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CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The different colleges and universities of the city have been invited to send representatives who will elect a committee to represent them. The duties of these shall be the arranging and carrying out of all intercollegiate demonstrations, such, for instance, as the home-coming of our troops. The advantages of such a committee are obvious: It will facilitate such business very materially; it will save a great deal of time; it will be enabled to form a better programme for such intercollegiate affairs. We believe that it will help to unify the mass of students, to some little degree, at least, in this city.

We hope that every college and university of the city will send a delegate to this informal convention, and that these will come prepared to give some of their opinions on this important matter.

DEBATING.

Is Varsity going to win the laurels in the annual forensic contest this year? What is being done? O those wisecracks on the Executive! O those representatives on the Debating Unions' Committee! What are you doing about it? Has the talent of Demosthenes, and of Cicero, discovered itself among any of our Freshmen? Have you held any debates to see who is good and who is indifferent? We read in the Yale daily newspaper that they are holding Freshmen debates to bring out promising material. What about our trying something of the same? Generally here, when a debate between Varsity and some of her opponents is announced there is a mad hustling and bustling for a day or two preceding such contest. One man is urged to debate; he refuses, another is entreated; he cannot. Here someone, out of sheer pity for the name and fame of his Alma Mater, comes forward hurriedly, prepares a debate upon some subject that, ten chances to one, he knows nothing about, or, at least, cares nothing. Now is this a good way to proceed? Take the old adage, "A stitch in time" at cetera, or another old saying, heavy with cobwebs, of generations, "Pre-emption, you know the best thing to do, then, if that is the case, is to begin to prepare for the struggle. Let us see, in this matter, immediately attended to.

A FEATURE OF OUR NATIONAL OUTLOOK.

This land is worthy of all dwellers within its borders. We cannot complain of the part Providence has taken to make this a land fit for men to live in, can we? If things are not what they ought to be, it is the people's own fault. This country may be not quite so restless in the habits of daily life, in business, in politics, in Sunday desecration, in familiarity with those in authority, in that feature of politics known as bossism, as another, but all Canadians do not despair on that account. Some even go so far as to rejoice. You remember the story of the hare and the tortoise. Well, we are the tortoise, once in a while, and we are not always thankful that we are. You know what kind of buildings men build, when there is a boom on in any city, do you not? They are generally very gaudy and very flimsy; while other houses in the vicinity are often not with which have not so much red paint, but have more genuine comfort are better built to withstand a cold day or an upstart cyclone. In the same way, it appears to us, that in

often better in nation-building to build for time, to build thoroughly: "Build a house where gods may dwell, Beautiful, entire and clean." Do not misunderstand us, pray, to be advocates of tortoisism pure and simple, for we are not. But we would rather be the tortoise in the fable than the hare. In short, we would rather be Canada, first, last and always. We believe that among the majority of young Canadian patriots there is a certain feeling of restlessness or partial discontent in our present condition as a nation. We are not, properly speaking, a nation; we are only a large colony. Now, we will hasten to say that we thoroughly believe in British connection, lest you should make a rash conclusion that we are opposed. Again, though, are we to be forever a colony, a huge infant, as it were, sipping from a spoon? You say, "You are talking nonsense, there is only a mere shadow of the Crown at the head of our Government, viz., the Governor-General." Yet we reply, "That is the chief office of the State. He is the head of all. It is that very office that makes the land a colony." We are not, however, in a position to advocate the doing away with the Governor-Generalship, that would be casting off allegiance to the Crown of Great Britain. We believe in Imperial Federation, written with capital letters. We believe in making Canada on a par with Ireland and Scotland in the British House of Commons. Now-a-days men run across the Atlantic and think little of it. Then, to say that an ocean separates us is no argument against such a scheme. In a few years, we hope, airships will be as commonly used as electric cars are to-day. Those will greatly help to annihilate distance. We Canadians do not want to be forever sipping from a spoon. We want to have a hand and a voice in the affairs of the Empire. We are as good Englishmen as any who live in England. We are as loyal, as ready to die for a just cause, as ready to pay taxes. Then we think that consequently our services in the halls of Legislature should not be lost. We believe that the opinions of Canadian statesmen are as valuable, as discriminating, as pertinent upon questions of the day, possessing as much political acumen and insight into difficult problems concerning the state and her foreign situation, as any British statesman's. How could it be otherwise? We read the same history, hold the same ideals, rejoice at the triumph of the same policies, what good we now enjoy from our form of government, we draw, then, like all our political inspiration, from the same sources as do British statesmen. We salute the same flag, honor and revere the same gracious monarch. Then why should our valuable services be all confined within the narrow boundaries of a colonial House of Parliament? We need our statesmen there, as we ever did, to be sure, but we can spare some of them in Westminster also. Could not that illustrious Canadian statesman who is so commonly compared to the late Prime Minister of England, Disraeli, could not he, we say, Macdonald, have graced our Imperial House of Parliament? We think so. We venture to say that he could have compared favorably with many who have stood there, and could have surpassed the common run. The question of Imperial Federation we believe a very pertinent question for the earnest consideration of every young Canadian who loves his country. It is a question that the future will ask, and ask again, until some wise and final answer is given, either in the way of adopting Imperial Federation, or in rejecting it, giving at the same time a logical reason for so doing. We would entreat our readers to look into this question. It is not all bosh, you know. It is worthy of your thought, no matter to what party you hold allegiance, or from what section of the country you hail.

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THE GREEK PLAY.

Progress is being made in the arrangements for the Greek play to be given this term at the Grand, under the direction of Miss Barrows. The subject of the play is to be the return of Ulysses, in which ample opportunity is given for the exhibition of the dramatic talent. There is little speaking in the play, in comparison to its length, so that its success depends on the acting chiefly. About fifty members are required for the cast, but the managers should find no difficulty in choosing that number from the students of Varsity, many of whom are greatly interested in the play and who will endeavor to make it as successful in Toronto as it has been in various colleges in the United States. The project should have the unanimous support of the students, since it depends chiefly upon University talent and support, and especially since it will be the only play rendered by the students this year. Prof. M. Hutton is deeply interested in it, and it is due to his energy and perseverance that the project has taken definite shape and gives promise of a successful fulfillment.

The University of Toronto has 60,000 volumes in its library. Queen's, 26,000. Ottawa College, 35,000. McGill (Arts), 58,000. McGill (Medical), 21,000. Laval, 12,000. "Just because she had dem goo-goo eyes." Solo: R. D. K'o.

CLASS ELECTIONS '01.

(Second Edition). Revised and Corrected. President—E. P. Brown. 1st Vice-President—Miss C. J. Barr. 2nd Vice-President—F. J. Buller. Secretary—F. M. Chapman. Treasurer—G. A. Hackney. Judge—F. Ryan. Mus. Director—G. Eadie. Orator—R. D. Keefe. Prophetess—Miss H. M. Gundry. Poetess—Miss A. B. Francis. Critic—F. Hogg. Historians—F. Armstrong, Miss Young. Athletic Director—W. J. Hanley. Councillors—W. E. Taylor, A. Baker, Miss R. B. White, M. J. Baird. This list is subject to revision at any time.

COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

Tuesday Nov. 6—Modern Language Club, Room 4; Fencing, Gym, 4.30. Wednesday, Nov. 7—Glee Club practice at 4, Students' Union. McMaster vs. Knox (Assoc'n.), 3 p.m., Varsity Campus. S. P. S. II vs. Varsity II, 7.4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8—Fencing, Gym., 4.30. Friday, Nov. 9—Dental II vs. McMaster II, 2.30 p.m. "Lit." meets 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10—Y. M. C. A. Mission Study Class at 7.30. Dental vs. Osgoode, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11—Prof. McCurdy's Bible Class meets. Monday, Nov. 12—Varsity vs. Knox, 3 p.m. Normal vs. S. P. S., 4 p.m.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the year in this department of study was opened on last Friday afternoon. Mr. A. J. Fisher, president of the society, gave his inaugural address, which was listened to with rapt attention by all present. It was conceded by all that Mr. Fisher's was a masterly effort. The subject of his address was "Philosophical Students in Different Colleges."

MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of the University of Toronto Mathematical and Physical Society was held in Room 16, University College, on the afternoon of Friday, November 2nd. A. G. McPhedran, '01, in a paper on Current Science, accompanied by lantern slides, gave a description of some late experiments on electrical discharges across considerable intervals, and made some interesting comparisons with the phenomena of lightning. C. Engler, '01, followed with a biography of Laplace, in which he pointed out that Laplace was the first man to establish theoretically the all-sufficiency of the law of gravitation to account for the phenomena of the universe and to assure the permanence of the solar system.

DINING HALL TABLE TALK.

There are now about 800 steady diners. There are, however, a large number taking occasional meals. On Saturday night about fifteen members of the Alpha Delta fraternity dined together. Professor Baker was one of the members present. The popularity of the dining hall is on the increase, if that could be. Those who once take their meals here are never known to leave. The dining hall is almost as popular in the undergraduate mind as is "College Topics." Mark one for C. T.

A GOOD RECORD.

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THE GREEK PLAY.

The latest man to don the cap and gown in '02 is R. M. Stewart. The effect of the cap posed on his curly locks is very coquettish. Mr. Hedley is considering the advisability as to whether a cap would become his venerable forehead.

W. A. Smith, '00, is at McGill Medical College, Montreal. "Fizzer's" whereabouts became known the other day by a post-card asking to be made a subscriber to this great college journal.

After the third year diners broke up on Halloween night, when every vestige of food had disappeared from the abundant board, the Juniors sallied forth for adventure. They went to the S. P. S. locality and began tampering with a gun that had been brought up from the officers' club on University avenue. A squad of police suddenly swooped down upon them like a hungry flock of vultures on a carcass. The boys did some very clever dodging, but two of the men—one I grieve to say, from Victoria (just think of it)—was seized. These men were small in stature, but not necessarily in mental capacity. They tried to use their argumentative powers on the officers, but to no avail. When they neared the police station they were let loose and ran away home.

We hear of other arrests. One was a Freshman. It seems that a gas lamp was turned out by this Freshman, whereupon a "cop" seized him. The crowd was too large for the "cop," so the boy was released. The "cop" was upset into the gutter. Another "cop," however, came to his assistance and the boy was again seized. The "luckless wight" was held at two hundred dollars bail. Two other men, we are told, were seized.

There was no incendiarism this year. Professor in Philosophy of History lecture—"I am not aware that a monkey was ever known to write." Note—See the McGill "Outlook."

What about that animal on Toronto Sa-u-a-N-g-e?

Several gentlemen, most of the third and fourth years, are deeply engaged in politics.

The following threatening notice appeared on the bulletin board in the "Gym": Fifty Halloween tickets stolen. Person selling same will be prosecuted. E. P. Brown.

A. J. Miller, '01, has been appointed the representative from University College upon the House Committee.

J. Gordon Fleck, who put up such a plucky game, and met with such ill-luck, has gone home to Ottawa. Mr. Fleck will not likely play again this year.

Mr. U. P. Odium of Victoria College, who enlisted in the first Canadian contingent, C. I. V., was rendered "hors de combat" on the football field last week by receiving a kick in the side. We wonder which is rougher—war or football.

Edmund Hardy, mus. bach, '03, who has been organist for some time past of the Parkdale Presbyterian church, has been appointed choir-master in addition. We are told that there is a law in economics that a rise in wages brings an increase in marriages. Can Mr. Hardy verify this statement?

Geo. Black, B.A., '98, has charge of the Science Department, State Normal School, Cheney, Washington.

Miss H. S. Woodvorton, B.A., '99, has gone to Baltimore, where she will take the medical course at Johns Hopkins University.

W. H. Dinning, B.A., '99, is Science Master at Anderson's Academy, Irvington, Cal., a well-known secondary school in the central portion of the State.

Rev. J. W. Kille, B.A., '75, has just left Toronto to return to his missionary duties in India, where he has been for many years principal of the Presbyterian College.

W. H. Alexander, B.A., '99, has been re-appointed Latin reader in the University of California for the year 1900-1901. Mr. Alexander took his M.A. degree from that university last spring.

Colin C. Stewart, Ph.D. (Clark), who has been tutor in Physiology, Columbia University, for the past two years, has been appointed Demonstrator in Physiology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Wm. Lawson, B.A.Sc., '92, formerly fellow in chemistry at the University of Toronto, is now chemist to the Alvarado Sugar Company of California, one of the largest companies for the manufacture of beet-sugar on the Pacific coast.

J. T. Shotwell, a Modern Language graduate of 1898, has been working in the department of History with very great success. Immediately after graduation he obtained a scholarship in European History in Columbia University, and was awarded a fellowship in the same subject for the following year. At the conclusion of his second year of post-graduate study, he not only received the degree of Ph.D., but was also elected to the position of lecturer on European History in Columbia.

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CORRIDOR ECHOES

All the Arts men carried the flag with the words "our Boys" on it.

Probably everyone has heard that old joke about Professor Blackie and his notice. He put upon the black-board the following: "The professor will not meet his classes this morning."

A wag rubbed out the "of" of the classes, it then read: "The professor will not meet his classes this morning."

The professor, seeing this trick, rubbed out the "I." It then read: "The professor will not meet his asses this morning."

The ladies are now taking luncheon in a separate section in the DEAR'S building. A Freshie wants to know what his chances are as getting in as water. Very slim, Freshie.

J. Isbester is back to work at the S. P. S. He had been sick for some time previously with typhoid fever.

The Freshmen class gave a reception to the Sophos at the Y. M. C. A. During the evening a search was carried on for some time for a bag of peanuts, meanwhile the Seniors were fattening their ribs on the same. Moral—Always ask a Senior representative.

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