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Editorial Comments.



WE suppose there never yet, in the history of civilized nations, existed an institution which had not some enemies. There are always persons to be found who will persist in looking on the dark side of things, either because they are so formed as to be incapable of looking on the bright side, or because, from motives of self-interest, they choose to be pessimistic. Such a person, it seems to us, must be the writer who signs himself "Medical Bystander," whose sombre reflections from month to month have been appearing in the *Ontario Medical Journal*.

We were, therefore, not surprised to see last month that this medical Jeremiah had issued his second "Book of Lamentations." I am sure the members of our honored faculty must have felt for the gentleman. We would respectfully suggest that he try to assist nature in throwing off this horrible *melancholia* that has taken possession of him. Such decided pessimism is not conducive to good digestion. We regretted seeing this latter effusion, partly because the deductions seemed to be drawn from supposition that had little foundation in fact, and partly because, underlying the smooth surface, there seemed to run a strong desire to breed dissension among the members of the faculty itself.

Now we will not reply directly to the gloomy forebodings of "Medical Bystander." There are many reasons why we do not, the chief one being that we hope to use these columns to better advantage. This paper is edited by the students; it expresses their views alone; it is entirely free from professorial dictation. For these reasons we submit that the opinions we now voice,—the unanimous opinions of our medical students,—should have some weight with those of our graduates who, no longer being in touch with the students, have no other way in which to learn their views. We simply state what we know to be true. We have no axe to grind. If things were otherwise, we know of no reason why we should not say so.

Many of our graduates reading such articles as we have alluded to, may be of the opinion that the students are suffering. They might be led to think that our medical course of instruction was not so good as it might be. That is the impression we wish to see no one receive or retain. On the contrary we believe that our course of instruction is in advance of any other in Canada. As students we know nothing of any bad feeling existing among the members of the faculty; we only know that they all work harmoniously together in instructing us in the various departments. There is no hitch in the work.

After all that is the main thing. A faculty justifies its existence and right to consideration in proportion to the value of its course of instruction. That faculty which

gives the best course deserves the most credit and should get the largest patronage. Before this every other consideration fades into utter insignificance. Although petty squabbles in a college professorate would be deplorable, the country need not be moved by false reports or misrepresentations of them, provided her sons are being instructed in the most efficient manner possible. And we claim this is exactly what our faculty is doing. Never before was such a complete and thorough course of instruction given in our college. While we say this, we wish to cast no reflection on those who are not now on the staff. It may be the spirit of an age; it may be the vigorous ideas of those who keep in touch with the latest medical investigations—never mind what it is, so long as we are trained to discuss and practise our art from the latest, most scientific standpoint. And that is what we are trained to do. Pathology, the pole-star of medical science, is treated of as such a subject should be; and the same can be said of every subject in the curriculum.

Perhaps in *number* our students may decrease, but we believe they will not; in *quality* they will not, this we know. As now, in the years to come the student who is not afraid of a good stiff exam., with the probability of being plucked if he has not got up his work, will come to us. The excellence of our course will attract him. A college whose educational status is so high, and whose facilities so admirable, cannot fail to secure students. Yet there are some who will be plucked, and these will perhaps go to swell the ranks of a college whose faculty is "active and united, making herself strong in a good staff and a steady, fixed purpose."

Were there anything radically wrong the students would be the first to know it, for they would be the first to suffer. Yet we can assure our readers there never were students more loyal to a faculty than ours. And the reason is not far to seek,—because they feel they are getting more for their money here than they can get in any other college. Many of us come from a great distance—past the colleges we have heard lauded so much. And if "Medical Bystander" would know the reason why, any of our freshmen will tell him.

If there was anything to be gained by such letters as we have referred to, there would be excuse for them. It looks as though a little spite, or possibly disappointed ambition, is at the bottom of them. He would like to sympathize with some of our professors, forgetting that they are quite satisfied with their large classes of students, and do not feel any hunger for sympathy. Our medical Jeremiah seems to have entered the list of prophets as much to see himself in print as anything else. He has merely proved that, no matter how much a man would wish to, he cannot find anything to say against the good teaching of the faculty,—and that is exactly the assurance our country

wants. We would humbly suggest that a good stimulant chlagogue might save a suffering profession from a similar deluge this month.

The change made in giving the clinics this year will be of lasting benefit to our students. We hope to see our new laboratory well fitted up before long, with a demonstrator in attendance daily. The new pathological appliances are such as to make the enthusiastic student long for a five-years' course. The anatomical department never was better fitted to teach that all-important subject. And, as formerly, the course in physiology will be unequalled. Such a course will bring to our college any student who really desires—not the mere diploma, giving him a right to practice medicine,—but an education that will fit him to grapple with and master all questions in medical science.

IN THE VARSITY, published Nov. 16th, appeared a letter from one of our earnest undergraduates on the cap and gown question, which is attracting a little more than its annual allowance of attention. The letter mentioned advocates the introduction of academics on the by no means weak grounds of college spirit and tradition; the author with many others believing that the custom would do desirable work along this line.

The subject of college spirit is almost trite. We all clamour for it like the traditional bird before rain; but by our actions we all, contrary to our dearest wishes, go far towards extinguishing it in its defenceless greatness. We are eager for it if we are to make no sacrifice of convenience. We are lax where such sacrifice is involved.

If any step can be suggested whereby any progress can be made towards the end we have indicated, we should, one and all, hail it with delight, and further it by every means within our power. The only question is whether the action proposed would accomplish what its advocates maintain? This question we are inclined to answer in the affirmative, especially if we decide to wear our college costume at all times and not only when in the class-room.

If you ask the basis of our opinion we are compelled to answer that it is sentiment pure and simple. Objections of a utilitarian nature we are acquainted with and their weight we recognize, and still we cannot help believing that the sentiment must outweigh the utility. Rationally we cannot produce adequate grounds for our position, but after our few years of Varsity life, our honest belief now, though opposed to our belief of two years ago, is that the universal adoption of the cap and gown would be a very potent factor in the production of a healthful and vigorous college spirit, the absence of which we now so deeply deplore.

MR. JACOB CHUMP'S DILEMMA.

DEAR EDITORE,—i ame in sOre distres; I ame on Thee horne off a dilemma; i ame Beeing herte varee muche, butt i dunt no hou too gEat of, sew i thOught i wood seke u to tel mee hou too gEat of. butt beefour i tel u hou i gott on Thee horne of Thee dilEmma i hed betHer tel u hoo and hwatt i ame. i ame thenn A stewdunt; i hev bin studeeing A longe tym; wonse i usd to Bee A bumm, butt whenn i kam doune to varCity i folod Thee wase off Thee plase and seised to Bee a bumm anee mOre; u sea thair waz knott Thee saim temptashuns hEar to Bee a bumm anee mOre; four i soone sau thatt know bodie hEar waz A bumm anee mOre, and sew i sed to miself says i "hEar

jache, seise to Bee a bumm, beginn to Bee a plugg; suche is whatt awl menn r hEar, suche jache is whatt hEar u allsew aught too Bee." att phurst i waz a fresshman, "how gloreeus" sed i, seys i to miself sed i, "how gloreeus itt is to Bee a fresshman!" i knu a gurl; sHe was a freshEat; sHe sed to me seys sHe; "miStir cHump thair is to Bee a reeseptshun twonight att the ymca four uss; mister cHump u r aLoan and deSoLate inn thiz grate citte, missedHer cHump Thee weigh is long, Thee thEves are bOld, Thee pleecemen are infurm and old; meigh i knott thairfour offour u Thee proteckshun off mi eskirt to Thee recepschun twonight four uss?" owt of reguard phor mi saftHe I aGreed, phor sHe loked pherse, and sew wee went too Thee reeseptshun twonight four uss. Att thet recepschun thair waz sum mOre gurls—tha sed thet i loked promissing and that tha hoped i wood goh into the batele and helpe Thee grAte Caws—I sed thet luks dident kount becaws i woodent promiss and thenn goh into two Thee batele becaws suche sewts dident soot mi phraim of mind—Tha sed Thee milleneum waz kumin—soone tha wood swaye Thee whirled, becaws soone tha wood ruel Thee uneeversity and itt waz onlee won step phrum Thatt two Thee uneeverse—allreddy tha hadd a literairy sasshightea whair tha maid sPeaches thet mooved Thee hewman bRest—soone tha wood hev a reesadance—thee phunds waz boomin, edWard bLake hed gived won thowshund Dollhers, tha onlee wanthead sickstea thousand mOre. Mi gurl browt mee sum kAche and coughe. a whitephased mann thenn spoak. I dident here hym. The afaire thenn endhead. mi gurl sed sHe waz varee sorHe butt i wood hev to venthur hom aloan, sHe sed thatt sHe and anuthur gurl hed two sea a mann hom, sHe sed he waz twice as bigg as othur menn and thairfour kneeded too escurts. i objecthead butt she klinched Thee mather bi saing he waz a rugBee man, sew i hed to riske hom aloan, i used to be a kristchun before thatt ymca recepschun four uss. i waz allsew a bumm, them too things wente phine twogether; butt whatt I et att Thee recepschun four uss made mee sik, and I thout Kristianitea muste Bee a poore thing sins itt went with kache and coughe sew muche. Beesides i wanted too stopp bing a bumm and beginn too bee a plugg and I knu i cudent bee a plugg if i waz a kristchun. i thout howeveer thet befour i gott down too wurk i wud goh inter thet plase called Thee literaires saucieete which sum felloh sed waz Thee skoal of Heelass. thair i sau a lot of koons hoo thout tha was bigg. wun man hed a treemendous lott of hair juste abov hiss mouthe, i thout naturallee of the famus lynes

hee hass a larg mussedash butt his lipps are kwite a sise, and doutless tha kontribeaute to mak Thee mussedash rise.

A chapp gott up and sed "i giv notise thet to weaks from twoday, I wil moove to reeform Thee konstitooshun" Tha hed a debate, wun mann sed thet hee waz in a peeculyar positshun becaws hee waz upp thair to anSir argumeants butt hee hed noe argumeants too anSir, butt, aneeway sur is itt nott a terrabell thing thatt thee mother-in-law shud luse her husbund and Thee widod wife shud loose her sun-in-lau? Another mann deesired to explane hissself; he sed hee wood bee unabell too speke for to weaks becaws hee cud'nt yews hiss eyes. i thout tha waz all foolles, and went hom too plugg.

Att phurst i dident no hwat corse to tak. a mann tolled mee to tak siense. "Siense," he sed, seys hee too mee sed he, "siense," he sed "iss gohing too reeform Thee hwirled, and bringe aBout Thee erthlie paioodice." akord-inglee i reesolved too goh inter Siense varee depe, and wente to sea the kemical labOratoree. i ophened Thee dore butt i ame blesed withe a bigg nos. Thee unyun of mi nos withe Thee labOratoree air prodeuced a most viOlente reackshun hwitch sente mee sick's feat backwerds. i draged miself hom withe exstream dificultea and konkluded thet siense wud hev a harde gob reeforming Thee hwirled bekos itt wood hev too holde hur nos Thee hull tyme; att anee wrate iff siense dos bring aBout Thee

erthlie paiodice i wud praefur to lyve wyth Thee devhil,
 for i dont thynk hel ittself coud smel ass badd ass that
 plase hwer Thee sighthists waz praepairing a nu heven.
 i thenn tryd modherns phor a hwil. i likd frensh varee
 wel butt i fownd thet inn ordher too Bee a sucksess i wud
 hev to tawk thru mi nos and i soone sau afther atending
 sum mok-funerhalls of hwat tha kal Thee mowdhurn
 langWage klub thet itt payed bether too tawk inglish
 thru yer mowth than frensh thru yer nos. ass fur jurMan
 thet corse iss ded; der is sumthin missen ther; it semes
 ass though wee waz arealiesin thee fairee storee aBout
 thee sleapin beautHe; onlee i dident thynk sHe waz
 attractive enuf to kis, aneway itt wood be krool too wak-
 hen hur: sHe luks sew kontented. i wood hev gott awfull
 fonde of spanishe and eyetalyun onlee i soone sau thet you
 waz exspeckhed to Bee a fanatick and too reealies thet inn
 compairisun wyth spannishe and eyetalyun the hull
 hwirled waz as nothin. Inglish waz bethur. a litle mann
 taks it up, butt i thynk hee iss wun of Thee gratest menn
 hear fur hee alwayes semes to hIt Thee poynt. he sed
 thet poitree waz al imaGinashun for driedOn and pope
 brout itt to thee Bar of reson and mad itt unstedhe on its
 pinns. thur iss alsew a nise mann thet teches anGlow
 sackson and thairby hanges a tail. yu hev notised perheps
 thet sumtymes i ame a litle odd in mi ortHographee—
 wel, thee caws off thet iss this: i bekame kivite profishunt
 in anGlow sackson and evher sins i hev difered sumhwat
 frum othurs inn spelhing. Inn anGlow sackson i waz
 partikularlee fonde of Abb Lout and Oom Lout. i nevher
 studheed politikawl sihence bekaws i waz afraid thet iff i
 did i wood gett soone to no too muche, sew i neckst tuk
 up clasics. Hear i did treemenjus wel. Sew wonderfulee
 pathetick waz sum of mi translashuns thet in perushing
 them professor Dale waz mooved to teres. Thet waz thee
 hiest onor i ever gott; i thairin won my maxie mumm.
 Butt i hed to leve clasics for nufanguled ideas wur bein
 interjuiced hwitch i coodent standd. Tha waz goin tu
 mak me pernowns thee Latyn vowel *e* like *a* and *i* like *e*,
 and furthermor tha was tryin to mak me kall *v* like *w* and
c like *ch*. sew i lefte clasics wyth a brokahun hart hwen
 i sau Seeshar's famus "veni, vidi, vici" bekum "waynee,
 weedee, weechee." Thenn i thout off bekumin a bumm
 agen; butt a mann sau mee and sed "kum jache mi boi,
 wil u knott tri and bee a rele good mann?" "And hou"
 seys i to hym ses i, "how" seys i "Kan thet bee dun,
 hwen i ame siroundead bi sew manee goode inphluences
 and sew manee goode pepfull?" "Varee esilee" ses hee
 to mee ses hee, "varsee esilee;" he ses "thair is a siense
 thet teches u hou; gest bi thee tekst buk and u kan lurn
 thairfrum hou too bee a rele goode mann." "And hwat"
 ses i "is thet siense? and hwat" ses i to him ses i, "and
 hwat" I ses "is thee tekst-buk?" "EtHicks" ses hee
 "is the siense and Grene's Prolonglegmena is thee tekst
 buk." So I att wunst bout thee tekst buk thet shos hou
 too bee a rele gud mann and hev ben studeein itt evher
 sins. That is three munths ago; but i ame a varee per-
 severin chapp and altho i hev onlee masthurd thee mean-
 ing off the phurst paioogaaf, i dont despare butt fathfullee
 beleeve thurs somethin in itt and thett ill bee a rele goode
 mann sumdaye. Inn the menety m i'm in a quandaree
 hwich I kant find explained in the buk, and this is thee
 dilEmma refused to on wan of hoos hornes I ame. U
 muste pardhun mee fur takin upp so muche of yur tyme,
 butt u no thee historycal method ruls thee wroost gest
 now, and i thout u cudn't anSir the questun unles u hed
 a hystorycal sumheree of mi prevyus lyf. Thiss is the
 questun: i mad upp sum pomes and red them to a frend,
 butt he sed tha bored hym and thet there auther must bee
 a dullhard; nou I dident tuch him but asked anuthur
 frend hwat too do about it; he sed to me seys he "Brek
 hiss nek." I sed to hym s:s I "I cante do thet becaws it
 is forbiden in thee tekst buk." "Thenn" ses he "goh
 awaye and di, donte bother me" ses hee. And thenn he
 spake hott wurd, and phinallee kiked me dounstares.
 Nou, dere edither, plese tell mee hwitch wun muste i likke
 inn ordher too be rele gud mann? JACHE CHUMP.

VARSITY BANJO AND GUITAR CLUB.

Every Monday afternoon the Residence dining-hall is the abode of sweet sounds and melodies. It is there that the members of the Varsity Banjo and Guitar Club are diligently practising several selections, with which they hope to render themselves famous at no distant date.

Clubs of this description have for some years played an important part in American college life, and their introduction into our Canadian universities cannot be too highly commended, forming as they do with the Glee Clubs the nucleus around which the musical life and spirit of a university centres.

As an example of how popular the Club has become during the few weeks of its existence, mention only need be made of urgent invitations which have been received from Brantford, Oakville, Richmond Hill and Weston, besides numerous local ones, including that to play at "The Marriage Ceremonies of the World," an entertainment given by the ladies of Toronto in aid of the Homœopathic Hospital, at the Grand Opera House, on the 15th, 16th and 17th of December. The Club has not been able to accept any engagement up to the present date, but will endeavor by steady practice to be able to make its first appearance at the Public Debate on the 25th.

Few seem to understand how much hard work and steady practice is required to secure any satisfactory results in such an organization, but the members are all enthusiastic and determined to achieve success.

The following *artistes* are active members of the Club:

Banjos—F. W. Langley, J. S. Dobie, D. R. Dobie, W. H. Pease, W. P. Eby, J. W. Gilmour, F. McConnell, H. H. Love, L. Aubury Moore.

Guitars—A. F. Rolls, G. Royce, F. D. Roxburg, A. C. W. Hardy, A. L. McAllister, W. Carroll, N. Lash, Merkeley.

Mandolins—G. Royce, R. K. Barker, L. A. Moore, W. H. Hargraft.

Mr. George Smedley, the genial and clever professional, has been secured as conductor.

CLASS '96.

The first social meeting of the class of '96 was held last Saturday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. parlors, and a large number of freshmen availed themselves of the opportunity of extending their class acquaintance, and enjoying the excellent programme provided by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Hargraft rendered a pleasing instrumental solo, after which the popular President, Mr. Percy Robinson, rose to give his inaugural address. He compared a university course to the course of the Nile, and the different departments that temporarily separate the members of the class to the different branches of the river. The object of the class was to make a bond of sympathy exist between all the departments, and, continuing the figure he had used, he compared the life after graduation to the sea, into which all the different branches of the Nile flowed, and in this connection concluded his address by quoting:

"O bounding breeze! O rushing seas!
 At last, at last unite them there."

Miss Schilling, the poet, then read her poem, and convinced the class that her title was justified. After an intermission for conversation, a pleasing quartette was rendered and encored. Then Mr. Merrick, the judge, amused the class by some peculiarly personal but good-natured verdicts. Mr. Bond, the prophet, made some sage predictions, and the orator, Mr. Perry, delivered a good oration. A banjo duet by Messrs. Eby and Gilmore, a reading by Miss Cranston, and a comically pathetic song by Mr. White, all became targets for the keen-edged criticism of the good-natured critic, Mr. Bruce. After singing "God Save the Queen" the meeting dispersed.

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THE LITERARY SOCIETY.



As the shades of Friday evening were darkening into night, we took our umbrella, turned up our coat collar and sallied forth into the darkness and mud. Steadily we plodded on until lights flashed before our vision and soon we were at the Lit.

The ordinary student has a bone to pick with President DeLury, and briefly the cause is this: Despite the time-honored custom, despite threadbare precedent, our President persists in opening the meetings on time. In the words of Artemus Ward, we would say "Why is this thus?"

Well, as we had hinted, President DeLury took the chair. The minutes were read, and thoughtfully the Society pondered over the gems of ancient history contained therein.

And now doffing its sad and thoughtful air the Society bent forward its ear to hear Mr. Faircloth. But why is this wait? Mr. Macallister, herald-like, steps forward and informs us that Mr. Parker, the accompanist, has departed for parts unknown, but that neither money nor time would be spared in securing him, and that meanwhile Mr. Faircloth was parading the corridor singing "He cometh not."

Next we looked to Mr. Brown for amusement and we were not disappointed. In a tone, suffused with emotion and bad Dutch, he told us of the harrowing experiences of a hen fancier with the festive *Mephitis Americana*. The rendition was good, and the merit of the piece, as well as the way in which it was delivered, evoked bursts of laughter.

Mr. Biggar now stepped to the vacant place, gave his toga an appropriate fold and read to us an essay on "Literary Style." The paper, even if on a somewhat abstruse subject, was one which commanded attention, being thoughtfully and well-worked out, the only defect was a slight rapidity of utterance on the part of the reader which made it somewhat difficult to follow the reasoning at times.

Now the missing link appeared, and so he and Mr. Faircloth went to the front. Mr. Faircloth tuned his violin, and a musical genius at the back of the room who could differentiate a *diminuendo* from a *crescendo* said "hear, hear." The violin selection was so well received that an encore had to be given. The Society now smiled an anticipatory smile, leaned back in its seat and waited for the debate.

Home Rule now engaged our attention; and by a strange irony of the fate the upholding the wearing of the *Green* was entrusted to the Freshmen. Mr. Falconbridge, the leader of the affirmative, now stepped forward, the emerald flag waving above him, a shamrock in each hand and his manuscript in the other. As he spoke, our memory went back to the time when we were a Freshman. As the Society was in its youth so it is now; always does it show the same mental acuteness, always the same readiness of encouragement. Mr. Falconbridge confessed his delinquencies and the Society sympathized with him; he confessed that he had never spoken before, and the Society agreed with him and folded him to its breast. His manner was quiet, but he promises well, especially if he avoids a tendency to quote too largely. Mr. Montgomery, with blood in his eye and an orange lily in his coat, now stood up for the negative. There seemed to brood around him an air of Enniskillen and the Boyne. With indignant mien he portrayed the characters of the men who desired to rule "ould Oireland." At one time he uttered a remark which the Society construed as a slur on Ireland, and at once thirty-two shillelaghs were brandished in the air. Mr. Montgomery manifested coolness throughout and his points were well put. Mr. Allan now championed the cause of the affirmative. He did not pay servile attention to his notes; he spoke forcibly and well, giving one of the strongest speeches of the night. Mr. Proctor stepped forward for the negative, bearing a ream of notes. He proposed to argue the case mathematically from a dynamic—or was it dynamitic?—standpoint. Occasionally he grew eloquent and the Society agreed with him, assuring him that his fervid utterances were the thoughts of its utmost heart. He showed industry of application in the long list of strong objections which he presented to the proposed scheme, but his speech was slightly marred by a tendency to lack of method.

President DeLury now gave his decision in favor of the negative; at once the orange waved above the green, the emerald flag was trailed in the dust, and the strong men of '95 lifted up their voice and cheered, while the strong men of '96 lifted up their voice and wept.

The mock parliament, which is to have its first meeting on December 9th, next engaged our attention. Leaders for the respective sides had to be chosen, and Messrs. Boles and Strath were the lucky men. A protest against their election has been entered on the grounds of personal bribery, and also because the candidates have for months past been recklessly promising appointments in the civil service.

Charley Stuart, who had dropped in, spoke to us for a few moments. C. S. is always welcome, and his remarks were appreciated. It is pleasant indeed to hear those who have passed over the threshold of graduation, come back and look upon our faces once more, even if it is only, as it were, through the window pane.

The orders of business and the members having been exhausted, the President declared the meeting over, and the Society accordingly went out into the outer dampness to gather mud.

H. B.

THE WOMEN'S LITERARY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Literary Society of University College was held Saturday evening, Nov. 19, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. As the President, Miss Lye, was absent, and the office of Vice-President vacant, Miss Jeffrey was appointed to take the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected. The question of admitting members of affiliated colleges was again brought forward, but as there had been some confusion between the terms "affiliated" and "federated" the discussion was put off till the March meeting.

A motion by Miss Young to provide paper with printed headings for the Society was carried. Miss MacGregor moved that the Society pay half the expenses of the Glee Club. An amendment to this motion by Miss Bayne, which limited the expenses to a certain amount, was carried. Nominations were received for Vice-President and Miss Telfer elected.

As there was no more business on hand, the programme was commenced, the Glee Club being the first to favor the meeting. Then followed a recitation, "The Pride of Battery B," by Miss Coombe, '96, and a piano solo by Miss Smart, '96. Both numbers were well rendered.

The President then announced the debate: "Resolved, That poetry has more influence than prose." Miss M. L. Robertson, '94, opened the affirmative with the ease and fluency which might be expected of one of her many high attainments. She dwelt on the benefits of poetry, from Homer to Tennyson, supporting her arguments with fitting quotations from authorities past and present. Miss Lindsay, '93, the leader of the negative, then took the floor, attacking her opponent's statements with no small amount of vigor, and deducing her arguments in that logical manner which can only result from a mathematical training. Since the kind of influence in question was not defined, Miss Lindsay caused some merriment by summing up the good and evil influences of prose literature, something the affirmative were unable to do, so Miss Robertson said, since poetry had no evil influence. Miss Robertson was ably supported by Miss Hamilton, and the negative by Miss Johnston, whose quotations, commenting on the soundness of the poetical mind, caused considerable amusement. After some reflection the President decided that the affirmative had a slight advantage.

The meeting was then adjourned. So closed the best attended, the most entertaining and most instructive meeting the Society has had.

M. O'ROURKE,
Cor. Sec.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

On Tuesday, 15th, the Engineering Society held its regular meeting in lecture-room No. 2, the President in the chair. After the ordinary preliminaries had been disposed of, a paper by T. Kennard Thompson, C.E., of New York, on "Bridge Specifications" was read by E. J. Laschinger, in place of the Corresponding Secretary, who was afflicted with a temporary loss of voice. The paper gave, in a clear and concise form, a description of the different types of steel bridges in use at the present day, with the general specifications necessary to insure their proper construction. J. A. Duff, B.A., and A. Lane, Grad. S.P.S., led the discussion which followed, and elucidated some of the points which were necessarily vague on account of the brevity of the paper.

A committee, E. B. Merrill, B.A., convener, was appointed to enquire into and report on the advisability of publishing fortnightly or monthly the proceedings of the Society, on the lines suggested in a letter by the writer of the above paper.

On Thursday, 17th, a mass meeting of the students was held to consider whether or not the annual dinner should be replaced this year by a conversat. It was decided after

a good deal of discussion, in which considerable debating ability was exhibited by some of the juniors, to stick to custom by having the usual—to them—debauch.

The clinching argument in favor of the dinner was brought forward by a merry-faced Fourth Year man, who said, "For myself I can enjoy a good dinner."

The following committee was appointed to carry out arrangements: Chairman, W. A. Lea; Vice Chairman, J. D. Shields; Secretary-Treasurer, H. T. Wood; Fourth Year Representative, A. T. Laing; Third Year Representatives, Messrs. McAllister and Laidlaw; Second Year Representatives, Messrs. Rolph and Lash; First Year Representatives, Messrs. Fitzsimmons and Cruise.

NOTES.

We are proud of our football team. Every member played well on Wednesday, but when a new man makes good play he deserves special mention. This is intended for our goalkeeper.

Overseer G—m is authority for the following: "The freshmen are an exceedingly well-beloved lot of youngsters." Now, boys, don't forget at Christmas. Is this good behavior due to feminine influence?

We are pleased to state that the gentleman of the First Year who received a contusion of the forehead while nobly assisting our guardians of the peace in upholding law, order and natural liberty against the hordes of Osgoode and St. John's Ward on Hallowe'en, has almost entirely recovered.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

NOTE.—Notices under this head must be in the hands of the Editor before Monday night.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH.

Y.M.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
Class of '96 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8.30 a.m.
Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH.

Literary Society.—Public Debate. S.P.S. Hall, 8 p.m.
The Varsity Glee Club.—Practice in Room 3, College Building, 4 to 6 p.m.
Ladies' Glee Club.—Practice in Room 3, College Building, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.

Victoria Literary Society.—Literary Society Hall, Victoria College, 8 p.m.
Jackson Literary Society.—Jackson Hall, Victoria College, 8 p.m.
Class of '95 Social Evening.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH.

Bible Class.—"The Portrait of Love," 1 Cor. xiii. 1-13. Rev. J. P. Sheraton, D.D., Wycliffe College, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH.

Modern Language Club.—English meeting Burns.—Life, Essays, Readings. Room 12, College Building, 4 p.m.
S.P.S. Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH.

Class of '95 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8.30 a.m.
Y.W.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 4 p.m.
Classical Association.—Essays, Messrs. Hart and Sissons. Room 3, Main Building, 4.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH.

Bible Class.—Rev. Dr. McTavish's class for Bible training. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.

Daily, monthly and quarterly papers are to be published by the students of Chicago University. President Harper has himself undertaken to provide for their undertaking and continuance.—*Ex.*

The following American colleges have been represented in the office of President of the United States: Bowdoin, Dixon, Hampden, Kenyon, Miami, Princeton, Sydney, Union, West Point, Williams, and University of North Carolina. Both William-and-Mary and Harvard have supplied two each.—*Ex.*

MEDICAL NOTES.

Our leading editorial this week is devoted to questions particularly connected with our medical students.

The pupils of Harbord Street Collegiate Institute do us the honor of wearing the colors of Toronto School of Medicine.

Trinity Meds are inclined to think they could beat Toronto at marbles, now that they have demonstrated their ignorance of baseball, Association and Rugby football.

Judging from the way the members of the Dinner Committee are working, this year's dinner will eclipse all previous dinners, and this is saying a good deal.

Large glass cases have been placed in the Biological Department reading-room. These are being filled this week with materia medica samples, which can easily be got at for reading purposes. This kindness on the part of the authorities deserves the thanks of the students, for most of the specimens got by the boys last year have spoiled or disappeared.

In regard to the piano, Prof. Ramsay Wright last week made an explanation, which in fairness must be noticed here. He gave several reasons for his somewhat prolonged consideration of the matter: (1) The presence of a piano in the reading-room would interfere with those studying there; (2) the students might abuse their privileges, and use the piano while Prof. Chapman was lecturing in another part of the building; (3) all meetings of the Medical Society held in the Biological building would necessitate the transferring of the piano from the west to the east wing, thus exposing the walls and stairways to injury. No disrespect is meant when we say that a great many of the students do not see the force of these statements.

SCHOOL OF PEDAGOGY.

The closing exercises in connection with the School of Pedagogy will be held in the amphitheatre of the Education Department on Friday evening, December 16th, at 8.10 o'clock, and will take the form of a literary and musical programme. Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, has kindly consented to be present and preside during the evening. The programme will be furnished by the following well-known artists: Miss Agnes Knox, Lecturer on Elocution to the Ontario School of Pedagogy, elocutionist; Miss Lilli Kleiser, soloist in the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, mezzo-soprano; and W. J. Knox, baritone. The Varsity Glee Club will also be present and give several choruses. Through the kindness of President W. R. P. Parker, the services of the Varsity Guitar and Banjo Club may also be obtained if at all convenient. All persons interested in the school are cordially invited to be present.

On Friday evening the students of the School of Pedagogy held their first conversazione in the Education Department. Although the weather was quite disagreeable about 300 of those interested in the School assembled to have an evening's diversion, and become better acquainted with the students. The interior of the building, ornate in itself, was artistically decorated with palms, ferns and flowers of different varieties. At 8.30 the programme began with a chorus by the Glee Club. Miss Thomas and Miss Gordon, pianists; Miss Hayes, violinist; Prof. Shaw, B.A., and Miss Bowes, elocutionists; and Miss Miller, soloist, also took part, and were very enthusiastically received. Although the programme was rather short it was carefully selected, and reflected great credit on those who arranged it. When this part of the entertainment was over, the gentlemen and ladies betook themselves to the refreshment room, or strolled through the building, enlivened by the strains of the Italian orchestra. But even the bright faces and beaming smiles of the protégées

of Venus failed to arouse any kindred feelings in the breasts of the *penates* which, arranged along the corridors, looked down upon the gay promenaders with stern, inflexible countenances. The writer must have been thinking of such as these when he said "Quien no ama, no vive."

The conversat is now a thing of the past, but the students are to be congratulated on the great success of their first attempt in this direction. It is to be hoped they will make this an annual event, and not allow the precedent they have established to fall into disuse, for "education consist not in the acquiring and imparting of mere facts, but in the development of the whole personality."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

At last meeting of the Association Messrs. Lamb and Russell were elected to the positions of 2nd Vice-President and Second Year Councillor respectively, and nominations were received for the position of First Year Councillors as follows: Messrs. Dodds, Thompson, Scott, Ferguson, from which two will be elected at the next regular meeting. The devotional part of the meeting was ably conducted by Mr. N. McDougall, who took as his subject, "Soul Saving."

Next Thursday's meeting will be taken charge of by the Missionary Committee, and nominations will be received for the position of 1st Vice-President, which position was rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. E. A. Henry.

Copies of the *Canada College Missionary* may be had on application at the Y.M.C.A. building.

A meeting was held in Association Hall, Yonge Street, in the interests of the Canadian Colleges Mission, on Monday evening. The chief feature of the programme was the lecture delivered by Dr. Underwood, returned missionary from Korea, which was illustrated by a series of excellent lime-light views. The lecture was very much appreciated by the large audience present. The singing was led by a chorus composed of representatives of the different colleges in the city interested in the mission.

The regular meeting was held on Thursday last. Mr. N. McDougall gave an excellent address on "Soul Winning." R. U. McPherson, B.A., LL.B., was selected to fill the vacancy as the Graduate Representative on the Board of Canadian Colleges Mission. Prof. L. M. Wing was the previous representative. Mr. J. W. Russell was elected Second Year Councillor, and Mr. G. L. Lamb 2nd Vice-President.

TORONTO COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

Miss Annie Hallworth has been appointed leading soprano in Unity Church.

Miss Reynolds and her pupil, Master Eddie Reburn, sang in Shelbourne, at a concert in the Methodist Church, on Thanksgiving evening. They were most enthusiastically received.

Miss Agnes Forbes took part in the "Temple of Fame" entertainment, in the Auditorium, Nov. 10th, 11th and 12th, representing Madame Albani. She gave great pleasure to her audience by her sweet singing and unaffected manner.

Mr. Carnahan, our new tenor, was warmly encored at a concert in All Saints' Church, on Tuesday last, where he sang "Sweet Heatherbell" and "The Gay Hussar."

Through Mr. Torrington's illness, last Sunday, the Metropolitan organ was ably taken by one of "the boys" from the College, who, notwithstanding the fact that his bashful and retiring disposition made the work appear not a light "burden" to him, did so well that many were not aware of any change in the organist.

Athletic Notes.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

At the conclusion of the Toronto league series we had the pleasure of saluting our Association football team as Champions of the City, and now we have the further pleasure of introducing to our readers the Champions of Canada. On Saturday Varsity defeated, on their own grounds, the Preston eleven, the holders of the championship cup of the Western Association. The result of the game, 1 to 0, is no indication of the relative merits of the two teams. Seldom has Varsity had so many difficulties to contend with in her pursuit of the Canadian championship. Had Preston shown a becoming sporting spirit they would not have insisted on playing the match on their own grounds, nor would they have suggested a resident for referee. However, all these drawbacks, serious as they appeared at the time, now add to the satisfaction felt by every member of the Varsity aggregation.

The Preston oracle said: firstly, "We will play at our own threshold"; secondly, "We will have our own referee and umpires"; thirdly, "We will put on a fresh man every time one of our players becomes exhausted." To all these oracular biddings Varsity bowed assent with a reverential awe becoming of suppliants at the classic shrine of Delphi. Preston was given everything but goals, and perhaps even these would have been granted to satisfy their especial craze for monopoly had it not been for a most determined opposition on the part of the Varsity defence.

The game was not started until 3.45 p.m., which insured a finish in the dark. Varsity started with a man short, as Watson had not turned up. However, the game had not been in progress ten minutes before that individual walked on the field, to the manifest chagrin of the Preston supporters. The teams were composed of the following players:—

Preston.—Goal, H. James; backs, Hoge, Henning; halves, Waggoner, Clare, Sohr; right wing, Cherry, Uttech; centre, Stahlschmidt; left wing, G. Roos, J. Krass.

Varsity.—Goal, Porter; backs, Breckenridge, Stuart, halves, Forrester, Goldie, McArthur; right wing, Duncan, McDonald; centre, Watson; left wing, Murray, Gowanlock.

The game was not worthy of a detailed account. The play was very loose, the forwards failing to combine and the defenses playing at intervals only. Three times the ball was put through the Preston goal, but only once in the opinion of the referee.

Varsity will play in Pittsburg next Thursday, the American Thanksgiving day.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

TRINITY vs. VARSITY.

The annual match with Trinity was played last Wednesday on the lawn in the presence of a large crowd. The mighty men from Trinity came down confident that they would turn the tables on Varsity and gain a glorious victory over the blue and white. On all sides we heard reports of the great shape, magnificent form and superior game that Trinity had been showing in the past week; but it availed not. Varsity's incomparable forward line proved too much, even for Trinity, and the "rouge et noir" again trailed in the dust—or rather, mud.

Fortune at first seemed to favor Trinity; they won the toss, and elected to kick down the field with the wind. The ball is immediately rushed into Varsity's 25, and, after considerable loose work by Varsity's halves, Trinity gets a penalty kick about ten yards out, and Bedford Jones kicks the goal. On the kick-out Varsity rushes the ball up field, and a long kick by Gilmour sends the ball into touch behind Trinity's goal line. Trinity immediately

proceeds to rush things again, and a rouge is the result. Score, 5-1. Trinity continues to press till half-time is called, without any addition to the score. It looks very rosy for Trinity and very blue for Varsity. But Trinity has had her "rouge" in the first half. The "noir" is to come; and it comes soon.

On the kick-off the ball travels into Varsity's 25, where, owing to a bad fumble by one of the halves, Trinity scores another rouge. That is all; Varsity seems to wake up, and now the forward line proceeds to make those famous rushes that have become characteristic of their playing. Down the field goes the ball into Trinity's 25; Parker makes a pretty pass to Bunting, and Varsity's captain tears through the opposing wings and struggles over the line with four or five Trinity men on his neck. Four points more. Varsity rushes again and two rouges come in rapid succession. Parker is playing a grand game and the halves are showing up well. Bunting again gets the ellipsoid, and sails clean through for a try. His kick at goal is successful, and Varsity leads by seven points. Trinity's men seem disheartened, and the whistle blows with the ball on their goal line.

For Trinity, Patterson, McCarthy and Laing did brilliant work, while Bunting, Parker and Lash were the stars for Varsity.

NOTES OF THE GAME.

Those rushes of Parker's, through the wings, were out of sight.

Bunting played in his old-time form, and his runs were one of the features of the game.

Our "cyclonic" Curly seems to have a fondness for prying into the business of Trinity's quarter. The latter could never get hold of the ball without "the best forward in the world" affectionately hugging him.

THREE THREADS OF GOLD.

[Saintsbury Golden Treasury of French Lyrics, p. 231.]

Afar o'er the sea how gladly I'd flee,
With wings of a swallow, through regions untold!
Wish vain to declare, for that cruellest fair
Has fettered my heart here with three threads of gold.

The first her eye's wile, and the second her smile,
And the third, to confess it, her lip in its bloom;
But I love her too well, martyr true, sooth to tell,
With three threads of gold my heart's led to its doom!

Oh! were power but mine this chain to untwine!
Farewell, sighs and tears, for the deed I'll make bold.
But no, no, far better to die in my fetters
Than to sever your bond, ye three threads of gold!

X.

SANTA LUCIA.

Dim Venice dwelt in sunset glow,
Afar the vesper bells were ringing,
When through the sweet air soft and low,
I heard a maiden singing:
"Santa Lucia, listen,
Listen to my prayer,"
And soft her accents died away
Upon the summer air.

My spellbound ear shall ne'er forget
The sweetness of her tuneful praying,
A loved face haunts my mind, and yet
My fear forbids my saying:
"Santa Lucia, listen,
Listen to my prayer"—
My doubting heart is all too faint
To bid me dare to dare.

—Harvard Lampoon.

MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

Miss Jessie White, '95, is first assistant of Smithville High School.

The next issue will be under the charge of Mr. Strath, the senior Associate Editor.

Mr. Alex. Smith, B.A., who decided the debate of Nov. 11th, is taking the third year lectures at Osgoode.

We have not yet been personally notified, but have heard that there will be a second supplemental in Jan.

Quite a number of undergraduates attended the "At Home" given by Mrs. Sheraton, of Wycliffe, last Friday. A very pleasant time was spent.

We regret to learn that Mr. O. A. Tarrant, '95, is at present suffering from a severe attack of congestion of the lungs. We hope he may soon recover.

Mr. E. W. Mahood, '93, is attending Evanston College. Ed is flourishing, but does not prefer his step-alma mater, though she has 2,500 students enrolled.

Mr. H. Kingsmill, '95, has returned from Winnipeg, where he had taken up banking. He has decided to commence the study of law, and so will not attend lectures here.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Chas. Henderson, '94, will not be coming back. His eyesight has troubled him for some time and is still too weak to admit of hard study. He has entered a law office down town.

Again we see on the bulletin board long lists of the names of freshmen who have been proposed for membership in the Literary Society. It is truly said that history repeats itself, for thus it was when fourth year men were hustled and called freshies.

The Ramsay Scholarship, of the values of \$60, which is open for competition to all graduates who within the last two years have taken first-class honors in Economics, has been won by Mr. W. E. Buckingham. The Governor-General's gold medal has been awarded to Mr. R. G. Muri-son.

The Editor-in-chief is full of sadness, and the daily papers reveal the cause. Mr. Strath left him by a foot in the hundred yards dash, for five oysters a side. The time given by the press is wrong, and should read 10 4-5 instead of 12 1-5, for the former is the time agreed on by Mr. Strath and Mr. Helms before starting the race. Exchanges will please correct.

The day before the conversat. of the School of Pedagogy a committee of one was to be seen in the corridors collecting gowns. When we met him he had already laid in a goodly supply but was still seeking for more. Our assistant manager happened to be near by and very kindly offered to lend him one if he would go over to Knox.

Shortly after we met the committee coming sadly back with some black cloth and a piece of torn canvas.

The Academy of Music promises a rare treat for theatre-goers this week. Beginning Wednesday, and continuing for the balance of the week, with Saturday matinee, the famous Pauline Hall Opera Company will present "Puritania." The cast is an exceedingly strong one, as will be seen by reference to the advertisement. Next week Maud Granger will be the attraction.

Mr. Stewart Cameron, who last year proved such an ideal half-back, has given up the study of medicine and become a banker. Mr. Ketchum, another Ottawa athlete, has dropped out for this year, but promises to be back next fall. He has lately been playing a splendid Rugby game on the Ottawa team. He informs us that another Rugby man, who will be coming up with him, weighs only 212 lbs., but is still growing.

Hockey will soon be on the boards, and already strange tales are told. An aspiring man in one of the affiliated colleges has been training for some time. He rises at four, runs fifteen miles, comes in and has a shower-bath, eats one soda biscuit and drinks a glass of water for breakfast. At dinner time he is allowed three ounces of meat. He runs ninety miles after dinner, and retires for the day at nine o'clock. By following this routine conscientiously he expects to get on the first team.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.—A French meeting was held on Monday, in the College building. The authors discussed were Labiche and Mérimée. Miss Young and Miss O'Rourke read excellent essays on some of the most representative of Labiche's writings. Miss Dowd gave an interesting account of the "Colomba" of Mérimée, and Miss Street in a short French essay discussed the characteristics of his works. An interesting feature of the programme consisted in readings from Fréchette by Mr. Comyn. The meeting next week will be devoted to Scotland's favorite poet, Burns.

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.—Last Tuesday's open meeting of the Classical Association was undoubtedly the best in the history of its existence. President Glassey, in opening the meeting, referred briefly to the large number present and the brilliant prospects of the Association for the future. Mr. Fairclough gave a pleasant paper on Aristotle's recently-discovered constitution of Athens. He referred to the pros and cons concerning the genuineness of the MS. in question, and then treated the first division of the document. Mr. Reeve followed with the Funeral Speech of Pericles, and as the beautifully-balanced periods and lofty ideals of Pericles rolled out

"we seemed to ourselves to have escaped our own notice, being again in the Athenian assembly." Prof. Hutton then instituted a comparison between the Greeks and the French on the one hand and the Romans and the English on the other. His paper abounded in apt illustrations and subtle humor. But if we should select any of his touches as particularly delicate and apt, it was the comparison of France to a fashionable flirt. Nothing could be more witty and attractive than his whole handling of the subject, and we are pleased to know that it was appreciated as it deserved.

DI-VARSITIES.

We met a couple of our fellow-students yesterday who had a new cause for complaint. There is a pretty girl living across the road and so they are unable to study.

The following is a conversation overheard between two freshmen Natural Science students:—

No. 1: "Have you done any work before coming down?"

No. 2: "Yes, did a little work in Botany."

No. 1: "What were you doing?"

No. 2: "Cutting sections of maple trees and mounting them in wagons."



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