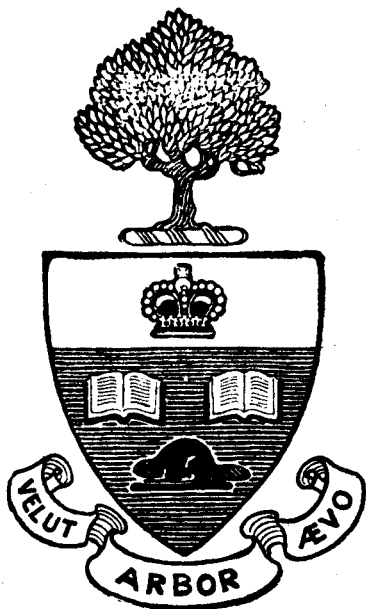


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The Hollow God

By A. J. Connor

The confession of Kumu-sum-iddina, high priest of Marduk discovered in the ruins of the pylon of the temple of Marduk on the site of ancient Babylon.

Ye who read this will learn why the body of him who was high priest before me was never found. The gods did not spirit him away, but it happened upon this wise.

Ugbaru, the governor, had insulted Gubaru, the high priest, who swore vengeance upon him. In his rage he tore at his gray locks and called upon Marduk to witness that he would destroy him. I, chosen by the priesthood to be the successor of Gubaru in his high office when the gods should call him hence, endeavored to pacify him. For Ugbaru had been the playmate of my boyhood, the friend of my youth and the benefactor of my manhood days. Had I suffered him to be destroyed without an effort to save him, I should have deserved to be thrown over to the dragon that the mighty Tiamat created. I advised, I pleaded, I adjured, I cajoled, but it was useless, Gubaru was inexorable. He would destroy the governor and commanded me to assist him, and I, by the oath I swore in the secret chamber of Utgallu was compelled to obey.

The high priest had already made his plans, all the more fiendish that they were to be masked under the guise of the will of the god.

On the next day Ugbaru was to approach the colossal statue of Marduk and there publicly before the people utter his prayers. I cast myself down on my couch for a few hours fitful sleep.

By the gray light of the early dawn Gubaru led me swiftly past the pylon of the great temple in Babylon and into its inmost recesses. Behind the statue of Gibel, the Fire God, he stopped and disclosed the entrance to the subterranean passage whereof the high priest and his assistant alone know. By the flickering light of a torch we crept along underneath the temple and stopped again at the door leading up to the interior of the hollow statue of Marduk. There in the right knee of the god was the device that Kurigalzu had constructed in the ancient times to kill his enemies. How to wield it Gubaru alone knew. Quickly he arranged it and then we climbed up to the platform behind the eyes of the god and beheld the people assembling to witness the governor making his official prayers. When the rays of the sun began to strike upon

the face of Marduk, Ugbaru drew near and knelt before it. And as he was engaged in supplication, the high priest descended to the knee of the god and busied himself with the infernal device of Kurigalzu. Suddenly there was a flame of fire and a cloud of smoke and looking forth from the eye of the statue I beheld my benefactor lying prostrate and bleeding at the feet of Marduk. The high priest came up beside me and also looked forth but with fiendish glee. He exulted in his triumph and gloated over his crime. But I, raising my hand, swore in silence that I would accomplish vengeance for the soul of Ugbaru, the governor, and my friend and benefactor.

Again I looked out and saw upon the floor of the great temple a fearful commotion. The people, seeing the sudden and terrible destruction of the governor, cried out that Marduk was angry at the city and had killed him to show his wrath. Hither and thither they ran and sought to make ready a sacrifice to appease the god, many were calling out for the high priest and for me. But we dare not go out for many of the lower orders of the priesthood were passing and re-passing the entrance to the subterranean viaduct. Long we waited for the priests to leave the inner portion of the temple, but in vain.

Then the gods put a plan in my mind and I said to Gubaru:

"Thou art an old man and very weary. Lie down upon my cloak and sleep. I will watch till there is an opportunity for us to leave unperceived and then I will wake thee."

The passion of his rage and triumph and the exertion of the early morning having been too much for a man full of years as he was, he soon fell asleep and I kept my vigil till I saw that the way was clear. Then descending until I reached the first door at the feet of the god, I passed out and locked Gubaru within. Swiftly I fled down the passage, and emerged behind Gibel, the Fire God, as I had entered.

Going among the people, I took part in the sacrifices before the great god in whose interior I had locked the sleeping high priest. I ordered the sacred music to be played before the altar. Soon I perceived that Gubaru was awakened for I saw him peering forth from the eye of Marduk and signalling to me. But I paid no heed but went on with the sacrificial rites. Then Gubaru began to shout and the people heard it and were affrighted, crying out that the god was but the

more enraged and would destroy them all. So I bade them stand a great way off and keep the sacred music playing. Then standing alone before the statue, I answered Gubaru, part of whose face only was visible to me who only knew where to look for it behind the eye of Marduk. I upbraided him with his crime, I reproached him with killing my dearest friend, I cursed him by all the gods, and the people standing afar off heard me not but believed I was making supplication before the angry god on their behalf.

Gubaru pleaded to be released, promised me riches and great honor, but I laughed him to scorn.

"When thou art dead, I shall be high priest and all riches and honor will be mine. Thou wilt never leave the god but Marduk will be thy tomb."

In his rage he ran down to the device of Kurigalzu to kill me where I stood. But I had rendered it useless and he came back to the eye and besought me again to release him and made the signal for help of the order of Utgallu, but my vow of vengeance to the gods annulled for the time my oaths to the brotherhood and I obeyed it not. Then he shrieked at me curses and called me traitor and with his feeble lungs endeavored to call the people, but they could neither hear nor see, for they stood far off.

Pretending to pray to the god, I raised my hands and made mock of him and gloated over my revenge, till soon the gray old man, weakened by his cries and curses grew silent and his face disappeared from before the eye of Marduk and I knew that he had sunk down exhausted. Then I kneeled before Marduk and thanked the gods for the accomplishment of my vengeance for the soul of Ugbaru, the governor, my benefactor.

Going to the people I announced to them that the wrath of Marduk was appeased and that they should leave the temple. So they departed and I alone kept watch before the god lest Gubaru should again raise an outcry.

But from that hour to this there has been silence only within the hollow god. Gubaru, the murderer, sleeps as silent within his colossal tomb as his victim in the burying-place of his forefathers. Bel and Anu grant them both eternal peace.



THE WINE

The Wine of life is Love, come fill the cup,
Which is thy very self, and offer it
That all who thirst may drink; and know 'tis
writ

Oh thou, who giv'st this wine that all may sup
Art offering men the blood of Christ, no drop
Of which from out the Holy Chalice poured
Can fail to reach some parchéd soul, whose
hoard
Of anguish it may all in time take up.

The wine of life is Love, and Love is God,
And Love is all in all. The Holy Priest
Of God is he who showeth man, so awed
By fear, that even in the worst and least
Of men, and in their darkest, selfish night,
Is shining, always, if they choose, Christ's light.

Charles Lazenby.

AN ABORIGINAL VILLAGE

On the Fraser River, several miles from its mouth, is situated a series of mounds—the anthropologist calls them middens—in the strata of which can be read the evolution of a people who had disappeared long before historic record. The giant cedars which have grown upon the mounds are no taller to-day than when Captain Cook dropped anchor in Nootka Sound; to what nature has done since these mounds were abandoned by their builders, a few centuries make no appreciable difference; and to what our imagination delights to call a prehistoric civilization these mounds remain the only monuments.

They are situated on the rising ground that bounds the Fraser Delta to the north. In their lowest layers are found innumerable clam and mussel shells, and it is evident that these have been thrown there during savage feasts when the sea was in the immediate vicinity. Since then, by extending the delta over many more thousands of acres, the river has built its banks fully a dozen miles past this spot. This distance, compared with its inconsiderate yearly increment, is our clue to the antiquity of the mounds.

Originally the site may have been merely a gathering place of tribes and clans who in winter found their chief sustenance in the shell-fish, but later a permanent settlement was made. The development of the community from the state of casual visitors to that of settled dwellers is traced in the various strata of the mounds. The lowest strata, which we have noted, contain merely shells and traces of fire and are separated by thin layers of soil which the rain has washed over the spot during the absence of these nomadic tribes. Natural stones were sufficient to crack the shells of their chief food, so that no manufactured implements are found in the earliest layers.

The primitive inhabitant must have been scarcely human. Ignorant of all the arts, he made no weapons; he existed solely on what nature presented to him and his menu could not have varied much from wild berries and shell-fish. For clothing he may have had the skins of animals, but we find no traces of shelter erected against the inclemency of the weather. His knowledge of the use of fire, however, presaged advancement.

Among the higher strata the absence of intermediary layers of rain-washed soil indicates a permanent settlement, and the number of shells decrease, probably as the river extended its banks and made the sea more remote. As the shells become increasingly scarce their place is taken by the bones of birds, animals and fish. Notable among these are duck, grouse, bear, deer, coyote, otter and salmon.

Together with the bones are found the weapons with which the game was slain and the implements with which it was prepared for domestic use. Strangely enough these weapons are comparatively seldom made of stone, but are beautifully worked from bone and the ivory tusks of the Pacific walrus. They comprise war-clubs, spears and arrow-heads, many of them covered with weird carvings of the human form, of wild beasts, or of the symbol of the Great Eye. A few axe-heads of jade and some sandstone war-clubs of about twenty pounds weight, have been

unearthed, together with such domestic articles as the mortar and pestle for grinding grain or berries, needles, skin-scrappers, and awls. In addition to this catalogue of primitive necessities, one is pleased to note the discovery of several bear's teeth bored for stringing on a necklace.

All these give evidence that, as the river built up the Delta, the inhabitants, on account of the increasing remoteness of the sea, used fewer and fewer shell-fish and took gradually to hunting. This developed as an art among the people and here is seen the first indication of any culture.

The days of which record is left in the upper layers of the mound must have been the golden age of the primitive race. Evidence that they lived in houses is found, the discovery of coarse sacking and fragments of basket-work shows that they understood weaving, they became proficient hunters, and for many years continued to enjoy a generous prosperity.

The end of this history is written in the layers just below the present soil. Here are found traces of battle and the sudden destruction of the community. Human bones crowd the uppermost stratum. Primitive burial the world over left the bodies carefully doubled up, but these remains lie in no regular order but are scattered at random, presumably as they fell in battle.

Skulls of two kinds occur; long and round shaped ones lie alongside each other. Some anthropologists who have examined the site believe that the round shaped ones are those of the early inhabitants, and that the long-head type represents the invaders at whose hands the destruction of the aboriginal community came about.



MCGILL'S INFLUENCE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

There is at present before the British Columbia Legislature, a measure, which has forcibly called the attention of the authorities of this University to the Pacific Coast Province. Should it pass in its present form, it will have the effect of placing the whole higher educational system of the Province in the hands of McGill, and of turning British Columbia into a happy hunting ground for the Montreal University.

For some years past there has been a feeling in British Columbia in favor of the establishment of a provincial university, and it was generally supposed that the present session of the Legislature would be productive of some measure towards this end. Instead, however, of introducing a bill for the establishment of a provincial institution, one was brought in which proposed to allow McGill to found an affiliated college in Vancouver. It was provided moreover that the authorities of the University should enter into agreements with the trustees of High Schools throughout the Province, by which the control of the courses of study should be placed in the hands of the authorities of the University. This obviously meant giving the control of the entire system of higher education in British Columbia to the Faculty of McGill, which would presumably so arrange matters that all students should matriculate into that University.

Inasmuch as there are many graduates of Toronto and other universities, in British Columbia, who look forward to sending their children to

their Alma Mater, it is obviously unjust that all students entering the Provincial schools, should be predestined for McGill. Moreover, Toronto has already an affiliated institution in British Columbia, Columbian College, at New Westminster,—a college which has the honor of being the first and only one to confer a degree of Arts in that Province. It certainly appears but just, that if either university is to be favored by the Government, the preference should be to Toronto and not to McGill.

The Government did its best to get the bill through quickly and quietly, indeed so circumspect were its movements that it has been accused on all sides of attempting that legislative feat known as "railroading." The excuse offered was that Dr. Torey, of McGill, who is working things for the University, wished to return to Montreal. Despite its haste, however, the Government was unable to rush the measure through before a meeting of University graduates had taken place at Vancouver, at which a resolution strongly condemning the bill was passed. Had it not been for this meeting, the leading spirits of which were Toronto men, the measure might have slipped through unnoticed, but public opinion has now been roused by its manifest injustice, and there seems to be little likelihood of its passage.

In a recent interview, Dr. Torey stated that the McGill authorities apparently somewhat hurt at the way in which the people of British Columbia had sniffed a rat in their allegedly altruistic schemes, might withdraw their offer. To this sentiment the reply of public opinion throughout the Province is an unanimous "Amen."

S. C. D.



EDITORIAL KATZENJAMMER

The annual luncheon of the Varsity Board will be held on Feb. 29. Business Manager McGoeys has consented to act as Boastmaster. The menu is as follows:

- Soup.
- Princess Supe en deshabelle.
- Relishes.
- Salary. (In)-sulted Peanuts.
- Fish.
- Fried Sole à la Torrey.
- Meats.
- Roast Editor au migrashus.
- Subscriber, well dunned à la McGoeys
- Cold shoulder.
- Pastry.
- Theeditorslifeisnotall Pie.
- Chestnuts. Cigarette. Cough(ee).
- The Anvil Chorus.



LOQUITUR URQUHART

Election's a vice
 Just as pernicious as the bottle.
 I've forsworn it thrice,
 For election's a vice,
 Even when nice;
 And if I don't win it, McNaught'll.
 Election's a vice
 Just as pernicious as the bottle.

—L. O. (alt'd G. B.)

THE COLLEGE GIRL

Edited by Miss J. M. Adie,

THE EXTENSION OF COURSES

We congratulate ourselves on the thoroughness of our system of education; but we are apt to forget our limitations. The marvellous advance in theoretical sciences during the last fifty years has not received any very practical recognition from Toronto University. Our calendar contains fourteen honor courses; Chicago has thirty-five. It is a deplorable fact, that students in American universities are winning laurels in courses which are merely unfamiliar names to us. Among the many popular courses are: Ethnology and Ethnography; Sanskrit; Sociology and Anthropology; Journalism and Oratory. Why is it that the students of Toronto University do not demand the extension of courses? Unless a change is effected soon, our limitations will render us inadequate in the eyes of the world.



WHY LITERARY ASPIRANTS FAIL

Never a day passes but some girlish heart throbs with wounded pride, at the rejection of an article in which she has poured forth her soul. Ignorant of the cause of her failure, she attributes it to the injustice of the editor. Though the novice is unable to comprehend the fact, there are fixed rules which govern the preparation of literary matter. A manuscript must be technically and mechanically correct: the name and address should be plainly written in the upper left hand corner of the first page, and the number of words in the manuscript in the upper right hand corner. The title should be placed a little below these, and in the centre of the page. Even a paragraph article should have a title: a sentence has a subject, why not a paragraph? The busy editor must be able to see it at a glance. Many a good article is rejected because it is too long. Be concise: brevity and accuracy will win the day.



THE '08 LUNCHEON

On Tuesday, February thirteenth, the girls of '08 held their annual Valentine luncheon. The decorations were in red and white, the toast lists and dainty heart-shaped souvenirs being in themselves works of art. About forty-five girls were present, and considering the large number, there was very little noise, the girls even suppressing the National Anthem for fear of disturbing the neighbors.

Miss Helen Thompson ably performed the duties of toast-mistress, the following being the list:

I. "The Apex of the Pyramid."—Miss Carmichael responded, rendering all due honor to King Edward.

II. "Our Lady of the Snows."—Miss Marshall.

III. "Halls of Learning."—Miss Boyington.

IV. "The Great Unknown."—Miss McKinnon, in reply, merited her applause, although she denied all knowledge of her subject.

V. "The Chroniclers."—Miss McDonald solicited aid for The Varsity, even if it were in the

form of those inspiring poems which seem just now to be so fashionable.

VI. "Dwellers in Olympus."—Miss Kilpatrick.

VII. "The Eternal Verities."—Miss McNeely.

VIII. "The Strenuous Life."—Miss Cassels.

IX. "The Witan."—Miss I. Campbell showed the good done by the Literary Society, and moved a vote of thanks to the successful debaters of '08.

X. "The Acme of Perfection."—Miss Bradshaw pointed out that '08, though successful in everything was especially so in the inauguration of the luncheon. It is at such functions as these that we get the greatest thing a girl can possibly obtain from her college life,—the spirit of good comradeship.



A number of the college girls have received invitations to the marriage of Miss Lulu Bridgman, ex-'07, to Mr. Garnet McKee, M.A. The wedding will take place on February twenty-eighth at the home of Miss Bridgman's parents in Fort William.

An unexpected fifty dollars having been received from a generous friend, the Y.W.C.A. is able to send another delegate to Nashville. Miss I. Carpenter, '09, is to be the fortunate one.

The sincere sympathy of "The College Girl" is extended to Miss Margaret Houston, '07, in the loss she has sustained by the death of her mother.

The many friends of Miss Isabel Elliott, B.A., '05, who is now at Chicago University, will be glad to know that she is gradually recovering from her recent serious illness.



All those who neglected the opportunity afforded them Saturday of witnessing the hockey match between the girls of St. Hilda's and of University College missed something worth seeing. Just three weeks had elapsed since that fated Saturday on which some seven of our girls in motley array made their first appearance on ice in a match against St. Hilda's. But this Saturday's game bore ample evidence to the fact that the Varsity girls had done their best to make hay while the sun shone or more truly speaking while the sun didn't shine.

The spirits of the Varsity maidens were possibly fortified by the knowledge of their own impressive appearance, for they emerged on this occasion in artistic new sweaters and toques. Their checking and combination were admirable and effective to such an extent that the puck was kept pretty much in the vicinity of the opposing goal and had their shooting but been more effective a sweeping victory might have been the result. As it was in the first half neither side scored, while in the second half the puck owing to some oversight on its part slipped once into the Varsity goal, making the score 1 to 0 in favor of St. Hilda's. The teams were as follows:

St. Hilda's.	Varsity.
Miss Boyd	Goal..... Miss McPherson.
Miss Endicott	Point..... Miss Powell.
Miss Greening	Cover..... Miss Lewis.
Miss Hainey	Rover..... Miss Carrier.
Miss Redding	Centre..... Miss Angus.
Miss Klammer	R. wing..... Miss Reid.
Miss Greenwood	L. Wing..... Miss Hamilton.

THE MISOGYMISTS

By Matthias Rex

One by one they crept into the drawing-room in the club and sought the alcove. It was next Saturday afternoon and they had become weary of the parade of chosen ones up to East Hall where the Women's Lit. were holding forth. Silently they sat and gazed at each other with the far-away gaze of the exile. Then one:

"I wrote something to-day. Like to hear it?" There was a listless nod of assent. Anything would be a relief.

"The spinster and the punster are much the same to view,

In letters she is better off

But she'd give 's i' for 'u'."

he chanted, then hurrying on by way of apology, "some of it ain't—."

But a fearful thing happened. They did not rend him. Nor even did they speak harshly to him. The far-away look died out from their eyes and in its place came a devil-may-care glint. Here was a sin that was worthy, they would steep themselves in it, they would defy the world in one terrible debauch.

"I sonnet the point of it," said one recklessly.

"You know I'm averse to that," from another.

"Ditty?" came the query from a third.

"What?" asked the gathering.

"Metre."

"Odious," from a fourth.

"Let's make the rule that all but disyllabic puns are bard," suggested someone.

"You will some day," remarked a youth with a red tie.

"Will what?"

"Diasyllabic puns."

There was a lull. The first mad plunge had unnerved them. Then a shy young man in the corner asked:

"Are Clari-Fy and Molli-Fy sisters?"

"Sure, Daughters of Mysti-Fy."

"And Mummi-Fy."

"Sisters to Terri-Fy."

"Horri-Fy is another brother."

"And Vili-Fy."

"Then there's Beauti-Fy, the cat."

"I guess that's all of de-Fy family."

"No, there's de-Fi-ance."

Mr. File entered looking for a magazine.

"I nominate Mr. File for membership on condition he qualifies."

"Anything he says will be put on file."

"Vile," from the candidate and the election was complete. Piano music floated in on the gathering.

"Liszt."

"He Handels it well."

"Chopin some."

"Yes, Sousa 't?"

"He'll nocturne and I can only see he's Bach."

But the musician heard them and fled.

There was a pause, then one of the party commenced talking to himself.

"Soho Avenue Roads you have seen fit to run down Isabella Street? Do you think you are treating Clarence Square? Richmond Street will

have something to say about this and I shall ask him myself, Tecumseh—."

But the sound of the dinner bell broke in on them. A deep flush suffused every cheek and silently they slunk in to dinner like men who have down a shameful thing. And well they might.



A VARSITY PRIMER

By Arimem

That, my children, is the Arts Banquet. What are those Men saying to each other? They are talking about a Man named Dr. Osler. He says Men should be Chloroformed when they are Sixty Years Old. They are only wondering if he meant to Apply that Rule to Chickens. They think he should. Yes, it is a Course Dinner. Be careful how you spell that word Course.



That is a Valedictory. What is a Valedictory? A Valedictory is the Supreme Effort of a good Reminiscer who is famous for his or her Literary Bent. How do you write a Valedictory? Oh, it is quite simple, I assure you. First you get a Latin Quotation, there is a Beautiful one beginning "Postum Postum." Then you become Expert in using Lovely Phrases like "Sheltering Walls" and "Hallowed Traditions," and "Academic Career," and "As Years Roll On." It is very simple. Who will read it? Ah, that is Another Matter.



What is that Scramble around the Bulletin Board for? Why, did you not know? The Invitations to the Women's Lit. Reception are out. Yes, it is late in the term for a Social Function. Well, you see, it takes the girls till this time to decide Whom they will Ask. Do they Benefit by their long Think? No, I am afraid they do not invite the Best People. And I should Know.



"Will the gentlemen in the back seats please stop talking?"



His rent was due and hapless Bill
Was thrown from out a seventh floor
He couldn't even draw his breath.
Bill never was so broke before.

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The multiplicity of organizations connected with the University of Toronto is a fact that calls forth frequent comment. Some go so far as to advise the abandonment of the majority of them, that the demands upon the time of the undergraduates may not be so great as to interfere with regular academic work. This will not solve the problem. We may admit that in each faculty some societies might be dispensed with, without any appreciable loss, and yet, so long as they can render any service to those interested they have a right to exist. The root of the evil will not be reached in that way. Something far easier and far more effective can be suggested and now is the time to put it into operation. Men are being chosen for the various executives for the year 1906-7. No good man's efforts to make any organization progressive can be despised, and in every case the best possible men should be sought. But, no matter how good the man, his usefulness is diminished if his energies are distributed too widely. No man is so indispensable to the University that, unless he take the initiative, a half dozen of its societies will go to smash. Rather let him relinquish his monopoly and grade his activities according as he estimates the opportunities for serving the University and for developing his talents for use in the broader field of life. In his senior year every man should be a leader in some department. "One man, one office," should be made the rule. And what will result? Fewer overworked men. Fewer good men crowded out. No defunct or half-hearted organizations. A place for everyone and everyone in his place.

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The University Question in B.C.

There are two bills before the British Columbia Legislature which, indirectly at least, affect Toronto University. The tendency of these bills is to make McGill University the paramount factor in the higher educational system of British Columbia. One section of Bill 23 pro-

vides that McGill may exert a controlling influence on secondary education. As far as we can judge, the effect of the bills if passed, will be to make the High Schools throughout the Province feeders for McGill, to the exclusion of other Canadian Universities.

There is already in British Columbia an institution for higher education, the Columbian College, and it is affiliated through Victoria College with this University. The proposed legislation will be most prejudicial to its interests and has drawn forth strong protests from its management. These protests together with those of University graduates and others interested in educational matters, will doubtless have a great influence on the fate of the bills, and it is possible that even yet they may be withdrawn.

But the most incomprehensible phase of the question to us is why, instead of contributing to the aggrandizement of an institution geographically and otherwise remote, the Legislature does not establish a provincial university of its own. It cannot be for lack of resources, for most of the Canadian Universities, including our own, were established at a far earlier stage of development than that of British Columbia to-day.

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Comstockery

Our undergraduate girls are good friends of The Varsity and considering the proportion of subscribers amongst them they are the most loyal supporters of it. And surely undue levity or frivolity has never marred their contributions to it. No man, no woman, or even Editor Bok, of The Ladies' Home Journal, can truthfully say otherwise. Little did we think that we should ever have to defend the columns of "The College Girl." And yet one who has written for this page notifies us that she will discontinue her contributions to The Varsity as they have been censured by one of the authorities whose special charges are the girl students. This is not the only case in point. More than one young lady has refused to write for us for fear of censure from the same source.

We are at a loss to account for this. Can it be that the witch scene in "Macbeth," recently portrayed by Ben Greet, has hypnotized the imaginations of these powers that be? Is that the reason they prepare the cauldron for the unhappy editor? Must he hear in every breeze that whistles through the trees in Queen's Park the weird shriek of witches preparing some horrid doom? Not so fast, not so fast, gentle critics; the University has a Domestic Science Department to be reckoned with, and the fair votaries of this art unanimously say that a tough bird (like the editor) to be made delectable must be boiled slowly.

Engineering Society Considerable dissatisfaction has been felt in certain quarters expressed intermittently for some years with regard to the Engineering Society. From time to time statements have been made that it does not fulfill the true functions of a student society, that it is, in short, nothing but an extension of the lecture course. The Society meets for an hour and a half, one afternoon in every two weeks, when papers on engineering subjects are read. Without in any way undervaluing this side of its work, there can be little doubt but that it fails to afford an arena for student discussions.

As a possible remedy meetings of the society might occur oftener and be more general in their nature. It might even be considered advisable to do as other college societies and hold some, at least, of its meetings in the evening.

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Why Not a "Hockey Night?" The comparatively large number of University College men who marched in a body to hear "Macbeth," calls attention to the possibility of having a respectable attendance of students at Inter-College and Inter-University games. The poor attendance is usually accounted for by the inactivity of the Athletic Directorate; but this body has really little organization fitted for getting out the men. It has a very few representatives in each college and even these are in many cases men who do not meet with the large body of students very much. For Friday night's turnout University College Literary Society merely had a committee arrange with the company, announce that the College would attend in a body, offer the tickets for sale, and the men joined in the project eagerly.

The plan suggests itself of having the Literary, Medical, and Engineering Societies take upon themselves the duty of getting out the men of the respective colleges to all the games. One of these societies has more officers than it knows what to do with, and it would be quite easy to commission a few of them to organize the students, not for one "Theatre Night," but for every Inter-College or Inter-University game that takes place. One of the societies, moreover, has seen fit not merely to change its meeting night, but to withdraw a meeting entirely in order to attend a very ordinary performance. Surely it ought to be willing to "take steps" to prevent its meeting clashing with a University hockey game, as has happened in the case of every senior hockey game this season, and to take as much trouble in getting the men to the game as to a Shakespearean play.

AT THE SIGN OF THE GOWN

There's nothing like statistics. The gentleman who posted up in the rotunda of University College the number of Arts Dinner Tickets that had been subscribed to daily by the different years, deserves the gratitude of all enthusiastic statisticians. There are the figures, irrefragable, eloquent, patent to all the world. The first year bought up 33 tickets, and the second year went them 4 better by buying 29 tickets. We imagine, without reference to the Registrar, that there must be over 225 men enrolled in University College in these two years. This would imply that hardly more than one man in four in these years cares enough to be present at his own college dinner to pay \$1.50.

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But there's more in it than that. It means that hardly more than one man out of four in these years is willing to pay \$1.50 to hear a galaxy of public speakers such as one seldom is privileged to hear in Toronto. The Stroller professes freely that he would pay that not inconsequential sum any day for the pleasure of hearing Sir Wilfrid Laurier alone. But after all, it was not the money that was the matter. The kopecks are not so scarce as all that around this college. The sole reason for the failure of so many of the undergraduates to buy the dinner tickets, is that they didn't care a continental whether or not they heard Sir Wilfrid Laurier, or Hon. G. W. Ross, or any of the rest of them. They weren't interested.

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That this is so may be demonstrated. Last week Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Dominion Opposition, and one of the finest public men in the country, came to speak to the students of the University, and he was greeted with an audience that barely half filled the West Hall. So far as The Stroller knows, there was no other meeting that evening to act as a distraction; and yet out of the several thousand students at the University, hardly a hundred turned out to hear the man who is likely to be some day the Prime Minister of Canada. It was certainly not impecuniosity that was the cause of this, for there was no entrance charge or collection of any kind. The cause was plain plumb porridge lack of interest in Mr. Borden and anything he might have to say.

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The Stroller understands that the Dinner Committee had to sell tickets to graduates downtown in order to dispose of enough tickets to pay expenses. If The Stroller may venture a private opinion, this is a crying disgrace to University College, and especially to the first and second years.

The Stroller.

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Goldwin Smith will be present at the dedication of the Goldwin Smith Hall of Humanities during Cornell's commencement week.

There is a strong movement in Cornell towards the substitution of monthly tests for the present final yearly examination. Sibley Faculty has already made the change.

THE PREMIER'S SPEECH

Never before has the Premier of Canada been a guest at the annual dinner of the University College Literary Society. His presence aroused great enthusiasm among the four hundred students who were present. They greeted him with cheers after Prof. Baker, the toastmaster, had introduced him in a happy speech, and declared that his presence indicated the deep interest in the intellectual advancement of Canada.

Prof. Baker regretted the unavoidable absence of Premier Whitney owing to the press of public duties.

After the toast to "The King" had been drunk, the toastmaster introduced Mayor Coatsworth, who as a graduate of Toronto University, would propose the toast to "Canada and the Empire."

After "Laurier! Laurier!" had been enthusiastically sung the cheering which greeted the Premier when he rose to speak lasted several minutes.

After expressing his appreciation of the reception and his gratification at being the first Prime Minister of Canada to be present at this banquet, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he was standing before the lawmakers of the future, the men who were to mould the future of this nation and overcome the difficulties which lay before us. All of us were patriots, standing on the threshold of life and looking forward to the future with all its hopes, its tremendous possibilities and its advantages, which would be realized only when the time has passed.

Since the fall of the City of the Seven Hills, there had been many attempts at empire building. Proud as the phrase "Civis Romanus," was to the Roman, it was not so dear as the title "Civis Britannicus" to the Canadian. While Canadians were justly proud that they were a portion of a great empire and proud of its history, it was to Canada, their own land, that they most fondly turned.

Canada had not a great military history, but that page of fame Canada had no need of. In fine arts and literature she had made some progress, and in agriculture still more, but there was yet much to do. Yet the population had increased in a most satisfactory manner; our population of 6,000,000 was almost as large as that of several of the most famous nations of Europe.

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The relation of Great Britain and Canada today is perfectly satisfactory. England had made a nation of Canada out of the French and English, as she yet would of the English and Dutch in South Africa.

Sir Wilfrid's closing words were: "Do not trouble about the morrow. Take hold and care for the duty of the hour. Every revolving hour rings in a new responsibility. Attend it carefully with the British idea of duty and equity. All you can do for the country and the Empire, press forward toward that goal."

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SPORTS

Edited by H. D. Scully

McGILL, 12; VARSITY, 7

THE final intercollegiate match was won by McGill from Varsity Friday night in Montreal by 12 to 7. The game was a poor one probably because there was nothing hanging on the result, and no spectators to speak of, to encourage the teams to play well. McGill presented a stronger team than in Toronto, having the services of Patrick in rover, one of the eastern stars. Their defence played much better than in Toronto and all told they had the best of the play and deserved to win. There was very little combination work by either team, individual work being mostly in evidence.

Varsity had not the best of the luck, as they had more shots on goal than McGill, but could not land them in the nets. McGill also had the advantage of one man more than Varsity during nearly all of the second half, for Varsity generally had one or two on the fence, two of them quite unjustly. The game was inclined to be rough, although the referee kept it pretty well in hand throughout.

For Varsity, Davidson and Clarke were the pick of the line, both playing strong games and doing good shooting.

Keith, in goal, showed the best form of the year, stopping many that were ticketed for the nets. The defence got broken up too much by penalties, but played a fair game. Davidson looked after Gilmour in great style and was always in the thick of it.

Davidson got three of Varsity's goals, Clarke two, and Martin and Broadfoot one each.

Clarke was ruled off once when he should not have been, McGill thus saving a goal or two. McGill led 6 to 4 at half-time. Play was very even for a period after the intermission, both teams getting two each, but McGill pulled away towards the end, leaving the final score 12 to 7. The teams:

McGill—Lindsay, goal; Stephens, point; Ross, cover; Patrick, rover; Chambers, centre; Gilmour, right wing; Raphael, left wing.

Toronto—Keith, goal; Hanley, point; Broadfoot, cover; Martin, rover; Clarke, centre; Toms, right wing; Davidson, left wing.

Referee—T. Church.

Queen's play for the Stanley Cup on February 27th and March 1st. They have one of the best teams in the country, and should make it interesting for their opponents, the Ottawa team. Varsity wishes them all kinds of success.

Varsity, although the Intercollegiate series is finished, have still two games to play for the city championship, and will keep on practising while the ice lasts.

The first game will probably be with the Marlboros' Saturday night. Varsity should win this easily, and will then tackle the Argonauts, after that team finishes its O.H.A. season. This will be a great game, but as Varsity have defeated the city team in a practice game this season, they have a splendid chance of winning out. If there is one place where Varsity rooters should turn out in force it is at a game with a city team, where, outside of the college, all sympathy is with the city team. Don't forget the city championship game.

The Jennings Cup series have now reached the finals, and the cup will go to the winner of the final games between Dentals and Junior S.P.S., which will be played as soon as there is ice again. Last week's games furnished some good hockey.

DENTALS, 4; SENIOR MEDS., 2

On Thursday afternoon in a well-played game Dentals, who reached the second round by Trinity's default, defeated Senior Meds. The game was a tie until near the finish, when playing a man or two short Meds. lost the match. The Meds. were weakened by the absence of Jamieson, whose presence might have altered the result.

JUNIOR S. P. S., 4; SENIOR S. P. S. 2

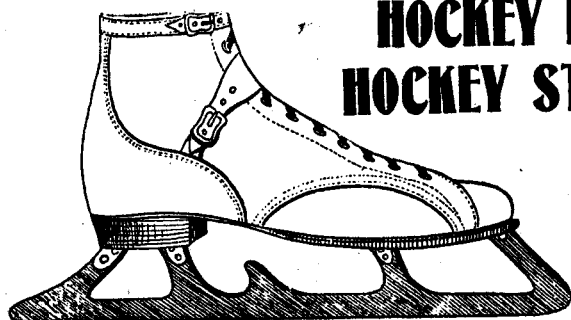
Junior School put their Seniors out of the running on Thursday afternoon in an interesting, sharply contested game. The Juniors had a little the best of it all through and deserved to win. Bryce, in goal, Newton and Foster played well for the winners, while Carroll and Swan deserve mention for the losers.

Junior S.P.S.—Bryce, Janney, Pae, Armstrong, Bevan, Newton, Foster.

Senior S.P.S.—Hall, Kribs, McKenzie, McInnes, Swan, Murray, Carroll.

DENTALS, 8; JUNIOR ARTS, 4

Playing the same team as above, Dentals got into the finals by winning out from Junior Arts in the last ten minutes on Saturday morning. The winners were lucky to get the game, as Arts outplayed them all through until time was almost up, when a bad slump lost them the match.



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Arts seemed to tire badly on the heavy ice, and their combination and shooting were not much in evidence. For the winners, Loucks, Cheney, and Pettigrew played well, as did the Dental goal-tender in the second half. For Arts, Stewart and Evans did well. Hunter's work was pretty but not effective. Frost, in goal, went to pieces in the second half, although doing well at first.



OTHER COLLEGES

The average age of the Columbia freshman is eighteen years, one month.

President Elliot's annual report condemns the evils of football in most vigorous terms.

Yale is reconstructing College Street Hall so as to adapt it for theatrical performances.

A committee of Princeton alumni have collected by subscription over \$1,000,000 for university needs.

Five Protestant missions have established in Pekin the Union Medical College, the opening ceremonies of which were held on Tuesday.

McGill is establishing a School of Mines at Vancouver, and a bill is before the British Columbia Legislature to incorporate a Provincial university in affiliation with McGill.

The freshmen rules of Cornell have been made a trifle more stringent. They forbid any freshman "to lounge around the lobby of the Ithaca Hotel."

Yale has established a club to study and promote better city government. She is inviting other universities to do likewise, and to form a union of such clubs.

The seventh summer session of Columbia University will last from July 5th to August 16th. All the resources of the institution will be placed at the disposal of the students.

At Harvard considerable interest is manifested in "Esperanto," the new universal language. The Esperanto Club numbers sixty members and prizes are to be awarded to the most successful students.

The Manitoba College Journal appeals to the men to increase the weekly attendance at the Literary Society by bringing along the ladies. A show of hands, however, defeated the debated resolution "that bachelors should be taxed."

The McGill Outlook reports that the Glee Club tour was a financial failure, "the result of one of its stands being lately visited by the Queen's Glee Club, which aggregation had effectively stilled the musical yearnings of that particular town."

Early in the spring the water will be allowed to fill the artificial lake given to Princeton by Andrew Carnegie. No move has yet been made towards intercollegiate rowing, the general opinion being that Princeton athletics are already sufficiently complex.

In a recent address Dr. Osler stated that the three terms of eight weeks each at Oxford break the continuity necessary for successful medical work. The proximity of the clinical centre, London, would prevent Oxford's medical course from ever attaining pre-eminence.

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Around the Halls

Edited by A. J. Connor.

The Eavesdropper

The eavesdropper had occasion to take a meal in the Dining Hall this week, and sat at the gamblers' table. Andy was half-way through his meal when Jim came in.

"Hello, Andy; what have you there?"

"Calves' head."

"Calves' head, eh? What soup is there?"

"Ox-tail."

"Gee! the steward must be trying to make both ends meet."

Comes a waitress with lemon pie for Andy, which he immediately samples, and remarks: "They must have held a lemon up and let its shadow fall on this pie, to give it the name."

Nevertheless he orders a second helping, whereupon Jim says: "A prominent man told me to-day that it was a common fault of the majority of people nowadays to eat too much."

Andy replies: "That must have been Mr. Ruthven."

At this point in the conversation the eavesdropper finished his meal, and sallied forth to digest what he had heard.

G. A. L.—I have not spent more than ten cents in the last three years in treating girls.

A. J. C.—How many items in the total?

Morrison, '03, was recounting some of his summer experiences. "She was a pretty girl, all right, but a clerk from Eaton's store came down and cut me out, and yet they say a 'Varsity graduate is always successful."

E. Ray (sniffing the atmosphere at the door of the dissecting room)—"Gee, its dense in there."

Bruce Robertson—"Why no, its meds."

C. R. Young, B.A.S.C., '05, who is now a student member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, has been awarded the prize for the best student essay on an engineering subject. The subject he chose was "Stresses in Riveted Joints." His essay represents the result of a series of very ingenious experiments in the course of which he arrived at mathematical law which certain professors in Germany had worked for in vain.

University College

Lazenby distinguished himself at the Arts dinner by an untimely cachinnation. Mr. Aylsworth had just completed a neatly turned period in his speech, when Lazenby laughed. Then all the undergraduates laughed at Lazenby's laugh and some of those at the guests' table laughed because they thought that Mr. Aylesworth had made a joke which the nimbler minds of the undergraduates had seen while they had not and naturally they did not desire to appear Scotch. But Mr. Aylesworth did not laugh because he couldn't see where he had unconsciously made a joke. And so the whole affair has become a laughing-matter.

The true use of the theological college has at last been discovered. When the University College men need gowns for any function, they should now remember to hie them at once to Knox or Wycliffe. Many a Wycliffe and Knox man was present at the Dinner not in body but in gown.

We are informed that while walking through the Ethnological Museum recently, a senior noticed two additions to the curiosities. They were skulls which the labels indicated as belonging to the type *doleocephalic* or *longheaded*. One was said to resemble the cranium of the Bus. mgr. of

the year book, while the outline of the other was none other than the editor's.

Distinction but no Difference

'Twas to the Dinner came Laurier
The finest man there begorry, eh?
Yet had only one chair
Which so had Pete Maher
And he's an inveterate Tory, eh?

A senior asks us: Did Hon. G. W. Ross intend to make a joke upon the architecture of the new university buildings, in his speech at the Dinner when he said that the Government had already spent "Nearly two million dollars in bricks and mortar on the University campus?"

J. McGoey was to have made a speech at the Dinner but was unfortunately (sic) confined to his room by a cold.

A classical man waking up on Monday morning with a bad headache was heard to mutter before he rolled over for another snooze:—"Sic transit gloria Saturday night; stupor mundi."

The constitution of the "Lit" suffered a severe jolting on Friday night, but since this is an annual affair nobody saw the cruelty of it. Eastman had a hypodermic tonic to offer in the shape of a students' court to attend to matters of student discipline. Eastman was of the Old "Lit" party. Therefore the Unionists saw their duty clearly, which was to jump on the scheme with both big feet—and they did it. The fact remains that although the scheme was somewhat overloaded with detail it had good points, and the alternative measure proposed by the Unionist leaders differed only in the same matter of detail.

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Cooke distinguished himself by bringing forward a document bearing six resolutions. The first five were read one by one and defeated. Then the sixth was read: "Moved that the foregoing resolutions be printed." And not a member smiled.

J. W. Batten announced that the Arts dinner this year would be "wet." Glasses of water will be supplied to those with dessicated oesophagi.

E. Oliver, Ph.D., was standing on a corner on Sunday talking to Hutton and wearing a "plug" hat of chunky pattern. Rushed up an old gentleman in a fur coat and a great hurry and addressed Oliver. "Say, you, I want to be driven down town. Where's your cab?"

The men who use the Seminary rooms in the Library for study are wont to do it in comfort, with both collars and feet on the table. But a girl student is as likely as not to walk in and sit down at the table also. Then collars must be put on and feet taken off. This is annoying to several of the men, who suggest that proper authority ought to look into the matter.



Coming Events

Thursday, February 22nd.

Mathematical and Physical Society meets in new S. P. S. Building at 4 p. m.

Natural Science Association meets in Biological Building at 4.30 p. m.

Princess—Richard Mansfield, "The Merchant of Venice."

Grand—"The Sultan of Sulu."

Shea's—Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p. m.

Oratory contest, in Wycliffe Convocation Hall, at 8 p. m.

Third year medical dance, in East Hall, at 8.30 p. m. Double tickets, \$1.50.

Friday, February 23rd.

Massey Hall—Kubelik, the Bohemian violinist.

Princess—"King Richard III."

Saturday, February 24th.

Women's Literary Society dance, in East Hall, from 4 to 9 p. m.

Princess—Matinee, "Beau Brummel;" evening, Schiller's "Don Carlos."

Sunday, February 25th.

Joint meeting of all the Nashville delegates, at 3 p. m., in Y. M. C. A. Building.

Monday, February 26th.

Princess—"Little Johnny Jones."

Grand—Al. Wilson, in "The German Gypsy."

Shea's—Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p. m.

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Thursday, March 1st.

The assault-at-arms, in Gymnasium Building.

Saturday March 3th.

In the Conservatory Music Hall, at 8.15 p. m.—Miss Lena Adamson, violinist; Miss Eugénie Quéhen, pianist; Miss Lois Winlow, 'cellist; assisted by Robert Pigott, baritone. Reserved seats, \$1 and 50c.; admission, 25c.

Faculty of Medicine

Mr. J. W. Flavelle addressed a large number of the third and fourth years on the subject, "The Christian Life," last Wednesday afternoon.

We are pleased to welcome Hank Johnston back again.

Do not fail to hear Dr. Bruce's lecture on "Ethics" on Friday evening, February 23, at the open meeting of the Medical Society.

H. McFadden, '07, who was operated on last week, is making good progress towards a satisfactory recovery.

The third year dance takes place on Thursday evening, February 22nd, in the East Hall.

Mr. A. Kendrick, '06, was taken ill with pleurisy last week.

A large representation from the Meds attended Whithy conversat. Some, it is said, remained over Sunday.

Faculty of Applied Science

Mr. R. Riddell, '04, read a paper before the Engineering Society on the 14th inst., dealing with the subject of "The Propulsion of Ships by Steam Turbines." The paper was of great interest to all departments, and was illustrated by a large number of excellent lantern slides.

At the same meeting the Society was made constitutionally the representative of the student body by the addition of a clause to the statement of its object. It will now be possible to bring such matters as the disturbance of last term before a meeting of the Society, and take any action which the student body may desire, which could not be done formerly except by calling a mass meeting of the students.

B. A. McLean, '07, who, although he passed his first year with honors, did not return to the School this year, is now wielding the birch rod. Mr. McLean called at the School last Friday.

C. A. McLean, '05, who is now in the sales department of the Westinghouse Company, was also one of last week's callers.

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Every School man should make a good attempt to support the dinner next Tuesday. It is the one function of the course in applied science where the men of the faculty meet in a social sense, and as such claims the support of every man. Among the speakers this year will be Vice-Chancellor Moss, Mr. Colquhoun, the Deputy Minister of Education, and probably also the Hon. J. J. Foy. The entertainment will be provided mainly by students.

Wycliffe College

Last Thursday evening a reception was tendered to the Right Rev. Bishop Stringer by the graduates and undergraduates of the College. The ceremony was held in the Convocation Hall, Dr. Hoyles being the chairman. The Bishop was made the recipient of a handsome gold watch and an illuminated address. Speeches were delivered by Revs. Dr. Cody, L. Skey, Beverley Smith, Dyson Hague, Mr. Wright, of Brantford, and Prof. Wrong. The company then adjourned to the reading-room, where light refreshments were provided. Wycliffe extends to her distinguished graduate the hope that he may be spared many years for the great work for which he has been set apart.

The final interdivision debate, which was held last Friday between Divisions II. and IV., resulted in a victory for the former. The representatives of Division II., Messrs. Hornby and Blodgett, had the affirmative of the resolution, "That a Liturgical form of service is superior to a non-Liturgical." Their opponents were Messrs. R. J. W. Perry and Vale. Rev. Dr. Cody acted as critic and judge, and complimented both sides upon the excellence of the arguments brought forward. He then presented the coveted Taylor Debating Trophy to the winners.

The resolution, "That is in the best interest of the taxpayer that the City of Toronto should own and operate the Street Railway," will be the bone of contention at the "Varsity-Wycliffe debate. Wycliffe's representatives will support the negative.

Perry and Vale, the defeated debaters, were observed starting down town in company with a small valise. Purdie opened the window and called out: "Going to get your picture taken?"

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