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A class in pulpit and forensic oratory for students has been formed for this term. Send for plan.

### ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

The Varsity gymnasium was packed to the doors last night and that in spite of the deep snow and stormy weather. The Athletic Association never fails to give an entertainment that is well worth seeing, and this year Instructor Williams and President Hobbs have excelled the exhibitions of all previous years. The inimitable pair of comedians, or clowns as they are familiarly designated, from the S.P.S., Messrs. Roy Stovel and Willie Boyd, were in especial fine form last night, and kept the house in uproarious mirth whenever they appeared, which was often but by no means too often. They gave a practical illustration of Mackenzie & Mann's proposed narrow gauge railway from Glenora to Lake Teslin, which pleased all immensely.

In the semi-final tug of war, which began the programme, the sophomores under the command of "Shiner" Ansley easily defeated the freshmen. Then the class gave an exhibition on the buck, followed by a fencing competition between F. A. Young and R. M. Chase; won by Mr. Young; score 5 to 3. The sword vs. bayonet contest between Sergt. Williams and Sergt. Wasson was won by the latter, score 5 to 3. In the exercises on the horizontal bar by the class Thrift Burnside especially shone, but all were excellent; the clowns adding the dessert to the feast. Sergt. Williams has on more than one occasion crossed bayonets with Private Stewart champion of the world, but never did he come so near lowering the standard of the champion as on this occasion. The score stood 4 all for an anxious time until at last the sturdy Stewart scored again. Messrs. Cartwright and Keele gave a very pretty fencing exhibition, and this was followed by the final tug of war in which S.P.S. won easily from '00 Arts. Messrs. McMordie and Gibson belabored each other scientifically and artistically with quarterstaves and won great applause. Mr. Keele defeated Sergt. Williams in the duelling contest; score, 5 to 3. This was followed by exercises in the parallel bar, and vaulting, which were especially good. Then Messrs. Stovel and Boyd artistically closed the evening's entertainment in a cocarde tourney. The Athletic Association is to be heartily thanked for giving such a good assault-at-arms. It was certainly the best ever given.

The most fashionable barber shop in the west end is Coke's, 464 Spadina.

### NEW HALLOWE'EN DEMONSTRATION

### A Play to be Given by the Students of this City Next Term

### Committee now at Work

### Proposed Plan Includes a Tour to Western Towns—Students who Have the Matter in Hand.

A subject of more than usual interest, which is now being discussed in college circles throughout the city, is the presentation of a play by the students at the Halloween demonstration next fall. The plan has been talked of very often but not until the present has any move been made to put it into execution. The first step was taken at the Varsity Lit Friday evening, when a committee was appointed by the society to make the necessary arrangements for the production. The committee is as follows: President Loudon, Professors Alexander, Hutton and Ramsay Wright; Messrs. G. Black, W. H. Alexander, W. F. Mackay, E. N. Armour, J. R. Bone, J. H. Fisher, T. A. Russell, G. W. Ross, J. R. Meredith, F. D. McEntee, A. N. W. Clare, G. F. Kay, J. J. Gibson, J. Little, N. T. Johnston, R. Telford, E. H. Malcolm, and Messrs. Adams, Carson and Lucas.

This committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon and discussed the project. It was decided that an English classic drama would be the most appropriate for the occasion, and although it has not been fully decided it is quite likely that Shakespeare's "A Midsummer-Night's Dream" will be the attraction. In regard to the selection of the cast the committee decided that an invitation would be extended to all students who would like to take part to send their names to the secretary, W. F. Mackay. The selection of the cast will then be made by the person who has the management of the affair. An invitation will likewise be sent to the Women's Literary Society for a committee to co-operate with the committee already appointed, should the ladies be willing to join in the undertaking.

The work of selecting the players will be pushed on rapidly, as it is intended that the cast should have a few rehearsals at least before the close of the spring term. An endeavor will be made to have every part filled before summer in order that each one may devote some attention to his part during the summer holidays.

The plan proposed at the meeting yesterday was that several rehearsals of the play should be given if possible this term. At the opening of next term, after a few rehearsals, an endeavor will be made to arrange a short trip to Western towns before the production is put on in this city. If this were done, there is little doubt but that the greater part of the amateurishness so noticeable in productions of this kind would have disappeared.

It was also considered that a trip to Kingston, Ottawa and Montreal was within the range of possibility in case the play was given successfully here.

The committee will begin work at once and do as much as possible this term toward completing the necessary arrangements.

### TRINITY UNIVERSITY LECTURES.

The series of Saturday afternoon lectures begins this week at Trinity University. On Saturday Mr. J. F. Waters will read a paper on "Nathaniel Hawthorne, Illustrated from His Writings." The other lectures of the course are:—March 5, "Some Eastern Types," by Surgeon-Major Keefer; March 12, "Madrigals with Illustrations," by Dr. Albert Ham; March 19, "The Geographical Unity of the British Empire," by Dr. G. R. Parkin, and March 26, "An Afternoon With Dickens," by Mr. J. F. Waters.

### VARSITY LITERARY MEETS.

Quite a lively meeting was held at Varsity Lit Friday evening. The School of Science men were out in large numbers to cheer their men on to victory in the annual debate with the Arts men. The subject was, Resolved, that the Canadian Government acted wisely in the Yukon railroad deal. Messrs. W. F. MacKay and N. D. Sinclair, of Varsity upheld the affirmative and Messrs. McMillan and Stewart the negative. The school men displayed a deep insight into the situation out in the gold fields, and succeeded in convincing the audience that the Government had acted decidedly unwisely. Vice-President Carson was in the chair, and at the conclusion of the debate he made a neat little speech, in which he decided the debate in favor of the negative side.

Mr. Fred. McKay made a motion, seconded by N. E. Hinch, that a committee be appointed to make arrangement for the Halloween demonstration next fall. The names of the committee and other particulars will be found in another column. D. E. Kilgour gave notice of motion that at the next meeting of the Lit he would move that in case any obstruction be present at the polls of the election both this spring, the president shall have the power to forbid voting until such obstruction be removed.

Secretary of Committees "Fizzer" Smith gave notice that the elections for the nomination board of the Varsity will be held next Friday evening.

### MATHEMATICAL OPEN MEETING

WILL BE HELD THIS EVENING IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE—THE PROGRAMME.

At the open meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society to be held this evening in Room 16, University College, the following will be the programme:—

1. MANDOLIN, "Varsity March" . . . Le Barge Victoria University Mandolin Club.
2. VOCAL SOLO, "The-for-Tat" . . . Pontet Miss V. Kennedy, '99.
3. MANDOLIN SOLO, "Schleggiel" . . . Le Barge Silver Bell Overture. M. Le Barge.
4. ADDRESS, "Optical Illusions." W. J. Loudon, B.A.
5. VIOLIN SOLO, "Mazurka" . . . Ovide Musin Miss Grace Evans.
6. MANDOLIN, "Shower of Roses Gavotte" . . . Le Barge Victoria University Mandolin Club.
7. ADDRESS, "Mathematical Pot-Pourrie." Professor Baker.
8. VOCAL SOLO, . . . "The Flight of Ages" Miss A. Lick, '99.
9. BANJO SOLO, "Gipsy Rondo" . . . Haydn [Farland's] M. Le Barge.

The following are the officers for the year: president, W. J. Loudon, B.A.; 1st vice-pres., G. H. Balls, '98; 2nd vice-pres., Miss M. A. Harvey, '98; sec.-treas., E. T. White, '99; cor.-sec., R. H. Mode, '98; 4th year councillor, H. J. Dawson, '98; 3rd year, Miss T. Wooster '98; 2nd year, W. C. Good, '00; 1st year, R. M. Stuart, '01; councillor for department of physics and chemistry, Miss C. C. Benson, '99.

### CLASS OF '98 MAY UNITE.

The first step towards a solution of the Year-Book difficulty in the class society of '98, Varsity, was taken at a meeting of the class Friday afternoon.

The meeting was called at the request of a number of students of both parties, and Mr. G. C. F. Pringle, who presided at the previous meeting after the officers had resigned, acted as chairman. The attendance was not large, but the feeling was intense, as most of those present deploring the rupture that had taken place in the year were anxious to effect a reconciliation. Mr. Inkster and others wished to hear the resolution of repudiation retracted then and there; but after a lengthy discussion a compromise was arrived at, and a motion to reconsider the objectionable resolution was carried unanimously, on motion of Mr. MacFarlane, seconded by Mr. Narraway.

The meeting then adjourned to meet this afternoon, when the matter will be reopened. On motion of Mr. Saunders, it was decided that at the meeting the resignations of the class executive will be reconsidered, and it was further decided on motion of Mr. Inkster, that the reports of the Editorial and Business Boards of "Torontonensis" will be received on the same occasion.

To-day's meeting promises to be very interesting, as the feeling of the opposing parties is still very strong; but there is a general impression that a solution of some kind will be arrived at in the near future.