

rewards of victory sooner than the Team which received their defeat so gracefully. But Fate has destined them for other hands than ours this year.

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The President of the Literary Society made a good impression by delivering a good inaugural address. If we did not get the text of his speech we caught its spirit. It was high time somebody of authority should speak with frankness in reference to the attitude which students should take towards the University. We have no wish to flatter ourselves by observing that we took the first opportunity afforded us in our first issue to make a few remarks of a like nature. The "eleventh professor" asked a pointed question of the student, and it may be the means of impressing on us more forcibly the reason why we are here. Our great advantages awaken great expectations. They may or may not be realized, but it is a good thing to be reminded often of something which the attractions of the hour render hard sometimes to keep in mind.

S. P. S. NOTES.

College life in general is but an embryonic presentation of the pleasures and anxieties of after life. Here the wants of the body, mind and soul are supplied with unerring certainty and regularity. We are a little, artificial, socialistic community, propped up by the stern efforts of "individualists" who are battling in the natural sphere of life. Every year a portion—the ripened fruit—of the community is removed to the sphere of individualism, to be, we hope, a material exponent of the advantages of three years' life at the S.P.S. It is only when we thus enter real life that we can realize to what extent the work at the school represents the actual practice of an engineer.

But there is one feature of our College education which we can rest assured is a genuine fac-simile of what all, or nearly all, of us must experience on some, and perhaps many, occasions in the future; this is the annual dinner, the great climax of the pleasures of school life. For once we can forget all about bending moments, imaginary planes and labyrinthodonts, and realize to a slight extent the magnitude of the temptation of "Care," who

—mad to see a man sae happy
Drowned himself among the nappy.

But, no, we must not go too far. Last year, as a prominent member of the Faculty remarked, we had the best conducted dinner on record, and we intend that this year a similar (?) statement, with emphasis, shall not be a trespass beyond the truth. Of course we trust there is no one who does not feel it his bounden duty to attend the dinner; and besides, we all want to get through in the spring. But these warnings are superfluous. The Fourth, Third and Second years, with the possible exception of two or three who fear that they will not be entirely over their Thanksgiving dinner, are going in a body, and it is hardly likely that the First Year will break the long-established precedent of manifesting their sportive proclivities by acting similarly.

What was that extra five cents added to the Hallowe'en tickets for? We were told it was for decoration purposes. Where were the decorations? Not in the gods (strictly speaking) We noticed a private box nicely decorated, bearing the S.P.S. colors. Surely the money did not go to beautify this box. It *could* not be. The character of the committee men who occupied it were far beyond suspicion. Alas! this little affair will long remain a mystery. We pray

to the gods that there will be no extra five cents added to the price of the dinner tickets. In fact we know there will not be; as the committee elected this year are a set of efficient individuals; free from "clicks" or "rings," who have the interest and welfare of the school at heart both individually and collectively.

A DIRE DISASTER.

To-day, the sounds of mourning fill our halls and it is with a heart grieving over the dissipation of those fond hopes of a championship for the second year, that THE VARSITY proceeds with the duty of recording in its columns the result of last Saturday's contest at Rosedale. Ottawa College has won, and shown us that there is a better team in the Dominion than is ours, and that we must be content with showing our supremacy over but one Province. Yet in the winning of their victory, their opponents were so worthy of them, as to afford one of the most interesting exhibitions of football ever witnessed in Canada, and this despite the fact that the weather was most miserable. Snow and slush covered the field, and yet upon the whole it was a superior exhibition of football that both teams presented. But now that it is all over, and that Ottawa College are entitled to the position of premier exponents of the noble game in Canada, it is only just to say that perhaps in every part of the field they showed a superiority over our men. Their half-backs played an almost faultless game, our former full-back was as effective and as fearless as ever. On the other hand, our representatives behind the scrimmage, while doing some truly wonderful work at times, were not by any means as sure, making some bad fumbles. But in considering the play of the respective back divisions, we must never lose sight of the fact, that Smith, Gleason, Shea and Murphy, were for the most parts given a free hand, as the splendid work of their wing line prevented ours from breaking through to any dangerous extent, while they themselves seemed to be able to get around on our halves and pin down our quarter with regularity. Their scrimmage seemed to have the advantage over ours, allowing Smith to play a magnificent game, while our own Hobbs seemed very seldom to be able to get into the game. In only one point do we think that Varsity excelled the College, and that was in their dribbling, through which it was that both their tries were scored. With all justice to the others, we think that it should be said that on the wing line Campbell and McDougall shone conspicuously. While we regret having to do so, we must admit that it was the better team that won. To have been beaten by such a small margin, by such opponents, is indeed no disgrace.

Ottawa won the toss and kicked westward, but there was little advantage in the choice of positions. The play began and continued back and forth, for the most part to Varsity's advantage. The Ottawa men began what is known as screwing the scrimmage, a tactic which Varsity seemed unable to meet. Varsity, on the other hand, adopted the practice of kicking down from the centre half-back to the outside wing, on a free kick, and by this succeeded in gaining considerable ground. Finally, on a dribble, Elliot went over, after 16 minutes' play, for a try, which he failed to convert. After an alternation of half back play, and close scrimmage, on a kick from Gleason, Boyd was forced to make a safety touch, 4—2. After this Ottawa began to play with more spirit, Shea made a fine run, and Smith continued to feed the halves in a faultless manner. An exceedingly pretty combination play by Counsell and McDougall gained considerable ground. Finally Gleason scored a touch-down, 6—4. Again, after a period of good defensive work by Counsell, he went over again for a try. This, with a rouge, completed the scoring for the first half. 11—4.