

The Mock Parliament

Once a year the student of University College makes a fool of himself. This very fact—that his folly is all confined to one day out of the three hundred and sixty-five—bears testimony to the general gravity of the said student, for in his very folly he is wise.

It is the general belief of everybody, and the particular belief of Messrs. Moyer and Hutton, that the Mock Parliament of last Friday was the most successful in the history of the last five years. Perhaps the most powerful testimony to this is the fact that there were many who stood through the whole performance—three mortal hours—rather than miss any part of it. Never was the need of a large University Hall more keenly felt. Many were turned away, and had the capacity of the West Hall been sufficient, the audience would have numbered more like six hundred than four hundred.

In several ways the Mock Parliament is a unique entertainment. Then it is that the funniest personal hits can be most kindly exchanged between the students. If a man is afflicted with anything that in the eyes of the student body is a wilful weakness—an over fondness or an under fondness for the ladies, an overweening conceit of himself, a mania for writing bad verse—it comes out in the Mock Parliament in a way most salutary for the aforesaid afflicted one.

Then, too, the Mock Parliament is generally considered a safe vehicle of criticism directed towards the faculty. There is often more seriousness in the jests at the expense of the staff than in the others. With all due respect for the general idea of the authority of a college faculty we venture to insist—very humbly, of course—that possibly some members of our own faculty may not be above criticism..



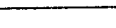
Chess Club

The honor of winning the "Beginners' Tournament" belongs to Mr. C. H. Meader of the School of Science.

The Undergraduates' Open and Handicap Tournaments will commence as soon as entries can be completed. The members would assist very much if they would intimate their intention of entering one or both of these tournaments.

Professor Mavor has consented to play simultaneous games with a number of the undergraduate members of the Club on Thursday evening.

Chas. Freeman,
Sec. pro tem.



Calendar

CONSTITUTION NIGHT AT "THE LIT."

Friday, Dec. 9.

'08 RECEPTION, 4 P. M. TO 7 P. M.

Saturday, Dec. 10.

UNIVERSITY SERMON

Bishop W. F. McDowell,
of Chicago.

Sunday, Dec. 11.

ARTS' DINNER (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

At McConkey's.

Tuesday, Dec. 13.



Political Science Club

The third open meeting of the Political Science Club was addressed by Professor Coleman on Tuesday evening last. The large audience that greeted Professor Coleman attests his popularity among the citizens of Toronto. The subject treated was the opening up of the Dominion, and the geological wealth within its borders. From the time of the Indian who needed only his hands (like the man referred to in the advertisement) the lecturer followed the history of colonization down to the modern settler, served by roads and railways.

The service performed by surveyors and geologists, in exploring unknown regions, was referred to, and their work described.

Having transported his hearers from Toronto (the centre of Canadian civilization) to the wildest regions of the west and north, Professor Coleman re-embarked with them upon the return trip. He piloted them by way of the mining districts of the Yukon and British Columbia, showing the methods employed in the different classes of mines. The lecture closed with a description of the corundum mines of Ontario and a reference to the lost treasure upon Silver Island, Lake Superior.

In expressing the Club's hearty appreciation of the lecture, Dr. Wickett referred to the need of a popular hand-book of Canada, and expressed his hope that Professor Coleman might some day supply the want.

C. F.



A tutor who tooted a flute,
Tried to teach two young tooters to toot
Said the two to the tutor,
"Is it harder to toot or
To tutor two tooters to toot."—Sel.

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