have been closer if they had confined themselves entirely to this mode of attack. They could not run and they could hardly hope to back the whole length of the field. Just a little more speed and daring would have given them a chance to take advantage of Varsity's mistakes and that lack coupled with their inability to work together for combined runs are the two main causes for their defeat. It is most unjust to blame any one man for the loss of the game. Such blame has been laid at Dr. Lawson's door, but it is entirely contrary to the facts, Smirle played a consistent steady game and was trying every minute. His retrieving of Binkley's fumble at the dead line and his noble effort to get out was as clever and fast a bit of play as any in the game. The trouble was that he was too well taken care of. Just imagine what a herculean task it would be to elude Jeff Taylor, Rusty Bell and Bobby Sinclair.

### KNOX TIE McMASTER

A tie of 2-2 was the result of the final game between MacMaster and Knox for the interfaculty soccer championship on Saturday.

Although the game was continued for twenty minutes over time neither team was able to score again. Knox started to count early in the game and scored twice in the first few minutes. Before half time MacMaster evened up and neither was able to score in the second half or in the overtime.

### QUEEN'S HALL DANCE

Dean and Students in Residence  
Give Delightful At-Home

Midnight came all too soon to fifty happy ladies and fifty infinitely happier men, who danced away four ridiculously short hours in Queen's Hall on Friday night. The Dance was superb. More perfect arrangements could hardly be imagined, and that indescribable, all-pervading atmosphere of youthful glee, sufficient in itself, without the charming surroundings to draw man out of the prosaic, was in Queen's Hall, something to make one happy for many a moon. The sixteen dances passed as minutes of sunshine on a dreary day. Some men, indeed, could hardly realize that the dance was really over, and had almost to be reminded of the hour.

However, the charming hostess, Mrs. Campbell, was indulgent.

The music was pre-eminently good, and the floor and refreshments were indeed excellent. This dance was such a success that it is whispered that—but—sh! its probably a secret!

### SOPHS WERE VICTORIOUS

In Debate at the U.C. Lit.  
Friday Night—Interesting  
Subject

"Superior! Superior!  
Potentissimus, IT4!"

At the U.C. Lit, Friday night, Class '14 once more proved their redoubtability on the gory field of debate by defeating '15 who attempted to maintain that the three-fifths clause should be abolished in Local Option elections. Though Messrs. Hill and Kennedy, of '15, followed a strong line of argument the judges declared that in face of the criticism of Messrs. W. J. Preston and Kelly of '14, they had not established their case.

"Gently knocking"—this was the attitude of the two parties in the preliminaries. The attendance was comparatively small and no party measures of consequence were introduced. The Unionist Leader sharply reprimanded the government for what he considered the arbitrary methods by which the inter-year debaters were chosen, the executives of the years being unapproached for any advice. After a short but sharp duel a nebulous satisfaction was gained by both sides in the canny rulings of the chair.

Mr. Gordon introduced a motion abolishing all criticism from a party standpoint of literary society functions. With pungent sarcasm, reminding us of the ancient Bristolian days, Mr. H. S. Patton, the secretary, seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

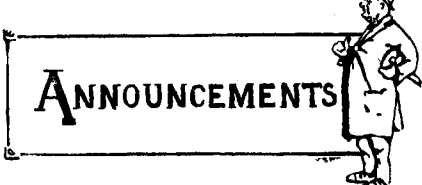
It was decided to purchase a new shield for the inscription of the names of the winners of the Inter-year debates.

After a few songs, and a much appreciated solo by Mr. Daly, the inter-year debaters became the "men of the hour." Dr. Wallace and Dr. Needler acted as judges.

The debate became general after the speakers had finished. The ardour of all was somewhat dampened, however, by the announcement which was made at this juncture that McGill had won the I.U.D.L. debate. Remembering their reputation for "good sports," however, a clap ensued. The entrance of the genial professors soon raised (as it generally does) the spirits of the students. Professor Needler announced the judge's decision, namely that the negative had won. After a vote of thanks from the students to the judges, and a few words from Dr. Wallace the meeting adjourned with a rousing class yell from the enthusiastic Sophs. "There's no place like home."

### FOUND

At Rugby game on Saturday, Varsity-Argos, a watch, Owner may have same by applying to B. R. Gardiner, at Dental College, or at 112 Baldwin St.



The University Glee Club practices tonight in the Medical building.

Theatre Night Committee will meet in the Union, Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Executive of Students' Parliament will meet in the Writing Room of the Undergrads' Union on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The General Course of the Faculty of Education are giving a reception to the Advanced Course on Friday night, December 8th.

The treasurer of the University Settlement would be greatly obliged if all student contributions now due would be handed in at once at the Y.M.C.A.

The Classical Association will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. in Room 63, Main Building. Messrs. F. E. Gane and W. D. T. Atkinson will read papers on the subject of Aristotle.

Every member of the fourth year should be at the class meeting in the East Hall at 4 o'clock to-day. Nominations are to be made for the permanent year executive and other important business transacted. The programme is also good and all will enjoy the two hours thoroughly.

Rev. A. B. Simpson, of New York, will address a mass meeting of the Students in West Hall of the main building, Tuesday, December 5th at 5 p.m. At this, the regular weekly meeting of the University College Y.W.C.A. the other "Y's" of the University will be guests of this organization.

### FOUND

Found on Campus a small black purse containing sum of money. Owner apply for same at the Engineering Society Supply Dept., Engineering Building.

### COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 4—Class '12, U.C. Meeting.
- Dec. 5—Trinity Fall Dance
- Dec. 6—Rugby Dance.
- Dec. 7—U. C. Dinner.
- Dec. 7—Victoria Oratorion Contest.
- Dec. 8—I.C.D.U., Osgoode vs. Victoria.
- Dec. 8—I.C.D.U., Wycliffe vs. McMaster
- Dec. 8—Western Club Dance.
- Dec. 12—U.T.R.A. Dinner and Prize Distribution.
- Dec. 14—Theatre night.
- Jan. 26—Arts Dance.
- Feb. 1—Trinity College Conversazione.
- Feb. 2—Dental "At Home."
- Feb. 29—Trinity Oratorical contest.

### MAN OF MASSIVE MOULD

Dr. Simpson will Address Mass  
Meeting of Students

A man of massive mould is Rev. A. B. Simpson, D.D., of New York. His brow denotes the philosopher yet he is pre-eminently a man of action. Since he entered the work for the "neglected masses" he has followed Paul's example in a life of self support and still manages the publishing house from which issue the products of his facile pen. His latest book "The Old Faith and the New Gospels" shows that he keeps abreast of the times in a wide field of literature. Dr. Simpson has solved the secret of doing many things and doing them well.

"Radiant Lives" the topic on which he will address the Students' Mass meeting in West Hall, on Tuesday at 5 p.m., will be better understood by a study of the genial personality of the speaker.

Some of Dr. Simpson's hymns will be sung by the next generation and when a future church historian writes the record of world movements of the Twentieth Century, those activities which were generated in his hopeful soul will not be forgotten.