

U. N. B. Observatory

(The following is the text of an address given to the patrons of the Arts Centre by Mrs. Lillian M. Maxwell.)

The first allusion to the Observatory that I found was a letter written by New Brunswick's first governor, Lt. Col. Thomas Carleton, to the Colonial Secretary, the Duke of Portland. The letter was dated Sept. 30th., 1793, and referred to the international boundary question with the United States. The letter concluded with the following passage, "the ascertaining of the latitude and longitude of the source of the St. Croix by astronomical observations, I beg leave, on behalf of the Infant College of which we have laid the foundation in this Province, to propose for your consideration and as far as I may with propriety, to request your Grace's countenance in support of the proposal—that the instruments for that service" (marking the international boundary) "may be given as a mark of His Majesty's gracious and potential favor, to this New Brunswick seminary, in which case we shall without delay, erect a sufficient observatory for their reception, and commence a course of observations to be regularly communicated to the Astronomer Royal at Greenwich".

I drew the attention of the late President, Dr. C. C. Jones, to this passage and asked him if the instruments in question were now in the Observatory, and he answered that he believed they were. One wonders where this Observatory was, and as an Observatory is built on a promontory and the college then owned this present property, if there is any chance of it having been built on this site? But that is pure speculation.

The next reference I found was in a copy of the University Calendar for the year 1864, which I happen to have. In that year, astronomy was part of the senior course and a description of the Observatory given in this Calendar follows: "In the Observatory there is a large clear aperture and 7 and 1/2 feet Achromatic Telescope of 6 inches focal length, by the celebrated makers Merz and Son, of Munich. It is equatorially mounted, and provided with clock-work motion, and a delicate and beautifully constructed wire Micrometer for measuring the relative positions of double and multiple stars. It has also a double Ring Micrometer, and eye-pieces of various kinds, magnifying from 90 to 500 times. It is sufficiently powerful to exhibit all the principal objects of interest in the heavens, and for size and efficiency, is unequalled by any Telescope in British North America. In the Transit-room of the Observatory there are two very superior sidereal Chronometers and a thirty-inch Transit Instrument by Throughton & Simm of London. The other Astronomical and Geometrical instruments by the same Acimith Instrument, with four makers, are—a fine Altitude and Micrometer Microscopes, a large Theolite and two telescopes; a Cravatt's level with levelling staves; and an eight-inch Sextant with artificial Horizons and Stand. The University is probably far

better provided with Optical Instruments than any institution of the kind in the British Provinces."

"The Genesis of the University of New Brunswick", published in 1919, states that the building of the Observatory was constructed in 1851, that would have been in Dr. Jacobs' time, ninety-three years ago. The Genesis stated also that Dr. Brydone-Jack, President following Dr. Jacobs, made many hundreds of careful observations here, which were sent to outside points.

The first number of the volume of "The University Monthly", published in 1867 with George E. Foster as editor, has an article on the Observatory, evidently written by a student, whose description of the Observatory is somewhat similar but less detailed than that in the Calendar of 1864, three years before. His article ends with, "all these instruments may be seen by simply opening the shutters from the outside and looking in. The Observatory was originally intended for the use of under-graduate students studying astronomy, but latterly this purpose has not been carried out—and the only way to see the instruments, being by the manner I have before mentioned, viz. looking through the windows."

However that may be, the Observatory was used in the latter part of the last century. Stephen Dixon M.A.L. (son-in-law of the chancellor, Dr. Thomas Harrison), professor of civil engineering from 1893 to 1901, taught astronomy as part of his course and his students had to put in time in the Observatory two nights in a week. On one occasion he was lecturing in the Observatory to his students, the classes were much smaller then, and one by one the boys removed their shoes and slipped out from the dark building, leaving the professor gazing through the telescope and declaiming to the empty room. Then they locked the door.

Between the Bindings

"Paris Underground" by Etta Siber.

Are you looking for something really exciting to read? Then for you I suggest "Paris Underground". The author, Etta Siber, has written into her story her own personality, her own life. In her simple, attractive style she has given us a war thriller—a story of the underground force of Frenchmen who carried on their fight on the side of the Allies after the German occupation of France. Can you imagine the innocent Mrs. Siber and her friend, Kitty, smuggling an English airman into their Paris apartment right under the noses of the Germans? Can you imagine them performing this stunt time and time again? Yes, they were finally caught smuggling the men out of the country. Now can you visualize the torture they suffered in German prisons? "Paris Underground" has the answers.

"The Signpost" by E. Arno: Robertson. This is a story of Ireland today. The dedication of the book, "To the

CAMPUS PERSONALITIES



UFFE ANDERSEN

With the Year Book Committee getting down to business in earnest with the visual signs of graduate and organization pictures, and appeal for snaps for the hodge-podge, we wish to feature this week Uffe Andersen—the Editor of the Year Book. Uffe is promising us some changes in "Up the Hill" this year, as we are anticipating a really superb edition. Uffe has had lots of experience in this publication, for this is his third year on the committee. In both his Sophomore and Junior years, he held the position of Advertising Manager.

Uffe gained experience along this line from working on our other campus publication, "The Brunswickan" in his Freshman year, in the capacity of Advertising Manager. Dramatics have held quite an interest for Uffe in the past three years. Besides a part in "You Can't Take It With You" last year, Uffe handled the Stage Management very capably. This was his second crack at this, for he was also Stage Manager for the plays during his Sophomore year.

A Beaverbrook scholar from Edmundston, Uffe is a top-ranking student and has produced some enviable marks all through his college career—in no less a field than Science I in Chemistry. (They don't come much stiffer).

As President of the Chemical Society this year, Uffe is well able to fill his position. With naturally a bend to science, our senior chemist was Vice-President of the Scientific Society last year. However our senior scientist disapproves the law that "opposite attract", for rumors has it that he leans towards "faber" things.

In the realm of sport, Uffe has participated in hockey and football. He has been on the Interclass Hockey Team of the Class of '45—the team that has won the interclass championship for three successive years—a feat never known to have been accomplished before. Uffe came out for football this fall and made the Varsity squad first trial. Nice going, Uffe!

As you step away with your parchment next spring, Uffe, we'll feel confident that you'll maintain the high standard of the "Red and Black" and we'll wave good-bye to a clever student and a capable executive.

good friends I am about to lose in Elre" suggests the daring accuracy with which Mrs. Robertson tells of the life, the habits, traditions, religion of Southern Ireland. And weaving in and out between the facts is a charming love story, perhaps a bit off colour according to our code of ethics, but nevertheless very interesting.

"Mutiny on the Bounty" by Nordhoff and Hall. You have all heard of this book, but how many of you have read it? "Mutiny on the Bounty" is a masterpiece of sea drama. The authors, Nordhoff and Hall, have spared no pains to make the book living, exciting, yet very accurate indeed. Young Byam is the hero of the story. His life on the ship "Bounty", the mutiny, his stay on the island of Tahiti, his return to England, the trial of the mutineers, combine to form a story that could outdo any bit of fiction. As literature it is delightful; as narrative it is thrilling; as history it is accurate. D. G. '46

Virtue is like precious odours—most fragrant when they are incensed or crushed.

Why Coaches Get Gray

I'm new at this thing called basketball, see? I'm not very bright at it yet, but I've got lotsa fightin' spirit and I'm gonna try like — Anyway me and about a dozen other green recruits turned out for practice with high hearts and heavy feet. This is what happened:—

I no sooner hit the floor than one of the "veterans" buried a ball at me and yelled "Shoo!"

I dropped the ball like a hot potato, cocked my finger and said, "Bang!"

The "vet" looked blank for a few moments but recovered enough to croak, "No, no! Throw the ball at the basket, you dope."

I squared off, drew back and let go with a vicious shot toward the basket, turning quickly to get the vet's approval.

"Thud!" something hit me between the shoulder-blades. I had a sneaking suspicion it was the ball. I was right! Backboards! Ugh!

We fooled around a lot more and then the coach walked out onto the floor. After whistles of due appreciation, we settled down to business.

"We're going to have a bit of warm-up drill," says Sr. Coach. "Fall in, girls!"

"Heck, I'm warm enough," says I and proceeds to fall out.

"Get in line!" I got.

First we ran like mad around the gym, then we skipped along on our toes with arms above our heads, then it was "up two three four — down two three four —

"Wow!" I wheezed. "What's he trying to make out of us, racers, ballet dancers or ducks?" I decided it was ducks.

I was great! When we started to shoot for the basket I made some lovely shots — lovely, if the basket had been between the backboard and the wall. And when we had a scrimmage — oh boy! I made one of the best shots of the night — right into my own basket. Oh well, live and learn I say. Right now I'm wondering if I'm going to live. Ohhhhhhh!

Inquisitive Questioner

What complaints have you about Snoop?

Roy Bradley: I always enjoyed reading it.

Audrey Gillis: Well, none — just about the catty remarks everybody's talking about.

Pat Harper: Haven't any.

Bob Daye: It gets a little too personal. It should not mention so many names and should be put in a readable fashion so that the person concerned only would feel their guilt. It should mention incidents instead of names.

Mary Lawson: It has been a little dirty lately — and I think everyone has the same complaint.

What do you think of the present conditions of the Tuck Shop?

Mary Forbes: The location is horrible.

Dave Plummer: I think things are running pretty well.

Betty Page: Not very convenient but it's o.k. I think it's too far away.

Keith Sidwell: Very convenient down there — especially after gym.

Mena Roy: It impressed me very favourably. I think it's cheery and clean.

George Bond: Oh! They're good.

What do you think of the co-ed?

Ray Tower: They're o.k. if they vote C.C.F.

Gerry Flower: They're o.k.

Frit Richardson: Ask one of the other boys, they have a lot to say about them.

CO-ED CAPERS

By Marion Morrison

This weekend the New Brunswick Youth Commission is holding a Youth Rally in the Normal School. The rally is on both Saturday and Sunday, November 25 and 26.

The Ladies' Society will be well represented at this conference as they are sending ten delegates. Jean Smith, Dorothy Loughlin and Kay Lyons are to present our prepared brief on education. The remaining seven are delegated to the different discussion groups. Helen Baxter, Youth and Recreation; Marie Pinder, Youth and the Family; Sylvia Budovitch, Youth and Citizenship; Blanche Law, Youth and Religion; Kay Bell, Youth and Health; and Eleanor Haines and Marion Morrison, Youth and Work Opportunities.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we thank the Faculty Women's Club for their generous offer to recover the couch and cushions in the "Blue Room". We do appreciate their offer. We also thank them for their friendliness and helpfulness and for their offer to assist the girls in any way.

This week the Reading Rooms have been even busier than ever. Reason? The Freshettes are now allowed to bang on the piano, relax, study or have a little hand in our sacred precincts. On Saturday, November 18, they were officially welcomed into the rooms by the upperclass girls. Each Freshette signed her name in our Record Book on the page reserved for the '45-ers. Freshettes were then given the most comely chairs and were waited upon by appreciative girls. After all the Freshettes had settled back to enjoy their ice cream and cake, the Seniors were allowed the few remaining chairs. The success of the party was due to the efficient committee: Betty Page, Blanche Law and Charlotte Vandine and also to their willing helpers, servers, and dishwashers: Dot Loughlin, Eleanor Haines and Fran MacLean.

Saturday, November 25, Miss Edith MacLeod, on behalf of the Faculty Women's Club, is entertaining the Juniors at her home. Also on Saturday the Faculty Women's Club is giving a tea from 4.00 to 6.00 at Mrs. E. O. Turner's home, for the Sophettes.

About here we want to wish Isabel Rowan and Frances Clements all sorts of luck. Both the Junior and Sophomore classes have lost a valuable member and we really miss you both "Up the Hill!"

Bill Crowley: Don't ask me!

Len Morgan: Oh, dear!!!

Gerry Ferris: A pretty sad bunch on the whole. Can't compare with Lorne town women.

P.S. He's from Saint John.

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