# COLLEGE TOPICS.

THE STAGE. 

If you will permit me, reader, I shall begin somewhat drylly, with statistics. The adult population of Toronto is approximately 90,000; an average weekly attendance at our-four largest thearest otals 36,000. In other words, 40 fer cent. of the adult population of Toronto go to the theatres each week. Arguing theoretically we should ex-rect the percentage of student play-goers to be far higher. For this rea-

son. Ignorance, penury, apathy and de-crepitude, along with a dozen other classes by their nature non-play-go-ing, make up a large portion of the 90,000 that form the grown population of this city. On the other hand, we of this city. On the other hand, we at the university are most of us young men of (it is to be hoped) somewhat liberal ideas, not yet entirely bound down to one narrow subject destined to be our life's work; and it is such a class that should form the backbone of a theatrical audience. If, then, 40 per cent, of the grown population of per cent. of the grown population of

of a theatrical addence. If, then, and per cent. of the grown population of Toronto are play-goers, we, **p** class so favorably composed, might in reason be expected to show some 50 or 60 per cent. of our numbers, theatrically in-clined. A very gratifying conclusion, and which has only one objection, namely, that it is not true. The fact of the matter is, a weekly attendance of students at the theatres would rot total 25 per cent. To those who hold optimistic views on the merit of the contemporary stage, this will be gloomy intelligence. What is the cause of this apparent indifference of the majority of the students to mat-ters theatrical? A friend of mine sug-gested that the stage was somewhat of an expensive luxury, and that the of an expensive luxury, and that the greater part of the students could neither afford the time nor the money requisite for the gratification of so costly a taste.

costly a taste. To which I make this reply: With the expenditure of \$3.00 and twelve evenings, one may see the best of the plays presented on the Toronto stage during the dramatic season. The university undergraduate can raise the necessary cash for his fees, board, beeks etc. and L venture to assert the necessary tash of his leep, born, books, etc., and I venture to assert that if he thinks there is sufficient educative value in visiting the thea-ters, the small amount of time and money required for that purpose will be fortherminer to:

money required for that purpose will be forthcoming, too. If this is true, it will be profitable to answer another question, namely: Are the plays presented in Toronto worthy of the attention of a discrim-inating audience, such as the univer-sity may be expected to furnish? Basing my reply upon the perform-

sity may be expected to furnish? Basing my reply upon the perform-inces of last season in this city, 1 answer strongly in the affirmative. Here is a list of a few of the best plays presented at the Grand Opera House at that time: Arizona, Gis-monda, Macbeth, The Liars, Merchant of Venice, Rotespierre, The Moth and the Flame, The Little Minister. Not-able arrong the players were Blanche

the Flame, The Little Minister. Not-able arrong the players were Blanche Walsh, Julia Arthur, Mrs. Fiske, Sir Henry Irving, Mr, and Mrs. Kendal. And it was possible to see all these plays and players for \$3.00. I cannot here go into a description of the merits of these dramas. To speak of one alone. Sardou's Gismon-da is undoubtedly one of the finest plays that has been produced this centry. And is there nothing to be learned from witnessing an imperson-ation by Irving, Mrs. Fiske, or Mrs.

learned from witnessing an imperson-ation by Irying, Mrs, Fiske, or Mrs. Kendal? Who shall name three great-er dramatic artists than these? Of course it is not necessary for us to see plays. After all, as Lessing points out, art is not indispensable. But if we are interested in Dickons, why should we exclude Pinero? Smile not at the comparison, reader, for Dickons has not a accomplished more not at the comparison, reader, for Dickens has not accomplished more for the English novel, than Pinero for

for the English novel, than the second the English stage. Owing to a very crowded first issue, my space is this week somewhat lim-ited. In our next number I shall say something, about the proper splift in which a theatrical performance should be visited, and also begin reviewing the current attractions to damn or praise, as they shall deserve. BEEFER.

year both in residence here and at Varsity. He has taken a mission for FRESHIES MEET the winter. '04 is strongly represented in Resi-dence this year. There are seven members of that year. Those of the century class entering theology here are A. H. MacLeod, J. D. Cunningham, J. C. Martin, S. R<sub>w</sub> Robinson, J. A. Whillans, R. J. Wit-son and W. J. Wilson.

At a meeting on Friday, 12th, it was decided to hold the "At Home" on Friday, Dec. 14. We expect it to be be-ter than ever this year.

**FOOTBALL** 

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Variaty II. Association played a practice number of the the Crawfords on Saturday. Alian scored for Varisity shortly after the kick-off in the first half. DeLury also scored in the first. Towers scored for the Crawfords. In the second half the sume was even the second half the game was even, Groves scoring for the Crawfords and Allan. for Varsity. The Crawfords worked hard, but

were unable to score again. Some pretty combinations were played; on both sides. Score, 3 to 2, favor of Variations and the statement of the s Varsity. The teams:

The teams: Varsity-Goal, Wigham; backs, Go-land, McPherson; halves, Cranston, McQueen, Hackney; forwards, De-Lury, Gladney, Day, Allan, Dixon. Clawfords-Goal, Hodges; backs, Whitmore, Woodward; halves, Dix, Smart, Woodwert; forwards, Towers, Marshall, Groves, Stag, Cox. \* On Saturday Varsity III, Rugby team played the Toronto IJ, on the campus. The Torontos evidently in-tended to lay out as many men as possible and consequently the game consequently the game was somewhat rough. The referee, Charles Goldman, of amelteur aquatic fame, showed a rather poor knowl-edge of the game and pleased neither side. The large number of offsides and free-kicks was particularly noticeable. The Torontos proved rather strong for our toys and at the end of the same the score stood 4 to 1 in their layer.

The line-up of the Varsity team

The line-up or the was as follows: Full-back, McIntyre: halves, Mc-Mahon, Lang (captain), Madden; quarter, Wood: scrimmage, Steele, between Robertson; wings, Campbell, between Robertson; wings, Campbell, quarter, wood: sortninage, steele, Belton, Robertson; wings, Campbell, Wilkle, McDougall, White, Potvin, Ross, Edmandson. 'Varsity II, Rugby beat Trinity on Trinity grounds by a score of 47 to 0

Trinity grounds by a score of 4, to 0 hast Saturday. Trinity was outplayed at every stage of the game. The features of the game were Stratton's punting and Ballard's work at quarter, his passing being very accurate. Captain Hoyles also played a splendid game. There was played a splendid game. There was

played a splendid game. There was little 'roughness in the game, and no one had to retire. For Trinity, Strathy played a splen-did game on the half-back line. Only seven free kicks were allowed, Trinity getting six of them. The attendance was rather small. Line up.--Varsity--Back--Thorne. Halves--Wallace, Stratton, Wright. Quarter-Ballard.

Quarter-Ballard.

Scrimmage-Harvey, Burnham, Mc

Wings-Snively, Ingram, Moore, Martin, Wood, Hoyles, Spare-Locke, Trinity-Deck C Ingram, Henry

Back-Sawers

Halves-Mockridge, Strathy, Walker. Quarter-Salt. 6 ... Scrimmage-Wade, Hewitson, Bald-

Wings-Richards Burbage Kelly

Lancefield, Hammond, Kidd, Trotter. Referee-"Biddy" Barr. "he 'Varsity-Argonauti game o

Thanksgiving Day, at Rosedale, should "tither a large crowd of students and pill lovers of the game. The Argo-pants having already won from Hampatts having already won from Ham-liten and the Ghamiles will put up a strong fight, but 'Varsity is in good cordition this year, and the scripn-mage and wing line will average a kreater weight than last zenson. Burnside is plaving this year. Norman Peel is in his old position of full-back, while Brown and Avlesworth are still in the that that team.

THE SOPHS. BATTLE FOR THE FLAG. This Year's "Hustle" Held in the Ravine.

As last year's "hustle" proved to be something of a failure, the sopho-more class of '03 decided to conduct it upon new lines this fail. They ac-coroingly proposed to the freshman class of '04 that the "hustle" should take place in the rayine, south of the synnasium, and the freshes feeling gymnasium, and the freshies, feeling that the sight of the new flag-pole and the historic cannon placed upon a hill near the site of conflict would a fill near the site of conflict would Ls ihe them to deeds of valor and tenacious bravery, readily agreed to the proposal. Every Treshman who is fitted to enjoy college life expects to take part in a "hustle" when he en-ters college, and would be keenly disap-pointed if he had not the opportunity, and so all members of '04 were eager for the time to come, although per-haps at times feeling an involuntary "twinge lest the sophs should prove too strong for them. On the afternoon of the appointed day a meeting was called in the gym-nasium, to which all freshmen were invited. Here interesting speeches were nade by Messrs, V. E. Hen-derson on "Athletics," McPherson on the "Lit," McFarland on the "Har-monic Club." Wilcox on "Varsity," and R. Hamilton on "College Topics." native them to deeds of valor and

These were all received with great ap-plause and tremendous yells for 'Var-sity, and the respective years present, and the pointers given by the differ-ent speakers seemed to be well appreclated by the audience. While the meeting was going on a large crowd or spectators were gathering on the Fill offestite to that on which the conflict was to take place, impatiently awaiting the consing of the freshnen

length two standard-bearers AI ilanted the freshman flag on the sum-nit of a kopje on, the east side of the ravine: The banner bore the ap-giciliate teral(ic device of a donkey's head on a field of vert, which created much amusement among the stectators. In a few minutes the whole body of freshmen, over 100 strong, energed from the gymnasium and marched in battle array to take up their rosition around the flag which they were to defend, the ob-Set of the sophies being to dislodge them and capture their stardard. As they surveyed the scene from the eminence they were thrilled with the spirit of battle and spontaneously ensitied a yell for '04 which rattled a rong the trees and reverberated from the adjacent buildings. At this moment a furious cry was heard from direction of the gymnasium, and sophomore force appeared, coming the double-quick Undaunted by steep hill up which they had to their change, they related their pace of f of  $r_{p}$  will at full speed. The shock took place right on the edge the hill. There was a momentary ruggle, wavering now one way and ten another, when at length the bote nais grouped to the edge of viole nais is wayed to the edge of the slope and then was seen the enrical sight of freshmen and sopho-mores rolling down hill in twos and is ness, locked in desperate hand-to-diand encounters. One dignified senior whose valor had led him into the fray, was flung on his back by a sturdy freshman and slid headlong down the slope. The flag disappeared eards in the screen as far as the specearly in the scrap, as far as the spec-tators were concerned, but it was there somewhere, hidden among th there somewhere, hidden among the mass of sweating, struggling, pulling combatants, who flocked around it at the bottem of the ravine, each side striving for the possession of it. Here and there on the face of the hill lay a few sophs and freshies, locked in a close embrace, apparently each loving the other so much that he could not dear to let go. The battle raged now in one direction and now in another. in one direction and now in another s year, and the script-ing line will average a ht than last zeason. up the utmost good nature prevailed up both the utmost good nature prevailed up both sides, while the onlookers burled at them yells of encourage-ment and advice. One freshman was and Avlesworth are still made prominent by having his new We are confident that



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"Learon" Guyatt says he is going to plug this year and play football. No more eastern pilgrimages for No more eastern prigramages for W. Fox, B.A. '00, honor graduate in classics, is leaving for Brandon Col-lege this week, where he has secured by learning the secure of the secure by learning the least of the defi-culty in teaching the ideas of the defi-tions of the "wild and woolly" how to shoot.

hoot. Wallace P. Cohoe, M.A. '97, has been

A analysis of the second state of the second s Prof. W. S. McLay, M.A., has re-turned from Chicago University and now fills the chair in English. The

boys are all glad to see Prof. McLay

boys are all glad to see Prof. McLay back again. Convocation night took place on Friday last. A large crowd was pre-sent in Bloor street Church. The boys marched down in a body and made things lively on the way. The ad-dress of the evening was delivered by Prof. McLay, and was much enjoyed by the audience. 310

the audience.



The Harmonic Club met for the first tine this term on jTuesday at the gon maxium. There was a fair at-tendance, and several new singers and players were present, so that the prospect for the coming year seems bright. The officers for this session THE CORRECT PLACE FOR High-Class TAILORING At close Cash 1 rizes, is one of the finest stocks of I aported Worlens in the Dominion to choose

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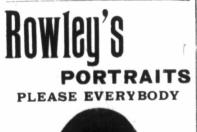
The first meeting of the Literary Scolety will be held next Tuesday

Scotely will be held next Outschy evening. The College Missionary Society met last Tuesday night. A. McTaggert legotted as to his sun er's Vork at Depot Harbor. We are glad to note that there has been marked progress and that a new church has been built at which four denominations worship. There is football matches every

There is football practice every night. Knox has entered the inter-college series and despite the loss of valuable members of the team has still some splendid metal. "Sandy" McLeod is captain. Watch for the

W. W. McLaren spent the summer at Loring and reports a good summer

Look out for fish stories! Ectert I aidlaw, B.A., of '00, left on Wednesday evening for Glasgow, where he will pursue his studies at Free Church College, Success "Bob!" W. Mac, MacKay will be missed this





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a reactive metch with Victoria on Wednesday, winning by 1 to 0. The loys are turning out well to rac-tices and should do well in the inter-

Take and should do well in the inter-collegiate metches this year. Several new men will be on this year to fill up the vacancies left by old players. McKinnon rt centre-half is a valu-able addition to the team. Great surrise was manifested at Varsity's defeat by McGill on Satur-day. The Varsity boys during the first half and part of the second show-ed superiority in snap and speed, the score standing 4 to 0 in their favor. Capt. Brown had his men well in hand and they played in concert, while N-Gill's men seemed to be rattled. However, just 18 minutes before the time was up. McGill rallied and steed-ly gained on Varsity, and until the end of the game ontinued to pile up

ity gained on Varsity, and until the end of the game continued to pile up points against their opponents. When time was called the score stood 13 to i in favor of McGill. The team was as follows: Beai, back: Brown, Aylesworth, Baldwin, balves: Chown, quarter: Douglas, Poyd. Rutter, scrimmage: McLennan, Hunt, Meredith, Harrison, McCallum, Closon Armstrong wings.

Hunt, Meredith, Harrison, McCallum, 1998on, Armstrong, wings, During the game the spectators on one grand stand cheered for Varsity and on the other for McGill. After the match the McGill boys further showed their friendship and good-fel-lowship by taking the Varsity men to the theatre, where they occupied front seats. There was great excitement when the pleasers entered and the Var-

seats. Incre was great extrement when the players entered and the Var-sity yell was given. Our players are loud in their praises of the way in which they were treated by their friends the the enemy.

ABOUT TO BE.

Tues.—Laurier meeting Massey Hall. Wed.—2.30, '02 class elections. 4 p.m., Mr. Langton's address.

Thur.-Time to study. Fri.-'Varsity-McGill games, 2.30, at

Rosedale. 8 p.m., Lit., Students' Union. Sat.-'Varsity II. v. Trinity, Athletic

Grand-"Cipher Code." John E. Kel-

Field, 2.30.

lerd, all week.

the 'Varsity hove will maintain their bld-time reputation, as they did so well last season. 'Versity I. Association team played a practice metch with Victoria on Wednesday, winning by 1 to 0. The

is wearing an eye slightly discolored as a souvenir of the occasion. Some of the enterprising spectators started usters of their own down the hill, charging the unexpecting crowd of onlookers in the back, and hats, books and pipes flew in all directions. Meanwhile the banner had been tern from the staff. Cand each part

formed the centre of a scrimmage. The contestants gradually began to 'ine of the exertion, and after a final 'struggle, which resulted in the freshstruggle, which resulted in the tream-men calcuring the staff and the sophs the banner, the struggle slackened and fnally censed, the Soths bearing Gil-les, who held the flag, away in tri-umph upon their shoulders. The umph upon their shoulders. The freshmen claim, however, that the stiff is as much a part of the flag as the benner itself, and deny that as the banner itself, and deny that they were defeated. At any rate both sides did all that could be desired for the honor of their respective years, and the crowd which had gathered to see the fun dispersed with a feeling of satisfaction at having seen of first-class "scrap." After the crash and din of the after-

ncon's battle had cleared away the men of the first year were entertained in the evening by their opponents, the sophs.

Altogether the affair may be said to have been thoroughly appreciated and the second year are to be constau-lated on its success, while the Fresh-men are loud in their praises of the royal welcome they received.

## McMASTER.

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The new campus on Bedford road The new campus on Bedford road is now in good shape for sports, foot-ball, basket ball, quoits, and all the  $\alpha(\epsilon)$  mpanying field sports are boom-ing up there and the boys are well pleased with the campus. Field day is coming off soon and a large number of the boys are train-ing hard. An interesting contest in all events is expected. Hayden will doubt-less hold the record again for the pole vault.

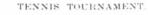
pole vault.

pole vault. Some of the enterprising book can-vassers from the West have as yet failed to appear. We are watching every day for Pete McLaurin's well-known form to appear on the western

The freshman class this year is congosed of a "husky" gang of fel-lows, who 'cok as if they would be able to turn out a first-class football term. Cheer up, freshies! You may cot the plan

term. Cheer up, freshies! You may get the pins. McNeill, from "The Bruce," is back again and wields the "High Kaktac's" wand with dignity thad grace. He says the West is all right, but it doesn't come up to Ontario. Bishop Wood, '00, is imbibling peda-gogical potations in Hamilton. Bishop is missed by everyone, and all are expecting a successful career for him in mathematics.

n mathematics.



#### Names of Winners.

This year's tournament has been the most successful yet held under the auspices of the U. Y. I. Tennis Club. large number of people were pre-nt each day to watch the games, hus showing the interest which the hus ournament has awakened both among The following students and outsiders. the winners in all the events:

Men's Open-Winner, Paterson; run-ner-up, Love. Men's Open, doubles-Winners, Alex-ander and Macdonell; runners-up, McMaster and Harris.

Men's Handicap-Winner, O'Flynn;

runner-up, Harris. Mixed Doubles-Winners, Miss Hedley and Glassco; runners-up, Mrs. Burgess and Love. Ladies' Open-Winner, Miss Summer-

hayes: runner-up, Miss Hedley, Ladies' Handicap-Winner, Mrs. Bur-gess; runner-up, Miss Taylor, Undergraduate Championship-Win-ner, Bertram; runner-up, Ding-

man. n's Doubles-Winner, Alexander and Macdonell; runners-up, Mc-Master and Harris, Men's

Novice Singles-Winner, Dunlop; run-

ner-up, Smart, den's Handicap-Winner, O'Flynn; runner, Harris. The following handsome prizes were Men's

presented by the Honorary President: Men's Open-1st, silver berry-bowl;

Men's Open-1st, silver berry-bowl; Men's Open-1st, silver berry-bowl; end, pearl-studded scarf-pin. Handleap-1st, 'Silver-mounted mili-tary brushes; 2nd, gold lead-pencil. Novice-1st, Campbell racquet; 2nd, ornamental clock. Open Doubles-Silver-handled paper knives.

knives. Miyed Doubles-Silver berry-spoons

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THE HARMONIC CLUB.

Curator-W. Ingram. This year the club intend to make a change in the character of the pro-gram, presented by them. It has been the teeling for the last year or two that the style of music sung by the Gee Club was too heavy in character to interest the average audience. The PLAFING' Chorus and similar selections may be heard at concerts given by prefersional singers, but rollicking college scrips and glees are usually found in the legentoire of students mione. Therefore, the people expect

form in the second people expects something of that kind from the Uni-versity Club. Furthermore, experience has shown that to the average audience a pro-gram consisting of musical selections alone becomes monotonous, however good may be the performers. In view good may be the performers. In view of this fact, it has been resolved to 101 11:8 fact, it has been resolved to introduce some monologue sketches of an entertaining character, and, if pos-sible, a short play, simple but highly amusing. It is believed that this vari-ation will be acceptable to the audi-ence and will prevent their tiste being cloved with too many sweet strains of music. The program, of course, has fit we hern definitely arranged us music. The program, of course, has fict yet been definitely arranged (as to length and the proportional prom-linence of each part, but the above is en indication of the changes about to be made le made.

Another new departure which de serves special mention is the organ-fration of an orchestra as a new de-partment of the Harmonic - lub. It It pailment of the Harmonic -'lub. It is to consist of such instruments as the violin, 'cello, viola, flute, etc., and there is a prospect of a good orches-tra being formed this year. The ar-crestia will play at the Farmeniz Club concerts, and will undounteally prove to be a very acceptable addi-tion to the club. Mr. G. F. Smedley will conduct the Banio Guitar and Mandolin Club this

Banjo, Guitar and Mandolin Club this year again, and under his popular management the club will not fall to naintain, if not surpass, its old reputation.

All those who sing or play any insturrent are urgently requested to join the club and attend the practices, which will be announced shortly. The Harmonic Club is one which should be well patronized, as it probably does more to advertise the University than any other undergraduate organization. The annual tour is being contemplat-ed, and the business manager, has begun arrangements in connection has with it.

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