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UNDERGRADUATE VERSE.

“QUATTUOR ANNI IN SCHOLA ACTI.”

Pande Heliconæ, Musa !
Mihi cane Cassi acta,
Qui hanc scholam olim cupit,
Et tum venit, vidit, vicit.

Primum tremens *novus homo*
Utebatur nullo bono ;
Sese libris exercebat,
Laborabat et studebat.

Et deinde *Sophomorus*,
Alto capite, elatus,
Novus homines admonens,
Nova dignitate gaudens.

Tum incedens dignus *Junior*,
Sophomoro longe gravior,
Iens in receptiones,
Cenas, conversationes.

Et postrenio *Senior* clarus,
Appellatus “rea patronus
Finem consecutus tandem
Esse “*Bachelorius Artium*.”

NOTA BENE.—Ille ego qui gratum opus agricolis cano.—Virgil
Aen I.

REV. ILO, '02.

BENEATH THE SURFACE.

I.

The withered leaves blow not, but rustling, turning,
Behold through branches bare the dark'ning sky
Whither have flown the winds, and the clouds fleet by
In scattered ranks to greet the gentle burning
Of night's wan rising torch ; till proud clouds spurning
The earth so far beneath, roll bastions dark,
And momentarily cast in gloom the park,
The gate-way broad, those grey old walls of learning.
A figure at the gate, a tall thin youth,
Now upward gazing on that structure grim,
His soul is filled with future fears forsooth,
When lo ! grows sudden bright the tower so dim ;
Base terrors flee, his heart cries “forward, on,”
And life begins, the inward struggle won.

II.

O'er kopje, rock and veldt the night wind blows
With sultry breath ; in darkness, all ; the sky
Black, broken, low'ring, fain would hov'ring lie
Upon the heavy hills ; not one star throws
A glimmering ray to cheer the hearts of those,
From marching, weary—Halt ! with bated breath
The small detachment stands, awaiting death
Or victory ; before them lurk the foes.

The tall commander points, the men now spy
A fort all black—an inadvertent light !
“Forward,” cries the chief “to win or die” ;
With spirits eager unto death they fight,
To groans, to moans, the clashing swords reply,
Till blood on khaki suits doth “triumph” write.

III.

A winter's night, and clear, keen zephyrs telling
Of star-jewelled skies, a crystal canopy
O'er city's park where, walking, one may see
A stately grey-haired form, that brave breast swelling,
And thoughts of yore the present quick dispelling,
As he beholds in grandeur pure and white
His Alma Mater rear her head of might,
The hopes and fears of years within him welling.
The tower in brightness—ah ! 'tis but a day,
I hither came, I saw, I conquered fear,
And yes, at thy feet humbly fame I lay
For battle won in Afric's darkness drear ;
Whence, whence comes this—“First, conquer self,” I hear,
“Then other men to thee will homage pay.”

RAMMOC.

SONNET FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Black night enveloped land and restless sea ;
Storm clouds above ; beneath, the sullen waves
Tossed by mad blasts from out Æolian caves,
Ocean and æther mingling in mad glee ;
And black despair within my bosom reigned,
And clouds of doubt and waves of passionate grief
For days ill spent, for deeds of shame,—relief
Was none ; but still remained,
When lo ! from out the gloom I seemed to see
A figure gliding ; in his hand a scroll ;
And words like balm fell on my wondering ear ;
“I hold the scroll of days that are to be,
If canst not change what has been, O sad soul,
Make clean thy record in the glad New Year !”

—W., '03.

VOICES OF THE NIGHT.

Blind, blind, the eyes that will not see !
And deaf the ears that hearken not !
Through darkest night there shines some light,
Faint gleams of which mankind has caught.

Through all life's discord, sinking deep
Within the wearied souls of men,
There sounds at times, cathedral chimes,
Whose bellman stands beyond our ken.

There breathes across the trackless night
A voice that men and angels know,
That having heard, each soul is stirred
To feel the rush of Freedom's flow.

—XOUTH.

THE HON. G. W. ROSS, LL.D.

George Washington Ross is among the foremost of Ontario's sons, and has for some years occupied a place in the front rank of Canadian statesmen. He was born near the little village of Nairn, in the West Riding of Middlesex, on Sept. 18th, 1841. After having received his early education, he entered the teaching profession, and though very young, he soon became known as one of the keenest minds in the province. In 1871 he was appointed Inspector of Public Schools for the County of Lambton, but in the following year was attracted into politics, and was elected to the House of Commons as Liberal member for his native riding. Eleven years of service at Ottawa, during which time he studied and graduated in law, distinguished him as a brilliant platform speaker, and he became known as one of the best debaters in the House. He continued as representative in the Dominion Parliament until 1883, when he was called into Provincial politics and entered the administration of Mr. Mowat as Minister of Education. This position he filled with great efficiency under Mr. Mowat, and later, under Mr. Hardy, until in 1899 he succeeded the latter gentleman as Premier of the Province, which high office he still holds.

Though gifted with many natural abilities, Mr. Ross has added to these an integrity and a perseverance which have been, perhaps, the most dominant factors in his success. In addition to his parliamentary duties, he has shown the broad minded, patriotic spirit of the statesman, and has taken a deep interest in all the public affairs of the nation. For the cause of education in Ontario he has done much. His greatest work has been the consolidation of all the schools in the province into one great system, and the adoption of uniform text books. To him are we largely indebted, also, for educational advantages so wholesome and widespread, in the Mechanic Institutes and Public Libraries of the province. In connection with our own university, it was upon his advice that the Legislature in 1887 authorized the Federation of the University of Toronto, and the affiliation with it of the various denominational colleges.

As a writer, Mr. Ross has produced works of some distinction, notably—"A Biography of the Late Alexander Mackenzie," "A History of the Ontario School System," "A Report of the Schools of England and Germany," etc.

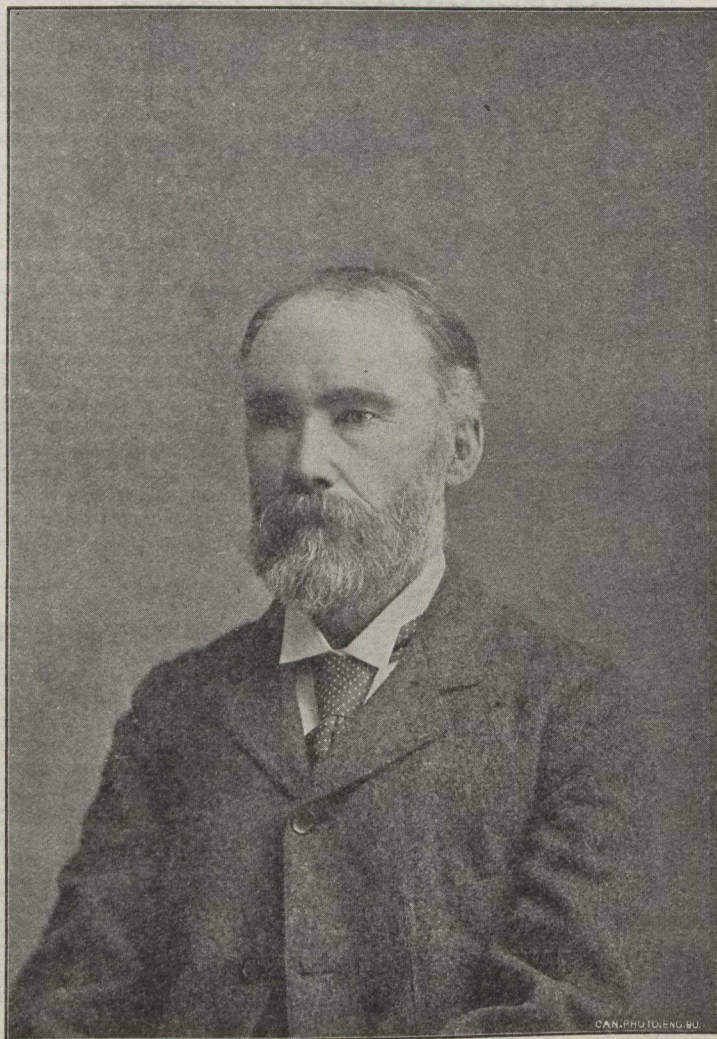
But it is as a speaker and parliamentary leader that he has achieved his greatest success. On the platform, he is, perhaps, the cleverest, and one of the most eloquent of our public men. As a debater and a lecturer, he ranks among the very first, and his splendid powers, combined with a deep enthusiasm for progress and reform, have made him an important figure in Canadian public life. Among his best known lectures are: "Formative Forces in Canadian History," "Citizenship and Higher Culture," "Literary Factors in our Canadian Life," and "Canada's Relations to the Empire."

His efforts as an educationist have been rewarded with many high distinctions. For several years he was president of the Dominion Educational Association; he has been vice-president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1896, and has received the degree of LL.D. from three universities, viz.: St. Andrew's (Scotland), in 1888, Victoria, in 1892, and Toronto University, in 1894. Many other honors might also be mentioned.

Mr. Ross has been, during all his public life, a staunch advocate of prohibition, and is at present one of the strongest members of the Dominion Alliance. He has an interest also in the business world, having held for many years the presidency of the Temperance and General Life Assurance Company. In religious conviction he is a Presbyterian, being an Elder and prominent member of old St. Andrew's Church.

The premier throughout his parliamentary career has shown a deep and ever-growing love for Canada and all her interests, and is an ardent advocate of Imperial Federation.

Dr. Ross is in the prime of life, and although he is incapacitated from moving around with the agility of other men of the same age, yet he retains excellent health amid the trying exertions required from him, and bids fair to see many another campaign. His whole career has been very successful—even brilliant, and affords a striking example of what can be attained by using one's natural abilities to make the best of every opportunity offered. His broad, far-seeing powers of intellect, his sterling character, and his many high attainments have won for him the confidence of his fellow citizens, and while he is known best in the Province of Ontario, yet as a scholar, orator and statesman, he is admired and honored throughout the whole Dominion.



THE HON. G. W. ROSS, LL.D., PREMIER OF THE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., M. P. P.

James Pliny Whitney, K.C., is a man, who, if his rise into notoriety has not been meteoric, yet has been very remarkable. Like the leader of the Government he is a native of the Province, having been born at Williamsburg, near Cornwall, on October 2nd, 1843. He received his early education at the Cornwall Grammar School, and following the tendencies of his natural gifts, he studied law, and was called to the bar in 1876. For the next few years he practised this profession most assiduously and successfully in his native county. He soon became one of the recognized "legal lights," entering upon cases and such duties with a vigor, a perseverance and a determination that reminds us of his doughty political confrere, Sir Chas. Tupper. A failure was but an incentive, and had he confined himself exclusively to his chosen calling he would without doubt become one of the great jurists of Canada. But like a few other public personages he resolved to offer his time and services to his country, and so entered public life by contesting successfully the local election in Dundas in 1888. It is from this date that he was brought before the eyes of the electors, and he very soon proved that he was not elected to be a figure-head in his party. He early assumed a commanding position among his political colleagues, and perhaps no other man in provincial politics has had a more rapid advancement. One of his marked characteristics is his individuality, which, combined with those qualities so necessary in a leader, have gained for him the confidence in general of the Conservatives, with the result that he has steadily advanced in their estimation until they crowned his efforts in 1896, with the highest gift in the provincial party's power. If he does not take to innovations readily, this is counterbalanced by the doggedness with which he maintains a principle to which he finally gives his support. Mr. Whitney has full confidence in his own convictions, and is a worthy opponent of the Premier.

After the elections of 1894, our present Chancellor resigned the leadership of the Opposition. He was succeeded by Mr. Marter, who also resigned in a comparatively short time. This was prior to the elections of 1896, and in April of the same year, Mr. Whitney was appointed

as the standard bearer of his party in Ontario. During the campaign which followed hard after, he followed somewhat the plan of the recently defeated presidential candidate in the United States, *i.e.* he made a systematic tour of the province, spoke practically everywhere, making the province aware of the fact that he was going to make the very best of the opportunities offered. It was a politic move to bring himself, hitherto known but as a member, within direct and organic touch with the masses of Ontario. How far he succeeded may be noted in the last election. His keen perceptive faculties, his powers of oratory and his skill in debate, eminently fit him for his position, and his abilities as a leader and organizer were

well illustrated in this campaign against the strong administration which has never changed within the lifetime of most of our undergraduates.

As a legislator his most important measure has been to punish bribery by imprisonment—a measure which he introduced repeatedly and advocated with great persistency until it was finally adopted by the Government.

During the last session he held a consultation with the Attorney General, with what effect is generally known, resulting in an Ontario election law becoming largely his handiwork. Mr. Whitney is a conservative of conservatives, as he belongs to the old school, and it will be interesting to watch his attitude towards matters such as public ownership and municipalization. He was created a Q. C. by the Earl of Derby, in 1890. He has taken a deep interest in the Canadian Militia, having served in the volunteer force during

the Fenian raid, in '66, and is at present a Lieut.-Colonel in the Reserve force.

In religious belief, the subject of our sketch is an Anglican. He has been for some years representative of the Diocese of Ontario in the General Synod of the Church, and is a member of the Council of Trinity University.

Mr. Whitney's parliamentary career is yet in its youth. He is aspiring to place his party and himself on the Government benches, and it will not be his fault if the vicissitudes of political life preclude him from ever enjoying the honors and bearing the responsibilities of the Premiership of Ontario.



J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., M. P. P.

DEMOCRATIC EDUCATION.

In the *Methodist Magazine and Review* for the present month there is an interesting article by the Deputy-Minister of Education, Mr. John Millar, B.A., on "Education for the Twentieth Century." Among other things, Mr. Millar asserts that this education will be democratic. In emphasizing this fact, he traces the growth of democracy during the last one hundred years and points out that a public school system, absolutely free to all, is, for the twentieth century, an imperative necessity, not only as a safeguard to morality and a help to that desirable industrial condition which is suggested by "a full dinner-pail," but as a means of ensuring the essential unity of all classes without which true democracy is impossible.

In this connection Mr. Millar deplures the fact that many of the High Schools of the province are, by the imposition of fees, discriminating in favor of the wealthy classes. In commenting on this state of affairs he makes the significant statement, "Selfishness is at the bottom of any policy which shuts out the children of the poor man from gaining an education. It should be recognized by all that the poor boy who rises to honorable prominence in any community more than recoups the public treasury for any outlay it has made in his behalf."

While heartily approving the foregoing statement, many thoughtful readers will regret that by omitting the University Mr. Miller has left his free school system maimed and incomplete. He overlooks the fact that, without a well endowed and thoroughly equipped university, any system of elementary and high schools, such as is outlined in his article, lacks both its foundation and its cope-stone; its foundation, in so far that all public and high school teachers receive their training directly or indirectly from the university; and its cope-stone, in the sense that the university is needed to carry on to completion that work of instruction which the primary and secondary schools can do little more than begin.

It is to be hoped that both Mr. Millar and the Government of which he is an official may be led to see that the many cogent reasons urged by him in favor of free high schools can be used with equal force in the advocacy of a free university and against that system of false economy which has hampered the University of Toronto in times past and which threatens to impair its future usefulness and to make the name *Provincial* University not only an anomaly, but a theme for ridicule as well.

H. T. C., '01.

UNDERGRADUATE CLUB CONCERT

The committee having in charge the formation of an Undergraduate Union in the University of Toronto, are arranging to hold a very attractive concert in Massey Music Hall. They have engaged Katherine Fisk, the greatest of American contraltos, who is a beautiful woman and a most delightful singer. Mrs. Fisk was advertised to appear here last December, but owing to the indisposition of other artists the date was cancelled by the local management much to the disappointment of many who were looking forward to hear this great singer, who has achieved such triumphs in England and Europe as well as the United States. The University Glee Club and the University Mandolin Club will take part in the program, and as a special incentive to the students, Mr. Owen A. Smiley, the well known humorist, will give several of his refined and humorous sketches, including an original one written for the occasion. It had been intended to hold the concert on Friday evening, February 1st, but owing to the death of the Queen it has been postponed till February 19th.

HARMONIC CLUB.

Of all the students' organizations, the Harmonic Club deserves the constant support of the student body as a whole. It is run by the students, for the students, and with the students. It exists simply that the taste for music which students may have when they come to Varsity may be kept alive, and that it may perhaps be awakened in those that know not their musical power.

We have no hesitation in saying that the way music is supported (?) by the students is disgraceful. At the concert last year there were less than 20 undergrads present! This year the attendance at the Glee Club rehearsals has averaged 25, although five years ago it was anywhere from 60 to 75.

Last fall the management made some radical changes. The high class music of former years was definitely given up, and a more popular variety substituted. Steps have been taken to give a farce at the regular concerts of the club, in town and out of town. And a new department, consisting of orchestral instruments, has been formed, entitled "the orchestra." In the orchestra almost any instrument is made welcome, outside of the drum and piccolo. Having found that the general run of undergraduate knows nothing about, or takes little interest in, these musical organizations, we thought it advisable to place these facts before the fellows in "VARSITY."

The Harmonic Club will take part in the Undergraduate Club concert at Massey Hall, Feb. 19; and toward the latter part of the month will hold its own annual concert. Thus an excellent chance will be given to all students to show, at least, their sympathy with the Club, by being present at one or both of these concerts. For those who have any music in them—if they can sing, play a mandolin, guitar or banjo, or a violin, cello, flute, clarinet, cornet or viola—we suggest an immediate attendance at the rehearsals of the club. Two short tours are coming off in February, on Fridays and Saturdays; one east, the other west, and all men who can possibly turn out should do so at once. The reputation of Varsity is at stake; see to it that you uphold it.

H. MAURICE DARLING, '03.

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GLASGOW, JAN. 13th, 1901.

DEAR VARSITY:

"Having seen in your valuable paper an account of the death of Mr. John G. Inkster, B.A., at Aberdeen University, of congestion of the lungs, I thought the best way to verify the account was to ask Mr. Inkster himself about it. He authorizes me to say that there were one or two little discrepancies in your report, viz.:

1. He never studied at Aberdeen University.
2. He never had congestion of the lungs.
3. He is not dead.

I am pleased to be able to inform his many friends that Mr. Inkster is well, is doing splendid work at New College, Edinburgh, and at the beginning of the year accepted a responsible position as Missionary Assistant to Dr. Nair, late Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland." Sincerely yours,

JOHN MAC

T. A. Russell, B.A., is expected to lecture before the Pol. Science Club, Thursday next. Definite announcement cannot be made before this number is issued, but notice will be placed upon the bulletin board. Notice will be given in next week's VARSITY of Prof. Mavor's lecture.



COLLEGE GIRL.

Superintending Editor, Miss F. M. Wicher, '01.

Who can foresee consequences or foretell results? Certainly not the Editor of *College Girl*; who else would have avoided mention of *Sesame* in last week's VARSITY. A harmless and well-intentioned paragraph has been rather misconstrued by some readers, and so it becomes our duty this week to set forth the case at greater length, since the statements of that paragraph cannot be retracted.

Since *Sesame* first appeared there seems to have been more or less agitation every year over its fate and more or less doubt as to the necessity for its existence. However, it has survived—though whether it is a case of "survival of the fittest" is not indubitable. Statistics, it is true, are rather in *Sesame's* favor. The first edition, that of 1897, met with adverse criticism from the Toronto press; this year's publication has been reviewed with favorable comments by several authoritative papers. While this manifest improvement is gratifying, many of us still show signs of uneasiness and question the wisdom of further experiment, not that we suspect the capabilities of those who are to succeed us, but because we doubt the prudence or the justice of again exacting from undergraduates the amount of work that has been given to *Sesame* this year and that must be given every year if the paper is to be creditable. And this is why the Editor-in-Chief and the Business Manager have brought in a motion "that the publication of *Sesame* be discontinued."

As in other years, it may happen that an enthusiastic majority will defeat the motion. But before anyone votes "nay" she should count the cost, should prepare to uphold *Sesame* through evil and good report, not only in theory, but in practice, with her pen, and should resolve not to subside into apathetic complacency as soon as "a competent Editor" has been elected "who is sure to make a success of *Sesame*." If our publication is continued on these conditions, it is probable that all malcontent opposition will lapse into dormancy for the rest of time. And those of us who have wearied of a quasi-whirlwind existence may glean a little rest, with the sweet assurance that no semblance of duty more than thrice removed from truth will come to disturb our siestas with horrid suggestions of worry and tumult and never-ending toil.

Various other reasons might be advanced for the abolition of *Sesame*. But argument is ever a many-headed monster that is best left alone by those who would be comfortable. And after all, *Sesame* is only one of many of this world's institutions that bring us some little profit and overmuch anxiety.

Social functions are of course in abeyance. Consequently the Women's Literary Society will give no entertainment this term.

Teas and luncheons and like quiet gatherings are the only social events at this season of national mourning.

Mrs. Fraser gave a very enjoyable tea last week to the Moderns girls of the first and second years.

The subject that was to have been taken up at the Y.W.C.A. on January 23rd, was discussed, instead, at the last meeting. Miss Mary Macdonald read a paper on "The Business of Our Lives."

LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Literary Society met on Friday in the Reading Room. The date of the 3rd and 1st year debate was fixed for the 8th of February, that of Varsity-Queen's debate for the 15th, that of the oratorical contest the 22nd. In respect for the memory of our late beloved Queen Victoria and out of sympathy for King Edward, who has been admitted to our own University as an undergraduate, it was decided to omit the annual *Conversazione* this year. Mr. J. L. McPherson moved the entering in the minutes of the meeting a suitable record of appreciation of the great reign of our late sovereign. Mr. Cassidy led the affirmative in the debate, "Resolved that the Allies were not justified in interfering in China." He made a telling speech, declaring the Allies had violated international law in interfering in internal affairs of China. Mr. Hackney strongly upheld the negative on humanitarian grounds. Mr. Chapman claimed in reply to some "hackneyed" arguments on the score of humanity that the interference was "abominably wrong" and that reformation should work from within. Mr. Russell eloquently maintained the interference was justified owing to the interests concerned in regard to missionaries, commerce, and for the guarantee of settled order. Mr. Amos claimed the Allies were working for selfish ends and that the Chinese would have of themselves ultimately brought about their own reformation. Mr. Gillies contended that the Allies were justified in protecting their own people and had shown great forbearance in not intervening till the Ambassador Von Ketteler was killed and the Embassies were besieged. Further, he stated, that the revolution in China was endangering commerce. Mr. Ross stated that the Chinese from past experience of westerners were justly suspicious of the extortionist actions of Europeans. Mr. McPherson closed the debate for the negative in a stirring address. After an eloquent reply by the leader of the affirmative the debate was awarded to the negative. The members then made their exit through the second window of the big locker room of the basement.

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY.

For some years the University students have been allowed to use the Legislative Library. The privilege has been a great boon, especially to the members of the Political Science Department, who frequently availed themselves of the opportunity. Certain books were allowed over night, and it appears the abuse of the privilege has resulted in its withdrawal. The University Library has but one copy of many books greatly needed by the students, and an offset to this was found in using books at the Parliamentary Library. It is to be regretted that punishment for the sins of one should be visited upon all concerned, and that hereafter the students should not be allowed to take out books over night. It is to be hoped that the Parliamentary Librarian will modify the severe course which he has taken and that the future course of the undergraduates will be guided more by discretion than by expediency. The Political Science students especially want a return to the old custom.

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TORONTO, February 5th, 1901.

THE UNDERGRADUATE CLUB

We are pleased to note that the theories in this matter widely circulated last fall, are being strongly substantiated. It was little suspected that the vague speculations of a magnificent undergraduate club would take such a definite and healthy form as they have. For this we must assign two causes. First, the idea itself is a laudable one and has received the almost unanimous support of the students, and in the second place, the committee appointed have taken action in a business-like and aggressive manner. It is gratifying to note that the support received since last fall has been more than the echoes of enthusiastic cheers. We hear of so many projects quickly undertaken and as quickly dropped, that perhaps some of us secretly fancied this was another such case. But when men of well-known financial and educational standing come forward and support it with voice and purse, we feel that there may be more involved than was at first apparent. The plans have been drawn up, the workmen are at work, subscriptions are coming in, steadily rolling the total up into the thousands, and now a grand concert is to be held to complete a sum which will provide for all details. No large undertaking can be accomplished except by expending much energy, and by overcoming many difficulties. There may be two sides to the question, but whatever our differences may be as to situation, details, etc., now that the plan has so far advanced let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and make it a complete success. The vigorous activity of the committee ought to be supplemented by the financial and moral support of every undergraduate, and we appeal to every year to do so, by reserving the 19th of February and several seats at Massey Hall. We complain of a lack of *esprit de corps*, of unity of college sentiment, of disorganization, and the many other ways the idea may be expressed, and many claim that we have not yet probed the cause. We believe that in the *University* there is no lack of this idea, which is expressed in so many different ways, and a splendid opportunity is offered to one and all to show it. We are to be weighed in the balance—

shall we be found wanting? It is not a crisis in the history of the University, but it is a serious phase. We have been ever ready to speak of poverty, of the need of a Residence, of the duty of rich men to the University of Ontario, and now we are supported actively and financially by the business men of Toronto. The money is forthcoming and we are to be tested whether the lack of it was the evil. If we fail to recognize their appreciation of our needs, it will mean that an end will be put to further appeals to them; if we make a complete success, we can proudly go to them again when we need their urgent assistance. It is not alone the welfare of the Club, but the welfare of future undertakings which is involved. Nothing succeeds like success, and we trust that it will be shown that the students have the energy and *esprit de corps*, if the needed material is supplied. Let every man give the matter his most serious consideration, and now that the opportunity is offered, let us show that we are one in the aim to support and build up our Alma Mater. We cannot appeal to the rich graduates and financiers till we show that we are worthy of their support. We have put our hand to the plow and nothing should stop us. The shoulders of the undergraduate body are broad enough and strong enough to support the weight laid upon them, and it but remains for them to square them, brace up and present a solid front to the outside world. The University expects every man to do his duty, and in the report of the concert we hope that the too often used phrase, "our usual hard luck," will not be required in the reporter's notes.

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We are in receipt of a most gratifying communication from John Mackay, a brilliant graduate of '99. He is completing at Glasgow his qualifications for the Presbyterian Church, and according to recent reports has entirely outshone his Scottish colleagues. He says in part, "I think a man who can hold his own in Toronto University can overcome anything they have a mind to put him at," and notes "the splendid superiority of old Varsity for undergraduate work over any university in the world. . . . A B.A. from Toronto University ranks equal in my estimation to the best degree in the country, Oxford or Cambridge not excepted, for actual preparation, for strong thinking and thorough study; and I am coming back to Canada to *push the interests of my Alma Mater.*" Such an inspiring letter cannot fail to touch responsive chords in graduates and undergraduates, and throw a little cold water on theories of some who think that the University is at low water mark. Mr. Mackay has set an example worthy to be followed. His confidence in his Alma Mater has not been shaken even after visiting some of the best universities in the world, and a bevy of graduates of his stamp would do more for this institution than a multitude of abstract theorists.

He also makes reference to the supposed death of John Inkster, '98, and we publish in this number an interesting letter in that connection. Mr. Mackay promises to write at more length in the near future.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We note with pleasure that this number is entirely the work of undergraduates who have great capabilities.

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Notice will be found elsewhere of the exhibition of the Eighteen Club. The value of this and also the lecture cannot be overestimated, and we trust that the Faculty and undergraduates will avail themselves of this exceptional opportunity. It is the first of its kind and deserves the hearty co-operation of all.

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Next week's number will contain a much needed article, viz.: an account of the Constitution of the University. It is questionable whether any undergraduate understands thoroughly how its affairs are regulated, and we understand from several members of the faculty that much ignorance is shown in this matter.

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The Provincial Parliament opens to-morrow and doubtless the sketch of the two leading men therein will prove interesting. We await with hopes and fears the action of the Government in fulfilling its duties towards the Provincial University. There is no loyal undergraduate who does not wish that the Government will cease raising in us vain expectations, and that it will square up old accounts in a substantial and businesslike manner.

ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITION.

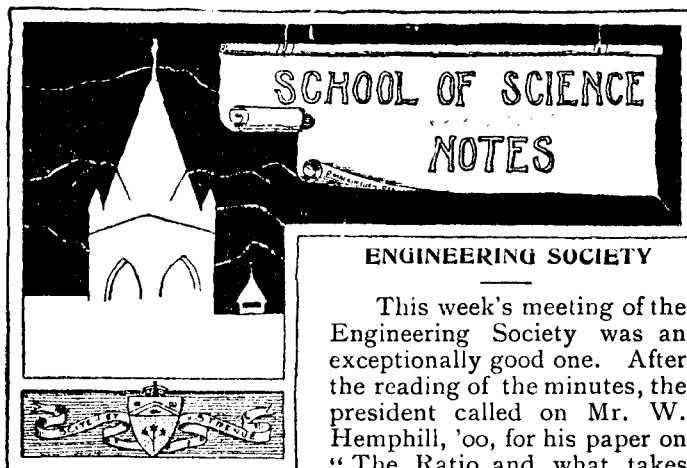
The Toronto Architectural Eighteen Club is holding its first annual exhibition at the galleries of the Ontario Society of Artists, 165 King St. west. It is the first exhibition of the kind ever held in Canada, and has the work of the leading architects of the United States, as well as large contributions from Canada, among which are the original designs from which Toronto University was built.

This exhibition is open to the public free from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until and including Thursday, February 7th, and the Faculty and students of all the branches of Toronto University are cordially invited to attend.

Tuesday evening, February 5th, Mr. Albert Kelsey, of Philadelphia, who is the 4th Traveling Scholarship man of the Pennsylvania University, the first president of the Architectural League of America, and the Editor of the *Architectural Annual*, will deliver a lecture on Modern City Building, and the Eighteen Club particularly hope to see the members of the Faculty of the University who have received cards for the same.

THE CALENDAR.

- Tuesday, Feb. 5.—
4 p.m.—Classical Association.
- Thursday, Feb. 7.—
5 p.m.—Y.M.C.A.
8 p.m.—Inter College Club.
- Friday, Feb. 8.—
4 p.m.—Mathematical Society—8 p.m.—“Lit.”
- Saturday, Feb. 9.—
3 p.m.—Lecture in Chemical Amphitheatre—By Prof. Ramsay Wright.
- Monday, Feb. 11.—
4 p.m.—Modern Language Club.
4 p.m.—Oriental Association.



ENGINEERING SOCIETY

This week's meeting of the Engineering Society was an exceptionally good one. After the reading of the minutes, the president called on Mr. W. Hemphill, '00, for his paper on "The Ratio and what takes place in the Cylinders of Com-

pound Engines." This paper was very instructive and must have required careful preparation.

Mr. A. H. Smith's paper on "Exploring in New Ontario," was full of practical suggestions, and was interesting from the start to the finish. Alex. was geologist on the party which explored the country west of Nepigon Lake during the summer and fall. He tells of many hair's breadth escapes and wears the same genial smile.

Mr. C. F. King, '97, president of the society in that year, said that he had not come to talk, but to listen. He spoke of the great improvement in the society's pamphlet, and expressed his opinion that a small advertisement in the engineering papers in the United States would probably be met by an increased sale of the pamphlet, thus augmenting the funds of the society.

PROSPECTIVE.

It appears that the publishers of the *Might Directory* anticipate for the city of Toronto a population of four hundred thousand by the year 1920. The data from which this conclusion is reached are not given and so a certain prominent freshman ventures the assertion that the *Might* people must be estimating on the ever increasing classes of students at the S.P.S.

Think of it! Two hundred thousand School men on Yonge street on Hallowe'en; two hundred thousand of "the righteous" at the Grand Opera House! And the aftermath! Chief Grasett and his doughty coppers, believing discretion to be the better part of valor, would flee the advancing multitude like coyotes in a sand storm. Two hundred thousand students at an institution of learning which would then be entitled to four representatives in the Canadian House of Commons! The finis of the recalcitrant would be sufficient to endow an isolation hospital for the prevention of bribery among Arts men. This from present indications would be not only necessary but beneficent to a degree.

By the law of survival of the fittest, the atrophied faculty of medicine would be relegated woods-ward—to Hamilton or Trout Creek—and in consequence Caer Howell would have become a southern extension of the University Y.M.C.A. Principal Galbraith would find his apotheosis, and would enjoy a prestige that the potentates of the times of Xerxes and Alexander the Great had never dreamed of. Toronto would have become the Mecca of the Savants of Earth and probably of the solar system. Imagine if you can, a council, including representatives from the universities of Neptune, Mars and Venus, discussing in twentieth century volapuck, such momentous questions as interplanetary telegraphy, or transetherial railways or the removal of Saturn's rings.

Our worthy principal would certainly be elected chairman, and King Edward VII. would deem it a privilege to add fresh luster to the dynastic name by accepting the honorary presidency. A paper on reminiscences of a Jupiter-Uranus transit survey by Secretary Stewart would be among the possibilities. "Toikey-Oike," from two hundred thousand throats would punctuate his remarks and be interpreted a mark of appreciation as in the halcyon days of the nineteenth century. Surely this would be a very near approach to a realization of the poet's dream of a parliament of man and a federation of the world.

NOTES.

Mr. Wright is to be congratulated on the taste displayed in the draping of the main entrance.

P-nc-p-l G-lbr-th (in first year draughting room)—"Now, gentlemen, you really must not allow your coat-sleeves to touch the paper. How can this be prevented?" Ingenious Freshman.—"By taking off our coats, sir."

For some time past there has been a noticeable increase of "side" on the part of the first year. Of course freshmen will be freshmen and a certain latitude must be allowed these irresponsibles, but the wiser heads among the "tirones" must recognize that there is a distinction between effervescent spirit and damp foolishness. Nuff sed.

Wonderfully resourceful in crises are some of the gentlemen of the first year. They are credited with having instantaneously solved the problem of making a *fine* escape from an ordinary aperture in the wall called a window. We believe, however, that much of this adaptability was inspired by certain incidents connected with the question of *De Wet*.

W. J. Blair, '02, is in receipt of a letter from John Patterson, graduate of the School in '99 and of Varsity in '00, and winner of the Exhibition Scholarship last year. John is now engaged in original research in Cambridge University. He says that the rules there are very strict, as a man can not go out after ten or come in after twelve. Caps and gowns must be worn under a penalty of from five to ten dollars, while John is especially worried over the fact that all communication with the fair sex is absolutely prohibited. A vigilant corps of "proctors" enforce these tyrannical regulations. John spent Christmas holidays at London visiting the Royal Mint, the Arsenal at Woolwich, Kensington Museum, etc.

UNDERGRADUATE UNION NOTES.

University College faculty has given upwards of \$400 in life membership fees and subscriptions.

There being no *Conversat* this year, the concert of February 19th will probably be the chief University function of the season.

S. B. Chadsey, '03, has done splendid work on the Building Committee.

Messrs. J. W. Flavelle, George Gooderham and T. G. Blackstock gave subscriptions of \$200 each.

There will be over sixty members from the Dentals.

The contract for furnishing has been let to the T. Eaton Co. for \$1,500.

It is hoped that membership fees will all be paid up early this week.

Volunteers to canvass down town for subscriptions are asked for. The experience for half a day or so is well worth the trouble, and there is plenty of fertile ground left.

AMONG OTHER COLLEGES.

Yale has received \$10,000 for prizes and instruction in debating.

"In the playing fields of Eton the battle of Waterloo was won."—*Wellington*.

Nearly \$50,000 is annually spent in the Astronomical Observatory at Harvard.

Out of 472 colleges in the United States 370 have an enrolment of less than 150 students.

The report of the athletic treasurer of Cornell University for 1900 shows a balance of \$7,423.48.

Rev. C. Gordon was recently elected an honorary member of the Alma Mater Society of Manitoba.

Forty-five states and territories of the Union and 6 foreign countries are represented in the University.

"Tell me what Oxford and Cambridge are to-day, and I will tell you what England will be to-morrow."—A British Statesman.

The women of the class of 1903 of an American college are to adopt an umbrella with a handle similar to that of the class cane.

The corporation of Harvard University have decided to abolish the Veterinary School at the graduation of the present class owing to continued deficits.

The University of Pennsylvania is to have a new dormitory with a war-tower in memory of the students of the University who perished in the Spanish war.

Yale is in receipt of a gift of \$30,000 from W. E. Dodge, of New York city, to establish an annual course of lectures on "The Responsibilities of Citizenship."

The total number of scholarships available for students in Harvard is 213, and the number of endowed fellowships 30. The annual income of all together is \$62,730.

There are ten universities in the Russian Empire, including one in Asiatic Russia. On the 1st of January, 1896, the number of students in these universities was 14,817, of whom 1,803 were Russian Catholics.

The profit balance for football at Harvard was \$42,268.58. Credit balance for football at Pennsylvania was \$22,208.06. Total receipts for baseball at Harvard \$13,742, and at Pennsylvania \$1,276. Total receipts for rowing were \$200. Expenses \$8,383.27, leaving a deficit of \$8,183.27.

Nearly one-half of the students who have entered the University of Michigan from Canada have registered in the department of medicine. In 1875-76 there were 35 enrolled in that department. Second to the medical department in number of Canadian students has come the law department, and after the law the homœopathic department.

Harvard is at present constructing more new buildings than at any one time before, their cost amounting to nearly \$1,000,000. Among the new buildings are a boat-house, which has just been completed, an architectural building, an engineering building, a Semitic museum, the Stillman Infirmary and an extension of the University museum.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

On Saturday morning last a memorial service was held in the West Hall. There was a very large attendance of the Faculty and undergraduates. President Loudon, Prof. McCurdy and Prof. Wrong officiated, and the occasion was most impressive.



SPORTS.

THE GYMNASIUM.

At a meeting of the gymnasium committee held on Monday last, it was finally decided to hold the annual Assault-at-Arms on Tuesday, March 12th. The work of the class is progressing rapidly under the careful eye of Sergt. Williams, and as the date of the assault approaches, more and more interest is being taken in the gymnasium, both by the students outside, and by the workers themselves, all of whom are now intent on getting into shape for this, the culmination of their winter's efforts.

The class this year is a very large and promising one, and although they are without the services of Smillie and Clark of last year's team, these places will be well filled by Hendry and Decew, both of the famous class of '96. Unfortunately "Thrift" Burnside will be debarred from taking part on account of an injury received through a fall some time ago.

Of this year's class Bert Wood, the President of the Club, is the moving spirit, and much of the enthusiasm for the work shown by the boys is due to his untiring efforts. Hendry and Decew, both of '96, and now in Medicine and Science respectively, are splendid gymnasts. They do their best work on the horizontal bar, although proficient in the other branches as well. George Bertram, who was unable to take part in last year's program, is expected to be on hand again, and will be a valuable acquisition to the team. Bertram is senior champion in both fencing and single stick. Brereton, Hargrave and McDougall are all in training, and are doing well. Brereton is especially proficient on the vaulting horse and in ground work. Greig, who has for three years figured on the team, is also showing form. He devotes most of his attention to the horizontal and parallel bars. Percy Biggs, too, is showing a remarkable aptitude for gymnastics, and indeed has quite surprised himself.

Of the features omitted from last year's program, it is the intention of the team to give exhibitions of tumbling and long-horse work, and something entirely new will be given by Sergt. Williams' bayonet squad.

Altogether, the Assault this year promises to be the best that has been. As it is the only spring function it is likely to receive unusual attention on that account and already we are assured of a rare treat in the way of indoor athletics.

HOCKEY.

Varsity, 10. Bank of Toronto, 2.

In a practice game on Friday afternoon, Varsity easily defeated the leaders of the Bank league by ten goals to two. Although without the services of Snell and Gilbert, they had no trouble in outplaying their opponents

and won as they pleased. The forwards played a good combination game, and also showed a marked improvement in their shooting. Although apparently outclassed the Bankers played good hockey, McKay and Crawford doing the best work. For Varsity Broder and Gibson played the best games, the latter scoring six of Varsity's ten goals. The teams were—Varsity: Goal, Hanley; point, Evans; cover, McArthur; forwards, Gibson, Broder, Wright and Livingston. Bank of Toronto: Goal, Parks; point, Holland; cover, Crawford; forwards, McKay, Grant and McCallum. Referee, "Jimmy" Worts.

VARSIITY II. 4—WELLINGTONS II. 3.

Varsity intermediates turned the tables on the Wellingtons in their return game on Friday night, but were unable to recover the lead of four goals with which the Wellingtons started the game. The play was fast throughout, but at no time did the Varsity boys have any trouble in outpointing their opponents. In fact the game was entirely in favor of the blue and white, and but for their old fault of vile shooting they should easily have won the round. As it is they are now out of the running for the intermediate championship for another year. Morrison, at cover, and Lemaitre, on the forward line, were the Wellingtons' best men, while Varsity's defence was splendid. Evans' rushes up the side were brilliant, and on one of these he succeeded in scoring unaided. On the forward line Gilfillan was the best man, though Caulfield was not far behind. The half-time score was 2—1 in favor of the Wellingtons, and the final score 4—3 in Varsity's favor. The teams lined up as follows:—

Varsity II.—Goal, Pardoe; point, Evans; cover, Gilbert; forwards, Gilfillan, Caulfield, Biggs and O'Flynn.

Wellington II.—Goal, Ardagh; point, Pringle; cover, Morrison; forwards, Lemaitre, Donaldson, McCord, Gillespie.

GAMES THIS WEEK.

O. H. A.

Friday, Feb. 8th. at 8.15—Varsity vs. Wellingtons, Jennings' Cup Series.

Monday, 4th, 3 p.m.—U. C. '01 vs. '03.

Wednesday, 6th, 3 p.m.—U. C. '02 vs. '04.

Saturday, 9th, 9 a.m.—Victoria vs. McMaster.

JENNINGS' CUP SERIES.

With the close of the month of January, we find the schedule sufficiently well advanced to permit of our summarizing the play thus far, and possibly a glance at the merits of the different teams and their respective chances of winning the trophy, might not prove uninteresting. In the four games already disposed of, the form displayed has shown a marked improvement over that of last year. Unusual interest in the series is manifested in all the col-

leges, and even now we are assured that the Jennings' Cup will accomplish for hockey what the Mullock Cup has already done for Rugby.

In all, eleven teams were entered in the series of these, the Sen. Meds. have so far defaulted their games, and the Jun. Meds. and McMaster have not yet played. It is hardly likely that McMaster will prove very strong, but the Jun. Meds. are considered by many as the most likely candidates for championship honors. They are, however, grouped with the Dentals and Jun. S.P.S., and will have to be remarkably fast to win from either. The latter teams met on the 26th, and drew what was probably the best game ever played in this series.

In the third group, which includes the Arts teams, '02 and '03 succeeded in defeating '01 and '04 respectively in rather easy fashion, so that the winner of the '02-'03 game will practically win the group series. At present '03 seems to be the stronger, but should Little be reinstated '02 will be able to play him at cover and move Isbester up on the line, which would materially strengthen the team, and should enable them to win out.

Of the teams in the first group Sen. S.P.S. are probably the strongest, but even should they be fortunate enough to win their series they will need to improve vastly if they wish to attain anything like championship form.

It is pretty generally conceded, however, that the champions will turn up in the winners of group 2. There is not much to pick between the Dents and S.P.S., and another game between these two should develop into a very interesting contest. As yet, the Junior Meds have had no games, but are, no doubt, unusually strong. They confidently assert that they will have no trouble whatever in winning both their games, and if their numberless "stars" materialize, they are probably correct. In any case we may expect exhibitions of good, fast hockey in both games.

Below we give a summary of the games played with the scores:

- Jan. 19. Sen. S. P. S., 5—Victoria, 4.
 Jan. 22. Sen. S. P. S. won from Sen. Meds. by default.
 Jan. 26. Dentals, 3—Jun. S. P. S., 3.
 Jan. 28. Naughty-three, 14—Naughty-four, 3.
 Jan. 29. McMaster won from Sen. Meds. by default.
 Jan. 30. Naughty-two, 8—Naughty-one, 3.

NOTES.

Wilkie Evans played in two games on Friday and shone in both.

The combination of Broder and Gibson on Friday, was at times startling. Doc. Wright's shooting was also a feature and many think that Varsity should win from the champion Wellingtons on the 8th.

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The Senior game on Friday night between Varsity and the Wellingtons is sure to be a hot one. In the Senior O. H. A., games, not goals, count, so that Varsity is not handicapped by the score of a previous game.

ROTUNDA.

Superintending Editor, A. E. Hamilton, '02.

President Phipps, of the Third Year, was taken ill last week. His case is unusually serious, but we hope soon to see him about again.

Everybody is expected to congratulate "Father Bill" Hanley on his appointment to the position of coach to the lady hockey players. Don't forget.

Fred Broder hurt his ankle during Friday evening's hockey match, but expects to be in shape for the next game.

Prospective members of the Undergraduate Union are earnestly requested to pay their fees at once to any of the following gentlemen: Messrs. McLaren, '01, Gillies, '03, Vance, '04, Coleman, '04, Barber, S.P.S. The annual fee is one dollar; the fee for life membership, ten dollars.

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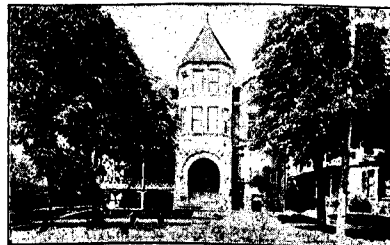
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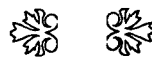
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Mr. Carruthers (lecturing on Greek sculpture): "If the Government should become Liberal, we could pay more attention to the fine arts." What is the present political situation, anyway?

The many friends of R. J. Hamilton will regret that he is ordered by the doctor to the hospital for some time, being troubled with a swollen gland in the neck. He will carry with him the best wishes of all for his speedy recovery.

Cupid seems to have discharged a whole quiver of arrows into the midst of the sophomore mathematical class, and the vagaries of the smitten are as inconsequent as is usual in such cases. Keep your eye on Allen, for instance, or File.

"Mr. Milner regrets that he is unable to lecture to-day on account of girls," was the sign that shocked a First Year Latin class one day last week. Though an attentive eye might have detected some outlines of the word "grip" lurking behind the last word of the notice, the stern faces of certain studious but unobserving Freshmen showed that the joke of the wig was not without a salutary effect on unsophisticated minds.

It has been rumored during the last week or two that a party, in a place not a hundred miles away, was given by a certain freshman to members of his own class with the express purpose of becoming more intimately acquainted with one of the most charming freshettes. His success was amply demonstrated when they two sat down to refreshments at a small table on the side and the others sat down together at a large one.

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The Commandant and military instructors are all officers on the active list of the Imperial army, lent for the purpose, and in addition there is a complete staff of professors for the civil subjects which form such a large proportion of the College course.

Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis the cadets receive in addition to their military studies a thoroughly practical, scientific and sound training in all subjects that are essential to a high and general modern education.

The course in mathematics is very complete and a thorough grounding is given in the subjects of Civil Engineering, Civil and Hydrographic Surveying, Physics Chemistry, French and English.

The object of the College course is thus to give the cadets a training which shall thoroughly equip them for either a military or civil career.

The strict discipline maintained at the College is one of the most valuable features of the system. As a result of it young men acquire habits of obedience and self-control and consequently of self-reliance and command, as well as experience in controlling and handling their fellows.

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1. First meeting of High School Boards and Boards of Education.

March 1

2. Inspectors' Annual Reports to Department, due.

March 30

3. Night Schools close (session 1900-1901).

March 31

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Dr. W-ck-tt—(In economic lecture). We will now return to water—a more refreshing subject.

The frequency of the visits of J. G. L., '03, to College st. are beginning to excite suspicions.

“Bonny” Wood, '01, is at present nursing a bruised nose, the result of a fall in the gymnasium.

Somebody ask “Dunc.” Campbell why he moved over to Church street, and then watch him smile.

We are all pleased to see Ben Clark, '03, again around occasionally, although he does not intend taking up his year.

Sutherland, '03, (regarding a piece of rare beef in the dining hall): “Well, I wish they would take it back and kill it first.”

D. G. Campbell, '02—“Golly, boys, I never thought a year ago that I would be corresponding with a baroness in Rome.”

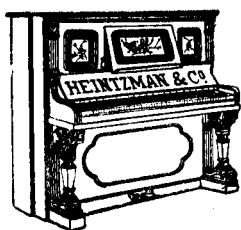
Miss M. Marshall, '02, treated some of her friends to a very pleasant evening on Wednesday last. All report a good time.

“Philosophy consists in so clothing your thought in words, that you cannot see the thought and will forget the words.” Brophay.

“Peter” Scott, '04, deserves great praise for his work in fitting up a directory of his class. Other years would do well to follow his example.

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The Old Boys' Association of the Harbord and Jarvis street Collegiate Institutes will hold their annual dinners on February 14th and 15th respectively.

We beg the Bloodhounds' pardon for the mistake in last week's edition. It was the Bulldogs and not the Bloodhounds that were so forcibly ejected from the disputed class room. Honor to whom honor is due.

W. E. Taylor, '01, lately has forsaken the library altogether. He says since that bookcase has been put up the light is hard on the eyes in the front row. Never mind “Billy,” follow McLaren's move and sit at the end.

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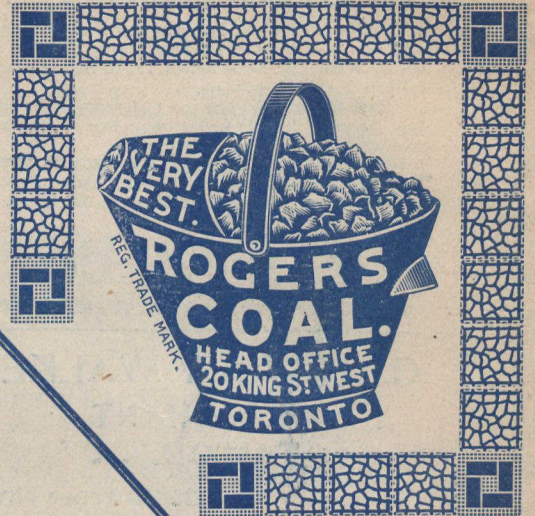
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