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CLASSICAL OPEN MEETING.

The Classical Association should be congratulated on the success which attended their open meeting in the Students Union, Thursday evening. It was a disagreeable night, but despite this fact the hall was filled to overflowing. Professor Fletcher occupied the chair, and commenced the program sharp on time. Mr. N. T. Johnston, '99, gave "Selections from Lady Slavey," as a piano solo, in a very acceptable manner, after which Mr. Dale read a long and interesting essay on "Ancient Rome and Modern England." He was received with great enthusiasm, once more demonstrating the popularity of our erstwhile classical master.

Mr. Patriarch sang that old favorite, "The Bandelero," and was followed by Mr. W. H. Alexander, '99, who read a selection from Andrew Lang's "Letters to Dead Authors." The reader's tone was decidedly in keeping with the article, and the combination drew forth round after round of applause. Professor Glover, of Queen's University, then read a very interesting, and incidentally humorous, essay on Prudentius. Mr. Hardy, Mus. Bach., then favored the audience with a piano solo, after which Professor Fletcher announced that owing to the lateness of the hour, Professor Hutton had decided not to give his article on "Some Oxford Types."

Mr. Gahan moved a vote of thanks to those who had taken part in the program, and was unanimously supported by the audience.

To the indefatigable energy of Messrs. Gahan, Russell and Alexander, and Misses Deroche and Wright, is due the success of the entertainment.

LOST HIS CLOTHING.

Smith, '99, Veterinary College, has bought a new suit of clothes. He has not yet paid for them. There is no sartorial victim in this case, however, since the tailor who made them has been paid. The students at the college raised the price of the suit among themselves. The whiciness of the matter is this. The seniors and juniors had a friendly dispute. Smith was elevated, and in the process lost about every article of his clothing. A horse blanket was procured, and wrapped in this, he was conveyed to his lodgings. It was the unanimous opinion that the students should get him a new suit, and this was done. Smith isn't kicking.

VICTORIA'S ANNUAL "BOB."

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of His Natal Day.

Freshmen Introduced to Robert.

Big Turnout of Graduates and Students to see the Fun

The annual "Bob" took place at Victoria University, Friday night. The lower corridor, where the entertainment took place, was crowded. Peculiar interest centred in the gathering this year, as it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the great and only "Bob," which is Victoria's unique method of initiating the freshmen. The bobbbers were the sophomores.

Phillips Brooks once said, "The true way to be humble is not to stoop till you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that shall show you what the real smallness of your greatest greatness is." Shakespeare declared, "Our enemies are our outward consciences." On "Bob" night the sophs are to the freshmen such "higher natures" and such "outward consciences." Cartoons, caricatures, monologues, songs, policemen and reflections, were all used to show the freshmen how they might improve their personalities.

The freshmen, Arts and Specialists, assembled on the band-stand of Queen's Park, and led by their dauntless Kazoo band, arrayed in spotless white and Maryland hats with red ribbons, and armed with Russian pea-shooters, marched into the hall and occupied reserved seats at the front. It is fair to say that the freshmen did their part well. Their behavior was excellent, their songs were good, their ability to take medicine heroic, while it was a question, at times, to know whether the sophs were bobbing the freshmen or the freshmen the sophs. The utmost goodwill, however, prevailed throughout.

Mr. J. W. St. John, M.P.P., an old graduate of Vic., presided over the ceremonies, and during the intervals between numbers on the programme, happily, called on prominent graduates in the audience to briefly address the freshmen, who did not always grant the chairman's request for "just another verse" of some "hit" song they would sing in reply to the speeches.

It is useless to attempt a description of the indescribable. You must see the "Bob" to understand it. "Between heaven and earth," said Richter, "hangs a great mirror, crystal-clear (the 'Bob'), upon which the unseen (sophomore) world casts its mighty images; but only the pure, child-like (freshman) eye can behold them." You may even then see the "Bob," but only freshmen can appreciate and enjoy it.

The following was the excellent programme rendered by the sophomores:

Hark—the midnight chiming of a solitary cat.—*Shakespeare*

Rip Van Wrinkle Freshmen Modified.

"And his chin new reaped
Showed like stubble land at harvest home."—*Farmer*

Chaos Cosmos. "Quidquid precipies esto brevis."

Freshmen's Class Song.

"Music is well said to be the speech of angels."—*Carlyle*

Pandemonium.

"The time has been, but not since freshmen rose, that when the brains were out a man would die and there an end."—*Unohoo*

Soppho's Latest. "In notes by distance made more sweet."—*Collins*

Nemesis.

"His cheek; the map of days outworn."—*LXVIII*

"Nay but his foot speaks."—*Modified*

"Let us be merciful as well as just."—*Longfellow*

Beer—"What is it!"—*Freshie*

Wisdom's Words.

"Young men think old men fools and old men know young men to be so."—*Melcalf*

Musical Stick.

"Discord ofte in musick makes the sweeter lay."—*Chaucer*

Reflections.

"Tak the powers the giftie gie ye
To see yoursel's as ithers see ye."—*Bob*

A Him—"Give me some music, music, moody food of us that trade in love."—*Spec*

Feelers—"A laver la tete d'un ane on perde sa lessive."—*Jacques Bonhomme*

Bob's Orchestra—"The hidden soul of harmony."—*L'Allegro, line 159*

Consummation—"The gift derives its value from the rank of the giver."—*Ovid*

Consumption—"An elegant sufficiency, content, retirement . . . books."—*Thomson*

At the close of the programme, when everybody was weary with laughter and the freshmen were dosed ready for bed, refreshments were served by the genial sophs.

The "inquisition board," or Executive Committee of the "Bob," to whom is due the thanks of the College for their untiring zeal in making the affair a grand success, was composed of the following:

G. W. DeMille, chairman; D. S. Shaw, sec.-treas.; J. A. Jackson, W. S. Daniels, P. R. Johnson, G. W. Barker, J. G. Davidson, D. J. Thom and P. C. Dobson.

COUNSELL'S TEAM WINS.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO HAMILTON— OSGOODE DEFEATED IN A HOT GAME.

Osgoode lost the match with Hamilton, Saturday, and with it their hope of winning the championship of Ontario. The score was 15-8. The game was a hard one to lose, for until near the end of the game the Legalites were ahead. Among the crowd of spectators, which was the largest that ever turned out on the Rosedale grounds, were 300 rooters from Hamilton, who came down gorgeous with yellow and black ribbons and yellow chrysanthemums to cheer their team on to victory. The match was the best seen in the city for a long time, although it was not a first class exhibition of Rugby. "Tiny" Counsell, the hero of many a hard fought battle on the gridiron, earned fresh fame for himself and by his playing contributed not a little to the success of the Tigers. His kicking could hardly have been excelled and his tackling and rushing was excellent. Telford and Ripley were in the game every minute and played hard and fast. For Osgoode Capt. Kingstone put up a good game and showed good generalship. McMurich played a star quarter while Strathy and Jellett also deserve mention. The game was somewhat marred by the poor work of the referee and umpire, who appeared to show little knowledge of the rules of football. Osgoode won the toss and played with the wind. Cosby got the ball from a scrimmage and kicked a touch-in-goal, following this up a few minutes later by kicking the ball over the line. Counsell missed it and it went over the dead line, scoring another point for the Legalites.

Hamilton repeatedly got off side and a series of free kicks followed. Fox broke through and kicked up the field. Strathy was awarded a free kick, and kicked over. Jellett got a touch in pretty style, which Cosby failed to convert. Strathy was given another free kick. Wylie got the ball but was forced over for a safety. Half time was called with Osgoode in the lead. Score 8-0.

The Tigers had the wind in the second half and went in to win. They got the ball out of scrimmage and Counsell made a great kick, sending the ball about 75 yards and forcing Strathy to rouse. From a free kick Counsell again sent the ball over, forcing another rouse by Osgoode. DeMoulin took the ball over the line but Glassco failed to convert. DuMoulin got the oval and kicked. The wind carried it over the line, and Strathy had to rouse. Again he was compelled to rouse, as Counsell, on a free kick, sent the ball over. Score 8-8. At this point the excitement ran fever high, and the game became harder. After this Hamilton got three rouses in quick succession, and they were ahead. With 30 seconds left to play Counsell scored a tackle-in-goal and the Tigers were champions of Ontario. The teams lined up as follows:—

Hamilton Tigers (15)—Back, Capt. Counsell; halves, Glassco, Wylie, DuMoulin; quarter, Fox; scrimmage, Nelligan, Irvine, Freeborn; wings, McAuliffe, Telford, Martin, McCarthy, Dewar, Marshall, Ripley.

Osgoode Hall (8)—Back, Strathy; halves, Kingstone, Hardisty, Cosby; quarter, McMurich; scrimmage, Duggan, Wilson, Mitchell; wings, Tudhope, Flood, Jellett, Kingstone, Parmenter, Caldecott, MacLennan.

Referee—H. Pope, London Umpire—L. McCarthy, Hamilton. Goal judges—W. Ormiston, G. McBeth. Timers—A. H. Collins, W. Dick. Touch-line umpires—A. Ford, J. M. Mowatt.

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