

H. M. Darling, '03, spoke next on the subject of "College Life in Toronto." He said that the element of companionship is the real hall-mark of a college man. At present there is inclined to be too much attention paid to the academic and not enough to the social side of our college life. The speaker advocated the establishment of a residence system, since the lack of a residence is accompanied by the loss of the traditions and customs which are connected therewith. He deplored the lack of general interest in athletics, and the lack of unity among the different departments and faculties.

Carter, '03, was the last speaker, and his subject was "Success and How to Obtain It." He gave various examples of so-called great men who had been in reality failures. His receipt for success was: "Be strong and cultivate virtue." He advocated honesty, temperance, industry and frugality.

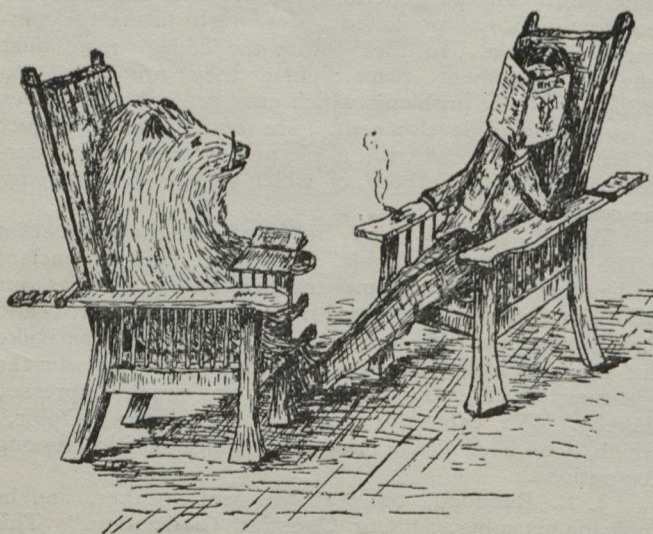
While the judges, Rev. Halliday Douglas and Mr. J. W. Flavelle, were down stairs trying to arrive at a decision Miss McCullough rendered another of her charming solos, and A. H. Rolph, '02, gave a violin solo.

Rev. Halliday Douglas then ascended the platform, and, after keeping the audience on pins and needles for fifteen minutes while he reviewed the speeches in turn, announced that Mr. Gillies had been awarded the palm. That gentleman was forthwith presented with the medal by the donor, Dr. W. P. Thompson, and the Glee Club closed the programme with "The Tinkers' Chorus."

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EXHIBIT No. II.

The *Sus Verbosis*, or Talkative Boar (Early Eng. bore).



This species is one of the most common of the genus Nuisancius. The *Sus Verbosis* haunts the vicinity of libraries and reading-rooms, or in fact almost any place where signs requesting silence are displayed. Several well-developed members of the species may be seen at almost any time in the Union Reading Room or the University Library. They will be found to be interesting

subjects for investigation, but I should not advise anyone to attempt to study their characteristics unless he happens to have an almost unlimited amount of time on his hands.

The Talkative Boar is a very wary animal, and it is impossible for anyone to study his idiosyncrasies who has betrayed his object to the animal. The best method of procedure is characterized by caution and dissembling. When you see one of these animals hanging around the Union Reading Room for instance, first of all attract his attention to yourself. This should be done as unobtrusively as possible, because he is by nature a very suspicious beast and your whole plan will be spoiled if he gets next to it. When you are sure that you are being watched by the beast, walk into the Reading Room, carefully select a magazine or paper from the shelf or rack, and then sit down, taking care to choose a chair which has an empty one beside it. After you have become settled, turn the leaves of the magazine over until you have found the most interesting story or item, then stretch out your legs and endeavor to the best of your ability to give the impression that you are intensely interested in what you are reading, taking care meanwhile to observe closely the movements of the boar. If you have followed the foregoing directions carefully he will follow you into the room, take down a magazine from the shelf, exercising no care in the selection since any one at all will serve his purpose, and seat himself in the vacant chair beside you. After turning the leaves in an aimless manner for a few minutes he will venture some remark about the weather or some such trivial subject of conversation.

If you pay no attention to his remark, and refuse to follow his lead, he will turn over the leaves of his magazine for a few minutes, and then try again on another topic. The Boar will keep this up until at last you answer one of his opening remarks, and then it is all off. He will start in at high pressure, and talk about any subject which happens to suit his fancy, being a very versatile animal, and able to converse intelligently, or at least to his own satisfaction, on any topic. Your labors in the endeavor to keep up the conversation will not be arduous; a monosyllabic ejaculation every few minutes will be ample. You may have some slight difficulty in putting an end to the conversation, but a plan which is generally effective is that of rising hurriedly as if you have forgotten something, and rushing away.

I have been speaking about the *Tame Boar*. There is another, and in some respects more dangerous, type which is commonly known as the *Wild Boar*. These latter animals usually hunt in couples. They have almost all the characteristics of their tamer brethren, but they display them in a different way. One need use no caution in observing their peculiarities. A pair of these beasts will walk noisily into the Reading Room, and, making a pretence of intending to read, will settle down in the easiest chairs they can find. It makes no difference to them whether or not the chairs are side by side, in fact they seem to enjoy themselves better if the length of the room separates them. Then they commence a heated discussion on almost any subject, and as they become warmed up their voices rise until one cannot hear the crack of the billiard balls up-stairs. This is continued until the other occupants of the room eject either the boars or themselves. The wild boars, like the tame ones, are very sociable beasts. This is shown by the fact mentioned above that they invariably hunt in pairs, and also by the fact that they are never seen in the Reading Room unless it is full of people.

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