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## BANQUET TO THE SENIORS.

Victoria Men Hold Their Fifty-Fourth Annual Dinner.

## THOSE WHO WERE THERE.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, as an Old Graduate, Presided—The Toast List.

Seldom has Victoria College presented such a happy spectacle as was witnessed by the two hundred and fifty graduates and undergraduates assembled Friday evening, to do honor to the graduating class of '98, on the occasion of the fifty-fourth annual senior dinner. The institution is a peculiar and pleasant feature of life at Victoria, where once a year the members of the three junior years constitute themselves as hosts, and, in company with a number of graduates and friends of the college, entertain the ladies and gentlemen of the final year.

The tables, supplied by caterer Williams, were spread in the large hall of the college, and were presided over by Hon. Clifford Sifton, a Victoria graduate of '81, as chairman, and by Mr. W. R. Riddell, as vice-chairman. Among the guests present were the members of the class of '98 and the following gentlemen:—Chancellor Burwash, Rev. James Allen, Rev. Dr. Dewart, Rev. Dr. Barriok, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, Mr. Kerr, Dr. MacLaren, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Alexander Sutherland, Mr. F. M. Jacobbe, '96, Rev. Dr. Carman, Dr. Graham, Dr. Sweetman, Mr. W. E. H. Massey, Mr. Masten, Mr. J. E. Hodgson, Mr. C. C. James, Mr. N. Powell, Dr. W. W. Ogden, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Henry Hough, W. F. Kerr, Q.C., Mr. R. P. Bowles, Dr. Coleman, Rev. N. Burwash, Rev. Dr. Badgely, Rev. Dr. Wallace, Prof. Bell, Prof. Langford, Prof. Horning, Rev. Dr. Reynar, Prof. Edgar, Prof. Long, Prof. Robertson, Prof. McLaughlin, and others.

### MANY TOASTS PROPOSED.

A lengthy toast list was provided, and opened with that of "Queen and Country," which was ably responded to by the Minister of the Interior, in a neat patriotic speech. Other toasts were spoken to as follows:—"Old Vic. and Her Faculties," by Rev. N. Burwash and Prof. A. H. Reynar; "Graduating Class" by Mr. A. E. Steer, '98, and Miss Graham, '98; "Alumni and Learned Professions," by Rev. R. P. Bowles, Mr. W. F. Kerr, Dr. W. W. Ogden and Mr. J. G. Hodgins; "College Societies" by Mr. J. H. Faull, '98, Miss W. Wilson '98, and Mr. R. J. Dobson; "Lady Undergraduates," by Miss M. Hawkins, '98; "Senior Stick," and "Langford Athletic Stick" by F. W. Walker, '99, and E. W. Grange, '99; "College Press," by W. H. C. Leech, '98, and B. A. Cohoe, '98; and "Other Classes," by Mr. F. E. Marlott, '99, Mr. A. N. St. John, '00, Mr. W. H. Wood, '01, R. W. Knowles (spec.), and Mr. A. E. Hetherington B.A. (B.D.).

The Committees in charge of the banquet were:—Miss M. H. Kyle, '99, Mr. G. A. Winters, '99, Mr. S. J. Courtice '99, Miss M. Bollert, '00, Mr. N. R. Wilson, '99, Mr. W. J. M. Cragge, Mr. F. L. Farewell, '00, Miss C. M. Woodworth, '01, Mr. H. W. Davison, '01, Mr. A. Robb (spec.), Mr. E. A. McCullough, Mr. J. Newton (spec.), and Mr. M. R. Chapman, B.A.

### VARSAITY LIT MEETS.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE "VARSAITY" BOARD—DISCUSSION ON THE MODE OF HOLDING ELECTIONS.

Friday's meeting of the Varsity Lit was undoubtedly the largest of the academic year. The drawing cards were the expected announcement of the Varsity boards for next year, and the reconsideration of the "scrap" matter. The success of Varsity next term is already assured, as the board chosen by the nominating board is a strong and representative one. The members of the business board will probably be Messrs. E. N. Armour, J. B. Hunter, Mitchell and Isbester. Messrs.

W. A. R. Kerr, G. W. Ross, V. E. Henderson, H. Birmingham, G. F. Kay, E. H. Cooper, J. Little, P. A. Carson, and G. F. McFarland, will in all likelihood be the editors. Why "in all likelihood"? Well, the report as read by Freddie Cleland, and as given above, was not accepted by the Lit but was referred back to the committee. Mr. Shotwell and Mr. Narraway wanted Mr. Alexander's name on the Editorial Board, and the majority of those present at the meeting evinced a similar desire. The report, therefore, was not adopted. Another report will be made next Friday.

Mr. Groves wanted a few changes made in the Constitution one of which was to the effect that there should be no obstruction of voters at the election. This he withdrew, after a full discussion had taken place. It was thought to be inadvisable to put such a clause in the Constitution until experience had shown it was for the best interests of the society.

In Mr. Hastings' absence, Mr. Garvey moved that the motion to do away with the "scrap," which aroused such intense feeling the week previously, be reconsidered. Mr. Carson said a few words in favor of this, but on a division of the house Mr. Garvey's motion was lost. Mr. Hinch, however, gave notice that he would make the following motion next Friday: "Resolved, That in the opinion of this society the motion passed Friday, Feb. 25, concerning the manner of conducting the annual elections is impracticable, and therefore of no practical value." So that there is still a slight possibility of the time-honored scrap materializing once more in all its erstwhile glory.

Mr. Hinch also gave the following notice of motion: "That art. 2, sec. 4 of Constitution be amended by striking out the words 'at an election' and substituting 'on any motion or election'"; and Mr. Carson notified the meeting that he would move that the Constitution be so changed as to have the 2nd vice-president from the S.P.S., and the corresponding secretary from the third year Arts, instead of vice versa, as at present. His reason was that the correspondence as a rule came to the main building, and great inconvenience to the corresponding secretary was the result.

Auditors were appointed to go over the treasurer's books. The lucky mathematicians are Messrs. Pringle and Bone. Charlie Carson read the report of the Conversat Committee, which met with the approval of the society. Freddie Cleland announced the resignation of George Black from the Business Board of Varsity, and the appointment of Mr. G. M. Murray by the board to fill the vacancy. Fred Harper read the list of magazines which the House Committee had supplied the reading-room with. The meeting seemed satisfied with the lengthy list.

Nick Hinch announced that Julia Arthur would be at the Grand in a "A Lady of Quality," on March 17, 18 and 19th, and as there was a McMaster graduate in the company, as well as a native of Toronto, he thought the boys should turn out. A committee will be formed to bring about a grand rally on Saturday, the 19th.

### FAVORS FOUR-YEAR TERM.

DR. R. J. HUSBAND ADVOCATES IT FOR THE YOUNG ONTARIO DENTISTS.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Dental Society, Friday afternoon, at the Dental College, Dr. R. J. Husband, Hamilton, read an interesting paper before the morning session on "Our Responsibility for the Future of Dentistry in Ontario," in which he advocated a four-year term at the college, and the necessity of the students doing everything in their power to uplift the profession. Papers on "Dentistry and Dentists in Ontario before 1868," and "Thirty Years' Development since 1868," by Dr. H. T. Woods, M.D.S., Toronto, and Dr. J. A. Marshall, Belleville, who also read at the morning session, and much appreciated.

The most important item on the programme was the address by Dr. G. V. Black, of Chicago, delivered at the close of the afternoon session. Dr. Black spoke of "Dental Amalgam, and Amalgam Alloys," and accompanied his remarks with experiments which proved very instructive and entertaining. An open discussion, led by Dr. H. Clark, of Toronto, followed the reading of his paper.

The current number of *Acta Victoriana* contains an interesting sketch of Walt Whitman, by Miss Winnifred Wilson, '98, and a description, of a "Sojourn in Mexico," by E. M. Burwash. The usual editorial, literary, scientific and local columns are quite up to the standard.

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### A SUCCESSFUL JOINT-MEETING.

It has seemed to many of the students of the University that the numerous departmental Societies and Associations should endeavor to reach some sort of an amalgamation which would bring the several courses more in touch with one another than they are at present. The Philosophical and Classical Associations have been the first to make a substantial advance along the line of that project. These Societies have had two union meetings during the present session; both of them very successful, the last, held last Friday, especially so. The names of the essayists, Mr. W. H. Alexander, '99, and Mr. M. Shaw, '96, were sufficient to ensure a full meeting about 50 being present. Mr. Alexander dealt in his own lucid and inimitable style with "Stoicism and Christianity." Seldom has such an excellent paper been read before the Societies by an undergraduate. No idea of the ability with which it was written can be given in this brief notice. Taking Stoicism as the highest ethical development of Greek philosophy, Mr. Alexander compared it with Christianity. It was clearly and indisputably shown that the Stoic sages inculcated many of those cardinal doctrines and virtues which we are accustomed to consider as certainly peculiarly Christian. Stoicism had, however, one fatal defect, it gave no place to "Love." It admitted that we were under law, but it could never say that "Love is the fulfilling of the law." Christianity, based on "Love" became the faith of the common people, because they could appreciate its meaning, while Stoicism could be the solace only of the few—the philosophers. Mr. Shaw followed with a paper on "Certain Christian Doctrines Philosophically Considered." In an exact and painstaking way, Mr. Shaw examined "Regeneration" and "Justification by Faith." The essay aroused much interest, inasmuch as some of the conclusions reached were far from conventional. Proof that the papers were of exceptional merit was seen in the unusually critical discussion they evoked, in which the essayists found it expedient to speak in defence of their positions. Prof. Badgely, Prof. Hume, Mr. Milner and others took part. Mr. Milner, who presided, found it necessary to adjourn the meeting, because of the lateness of the hour, before the questions had been satisfactorily canvassed. If this meeting may be taken as a criterion of the success with which such meetings can be conducted, there will surely, next year, be an earnest effort made towards more general intercourse among the societies.

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