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TORONTO, February 18, 1903.

TORONTONENSIS, the Year Book of the class of '03, has appeared, in an attractive cover of blue and gold. The fifth volume of this book sees it established with a firm hold upon the affections of University of Toronto students. It is in no spirit of boastfulness that we claim for this volume pre-eminence over all the previous numbers. The editors have profited by the experience of their predecessors, have adopted their strong points, have added innumerable new features, and have given the graduating class a book which will be the source of inexhaustible pleasure in after years.

On opening the book, we are at once favorably impressed with a handsome colored plate in blue, white and gold, of the class pin. This is a decided improvement over the usual introductory pages of advertisements. The colored plates, which are five in number, are a distinctive feature of the book and add greatly to its general appearance, so too do the full page sketches representing the Graduate Girl, the Reception Girl and the Domestic Science Girl. The cuts of the University buildings are exceptionally fine and varied. That of the main entrance to the University College building and the collonade, deserve special mention.

No innovation has met with such general favor as the insertion of the individual photographs with the biographies. It is safe to say that no Year Book will again appear without these. The histories are written in a uniformly bright style and reflect great credit on the editor for the keenness of his supervision.

No small part of the interest in the book is aroused by the numerous cartoons which are interspersed throughout the work. Every special phase of university life and activity has held the attention of the ubiquitous cartoonist. No one was too high, no one too low, to be the subject of his mirth. From the President of the University to the editor of this great family journal, all have suffered. In this department of work it would be impossible to particularize. The book is full of

clever drawings and cartoons, however, which will revive memories better than any words of description could do.

Apart from the biographies, there is a large amount of literary work in the book, in the form of class and departmental society histories, poems and sketches by undergraduates and others. All of this is of a high grade of excellence. The various spheres of student interest are taken up in turn. Fraternities, athletics, literary clubs, college publications, all receive consideration and go to make up a history of the class life.

The book is dedicated to Principal Hutton and may safely be said to represent the highest literary testimonial which the students of the University of Toronto, in all the faculties, are capable of offering.

The mechanical work cannot be passed over without notice. In order that the photographs might be well reproduced, a very superior quality of paper had to be used throughout. The printing, which is the work of R. G. McLean, is very artistic. The binding, too, is durable and handsome. The Year Book committee, but especially Mr. W. J. Baird, the editor-in-chief, and Mr. H. T. Hunter, the business manager, are to be heartily congratulated on the great success of their work.

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VARSITY has been again unsuccessful in the Inter-University Debating Union. After winning from McGill some weeks ago, our representatives went down before the prowess of Queen's, on Saturday evening. We are assured, however, that the prestige of our University would suffer nothing so long as we can produce debaters of the type which we have hitherto chosen.

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THE announcement that was made last week that a driveway was to be opened up from College street, west of the new science building through the observatory grounds, so as to give a view of the main building from College street, has been received with great favor generally. All admirers of architecture have regretted that such a fine building should not have been visible from this important thoroughfare. The proposed road should add greatly to the appearance of the University grounds and buildings.

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THE perennial question of the federation of Trinity with the University of Toronto has been revived again in the city press. President Loudon's statement that "we are waiting with open arms to receive Trinity into federation" gives the position which the University of Toronto has held for years. She has offered Trinity all the freedom and privileges which are consistent with a federation. It remains for Trinity to make the next move.

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President Loudon has the sympathy of the students in the eath of his mother, at an advanced age, during the past week.