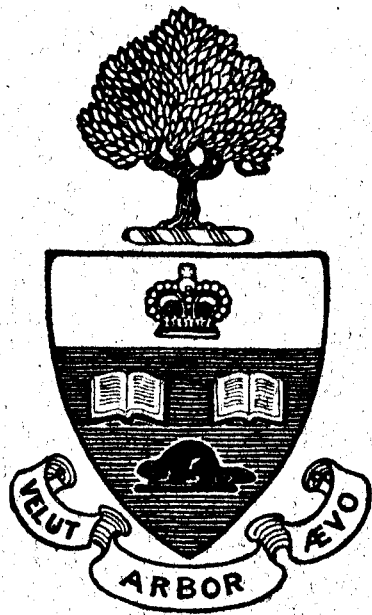


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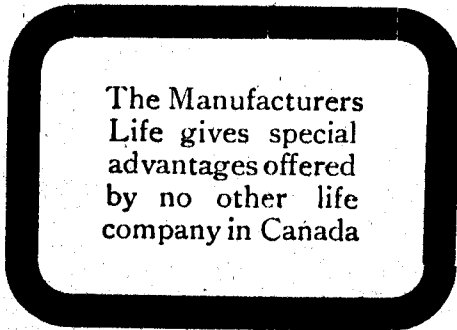
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THE ALLIED COLONIAL UNIVERSITIES CONFERENCE.

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THE Allied Colonial Universities Conference, held in London last July, was a notable gathering and unique of its kind. It was the writer's privilege to attend, in company with his confreres, Professors I. H. Cameron and A. McPhedran. It proved to be the first occasion upon which the representatives of all the universities of the Empire (save Melbourne) formally met to discuss matters of common interest. A peculiar distinction was given it by the presence of such university men as Lord Kelvin (Glasgow University); Prime Minister Balfour (Edinburgh); the pro-vice-Chancellor, and Professor James Bryce (Oxford); the vice-chancellor, the master of Trinity College, and Professor Ewing (Cambridge); Rt. Hon. C. T. Ritchie, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Aberdeen); Principal, Sir Arthur Rucker (London); Rt. Hon. Jos. Chamberlain, Chancellor, and Sir Oliver Lodge, Principal (Birmingham); Professor Mahaffy (Dublin); Lord Stratheona (McGill); Sir Gilbert Parker (Trinity).

To Sir Gilbert Parker are due the conception of the idea and very largely the successful conduct of the Conference.* It was owing to Sir Gilbert's influence that the delegates, who in large numbers attended the luncheon given by him in the House of Commons, had the pleasure of hearing a short address by the Colonial Secretary. Mr. Chamberlain spoke in an earnest and persuasive vein of the important work of the Conference and of the valuable results likely to flow from it. It would tend to promote a desirable community of interest and most useful co-operation amongst the widely separated parts of the Empire. He did not neglect the opportunity to urge the imperial idea, addressing, as he said, men who exercised so beneficial and widespread an influence in their respective communities. He believed it would be an advantage if universities would adopt the policy of making a speciality of one or more of the departments.

The first session was presided over by the Rt. Hon. Prof. James Bryce. His address had the ring of the

*He was ably seconded by the Hon. Secretary, C. Kinloch Cooke, Esq., M.A., LL.M. (Cambridge), editor of the Empire Review, which furnished the official report, and from which the writer has refreshed his memory. Donald Armour, M.A., M.B., Tor., and Drs. Ferguson and Cochrane, Trin., also did good service.

scholar, historian and statesman. He dwelt with pride on the grand mission and function of the British race in diffusing science and learning in distant lands. A high place was given to the university in the spread and advancement of civilization.

The benefits of the proposed scheme would not be one-sided. The weak side of British universities, in the comparative neglect of post-graduate work, was admitted. The great importance of promoting original investigation, and of cultivating theoretical and fostering applied science in its widest sense by universities, was warmly advocated. The interchange of students and teachers between the mother country and the colonies would tend to dispel that ignorance of one another which had been a source of weakness and irritation. The problems solved and the experience gained by the younger members of the Imperial family would be helpful at home.

Lord Stratheona, who presided at part of the second session, expressed his sense of the importance of the movement, and as a representative Canadian his sympathy with the aim to knit more closely the universities of the mother country and of the other parts of the Empire.

The business part of the Conference only occupied one day, and consisted in the discussion and adoption of two resolutions, in connection with which there were twenty-five speeches, inclusive of some set addresses.

The first resolution was: That in the opinion of this Conference, it is desirable that such relations should be established between the principal teaching universities of the Empire as will secure that special or local advantages for study, and in particular for post-graduate study and research, be made as accessible as possible to students from all parts of the King's dominions.

Second resolution: That a Council, consisting in part of representatives of British and Colonial universities, be appointed to promote the objects set out in the previous resolution.

The vice-chancellor of Cambridge urged the gain to learning and the Empire itself by mutual recognition and co-operation on the part of the universities. There were and should be different types of universities, and their autonomy should not be interfered with. Cam-

bridge, which had a character of her own—prominent features of which are pure and applied science—had been in touch with other seats of learning in distant parts of the Empire, etc., and this policy would continue. (Prof. J. J. Thomson, the celebrated physicist in charge of the Cavendish Laboratory of Cambridge University, told the writer in a brief visit to the institution, that he had had upwards of ninety advanced or research students from many quarters, who had become teachers themselves. He spoke appreciatively of our own Prof. McLennan.)

The vice-chancellor and principal of McGill spoke of the broad character and wide scope of the modern university. He dilated upon the facilities offered in some departments of his own institution, and averred that the result of the present movement "will be ultimately on the side of advantage to the older universities of the homeland." Some of the latter will require to make strenuous efforts to maintain their position.

Almost the first sentence of Lord Kelvin, the veteran prince of scientists, was the broad statement: "In university matters and in matters of science the whole world is one." While not grudging the German and French schools their share of British Colonial students, he urged, "Let us do all we can to make the universities of Ireland, Scotland and England as attractive to the students of any other part of the world as the universities in any other part of Europe can be."

Sir Henry Rosecoe spoke with evident satisfaction of the great progress made by the University of London since it had been reorganized as a teaching institution. He emphasized the surpassing importance of original investigation or research. He told us of the work done by the Scholarships Committee of the Royal Commission of 1851, of which he is chairman, which had awarded £60,000 during the past eleven years to 195 scholars from all parts of the Empire. It had been the duty of these to prosecute research, for which they had already shown capacity, in order to promote the industries of the Empire. It was on this line, to his mind, that future efforts could and should be made to help on the scheme now being launched.

Professor Ewing said that by far the most important reform in the University of Cambridge began about seven years ago, when she opened her doors to the advanced student, i.e., with a degree or evidence of equivalent preliminary training. Numbers had come, and their enthusiasm had been a valuable stimulus. He pointed out the more important function of research work, namely, the training it insured, and paid a tribute to Prof. J. J. Thomson, whose genius had attracted many students to Cambridge.

The Hon. Sir John Buchanan, vice-chancellor of the Cape of Good Hope University, spoke of the facilities afforded there for the study of ethnology and for research in astronomy. Many of their advanced students pursued their studies in the motherland.

Sir Oliver Lodge advocated a community of entrance tests to the universities so as to facilitate migration and interchange of students, to take advantage of one or more specialities offered by this or that institution—in accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Chamberlain. He favored in some instances an elective course, in which literary studies may be deferred until the technical ones have been fairly mastered. He discussed the relation of schools and colleges to the university and the role of examinations, and deprecated the defective public school education of Great Britain.

Principal Sir Arthur Rucker (London) held that while the universities should preserve their autonomy, there should be reciprocity. He made a very practical suggestion as to the need of a central depository of information concerning all the seats of learning in the Empire. "Some great system of scholarships" was a prime necessity, and "the unification of the interests of education of the whole Empire" was all important. He was opposed to what he termed the tyranny of over-examination, and of educational machinery.

Professor Warren, president of Magdalen College and pro-vice-chancellor of Oxford, said that Oxford felt the onus of the new order of things created by the munificence of Rhodes. He did not believe a university was a place where everything ought to be taught, but Oxford did aspire to meet the needs of students of every kind and class. Mathematics and science were taught at Oxford, but she was especially strong in English history and English language, political science, philosophy and theology. (Her pre-eminence in classics, which goes without saying, he left us to infer.) It was Rhodes' feeling, and could not be denied, that there was a kind of education in the "spell and glamour" of old Oxford herself—as of her sister, Cambridge. Professor Threlfall (Sydney) held that the embarrassing formality of elementary examinations by the older universities of the mother country was a bar to many Colonial students. He approved of the modified Cambridge system of later years, which permits one to enter without examination and take up research work. Professor Sir Wm. Ramsay (London) reiterated the importance of having first-rate professors, who should have high salaries. Brains are the academic magnets that draw students. Professor Watson (Queen's) thought that Canadian degrees should be rated higher in the mother country, and only post-graduates should be there. Many eligible men required financial aid. Scholarships were needed. Rev. Dr. J. P. Mahaffy (Trinity, Dublin) claimed that one could not rightly engage in original research unless he knew all that had been done already in his department. The main desideratum of a great university was great teachers. Trinity was prepared to take her part in this movement. Principal Hopkinson (Owens' College, Manchester) said there was a kind of education which could only be got by going abroad, and pointed to the well-known fact that the great scholars who advanced knowledge in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries passed from one university to another. Sir Dyce Duckworth (Edinburgh) said his university had long offered facilities to students from abroad, and had reaped her reward. She had always tried to have eminent teachers on her staff. Professor Jevons (Durham) hoped to see "one corporation of learning throughout the whole British Empire." Rt. Hon. R. C. Haldane, K.C., M.P., believed in the possibility of an "educational federation of the Empire," and hinted at a scheme of imperial scholarships. Professor Bamford (New Zealand), Vice-Chancellor Whitney (Bishops) and Chancellor Harrison (New Brunswick) also took part in the discussion.

In a brief statement on behalf of Toronto, the writer spoke of the high status of the Provincial University. He had also peculiar pleasure in stating that *research* work was a feature in at least seven of the departments, and was carried on in some of them by undergraduates of the fourth year. He expressed the hope that greater attractions would be offer-

ed to Canadians to take advanced and post-graduate work in the mother country.

The dinner at the Hotel Cecil was a fitting climax to the Conference. The Prime Minister was in the chair, and the guests, upwards of 400 in number, included many heads of colleges, presidents of learned societies, state officials, bishops, judges, learned lawyers, physicians, and litterateurs, with members of the Lords and the Commons, the delegates, and many graduates of Colonial universities, and not a few undergraduates. In proposing the toast of "The Universities of the King's Over-Sea Dominions," Premier Balfour said he was impressed with the remarkable character of the gathering and its great significance. The college men of the mother country naturally took pride in the universities of the other parts of the Empire. While there were moot-points in regard to the best type of instruction for the secondary public schools, there could be no question as to the value and importance of post-graduate education. The duty was clear, to foster and give it ample scope, and to invite and encourage its devotees. The mediæval pilgrims from one university to another of Europe, including old Oxford, fired with a love of knowledge for its own sake, would ever be a grand object lesson.

Admitting that learning and science were, happily, cosmopolitan, the Empire should provide within its borders men of genius and great teachers and educational machinery of every kind to meet the needs of her own citizens. The present movement would be fruitful of results in the interests of learning and of patriotism.

An able speech by Sir Gilbert Parker in proposing the toast of "The Universities of the United Kingdom," a fine address by the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Vice-Chancellor Casgrain, of Laval, were other features of a memorable occasion. The gratifying consensus at the Conference in regard to the need of more ample provision for research work and post-graduate studies generally, and of a liberal scheme of scholarships, will, it is hoped, bear fruit in the near future. The representative Council and proposed Imperial Academic Bureau should prove of great service.

BUZZ AND I AT THE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY.

Buzz and I found ourselves in Belfast on a wet day. With me the mention of the commonplace has become a fixed habit; therefore the mention of the weather. I might also incidentally remark that most tourists find themselves in Belfast on a wet day. In fact, wet days are an established custom in Belfast. Indeed, so Buzz swears, or rather—I beg Buzz's pardon—so Buzz strongly avers—rain, like potatoes, is one of Ireland's staple products. However, be that as it may, there we were in Belfast, and being so near that wonder of nature, the Giant's Causeway (we are seven), Buzz felt, and felling gave me to understand in that peculiar method which in mathematical circles so distinguished his every effort, that a trip to the Causeway would be the very acme of interesting adventure. So, realizing the great aid to the science of geology which our joint inspection of this natural miracle, though that sounds paradoxical, must necessarily furnish, we made sundry detailed examinations of time tables, specializing on the excursion rates, and early next morning set out. We hadn't proceeded far before a terrible expression of grief and woe flooded Buzz's face; so he returned for his pipe, and after purchasing his daily "pen'orth," which he prescribed for

his nerves,—he scorned homeopathy—we reached the station. After distributing three farthings to the president of the road and other sundry tips to various less pretentious officers and servants, we took our seats. For some unexplained reason, the daily downpour had not yet begun, and Buzz, who is a born physicist, was much troubled thereby. However, by the time we reached Port Rush the potato crop was assured, and that dread of dry rot, which is the fly in the Irishman's stout, was forever dispelled.

At Port Rush you take the electric train—open, if you are not an American on your wedding tour, or a member of the English nobility, and ride for about eight miles to the Causeway.

Conservatism is the national characteristic of the British Isles. The speed of the car, the day being cold and more than wet, and we being on the outside seat, exhibited the national tendency. However, we consoled ourselves by remarking that the car stopped only when absolutely necessary. We assured ourselves of this fact by the attentive observance of the fence posts. I would recommend this as an absolute and final test. Knowing that fence posts are stationary, and intently watching them, we realized, as certain of the more ostentatiously inclined of the philosophical psychologists would modestly say, an example of independent variability. As time went on we noticed that a post which originally had been in a line perpendicular to the axis of the car finally formed an acute angle to said axis. This fact we verified beyond all peradventure of doubt. Therefore—more of Buzz's mathematical genius—the car was in motion.

I have said that we occupied an outside seat. We did. Buzz was quite anxious for me to offer my portion to a fair divinity of the Wild Irish Rose type. But I refused. There's too much of that sort of thing in the British Isles. It becomes tiresome. Besides, I preferred even his knee to standing.

When we finally got off the car the first thing we saw worthy of notice was a guide to the Causeway. He was quite willing, even to extreme anxiety, to show us the wonders of the place. He assured us, with touching solemnity, that we could see nothing without his assistance. How cruelly does superstition prevail amongst the Irish! But we resolved to make experiment of our own eyesight, and broke the news to him as kindly as possible. His regret at the risk we were running was unselfishly expressed. We further explained that circumstances over which we had no control absolutely prevented us from indulging in the pleasure of his company. After getting rid of the guide and going through a small archway, the next thing we met was another guide, or rather the next thing we met were other guides. Guides to the right of us! Guides to the left of us! volleyed and thundered; and they were all equally vehement in assuring us of failure with our visual organs did not one of them accompany us. In fact, it developed in conversation that the phenomena of sight would be much more operative did we take a guide apiece. But some hitherto inert gambling instinct, kindled into recklessness by our previous rashness in refusing aid so kindly proffered, was now whetted into desire for further risks, and we likewise turned them down. Then, after this minor episode, there burst on our vision in all its glory and native splendor what likewise proved to be another guide. This gentleman was the finished and cultured product of Cook's school for guides. His persuasive powers were those of an Undergraduate Union

secretary, but he failed with us, and we proceeded.

After following a path over the rugged cliffs, past a few desolate shops scattered here and there, where souvenirs were disposed of at wonderful sacrifice to the buyer, we reached an enclosure, where a great surprise awaited us. The surprise was "sixpence admission." Admirably simulating calmness and casually enquiring the cost to get out, we entered.

It was a treat to see Buzz in the wishing chair. There's a certain stone hallowed by tradition, hallowed by frequent use, where the wisher sits and concocts visions of future happiness. By an exercise of credulity in the powers of the chair one may sit and wish for anything with a reasonable certainty of fulfilment. Mark you, I say "reasonable" certainty. Besides, does not belief often unconsciously presage fulfilment? But you should have seen Buzz wish! A close student of physiognomy could easily see that it was not what to wish that was troubling Buzz, but—which girl! Even I myself experienced similar difficulty, though I hope the gropings for an imaginary affinity were not so decipherable. However, the sigh of pleased content with which Buzz arose from the wishing chair was exceptionally significant.

Then we had a drink at the Giant's Well, a spring of pure fresh water into which, at times at least, when the tide is in or during a storm, the salt sea must pour. But the water on that day was fresh and crystal. Then we proceeded to examine the rocks. If I am not mistaken they call them basalt, and these are so regularly formed in columns running no one knows how deeply into the earth that it would be easy to believe that a race of giants at some prehistoric time must have built the causeway. There is one locality of the causeway which by reason of its formation is of exceptional interest. Immediately in the center is a six sided column; then arranged in rude order around it are columns varying in the number of their sides. Here is one five-sided, here a four-sided one, there a three-sided, over them a two-sided, and just beyond a one-sided column. This last was the first I had ever seen, and I could not have believed had I not seen it with my own eyes.

On a clear day, from the cliffs which rise up from the sea hundreds of feet high, just beyond the Causeway, the coast of Scotland may be seen and there, in a place called Fingall's Cave, bearing unmistakable evidence to the fact that at some distant time in the dim past Ireland was not the island she is to-day, a similar structure is found.

But we were examining the structure. From my previous geological remarks, including the word "basalt," one may readily conclude that I am no mean geologist. Buzz, for his part, was similarly learned, though his knowledge of the science had been gleaned more from the chemical standpoint. He had, moreover, the year previous, spent a day in a granite quarry and had read a couple of Brete Harte's mining tales. Furthermore, we had both of us, during some months' stay in the British Isles, handled at infrequent periods, I will admit, the standard coin of the realm. Hence it is no mean boast when I claim that we were an unusual, if not an unique, combination. Naturally our minds were unusually alert. I have noticed Buzz's mind approximate to that condition on, I can distinctly remember, three different occasions. This was one of them. It was not long before he had discovered unmistakable signs of gold in the rocks. For confirmation he called

my attention to his "find." There, in plain sight, probably rendered so by the washing, cleansing power of the rain and hitherto unseen by the eye of man, were the streaks of gold, and it had remained for us to electrify the world by our great and suddenly acquired wealth. While Buzz had been busy making his preliminary examination, I had been equally fortunate in finding plain indications of sure signs of the existence of silver. This also, like the gold, was present in streaks on the surface. We resolved there and then that Varsity should no longer bow and scrape for the crumbs of financial assistance; we resolved that the fraternities should immediately be given substantial and worthy houses, and that in the course of time we would even present a memorial to the University authorities suggesting the possible need at some future date of a residence for the housing of the more common undergraduates; we resolved that Pete Scott's poems should be bound with morocco bindings and placed on the Library shelves; we resolved that the president of the Glee Club should be assisted in meeting the usual tour deficit and presented with a hair cut; we resolved, but what did we not resolve in that glorious hour of unselfish distribution of future opulence? But these resolutions were never to be fulfilled, for we came to realize that a soulless corporation had its grasping hand fixed in clutching greed on the Causeway. Hence the sixpence admission. So we determined to buy all rights to this Seventh Wonder, now a Seventh Heaven to our souls. So, crushing our exuberance, we proceeded to inspect, with ill subdued elation, the remainder of the Causeway. Try as I would, however, as the minutes passed, to crush an ever growing conviction that we could not have been the first discoverers of such wealth, I could not. Surely we had been mistaken! I expressed my fears to Buzz. "Rubbish," says Buzz. "Rubbish, I say!" says he, though I could see that the germs of incipient doubt had begun to take root in his confidence also. So we determined at once to make a further examination of these unmistakable markings of gold and silver on the rocks.

Imagine our consternation! Picture our sorrow! Call up our despair! when these doubts seized our minds. Gone Varsity's financial independence! Alas for Pete Scott's poems! Faded the frat houses! So we returned to our find. Here distinctly was a streak of gold; there plainly was a mark of silver. We were right; we must be right. Hurrah! Past visitors had been blind! posterity would rejoice. Buzz had been standing on a column without markings; we had noticed it particularly as lying surrounded by others rich in mineral wealth. Realizing the absolute unassailability of our position in the future world of finance and of education, Buzz gave a yell, waved his hat in the air, jumped and—stepped on the wet, barren rock, and behold! that stone also became streaked with the precious metal. How was this? Had the scraping boot uncovered the looked-for vein? To discover whether any of the rock had been scraped I examined Buzz's boot—its nails were of copper! Mine were of tin!

After this stirring episode we walked out to the extreme edge of the Causeway and contemplated the poetic undulating motion of the wild waves; we wondered if they had heard; we queried each other as to the substance of their remarks; we looked out into the dim beyond and were ourselves again, light hearted, care free, Buzz and I. Then—but why weary you, gentle reader.

A. B. G.

"OUTSIDE COLLEGE HALLS."

[A small boy's colloquy, overheard on the street corner.]

"Say, did yer ever hev chilblains?—Huh! I don't mean th' kind you've got, Job Cassidy—I s'pose you fellers think I mean that kinder itchy feelin' what yer jest 'xactly can't git at ter scratch, as I heerd a swell guy say t'other day. Well, yer needn't think that's the kind I mean! I'll bet my 'at, ef yer hed enythink like th' torture I'm a hundergoin' at this present minit, yer'd all be a-hollerin' like so many Mohawk Injuns! Great Scott! I kin mind th' time w'en I hed that 'er seratchy feelin' w'en yer feel as ef yer wanted ter go round like a blimed lame rooster—a-hoppin' on one leg while yer rub with t'other—don't yer, Job? But huh! that was only 'th' beginnin' of th' end,' as our min'ster sed last Sunday. W'y! I kin mind the very fust time I hed that 'er feelin', that I kin! It was one Chris-mus Eve. Gosh! it was cold!—and talk about yer wind! Whew! didn't it jest whistle that night? Well, I was a-goin' round shiverin' with th' papers, and, of course, axin' fer Chris'mus boxes at all th' doors. What's that yer sed, Skinny? Th' night yer lost th' dime that th' ord gaffer in th' gaiters giv yer fer nothink? Yep, that's th' very time. (My! didn't Skinny raise a to 'o about that 'er dime, that night! Oh, no!) Well, as I was a-sayin', w'en he shoved in 'is spoke, I hed gone nigh all th' round w'en a gel with a big apron on and a little w'ite thing a-stickin' on th' top of 'er 'ead, cum to th' door, 'way up at th' end of th' rout—(Yer knows th' place, Stumpy—th' un that has th' steps shod with brass, so that they're so blimed slippery yer hev to hang on ter th' railin's at th' side)—Well th' gel, sein' it was Chrismus Eve, I s'pose, was a-feelin' purty good, so she sez, sey she: 'Cum inter th' 'all an' warm yer-self, w'ile I go 'n' see 'bout it'—so I stood over th' registrar an' warmed my feet. My! th' 'eat a-cumin' out o' that blaek 'ole felt good! But w'en I got outside my feet felt th' queered'st that ever yer did see—all tingly-like and creepy, specially my big toe. Well, that's th' feelin' as you spoke 'bout, Job, but Lor! it ain't nothink like w'at I feel now. I didn't feel no per-tickler pain then, and it was only after I went a-sleigh-ridin' so much with that new sleigh o' Dumpy's, that my toes begun ter feel kinder sore. I guess that's two years agone, ain't it, Skinny? Any'ow, I kin tell you fellers that it feels like puttin' a bile between pinchers to git my feet inter my boots now—even w'en I'm wearin' boots two sizes too big. Huh! Pop tho't my feet 'ad growed a heap last time he got me a pair o' boots—but then, I ain't no snivellin' gel, and don't care 'bout hev'n' little feet! W'y don't I tell my mother? did yer say, Job? Huh! do yer fellers think I'm a chicken-hearted guy to make a fuss 'bout nothink?"

Damaris.

He was a modern barber, and
His shop was always clean;
His towels all were snowy white—
No fairer e'er were seen.
He kept his brushes sterilized,
He used no powdered chalk;
And while he shaved he sprung a line
Of antiseptic talk.

—*Baltimore American.*

"This," said the sailor, as he planted his fist on the other fellow's jaw, "is what we call genuine Navy Plug."—*Widow.*

A BALLADE OF VARSITY GIRLS.

The following verses, in imitation of the mediæval French Ballades of Francois Villon, were inspired in the bosom of a sophomore after the Engineers' dance:

What is the product of the age
Most worthy to be called divine,
Most likely to respect engage,
And admiration—yours and mine?
Of all our jewels, what brightest shine?
Oh! out upon the gawks, the churls,
We e'er deny the wreath is thine,
Fair and accomplished Varsity Girls.

Or would deny their advantage
O'er our grandames so limp, supine,
Unconscious of the noble rage,
They crocheted out a quaint design,
And lives as quaint and superfine,
With heads for nothing but for curls,
And souls!—Oh, never thus confine
Fair and accomplished Varsity Girls.

Who hesitates to throw a gauge,
In championship of such, a sign;
Who beauties rare and learning sage
In just proportions, well combine
To famous make form pole to line,
From where the blue-nose sailor furls
His sails, to th' land of Douglas pine,
Fair and accomplished Varsity Girls.

L'ENVOI.

Thank we our stars and fates benign,
Amongst us here are strewn like pearls
—No, not before ungrateful swine—
Fair and accomplished Varsity Girls!

—L. Owen.

EXCHANGES

If a Sophomore cuts you out,
Keep a-goin';
When the ladies are about,
Keep a-goin';
'Tain't no use to fret or whine
If the fish ain't on your line;
Just bait your hook and never mind;
Keep a-goin';
If you strike a thorn or rose,
Keep a-goin';
If it hails or if it blows,
Keep a-goin';
Suppose you're out of every dime—
Getting broke ain't any crime;
Just tell the world you're feeling prime,
Keep a-goin';
When it looks like all is up—
Keep a-goin';
Drain all the sweetness from the cup—
Keep a-goin';
See the wild birds on the wing,
Hear the bells that sweetly ring,
And, when you feel like singing—sing!
But—
Keep a-goin'.
—*Matric.*

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EVERY year there are scores of men from the School of Science engaged in surveys in the wilds of the far west. Every year there are dozens of student missionaries from the theological colleges working amid surroundings so different from anything within the experience of the average reader that an account of even the ordinary day's work would prove interesting. Every man of those we have mentioned could tell of extraordinary events, grand scenes, or difficulties surmounted. Some could describe adequately the odd characters among the settlers. A few could do both of these, and enrich the composition with the reflections of an earnest mind, wakening it all into life by a touch of the imagination. Descriptions of the first and second types would be readable and appreciated by student readers. Those last mentioned would be literature worth preserving. The *Presbyterian Review* discovered Ralph Connor. We would be proud to be remembered as having discovered his peer.

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GIVEN to college matters in the city press. SEVEN HIS year has been remarkable in the prominence of the newspapers have conducted regular departments dealing with matters of student interest ever since the term began. The needs of the University have also come up for extended discussion, so that the public should have a better grasp of University questions than was the case formerly. There can be but one result from this. Money expended upon the Provincial University in necessary buildings and equipment will be spent with the popular approval.

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THE round of gaiety still continues, so that the old-fashioned student inquires as to the end of all this social whirl in college halls. Class receptions and faculty dinners, college at-homes and annual

balls, the Rugby and the conversat, the Engineers' dance and the dance of the Women's Lit, the Union dance and the Arts dance—these form a brief category. Then there are the Y. M. C. A. receptions and the afternoon teas; also the open meetings of a dozen societies of various kinds. If it keeps on, we will be compelled to enlarge THE VARSITY and appoint an editor for the society column. On the propriety of these increasing demands upon the time of the student we offer no comment. Doubtless one is at liberty to absent himself from some of them if he so chooses. To others he may not be invited. Be this as it may, the indications are that either the student finds such recreation an aid to good work, or that there is a tendency to consider a college course as so much time to be spent as joyously as possible, with a degree at the end to show for a little work done between whiles.

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WE publish this week a letter from Mr. A. L. McCredie, which explains itself. Mr. McCredie was our authorized representative in Glasgow in 1901, and, at a banquet in honor of the representatives from colleges all over the Empire, he proposed a toast to the University of Glasgow. In his speech he suggested the sending of the medallions mentioned in his letter. No action was taken in the matter, when Mr. McCredie reported what he had done to the Executive of the Undergraduates' Union, by whom he was sent. The officers of the Union did and do not feel that funds should be used in providing what should manifestly come from the student body at large. The Union is representative of the undergraduate body only in the terms of its charter, and not to any extent in its membership. If reproach lies upon the students because of the action or the inaction of anyone trusted with the management of their affairs, steps should be taken to have the matter cleared up, and the stain removed from their honor.

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A GREAT deal is being said and written about the supposed evils of specializing in a college course.

Whether these evils are real or not depends upon the individual student. If individuals did not differ, it might be possible to lay down the law for all cases. The boy of sixteen who enters the University without any experience of life and its problems and without any settled conviction as to his life work, requires a little paternalism in the mapping out of his line of study. For him his whole course is an extension of his high school education, and a training that should fit him to choose intelligently the work in which he will best expend the energy there is in him. He comes to the college in need of knowledge, but also of judgment and correct habits of thought. On the other hand, there is the man who has gained his experience before he ever saw the University, and whose judgment has ripened through years of practical application. For him knowledge is the matter of supreme importance. He knows exactly the line of train-

ing he requires in order to fill the position he has marked out for himself. Before such a man there should not be set any barrier in the way of regulation that would prevent him attaining his full desire. These extremes can hardly admit of recognition in a general curriculum. The last word has by no means been said on the vexed question of an ideal course for every student.

THE COLLEGE GIRL

MISS J. A. NIELSON, *Superintending Editress.*



At the last meeting of the Y. W. C. A. a very interesting address was delivered by Mr. Brebner, on the subject of "Difficulties in the Way of Spiritual Growth." The topic was one which could not but interest every thoughtful student, and the address showed that a very real knowledge of conditions has been brought to bear. The speaker alluded briefly to what are generally supposed to be the spiritual difficulties of students.

One of these is the sundering of home ties, and the feeling of being a mere atom in the life of a large city. The lonely student is apt to feel that his individual action is of interest to no person, and the sense of duty ceases to exert any great influence upon him.

A second cause is the disturbance of old beliefs by thoughts gained in study. Faith has been undermined by certain courses of reading.

Both these causes are, however, rare, and regard the men rather than the women students. What really stands in the way of spiritual growth, in the majority of cases, is lack of real and earnest attention to the study of God's word. Amid the numerous claims upon the time and interest of the student, how many give a fair amount of attention to the reading of the Bible? A few earnest words regarding the value of the quiet "morning hour," which should furnish the "ammunition" for the day, were not without effect on the minds of the listeners.

Another real difficulty is the fact that we are self-centered. How many of the students devote real honest effort to helping others? Yet there is no better way of ensuring our own growth than by endeavoring to promote that of others. There is no denying that, as college women, we possess certain abilities that should enable us to be of special service to those about us. A few incidents from the speaker's own experience, which showed the good often done in simple, unostentatious fashion, certainly furnished food for thought.

The address came to an end with a brief mention of the exceptional opportunities for spiritual growth enjoyed by the student. Surely the period of college life, which is so conducive to development of various kinds,

ought to contribute much to spiritual growth. The difficulties are slight, and such as lie in the power of each individual to overcome.

The general tone of the address was one of hearty encouragement, and made one see that in the spiritual world, in a very real sense—

"The fault . . . is not in our stars,
But in ourselves, if we are underlings."

Some of us have decided, after a few months' practice, that we have no particular talent for dramatic art, and we were not sorry to learn that Mrs. Scott-Ruff has decided to devote the rest of the term to voice work alone.

In addition to the actual benefit of the work, I am sure that most of the members of the class realize the truth of Elbert Hubbard's maxim, that "work is for the worker," for no impartial spectator could ever believe that the work was for the pleasure of the onlooker or the listener.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Literary Society of University College was held on Saturday evening in the Students' Union. After the singing of "Toronto" and the reading of the minutes, some important business was introduced. A warm discussion arose regarding the old-time Spring Reception. "To be or not to be—that is the question." It will be answered later. The event of the evening was a debate: "Resolved, that the Rhodes Scholarships Should be Awarded for Post-graduate study." The affirmative was ably supported by Miss McKim and Miss Lee Edward, of the Second Year, but the decision was given in favor of the negative, upheld by Miss Anderson and Miss VanderSmussen, of the First Year. All four speeches are worthy of commendation, as the purpose of Cecil Rhodes regarding his bequests, and the possibility of its fulfilment by either of the opposing schemes, were clearly presented. Considerable amusement arose from the descriptions given of "the impressionable freshman of descent, as compared with the well-developed, fully equipped, all-round graduate—aged twenty-one." It would appear also that the average undergraduate of Canada and the United States still requires instruction in "life and manners." A strong argument for the negative was granted by the insufficient equipment of Oxford for post-graduate work in comparison with its excellent tutorial undergraduate system.

Solos by Miss Oakley and Miss Love, an essay on Mrs. Humphrey Ward, and an excellent criticism of the whole meeting by Miss Ward, were all fully appreciated by the girls. After singing the National Anthem, the gathering was dismissed.

SUB ROSA.

Under the rows of lanterns bright
Murilla most demurely goes;
But, in the moonbeams' softer light,
Under the rows
Of shady fir, do you suppose
She still remains as shy, in spite
Of lenient skies and friendly boughs,
No! the dream-music of the night
Lures her to tenderness, and glows
In every glance.—But this is quite
Under the rose.

—*Glasgow University Magazine.*

THE ENGINEERS' DANCE.

The Gymnasium last Friday evening was the scene of one of the most successful and enjoyable dances ever held in connection with the University, the occasion being the annual At-home of the Toronto Company of Engineers. The large hall was well decorated with flags and bunting, a striking part of the decorations being a double lock bridge erected from gallery to gallery in the east end of the room. The gay military uniforms of the officers present, representing the different military corps of the city, and the members of the Engineer Company, added greatly to the brightness of the scene. Glionna's orchestra occupied the east end of the gallery, and discoursed two-steps and waltzes with many well-appreciated encores.

Shortly after nine, the strains of the National Anthem heralded the arrival of the Lieutenant-Governor and party. Major Lang and officers of the Company received. The set of honor was danced by Miss Clark, Major Lang; Miss Elsie Clark, Major Burnham; Mrs. Loudon, Prof. McGregor Young; Mrs. Davidson, Lt.-Col. Stimson; Lady Kirkpatrick, Lt.-Col. Davidson; Mrs. Burnham, Mr. A. Magee; Mrs. Biggs, Prof. Baker; Mrs. Evans, Mr. Biggs; Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mr. Burnside; Mrs. Sweny, Mr. Evans.

Supper was served in the Students' Union; the tables were tastefully decorated with pink roses, and the menu was all that could be desired.

The dancing continued far into the morning, and ever then expressions of regret were heard when "Home, Sweet Home," betokened the close of a most enjoyable event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Of special interest to the academic element of this city will be the lecture by Harry de Windt, the famous traveller and explorer at Massey Music Hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 26th, when he will describe Siberia and the Russian exiles.

In the Seminary, Library Building, Tuesday, 19th inst., at 4 p.m., Prof. McCurdy will begin a series of open lectures on Scientific Literature, as illustrated by valuable documents in possession of the University. These lectures will be popular in form, for the benefit of students who have only a general interest in the literary monuments of the ancients.

A series of Saturday lectures has been arranged to begin on January 23rd. The proceeds will be devoted to the Convocation Hall fund, and this, with the value of the lectures themselves, should ensure success. The first of the series will be delivered in Wycliffe Convocation Hall by Professor R. G. Moulton, of Chicago. His topic will be "The Bible as Literature." In handling this subject the speaker is thoroughly at home, as those who have read his critical essays upon the various books of the Bible well know. These essays and a similar set of studies in Shakespeare have made Professor Moulton known wherever there are advanced students in English. Those fortunate enough to hear the first lecture will have a treat indeed.

The postponed lecture of Professor Adam Scott (Queen's) before the Political Science Club will be delivered Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Room 4. The subject of the lecture is "Canada's Influence on British Cabinet Policy."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Last Wednesday evening the University College Association entertained representatives of the various college associations at an informal tea. After tea a short conference was held, during which the representatives reported the progress of their associations. Brief helpful addresses were delivered by Messrs. F. M. Pratt, Wilkie, McPherson and Prof. McLaughlin.

On Thursday evening nominations for officers of the University College Association were held, and resulted as follows:

President—W. P. Love, A. C. Cameron.

First Vice-President—Gibson, Henderson, Hayes.

Second Vice-President—McIlwraith.

Treasurer—W. H. Henderson.

Assistant Treasurer—McEachern, Cameron, Wright, Chapple.

Recording Secretary—Halliday, Eastman.

The elections will be held at the next regular meeting on Thursday.

The Bible Classes have resumed work for the spring term, and the prospects are bright for a good term's work.

The First and Second Year Arts Class, led by Principal Sheraton, meets in Wycliffe College; the Third and Fourth Years meet with Dr. McCurdy in the Association Building; the S. P. S. Class, led by Mr. Angus, in the Association parlors; the Medical Class, led by Dr. Murison, in the Central Y. M. C. A. These classes all meet at 9.30 on Sunday. Next Sabbath Dr. McCurdy begins the study of the Psalms, giving an introductory study on the Poetry of the Old Testament. This course is sure to be highly interesting and instructive, and a hearty invitation is extended to the men to become members of the class.

The first University sermon of this term will be delivered next Sunday morning. Prof. Moulton, Professor of Literature in the University of Chicago, will give his interpretive address on the book of Job. This lecture is very highly spoken of, and should be largely attended by the undergraduate body. The tickets are in the hands of the representatives in the different colleges, and may be obtained from them.

CORRESPONDENCE

Guelph, Jan. 15th, 1904.

To the Editor THE VARSITY:

Dear Sir,— In increasing instances, the colleges of the world are tending toward close intercommunication. Their representatives have met, in universal and continental congresses, at Oxford and London, Johns Hopkins and Cornell, Glasgow and others. Toronto University has played her part in these, and yet one is tempted to doubt whether her students are aware, in any number, that such congresses have ever occurred.

In the case of Glasgow's ninth jubilee, celebrated in June, 1901, by a congress of senatorial and student delegates from every country in the world except China, Toronto University was given a prominent place, and honored in more ways than one, details of which are unnecessary now, but which serve to contrast the discourteous negligence of our University toward Glasgow, subsequently. It is of this I wish to acquaint the stu-

dents of my Alma Mater, in the hope that they will adopt means to restore her in the good opinion of Glasgow University.

On that occasion, the delegates universally adopted a proposal made by me as delegate of Varsity, that a medallion be prepared and sent to Glasgow University by each student body represented there; these medallions to show the coat-of-arms, etc., of the college represented, together with some indication of their purpose; all to be preserved by Glasgow University S. R. C. as a souvenir of the congress. To-day the only college unrepresented in that collection of medallions is Toronto University, whose delegate proposed its contribution. Japan, Norway, Moscow, Madras and the others have long since sent their souvenir of appreciation, while Toronto has ignored the whole matter, and has not even sent a letter of formal appreciation from the office of the Union, which appointed her delegates. I shall not dwell on the fact, further, that the delegates' appearance was the first indication that the Toronto Union had received the invitation, although nearly three months had elapsed after its receipt. I wish just to tell the students of Varsity that through an unfortunate inaction on the part of a former officer of the Union, their Alma Mater has acquired a reputation for lack of courtesy, and of college spirit as well. It would have cost, would cost now, only about \$10 to repair this misfortune, and to put Varsity among those who gracefully acknowledged a graceful hospitality. A mass meeting, an explanation, a collection of five cents per man, and the thing would be done. Will the students do it?

A. L. McCredie.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

Sir,—In your number of Dec. 2nd last there is a plea "for more sympathy and encouragement from the members of the faculty," and a complaint of their absence from University events. For this absence the people who manage these events are solely responsible. As an illustration of this, I may mention a few of the functions I personally should have been glad to attend, if I had had any idea of their date: the mock parliament, the debate with Queen's, the Arts dinner, the public meetings of the various scientific and literary clubs (including the Modern Language Club, of which I have received no programme). With one single exception, I have heard no whisper of all these doings, until I read of them in your paper; nor am I singular in this regard. If the students desire the presence of the faculty at their functions, they should at least notify them of the time and place, when and where they are to take place. But this is not all. In the old days, there were always special seats allotted to members of the faculty and their friends at games, debates and other functions, so that the students knew of their presence. This custom has long since fallen into desuetude, and to this fact I attribute the falling off of the professors' attendance. At the functions I have attended during the last ten or fifteen years I have felt like a stranger in a strange land, simply because I have been received and treated as such; not a soul seemed to care or even to know whether I was present or not. I am persuaded that if special seats were so allotted, and if proper notifications were sent out, there would be no such complaint heard. Trusting that I have not taken up too much of your space in alluding to this matter, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

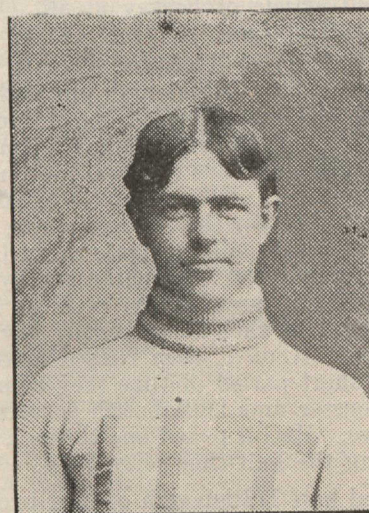
W. H. VanderSmisen.

SPORTS

P. J. MONTAGUE, Superintending Editor.

U. OF T. 9, McMILL 7.

U. of T. opened the Intercollegiate hockey season last Friday night by defeating McGill, with a score of 9—7. The game was played at the Mutual Street Rink, and although there were not over 750 spectators there, those that were there saw one of the best games of hockey ever played in Toronto. As was expected, the checking was very close and hard, but it was entirely within the



CAPTAIN GILBERT.

rules, and Referee McDowall, of Kingston, gave good satisfaction, excepting that he might have started dropping the puck in face-offs a little earlier in the game. He sent McCallum, Young and Gilmour of the McGill team and Brown, Gilbert, Evans, Housser and Dillibough of the Toronto team to the fence. He might have sent Young a little oftener, as he had a great desire to use the forbidden cross-check, which consists of running into a man with stick about level with his chin.

The best man on the ice was Captain Gilbert, who played rover for U. of T. He was undoubtedly the fastest man of the fourteen players, and also the best stick handler and most reliable check. When he got away a score, or at least a shot on the pads, was sure to result. By his individual work he scored five of the nine goals, and in the remaining four cases the puck was carried down by him and passed at the right moment. His shooting, which last year was below par, is now of the best, and the goalkeepers say his shots are hard to get away with. Dillibough played left boards, and while he had the stamina, he played a strong game, out-checking the famous Gilmour, and sending in some extremely wicked shots. He has scarcely had enough practice, and will improve wonderfully this week. Housser, at center, was slightly handicapped by a pair of bent skates, but put up a strong game, following up alone time after time. Jakey Brown played on the right boards, and mixed it up quite a bit. He completely out-checked his

mark, but was penalized too often for the good of the team. U. of T.'s defence showed up better than any trio we have had in recent years, and that is saying quite a lot. Beck, at cover, played a strong, dashing game. He blocked rush after rush of the McGill forwards, and took the rubber down to the right end time after time. He is also a good shot. Wilkie Evans, at point, was a sort of human rock, on which the opposing forwards came to grief. His body-checking was extremely fine, and he lifted like a lacrosse player. McLaren, in goal, was a marvel. His excellent judgment and cool work stopped shot after shot that was ticketed for a score.

For McGill, Lindsay, the goalkeeper, played well. McKenna, at point, stopped a lot of shots, but couldn't get down the ice fast enough. Gilmour, the Ottawa man, who has played Stanley Cup hockey, was out-played in the first half, but in the second half he played a stellar game. Young, the Montreal team's captain, didn't put up a very good article of hockey at all. He was the weakest man on the team.

In the first half U. of T. started off with a rush, and after five minutes' play Dilliabough put it through by a good shot from the side. McCallum, of McGill evened up in short order, but Bilbert a couple of minutes later got in a fine rush and shot a clean one on goal for a score, making it 2-1. Gilmour got started, and after a hard rush he tallied for the red and white, again evening the score. Captain Gilbert again rushed, and shooting outside of point, beat the goalkeeper by a low one. McCallum, of McGill secured the puck at centre, and after a short rush he shot an extremely low one, which fooled McLaren. U. of T. then rushed matters, and in the remaining short period of time they managed to get four goals, Housser and Dilliabough shooting one each and Gilbert two. McGill poked one through before time was up, making the half-time score 7-4.

In the second half Dilliabough opened proceedings by scoring in three minutes. Young scored the next one for McGill, and Gilmour got the next two. The game now became rather exciting, as the score was 8-7, and McGill apparently had U. of T. going. But Gilbert, after a quarter of an hour's play, scored the sixteenth goal and made the final score 9-7.

The teams and officials were as follows:

Varsity—Goal, McLaren; point, Evans; cover-point, Beck; right wing, Brown; center, Housser; rover, Gilbert, left wing, Dilliabough.

McGill—Goal, Lindsay; point, McKenna; cover-point,

Young; right wing, Gilmour; center, McCallum; rover, Drinkwater, left wing, Wallace.

Referee—J. McDowell. Goal Umpires—T. S. McMorran, Dr. W. G. Wood. Timekeepers—Tom Phillips, Frank D. Woodworth.

Summary: First half—1, Varsity, Dilliabough, 5½ mins.; 2, McGill, McCallum, 2½ mins.; 3, Varsity, Gilbert, 2 mins.; 4, McGill, Gilmour, 7 mins.; 5, Varsity, Gilbert, 2 mins.; 6, McGill, McCallum, 7 mins.; 7, Varsity, Housser, 30 secs.; 8, Varsity, Gilbert, 25 secs.; 9, Varsity, Dilliabough, 15 secs.; 10, Varsity, Gilbert, 30 secs.; 11, McGill, McCallum, 15 secs.

Second half—12, Varsity, Dilliabough, 2½ mins.; 13, McGill, Young, 6½ mins.; 14, McGill, Gilmour, 15 secs.; 15, McGill, Gilmour, 6 mins.; 16, Varsity, Gilbert, 14 mins.

HAMILTON II. 14, U. OF T. III. 3.

The Juniors ran up against it hard last week up in Hamilton. The game was rather one-sided owing to the fact that the U. of T. Juniors had had no practice at all, and besides the Tigers included three of their Intermediate team. The Juniors expect to do better in the return game. The teams and officials:

Tigers—Morden, goal; Whyte, point; Wyndham, cover; Addison, Ecclestone, Chad and Stinson, forwards.

U. of T. III.—Hall, goal; Fletcher, point; McQuaine, cover; Reed, Grassett, Montague and Bothwell, forwards.

Referee—W. P. Irving.

Dutch Heyd, Arts '05, has been elected captain of the Intermediate team, and R. Montague, S. P. S. '05, has been elected captain of the Junior team.

FOOTBALL.

The annual meeting of the University of Toronto Rugby Club was held on Jan. 8th, and the following officers for 1904 were elected:

Hon. President—Dr. McCurdy.

Hon. Vice-President—Dr. McCollum.

President—Harold Beatty.

Vice-President—Max Yates.

Secretary-Treasurer—L. Morden.

Representative to C. I. R. F. U.—Alex. Davidson.

Representatives—Senior Arts, R. Hoar; Junior Arts, A. Boyd; S. P. S. Senior, Sander; S. P. S. Junior, to be elected; Senior Meds., R. Burwell; Junior Meds., A. W. McPherson; Victoria, G. Gain; St. Michael's, to be elected.

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It was decided not to place a team in the O. R. F. U. Senior series.

Secretary Biggs, of the Athletic Directorate, stated that the Directorate would present the members of the teams with sweaters.

Max Yates, in his report, gave the scores of the different games in the Intercollegiate Union and of the exhibition games. He congratulated the Senior Arts team on winning the Mluock Cup, and ended his report with a financial statement showing a balance of \$790.

BASEBALL.

On Tuesday, Jan. 12th, the University of Toronto Baseball Club held its annual meeting. The following officers were elected:

- Hon. President—Dr. Hooper.
- President—A. G. Ross.
- Manager—F. MacLachlan.
- Assistant Manager—T. C. Weldon.
- Secretary-Treasurer—I. X. Robert.

Representatives—Arts fourth year, McAllister; Arts third year, Delury; Arts second year, Lush; Arts first year, R. V. Miller; Victoria, Rankin; Pharmacy, Tripp; Dentals, Lappen; S. P. S., Baldwin; Senior Meds., Pritchard; Junior Meds., Balfour; St. Michael's, Dooley.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted, and a full account of last spring's tour was given. Twelve out of sixteen games were won, and two were tied. Ralph Williams, the 1903 captain, has been

elected captain for 1904, and he ought to take away a good team, as he has the following men to choose from: Catchers, Tripp, Brown, Pritchard and Ryckman; pitchers, Organ, Sweeney, Springer and Allison; infield, Williams, McAllister, Weldon, Rankin, Dooley, Livingston, Lang, Balfour and Biggs; outfield, Robert, Ross, Delury and Lappen.

The team will not go on tour before the 8th or 10th of June, but it is expected that exhibition games will be played here with the city teams and the teams of neighboring universities.

Here is one of the N. Y. State University yells:

Tuberculosis, peritonitis,
Pernicious anemia, appendicitis,
Chronic osteomyelitis,
Cerebro spinal meningitis,
Cross-eyes, broken bones,
Club-feet, gall stones,
Tumors, ulcers, hypertrophied head,
Any old thing, living or dead,
Delirium tremens, you've got 'em sure,
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—Ohio Lantern.

Of a lovely B(a)ird we also can boast,
Who thinks he can live without his toast.

—University of Ottawa Review.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

The friends of H. E. Collins, '04, will be pleased to know that he is recovering.

H. G. O'Leary, '04, represented University College at the McGill Arts Faculty At Home on Friday evening.

A. G. Ross and I. S. Lairty, '04, and a number of freshmen have season tickets for the Varsity rink.

The Dining Hall Hockey League is still alive. The "Gamblers" have challenged the champion "Pancakes," but there will be no game until the former have proven their amateur standing.

T. B. M., '04 (angrily)—Well, wouldn't that—. If I only knew the man who instituted co-education. Tim has since decided to enter a theological college where he can study in peace.

E. J. Archibald, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is recovering slowly.

A chess match was played in the Undergraduates' Union on Wednesday evening between Varsity and the Y. M. C. A. The latter won, 4 1-2 to 3 1-2.

Entries for the oratorical contest must be in the hands of the secretary on or before February 1.

Tickets for the Arts Dance will be held for arts students until Tuesday, January 26. After that date they will be put on sale for the public. The committee has decided to limit the number of tickets to 325, in order to avoid crowding. The dance will be held in the gymnasium on Friday, February 5.

Messrs. Dix and McGregor, '04, are to represent Varsity in the inter-university debate with McGill next Friday evening at Montreal.

The Literary Society came out of their trance during the past week and held a meeting on Friday evening. It was announced that the final inter-year debate be held January 12. An invitation to the Wycliffe dinner was received and W. J. K. Vanston elected representative. Elections were also held to choose representatives to the functions to be held at Queen's and London. J. B. Paulin, '04, for the former, and W. P. Gundry,

for the latter, were chosen. The programme for the evening was the inter-year debate between '04 and '05. The subject was "Resolved, That Canada at the present time should seek to secure reciprocal trade relations with the United States." A. G. Ross and G. W. McKee, '04, took the affirmative, and J. D. Munro and J. S. Jamieson, '05, the negative. The question was well discussed by both sides. The judges, Messrs. Gillis, Reid and Nicholl, '03, gave the decision to the negative. Mr. A. I. Fisher, '01, was present, and made an interesting speech, recalling the days when he was prominent in Literary Society debates.

APPLIED SCIENCE.

At the meeting of the Engineering Society last Wednesday afternoon, Mr. W. H. Munro, '04, read a very able paper on "Water Turbines," which was illustrated with many lantern slides. The meeting was well attended, nearly two hundred being present.

Mr. J. A. McFarlane reported on the work of the telephone commission. The telephone is to be placed on the third floor, so as to be convenient for the first and third years and the attic professorate. If we must answer our own 'phone, a better position could not have been chosen.

Mr. Walter Wright reported on the dinner finance, and brought in a motion that the Executive Committee report on the advisability of the constitution being so changed that the Engineering Society may have charge of an amount financially responsible for the annual dinner, annual excursion and Athletic Association. Mr. R. A. Bryce believed any extra amount necessary under this arrangement should be added to our annual fees, as is done at Queen's and McGill, and incidentally lamented over the sad lack of school spirit exhibited by the freshmen.

A representative was elected to the annual banquet of the Wycliffe Literary and Theological Society.

"We buy sweaters and the people steal them."—Bob Bryce.

Rayner upset a bottle of ink, and indulged in a few remarks.

Hett—"I am surprised at such language from you, Rayner."

Rayner—"Why, I didn't say anything strong."

Hett—"Exactly. That's what surprises me."

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A number of School men were "treading the boards" with Mantell at the Princess last week, and we expect to hear some realistic imitations of a "mob" this week.

At a meeting of the third year a few days ago the following were elected to form the graduating class Dinner Committee: Chairman, E. A. James; Secretary, A. Gray; Treasurer, Moorehouse; Worthington, Gibson, Cowan.

Despite promises, the "Students are not allowed" sign is still in its old place.

Several members of the first and second years have been able to satisfy their curiosity as to life behind the footlights, during the past week.

MEDICAL FACULTY.

The Medical Society Executive met last Monday evening. Various matters of importance were discussed, including affairs growing out of the recent dinner.

"Gentlemen, we will now proceed to discuss gunshot wounds. To illustrate the various ways in which— " Sis-shee whiz! Tut-tut-to-bang! Precipitous emptying of back seats, propulsion of avoirdupois over the tops of the desks, directed by their respective astral bodies, and

the front pews are occupied by the patrons of medical jurisprudence, who seem to have simultaneously and instantaneously, individually and collectively to have been aroused to a sudden and greatly increased enthusiasm for the subject so ably elucidated, so spicily interpolated with wit and wisdom by Prof. Powell.

It was cruel however. Mr. Honey's nerves were so unstrung, and the stability of his vaso-motor reflexes so upset, that he is but slowly recovering from the primary and active hyperemia and succeeding stasis in the capillaries of his countenance. As a result Mr. Honey has not been since able to be present at outdoor clinics. We trust that rest and quietness may have beneficial results.

Whether the affair was pre-arranged by the practical professor to illustrate his lecture, or some resident Russian Nihilist who resents the Canadian sympathy with Japan, or whether Peart, with his demure face, was at the bottom of it has not yet developed, as there has been no post-mortem, nobody having been killed. Anyway it was a good object lesson on how a panic may start, and should stimulate the faculty in view of possible events to place fire escapes from the Third Year lecture room up to terra firma lest someone should attempt to jump to the ground.

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Nominations of officers of the Medical Society for the ensuing year took place Friday evening. The usual nominating speeches were made and the exuberant guying of the Freshmen occurred. Many good men were placed in the field, and it should not be difficult to elect a capable executive for the year. The election speeches of the candidates will be heard Tuesday evening, and the elections take place on the 22nd inst.

The opening ceremonies in the Legislature were graced by the presence of Messrs. Burr, Limbert and Burwell. All were on the floor of the House, forming part of the galaxy of strength and beauty so well described in the society papers. The top steps of the throne was the only seat R. B. B. could find. The others were compelled to stand.

KNOX COLLEGE.

The boys are now all back to the scene of action, and the majority of them have recovered from the effects of holiday indulgence. A few of the more ravenous epicureans are still "unwell"; others, whose temperament makes them easy victims to the siren charms of Venus look as though they had ceased to court "Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep."

On the whole sobriety is again restored, and Duty, "stern law giver," has called her hosts to arms. New Year resolutions, which, like promises, are usually made to be broken, are becoming incarnate in honest toil. We always start the year with dreams of glory, visions of conquest, but even the terrors of spring examination fails to keep us from the recreant breach of some of them.

The "Lit" held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, and it showed all the vigor, freshness and spirit of the new year.

The paper on "Inspiration," by Mr. Walter Nicol, B.A., was a remarkably able one. Flattery would be impossible. The essayist handled his problems with a comprehensive and clearness which indicated a peculiarly well-trained mind. The society feels greatly indebted to Mr. Nichol for his masterly treatment of a question that is of vital importance to every conscientious student. The paper excited a very intense and lengthy discussion. Perhaps the most satisfactory and far-reaching service the writer could have rendered was the impulse to interest stimulus to study, and the

suggestion of new viewpoints. We are too apt to let these throbbing problems slumber in unmolested peace, satisfied with the mere acknowledgment of their existence and the unworthy acceptance of traditional opinion.

The very instinct of students should prompt us to an honest wrestling with these questions, for until we have tested them in the crucible of earnest examination they are practically worthless to us.

Mr. McLaren, who opened the discussion, agreed with the general trend of the essayist's argument, but took exception to some of the most radical statements. He, with the majority of the students, differed with Mr. Nichol in philosophical standpoint. Both gentlemen evidently took the time and trouble to master their problem, and in that way placed the whole society under deep obligation.

The discussion was long, able and sincere, and showed on the whole that men are incurably conservative.

Mr. H. R. Pickup delighted the society with his solo and encore, rendered so happily and capably.

Refreshments brought the meeting to a close.

Geo. W. C. (in class)—Professor, would you please repeat after "death?"

We hope George's notebook is not becoming so alarmingly cumbrous.

We are pleased to welcome to the ranks of the first year Mr. Walter McLean, a recent graduate of Varsity who, for two or three years, has been successfully engaged in collegiate work.

Mr. Neil Campbell has the sincere sympathy of the students in his sore affliction.

The boys are seriously considering ways and means of rapid exit in the case of fire.

The Varsity rink is the centre of attraction to Arts and Theologs alike. Behold all alike are worshippers of beauty, and susceptible to the charms of nature, particularly "human nature."

A. C. Justice has settled down to work between skating hours. We are glad that Andy has at least the germ of work in him.

J. C. Ross, reporting as representative to the Dental Dance, said, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

W. A. Amos, reporting for McMaster Dinner, said he would not like to rehearse the effort he made on that auspicious occasion.

W. L. Nichol, for McMaster At Home, reported "progress."

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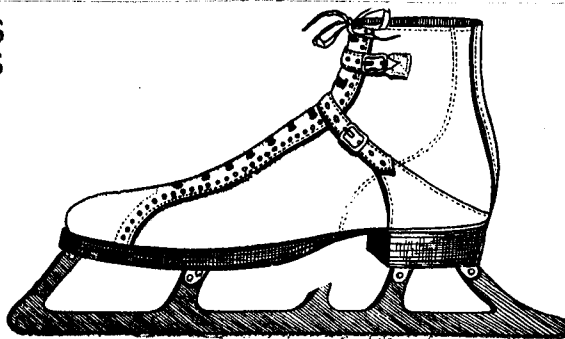
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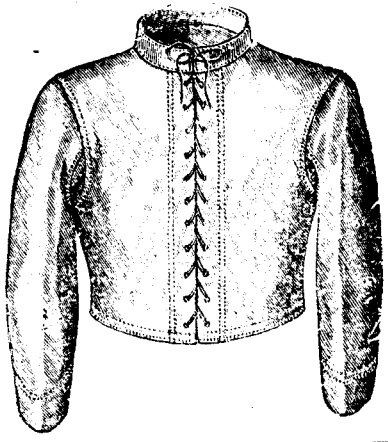
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Dr. Thornton has returned from Chatham to resume charge of the crown and bridge work.

Work has been slowly and gradually resumed during the past two weeks. All the professors are not yet at their posts, and the classes in practical work have been delayed to a very considerable extent. There is no hurry, though. The course is now four years in length.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

The usual meeting of the Literary and Theological Society on Friday night was enlivened by a radical change from the accustomed order of procedure. Instead of a few members contributing to the programme, fifteen of those present drew a subject from a college cap and each spoke for a short time. It was so arranged that the secretary drew the names from another cap every five minutes, so giving each speaker only that time to prepare his little speech. As every man dreaded lest his lot should fall among the fated fifteen, and yet endeavored to hope for the best, there was given to the meeting a certain spice which preserved throughout the fresh flavor of novelty.

Mr. Grobb, having pointed out at an early stage of the meeting, that there was no critic appointed, was unanimously honored with that office, and at the close of the meeting made a laudable attempt to be caustic in his remarks, and while the result was rather dubiously successful, yet we hold forth to Mr. Grobb the hope that

At some future date,
If he has patience to wait,
He may be sarcastic,
Caustic,
Drastic,
And dry as a stick.

The special addresses given in the chapel, as announced last week, were a splendid success. The ad-

dresses were strong, interesting and instructive, and the meetings were well attended, nearly every man of the college being present at every meeting.

There seems nothing better than a judicious application of cold water for the purpose of making some men realize that they must bend their individual wills to harmonize with the general will of the college. Through much tribulation Mr. Hendrie has arrived at this solution.

Through a mere accident Mr. Fraser lost his moustache. All the college agree that it looks like a bare-faced matter.

The Wycliffe sophomore philosophers have been developing their mentalities by studying picture puzzles in a children's Sunday School paper.

The Mission Society have got out their annual report. This shows the society in very prosperous condition indeed, with a large increase in moneys collected and work

done. The financial report shows total amount expended on the work during the past year to be \$6,300. The work done shows 1,255 full services conducted, 700 partial services and Bible classes conducted, and 3,000 pastoral visits made. During the summer vacation 11 men were working in the west, and 14 in Ontario and Maritime Provinces. The work is still on the increase.

The final inter-year debate will take place Friday, Jan. 29th. The contest is between Messrs. Hull, '04, and Jackson, '05, and Messrs. Beverley, '06, and Raymond, '06, representing respectively the third and second divisions.

Revs. W. Sparks, T. H. Cotton and F. W. Carpenter, graduates of the college, were visiting the college for several days during the week.

Mr. Sprigg's speech at Literary Society meeting: "I think that a 9 o'clock breakfast on Sunday mornings would not fall in very well—."

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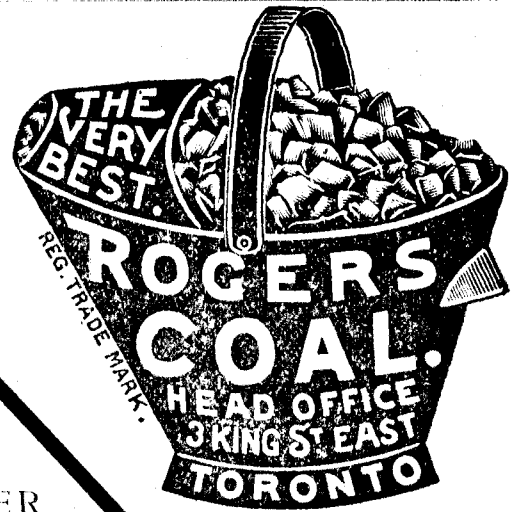
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