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THE ARGONAUTS WIN.

The Nesbitt Challenge Cup Goes to the Oarsmen.

Varsity, 1; Argos, 5.

Again, on Thanksgiving Day, Varsity met the Argonauts, and, after a desperate struggle, were forced to yield them the palm of victory, thereby losing their last chance of winning the Beattie Nesbitt Challenge Cup, which goes with the city championship. The day was very cold and the ground hard, and spectators were forced to do a little cake-walking and buck-dancing to keep the blood in their extremities.

Before the game commenced the betting was in favor of Varsity, but little money was going on either side. The Argonauts played with the wind in the first half, and when the Argonauts were only able to score five points with this advantage, things looked bright for the students. However, the Argonauts' superior strength and maturity stood them in good stead, and out of about 60 scrimmages in the second half the Argonauts got 51, holding the ball almost all the time, but being, however, unable to gain much.

Britton for the Argonauts played a splendid game, bucking the line steadily, and being well protected by the wings. Here was a weakness of the Varsity men, they being unable to hold the opposing wings, who broke through the line repeatedly upon Percy Biggs. The Varsity men played offside to gain possession, but Captain Kent elected to scrimmage instead of taking the kick, and kept the ball. Varsity's halves played a surer game than the Argonauts in catching and tackling. The game began at 2:30. Baldwin kicked off for Varsity and Hardisty returned. The play went to the Argos' 45-yard line. Ardagh returned a free kick, Baldwin caught it and made a great run of 30 yards before he was downed. The Argos got a penalty for a poor scrimmage, and kicked away down the field, when Biggs fumbled and Baldwin saved a try by falling on the ball. In a series of scrimmages Varsity gained 10 yards from their line, and got a free kick. Henderson returned it over the line, and Beatty was forced to rouge—1-0.

The play went back to center again, when, on a penalty, Darling kicked over to McCollum, who was forced over the line for a safety touch—3-0.

The fourth point for the Argonauts was scored by Darling punting over the line to Biggs.

Britton returned the kick-out to Britton, who made a splendid run, and Varsity soon had the ball at center again. Darling punted to Gibson, who ran 30 yards through on both sides, with varying success, the Argonauts apparently getting a little the better of it and finally kicking over for another point, making the score at half-time Argos 5, Varsity 1.

In the second half Darling was placed at fullback and Ardagh put on the half-line. There was very little open play in this half, the play being about the center of the field, the Argonauts holding the ball and keeping up a series of scrimmages. They broke through on Biggs and stole the ball whenever Varsity did get a scrimmage. At length from a scrimmage 40 yards out Varsity dribbled, and Paterson kicked over the line, and Darling was forced to rouge. Score 5-1, and thus it remained to the end of the game. The ball was at mid-field when time was called. During the game several players were slightly injured on account of the hardness of the ground. The line-up was as follows:

Argonauts (5)—Back, Ardagh; halves, Hardisty, Darling, Henderson; quarter, Britton; scrimmage, Wright, Russell, P. Boyd; wings, Kent (captain), Wilson, Strange, Grant, Chadwick, Parmenter, Reiffenstein.

Varsity (1)—Back, G. Biggs; halves, Gibson, Baldwin, Beatty; quarter, P. Biggs; scrimmage, Ned Boyd, Iebster, Burnham; wings, Paterson, Gilbert, McCollum (captain), Campbell, Biddy, McLennan, Jermy, Stratton.

Referee—Mr. H. C. Griffith, Ridley College, St. Catharines. Empire—Mr. Frank D. Woodworth. Goal Judges—Messrs. W. E. Douglas, C. Childs. Touch-line judges—Messrs. Snively and De Lisle. Timers—Messrs. W. J. Morrison, D. F. Maguire.

VARSITY V. GORE VALES

The Final Game For the City Championship.

Score One All—A Rough Game

On Saturday afternoon the final game in the series for the Association football city and Ontario championship was played between the Varsity first team and the Gore Vales. The day was damp, and the field was in a very slippery condition, rendering fast play very difficult. The crowd in attendance was only fair in size, the small boy who crawled over the fence predominating.

The Varsity team were weakened by the loss of Britton, who is ill, while the Gore Vales played two of their own men. The game was rather unsatisfactory as far as the result was concerned, as Varsity had all the best of the play in the first half, and made some beautiful rushes, their first goal being scored on a rush the full length of the field. They should have scored again, but for some reason were unable to get the ball through the posts.

In the second half the Gore Vales went in for rough tactics, and Refere

MacLaurin was called upon several times to assert his authority, and once ruled off a couple of men for scrapping. The Gore Vales scored a goal in this half, making the score one all, and thus it remained to the end of the game. The line-up was as follows:

Varsity (1)—Goal, Soule; backs, Nichols, McHugh; halves, Martin, McKinnon, Smellie; forwards, McQueen, Cooper, Glichrist, Broder, Phillips.

Gore Vales (1)—Goal, Kerr; backs, Brown, Maddigan; halves, Doyle, Bowman, Lowery; forwards, McCallum, Steep, Humphries, Johnson, Bole.

Referee—Mr. R. McLaurin of McMaster.

POL. SCIENCE CLUB.

The Relation of Literature to History.

Address by Professor Clark.

Owing to Thursday being Thanksgiving Day, the regular meeting of the Political Science Club for last week was held on Tuesday. The program consisted of an address by the Rev. Professor William Clark of Trinity University on "The Relation of Literature to History," and there was a large attendance, including many of the faculty. Everyone present was delighted with the address, which was extremely interesting and full of those touches of humor for which Professor Clark is noted.

In his opening remarks the lecturer pointed out that the importance of historical treatment is now recognized in every science, not even excepting theology. The relation between history and literature is even closer than that between history and the sciences. If all other records were destroyed, it would be possible to reconstruct much of a country's history from its literature, and on the other hand there is a good deal of literature that we can only understand through our knowledge of history. A nation's language is half of its literature, and it is in the study of languages that historical treatment is particularly valuable. In the case of our own noble language, it is well worth while to study the process by which our Saxon dialect was singled out, pruned of its vulgarities, and finally developed into a language which, according to the German philologist Grimm, is superior even to ancient Greek. Latin influences, as well as Saxon, contributed to the work, and to these Latin elements no mean part of the strength of the English language is due.

Turning to Greece and Rome, Professor Clark showed briefly how closely their literature and history are intertwined. He then passed on to the thirteenth century, the wonderful period which produced Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis and St. Dominic, Bacon, and Dante. A little later in our English literature, we have Chaucer and Langland, one gay in tone, the other somber and bitter, take them together and they give us a wonderfully complete picture of the England of the time. Then came the Wars of the Roses, and the period is clearly marked out by the barrenness of literature, a silence comparable to that of Milton during the Parliamentary wars. But continuing, we come to the Elizabethan writers, men who could be produced only by an age great in history. In passing, Professor Clark referred to the theory that Bacon wrote the plays that bear Shakespeare's name as being in the utmost degree absurd and impossible.

No historical point is better exemplified in literature than the bitterness between the Puritan and Cavalier parties after the Restoration. We can see one side of it in Butler's Hudibras, but the lecturer turned to Addison for a better picture, and related with great humor the anecdote from No. 127 of the Spectator, of how Sir Roger de Coverly first offended a Puritan by asking for "Saint Anne's lane," and then was abused by a Cavalier for calling it "Anne's."

In conclusion, the lecturer told the story of a friend of his, an excellent but pessimistic clergyman, who believed that the world was going to the bad. Professor Clark effectively convinced him of his error by pointing out to him the improved tone of literature. A century ago there were those living who could remember when the novels and plays of Aphra Behn were considered fit reading for young girls, nowadays ladies found it impossible to read Fielding. Even Byron is no longer regarded as a poet for the drawing-room. At no time and in no country has there been a literature purer. In one than the English literature of today, and for this, at least, we have reason to be proud of it, and of the times in which we live.

At the conclusion of the address, Dr. Wickett, the Honorary President of the Club, expressed to Professor Clark the thanks of the audience. The next meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5. At it Mayor Howland will deliver what is expected to be a very interesting address on municipal problems.

VARSITY'S ANNUAL DINNER.

Varsity's fifth annual dinner will be held in the East Hall on Tuesday, December 10. A special table for graduates is being provided, and S. C. Wood, R.A., is looking after the sale of tickets down town. The members of the Royal Engineering Corps have been invited to appear in uniform, while prominent military men will reply to the toasts to the "Empire." Tickets are \$1.50, and may be obtained from any of the committee.

DENTAL DIVERSIONS.

Rugby Team Goes to Guelph on Thanksgiving Day.

Score 9 to 4 for Dentals.

Perseverance has its reward—victory, decisive victory, has once again perched on our banners. On Tuesday last our intermediate football team for the first time in three years snatched the championship trophy from the hands of the triumphant Victoria last week, they finished first in their series, thus gaining the right to play off in the finals with the School of Science team.

Although everyone confidently expected our boys to win out, still for all the game was anxiously awaited, and in spite of the raw, bleak wind blowing, and the general unpleasant weather conditions prevailing, a goodly body of supporters journeyed to the field to cheer the men on to victory and fame.

True to their usual experience, the School men were lucky in winning the toss, and chose to kick south, with the wind in their favor. The game was very evenly divided, and the School made a number of unpleasant looking rushes which were stopped only by the splendid defence put up by our back division, our forward line, too, worked hard and well, many times coming close to making the vacancy, but when the half-time whistle sounded neither side had scored.

When play began, however, in the second half, our boys, urged on by the splendid "roosting" done by their supporters on the touch-line, immediately started in to rush matters, and from that moment the result was never in doubt. In about five minutes' time, after a rush down the right wing, Peterson centered to Carveth, who by a very quick and fast shot scored first blood amidst great enthusiasm. From this it was a series of rushes on the School goal, the ball seldom passing the half-way line, but the School men worked like Trojans, Whellman being particularly noticeable on the defence.

Ten minutes from the end Robertson, by a series of dodges got inside of the defence, and on a nice shot scored what proved to be the final goal of the game. Shortly after this, Thompson, one of the Dental halves, had his ankle twisted, and was forced to take a few minutes off for repairs, but pluckily continued the game, though under difficulties. When the whistle sounded, of course, there was a general demonstration of joy on the part of our fellows, the team being enthusiastically cheered, and as a proof of good feeling they finally made a fairly good attempt at the famous "Toke-oike" of the School. Mr. Broder of University College referred in an exceedingly satisfactory manner.

When the team returned to the school, Dr. W. E. Willmott, the superintendent, announced that he would present each member of the team with a College pin as a little reminder of their championship.

In Rugby, also, this week our star has been in the ascendant. On Thursday last, Thanksgiving Day, the team journeyed to Guelph, and there played a game with the team from the Agricultural College, winning out in two inches of snow by the score of 9-4. The game was played on the old baseball grounds, before a fair-sized crowd composed to a large extent of the College boys, and with the exception of a very short time was closely contested, but the best of feeling prevailed, causing the game to be far from rough. In the first half the Dentals made a short rush, but for a few minutes, but after this for some time the play was in mid-field. On a long low kick the Dental wings followed up fast, and forced a rouge. Five minutes after this one of the O. A. C. half-backs from a bunch got clear then, and after a nice run succeeded in getting over for the first touch-down, making the score 9-4. After the kick-off a series of scrimmages followed, and getting the ball down on the O. A. C. line, Gibson got over for a touch, just before the whistle sounded for half-time. Wood failed to convert, the score then being 5-4.

From the beginning of the second half O. A. C. rushed, holding the ball down our line, but despite their weight could not get over. Pinard finally relieved by a long punt up the field, and from this out our end was never in any great danger. The O. A. C. left scrimmage had his knee twisted, and was forced to retire. De Renzi being in somewhat the same plight, going off to even up. From this out, our boys had the ball within the Guelph 25-foot line, and shortly before the expiration of time Kenny got over for another try. Wood again failed to convert, having the hard luck to hit the post, and the score remained 9-4 to the finish. Dr. Harrison, of the College, gave splendid satisfaction as referee. Mr. Phipps of Guelph also filling his place well as umpire.

Everyone speaks in the highest terms of the splendid treatment received at the hands of the College men, everything possible being done to give them a jolly good time. They left for home on the 8:30 train, with the strong feeling that if ever they want a genuine good time they have only to take a trip to the Ontario Agricultural College.

There is a story going the rounds that Campbell of our senior year has at last begun specializing, particularly on the line of time-tables, trains, etc. For some unaccountable reason, however, on Friday, the 8th, it is said that the Orangeville train left three minutes early, and what must the girl at the other end have thought?

We are very pleased to learn that "Floradora" has nicely recovered from the attack of measles.

Gibson and Gillilan spent Sunday in London at the home of A. G. Fraser and speak in flattering terms of the beauties of the Forest City.

Things have certainly come to a pretty pass when the charms of the fair sex are sufficient to keep "busy old Edgie" from playing a football game.

The boys were glad to see Dr. A. R. Davidson, a graduate of '01, down at Guelph station to meet them on Thursday. They were much surprised to see Cranston, of Arts, there also, and are wondering how he tore himself away from the third floor of the Undergraduates' Union.

It was pitiful to see the long-drawn faces on the maidens at Brampton as they tearfully said, "Good-bye, Jack!" when Manning got on the train for Guelph.

THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONS.

This is the third time since the Canadian Union was organized in '92 that a Quebec Union club has held the championship. This is the fifth time that the championship has gone to an Ottawa team, the Rough Riders having won in '98 and 1900 while the College held it in '94, '97, and '91. The following is a list of the champions:

- 1892—Osgoode Hall 45, Montreal 5.
- 1893—Queen's 29, Montreal 11.
- 1894—Ottawa College 8, Varsity 7.
- 1895—Varsity 29, Montreal 5.
- 1896—Ottawa College 12, Varsity 8.
- 1897—Ottawa College 14, Hamilton 10.
- 1898—Ottawa City 11, Ottawa College 1.
- 1899—No game.
- 1900—Ottawa City 17, Brockville 10.
- 1901—Ottawa College 18, Argonauts 5.

VARSITY CHALLENGES OTTAWA COLLEGE.

When the Varsity team, champions of the Intercollegiate Union, heard that Ottawa College defeated the Argonauts, the following message was sent to Montreal:

Ed. Gleason, Captain Ottawa College: Will you give Varsity a game here Saturday next? Will give half game receipts.

(Signed) JOHN A. McCOLLUM. Mr. McCollum is captain of Varsity, and, on consulting the rest of his committee, decided to send the despatch. If this game played, it should draw the largest crowd that ever attended a football game in Toronto, as football enthusiasts here would jump at the chance of seeing College play. A letter will be sent to Ottawa to-morrow, stating further particulars.

VARSITY CAPTAIN FOR 1902.

Quarter-Back S. Percy Biggs Elected to the Position at a Meeting on Thursday Last.

A meeting of the Varsity Rugby Football Club was held in the gymnasium Thursday afternoon, when Mr. S. Percy Biggs, the crack quarter-back, was elected captain of the senior team for 1902. Biggs is a splendid player and is very popular with the students. He will be in his fourth year arts next year. Mr. Hugh Hoyles will likely be re-elected manager.

COL. SAM'S METHODS.

His Pleasant Way of Impressing the Boers.

THE BOER AS A BLUFFER.

Ottawa Citizen: A good many Canadians would like to see Col. Sam Hughes once of the majors of the mounted force now being sent out to South Africa, if he would accept such in lieu of the command he has applied for.

Col. Hughes has been subjected to a good deal of jocular criticism, but he was a valuable officer in South Africa, though his opportunities were limited. Besides being a brave man, he is a man of indomitable perseverance and energy, and should make his mark in dealing with the Boers. When out before he was one of the few intelligence officers who could extract real information from the Boers and who could make surrendering Cape rebels cough up brand new Mauser rifles, ammunition, choice horses, and saddlery. His methods were rough and ready, but effective.

A British Intelligence officer would sit in front of his quarters with a monocle in his eye and a cigarette in his hand, and a string of rebels (anxious to surrender and get passes) would file up armed with a mobile museum of old elephant guns, flint locks, Martini rifles, and shot guns of pre-hammerless days. They would also each be leading a woe-begone old skate of a horse adorned by a moth-eaten saddle. The British officer would say: "Well, men. Come in to surrender, eh? Jolly good thing to do. You fellows really ought to know better, don't ye know; than to take up arms. Ver'way serious thing to do. Why, don't ye know, you might be shot for this."

The Boers would look becomingly contrite and shuffle their feet. "Brought in your arms and horses, eh? Jolly good thing to do. Seen anything of the enemy about?"

Boers (in chorus): "Neeah, myn her."

"Aw—just pile your arms down here, like good chaps, and hand over your horses. Don't see how you do such good shooting with these old tools. That must have been rather a good old elephant gun in its day. Make your own ammunition for it, I suppose?"

"Yea, boss."

Officer (to orderly): "Just put that

elephant gun aside, don't ye know. I want to take it home as a curio." (To the rebels: "When you have turned in your arms and horses, men, passes will be issued and you can return to your farms, don't ye know. But see you don't get into any more trouble, or bal Jove's will have to take seven ah measures next time. Right—o! sergeant. Carry on. Orderly, bring that gun to my tent. Ta! Ta!")

The rebels armed with the protection of a British pass would depart to dig up their Mausers, get their own riding horses, and resume business at the old stand. If any patrols called at their houses while they did not happen to be on the war path they would flash the passes at them with truculent impudence, and the patrols could do nothing. The holders of the passes were peaceful subjects under British protection, and a poor Tommy was liable to be shot for taking one of their chickens if he was hungry.

Col. Hughes' methods were less easy going and produced wonderful results. The Boer ought to be a bluffer from "way back, but, being an ignorant bluffer, when his bluff is called real hard, he collapses. Observe Col. Sam at work! A bunch of rebels would be brought in to surrender with the usual old 'ole' outfit. Col. Sam would come out of his tent to receive them with a gun on his hip and pause to regard the outfit with his eagle eye fixed in a steel-blue glassy stare expressive of equal proportions of angry menace and sovereign contempt. Then he would remark coldly: "Sergeant, what are those things?"

"Rebels come in to surrender, sir." "Huh! You a rebel? What have you got in your hands? A gun? Well, I'll be— Call that a gun, what's that behind you? A horse? Well, of all the— Impudence! Your name's Johan Weger, and you own 40,000 acres out at Springbok Spruit, and you have the impertinence to come in here and produce that dilapidated old shooting iron and that heap of perambulating crow-bait to me. Why, I've a good mind to hang you up to that telegraph pole. Shooting is too good for you. You're the same old— that led the commando that looted the loyalists over Uppington way. I suppose the rest of you were with the gang. Do you all understand English?"

Rebels (in chorus): "Neeah, boss!" "Well, it doesn't matter a damn, I'll bet you'll understand me. Now look here. You leave that— collection of old iron here and hand over those alleged horses to the sergeant, and you foot it home, d'you?—futsak! And by this hour to-morrow every— man of you has got to be back here with a first-class Mauser rifle in good working order, 200 rounds of ammunition, and an A1 horse and saddle."

Rebels (in chorus): "Rut, boss!" "Don't but me. You're blasted lucky that I don't string up a few of you as an example. Now, you be back here as I tell you to-morrow, or by the jumping— ILL GO AFTER YOU! You understand me thoroughly?"

Rebels (in chorus): "Yea, boss!" "All right, you can go, and when you come in to-morrow I want you to bring in the rest of the gang or I'll go after them. I'll teach you people not to take up arms against Her Majesty the Queen. Don't forget what I say about those Mausers and horses, get to h—ll out of this."

Next day there would be a stack of brand new Mausers in the quarter-master's stores, a slick looking bunch of horses in the corral, and a lot of ex-rebels would be footing it home to their distant farms over the veldt firmly convinced that rebellion was not half such an entertaining recreation as they had been led to believe.

But that British officer could not have done that to save his life. Principally because it would not be "club form." That is the reason the war is still going on.

MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY'S OPEN MEETING.

There will be an open meeting of the society in room 16, Main Building, on Thursday, December 5, at 8 p.m. Yourself and friends cordially invited. The program is as follows:

Chairman's address Selected
March Selected
Banjo, Mandolin, and Guitar Club, Diffraction and Interference Gratings,
Solo C. A. Chant, Ph.D.
Miss Olga McAlpine Selected
Trio—Violin, flute, and piano, "Goldenspringtime" Kalliwoda
Messrs. Lucas, Abbott, and Klotz, Vocal duet, "After the Fray"
Messrs. Smith and Matheson, Flute solo Selected
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DENTAL AT HOME.

The annual Dental at home will be held in the College building on Thursday evening, December 5. Double tickets \$2; extra ladies, 75 cents. The tickets are limited, and everyone should purchase at once. They may be obtained in the College office. Phone Main 431.

MEETING OF III. HOCKEY TEAM.

There will be a meeting of the third hockey team in room 4 at 5 o'clock on Wednesday, December 4, to discuss some important business. Every member is requested to be present.

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"GYMNASTOLATRY" AND TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

Among the correspondence in the columns of Varsity last week there appeared an article on "Gymnastolatry," of which the greater part was a quotation from the Mitre, the Journal of Bishop's College, Quebec. We know nothing of the identity of the writer of the extract quoted, but should be inclined to think from the tone of his letter that he was a man who took little interest in sports and never participated therein, as his criticism seems not to be so much from the standpoint of one who fears lest the true object of athletics should be perverted as of one who has felt his intellectual ability slighted to some extent, and consequently vents his feelings in an exaggerated picture of the position and influence of the athlete as we find him to-day in our universities.

We believe that as long as a nation is strong and vigorous there will never come a time when its sports will not form a great feature of its national life and exercise an invigorating influence on its national spirit, and hence feel that in our universities the greatest encouragement and support should be given to all manly games and sports. However, if it is true, as the writer mentioned above states, that the importance of the athlete is unduly exaggerated and false aims set before students, then there is something which requires attention. It is no doubt a fact that in some universities the true end of college sports is perverted by what approaches professional methods, viz., when good football players, for example, are approached and offered a free course through the university, with the addition of several guaranteed scholarships, in this way making the aim of the player a mercenary one instead of the development of a good physique, courage, confidence, and unselfishness. We should deplore exceedingly such a state of affairs at Toronto University, but we feel safe in saying that such methods will never be pursued here. The mere taint of professionalism is enough under our sporting rules to prevent a man playing on our college teams.

The writer of the article on "Gymnastolatry" has evidently little personal acquaintance with first-class athletes, judging from his belief that the homage of "the idle crowd frenzied with delight" is the great incentive to participation in sports. We have had opportunities of becoming acquainted with men on the various teams of the University, and the result of our observations has been that the best and most famed players care very little for the plaudits of the rosters on the grand stand. True, they are encouraged by rooting, and it spurs them on to greater efforts as much does the warriors in battle, and there is no man who does not like a meed of praise after a hard-fought field, but everyone knows that as soon as a man pays for applause, or in other words becomes a "grandstand" player, his doom is sealed, as far as football is concerned. And, to repeat the statement above, the real athlete does not bid for applause. He enters the contest because he enjoys it.

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because his muscles are strong, his pulses are bounding, and he scents the battle afar off, and the old joy of struggle and victory is high in his bosom. We have failed to notice any instance around our Alma Mater of a man being "idolized" and "indulged" because he is a good football player or an expert gymnast, or of his "ambition knowing no bounds." A sober contemplation of the matter will force even an abhorrer of "Gymnastolatry" to acknowledge that our leading athletes are in most cases among our best men in other lines, and it is well known that in certain instances they have carried away the very highest honors in their class. We think that, unless conditions change very greatly, there need be little fear of "Gymnastolatry" being added to our list of religions.

AMALGAMATION OF THE JOURNALS.

There is a proposal on foot to amalgamate the three college journals, viz., Varsity, the University of Toronto Monthly, and College Topics. The method of amalgamation or the plans regarding it have not yet been made public, and so we cannot very well discuss the matter yet. It is, however, a proposal that should attract the attention of everyone who takes any interest in college affairs, of which the journals form no small part. If we might be allowed to make a suggestion, it would be that there should be one weekly newspaper for the University of Toronto and one monthly, or perhaps, fortnightly University magazine, the former being devoted almost entirely to local news and topics of the day, written up in as bright and attractive a manner as possible, while the latter should be devoted to literature and the heavier articles, and should appeal to the alumni as well as to the undergraduates. The literary talent of our students is not enough encouraged, and we are lacking in this respect, as a comparison of our journals with those of several American universities will show. They are much superior to us in the writing of short stories and sketches, not because they necessarily have more talent than we, but because they pay more attention to these things. A paper cannot be at once a weekly newspaper and a literary magazine. The newspaper is a necessity here; so is the literary magazine; and hence we submit our suggestion that there should be the two.

UNION NOTES.

The number of periodicals and magazines in the reading room has been increased lately, and the list will be found to be a fairly complete and up-to-date one. It comprises the following: Century, Harper's, Scribner's, Nineteenth Century, Popular Science Monthly, McClure's Cosmopolitan, Munsey, Strand, Review of Reviews, Literary Digest, Forum, North American Review, Canadian, Pearson's, Scientific American, London Illustrated, Black and White, Graphic, Puck, and Judge. Handsome new covers have been provided, so that the magazines may be in good repair after the constant use to which they are subjected. While our reading room is progressing, our library proper is not. Our library is small, and it is hoped that in time it will be larger, but it has received no increase this year. All donations of books, pamphlets, etc., will be received gladly by the Union. At the meeting of the House Committee of the Union last week an important decision re the billiard and pool room was reached. The committee decided that hereafter the tables will be closed until 1 p.m. Notice to this effect is hereby given, and the new law will be enforced in a day or so, probably Wednesday. The chess rooms are filled now and the club is progressing, for many new men and men who give great promise are turning out. The "Beginners' Tournament" is in progress, and many excellent games have been played. It is not too late yet to enter this tournament, the only qualification being that the person entering has never competed in a match game or played in a tournament. A small fee of ten (10) cents is charged to provide a suitable trophy. All desirous of entering kindly hand their names to the secretary, Mr. C. Colquhoun. The first game in the Toronto Chess League will be played on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., in the Y.M.C.A. parlors, corner Yonge and McGill streets, when the U. of T. chess team meet the Y.M.C.A. team. There will consist of eight men a side, and will commence at 8 p.m.

CORRIDOR ECHOES.

A. G. McPhedran, '01, has registered in medicine. F. Armstrong, '01, who is taking a course at the Normal College, Hamilton, renewed acquaintances about the halls last week. He is a prominent member of the college football team, against whom a goal has not been scored this season. And now the influence of the gigantic combines and trusts on the other side has reached us, and College Topics

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W. H. Rutherford has resumed his fox-hunting in Parkdale since these furies of snow arrived. Messrs. Simpson and Stacey of '02 are preparing an elaborate treatise on "The Quadrant Electrometer," if you know what that is. Any person who saw F. A. McDiarmid going home from the Union dance last week will no longer believe that all his attentions are directed towards Whitby Ladies' College.

No longer is M. W. McHugh seen calling at the Conservatory of Music each Wednesday at noon. He now spends every other Sunday in Streetsville, at his home, you know.

Considerable interest is already being taken in the approaching mock parliament at the Lit. December 13. Keep that date open.

C. C. Smith returned to Varsity last week and joined the class of '02 mathematics. He has been engaged developing a beautiful little dark moustache the last couple of months. He got the sprout from Freddie Broadfoot.

There is now a very warm bunch of fellows at 66 St. George street. W. H. Ingram is the chief mogul.

Now that the snow has arrived we may soon hear of Jack Creelman enjoying some more sleigh-rides.

W. Woodroffe, '02, is laid up with the toothache, and as a result his face is assuming abnormal proportions. We recommend a hot Scotch.

Many of the boys went away for Thanksgiving Day. They returned looking happy and with a reminiscent smile lingering around the corners of their mouths, whether in remembrance of fat turkeys or of evenings spent in cosy corners we cannot say.

The freshmen are getting their coats pressed and their trousers creased in anticipation of the Rugby dance, while a number of them have been worshipping the goddess Terpsichore lately. When they go home at Xmas they will be so graceful that their own folks won't know them.

The men who fancy a game of billiards or pool during spare moments in the mornings object very strenuously to the proposal to close the billiard room until one o'clock.

E. F. Burton, B.A., the popular Fellow in Physics, was rather seriously ill last week, but is fortunately rapidly recovering.

ON DIT.

Mr. Bill Allison gave a pink tea on Thanksgiving Day at which several prominent members of society were present. The youthful host never before looked so charming, surrounded as he was by a brilliant coterie of beautiful debutantes. Frank McFarland wore a soft felt hat and a red necktie. Fred Honeywell was tastefully arrayed in a pair of rubber-soled boots and a pale blue silk scarf. Greg. Hodson was dressed in his usual chic manner, wearing glasses and a beaming smile. Billy Bray wore one of "My Valet's" most charming creations, while Alec Cochrane had his hair done in Pemberton's latest style. Lexie Isbester looked very pretty in a close-fitting, tailor-made suit. Jack Young wore fancy striped hose and a hat to correspond. John McPherson, dressed in pink flannels, acted as champion, and the Reverend Sandy McLeod looked charming in blue overalls, plaid shirt, and a Scotch bonnet. Among others present were several members of the "French Maids" Opera Company. The refreshments were recherche. The table was made pretty with a center of white cheesecloth over green balize, which contrasted beautifully with the yellow conduct of some of those present. Oyster soup was served, but unfortunately Bill's French cook had it slightly underdone, and every time crackers were put in the oysters came up and ate them. After the refreshments, music was rendered by the guests, Tommy Phelan singing "Old Man Moses" in a way that brought tears to the eyes of those present. The guests departed about seven o'clock, after having presented the host with a bouquet of dandelions tied with baby ribbon. The tea was a farewell affair, the host intending to begin study next week.

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Oh, when you see him plug who used to be a bum, 'Tis then you may know that exams have come, For the exam, com-mit-tee, Is the worst com-mit-tee, That ever came over from old Germany.

ODE TO A CO-ED.

The men of the University of Rochester evidently are not enamored of the idea of having women in their university, a change which has been only recently introduced. The poet bursts into song as follows in the Interpres:

I. A feminine footfall Within our college hall! Oh, hark! didst hear those accents soft and low; The rustle of a gown Sweeping the hall adown, Precursor of the ancient grinder's woe!

II. "They're come!" the freshmen moan, "They're come!" the sophomores exclaim; No more may we indulge in rushes sweet, No more the battle-cry Will echo from the sky, Soft peace must now for ever hold her sway.

III. Thou may'st well tremble, Grind! For thou art far behind, Unless thou burn the midnight oil, I ween; For little knowest thou What grinding is I trow, If thou hast not a co-ed's grinding seen.

IV. Professors ope their eyes, Or raise them in surprise, And Bake's delighted features fairly gleam; And Nixer's soul is glad (Although before 'twas sad)— He's found at last the students of his dream.

V. Then, Co-Ed., use thine arts, To please professors' hearts, And if thou wilt, grind well at dead of night; But if thou'rt in the way, When sophs and freshmen play, Nor hairpin will protect, nor corset tight.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

I make a resolution every spring Of reformation for the year, devout; But somehow, this my vœux you takes with— Yet still, I trust, I may at last win out.

Are not these your thoughts, O gentle reader, with mingled requests for the past and fearful anticipations for the future you see the Christmas vacation again draw near? And the work yet untouched looms up big before you as a hideous nightmare which will not down. The books that we have read we have forgotten, and the lectures have become a tangled and hopelessly accumulated mass of mysteries, too complicated to unravel. Ordinary time flies, but academic time transmits itself with the speed of electrical velocity. And yet, is it because one purpose better than he did that his very intention gives him the hope that he will make his exam, all right? One term has almost gone, but another lies ahead, and there is no telling how much lost ground may be recovered if we not only resolve, but do. Study will be a considerable advantage, my fellow-non-student, in this dilemma.

Shut doors after you, "Fast bind, fast find," A proverb never stale in the "Residence" mind.

Yes, Smith, '01, had received his preliminary education all right enough. It was quite certain he shut the door after him when he went out. Then, who could have conjectured that on his return that same door should have taken to itself wings and flown high into the remotest corner of the attic? A flying locked door to most people is a contradiction in terms, an undemonstrable absurdity, a white-blackbird, or a round-square. But a college education gives one great scope for original research into these supernatural phenomena which seem to run so contrary to the established laws of nature. The funny feature of the affair is not that the men should know how these things "effect themselves," but that there should be such inherent and widespread modesty in withholding their names from the publicity which such remarkable investigations and demonstrations deserve. As Tupman would put it, they are "as mum as a drum with a hole in it." But that is the way with freshmen, anyhow. Their retiring disposition (except when they ought to be in bed) is part and parcel of their normal make-up. Why that same self-renewing spirit should have spread to some of the men of the other years is a problem of which the best solution could perhaps be given by themselves.

It is no breach of confidence to make known that the erection of a new convocation hall for Wycliffe is no longer merely a fond dream, but a definite plan which will find its consummation in the coming year. At the last meeting

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of the council steps were taken and committees appointed to look after the matter at once. The council were unanimous and most enthusiastic, three of its members then and there agreeing to bear one-third of the expense. The new building, which is to be worthy of its surroundings, will probably be erected on the quadrangle, so as to face University College to the south. Further announcements regarding it will be made in the near future.

The Literary Society held its usual alternate business meeting on Friday last. Mr. B. A. Kinder was appointed reporter of college items for the Telegram. Representatives were then chosen for the annual at homes at Knox, Victoria, and the Dental College. Messrs R. M. Millman, B.A., W. Simpson, P.A., and H. T. Hallam, B.A., were the respective fortunate ones chosen. The nominating committee to arrange preliminaries for the college at home was elected. At the next meeting of the Lit. the first of the series of inter-year debates is to be held, when Messrs. Jackson and Johnston of '05 will uphold the honor of their class against Messrs. McKee and Saddle of '04. Rivalry is keen, and the debate promises to be a close and interesting one. It is proposed to present a trophy to the ultimate winners of the series.

NOTES. December. Storm-windings. Thanksgiving. A record—Turkey twice in one week. Another record—Wilkie's consumption of the aforesaid. Martin, '05—Brevity is the soul of wit. Grabb, '05—My salad days, when I was young in judgment. Smith, '04—Those lectures on "dogs" ought to be curtailed. Hallam, B.A. (at the Lit.)—So full of contradiction that he would throw up the window in the middle of the night and contradict the clock of the City Hall when it tolled the hour. McKee, '03—Though never nurtured in the lap of doctrine, yet I admonish you I am an intellectual chap, and can argue things that would astonish you.

CLASS '04 RECEPTION.

The class of '04 entertained their friends in the East Hall last evening, from 4 to 7. A very pleasant time indeed was spent promenadeing to the sweet music of Glionna's orchestra. The refreshments, which were served by R. J. Lloyd of Parkdale, were simply elegant. Too much praise cannot be given to President Baird and his energetic committee for the way they entertained their numerous friends. Of course, the dear, sweet, little second-year girls were much in evidence, on the stairs, in the halls, and everywhere they seemed to cast a brilliancy over the whole gathering.

The baseball tour will be the same as last year. The elections were as follows: President—Mr. Herbert Symington. Vice-President—Mr. Burt Gray. Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. A. Delury. Manager—Mr. Harry Chown. Captain—Mr. MacDiarmid.

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TRINITY MEDS.

Annual Banquet on Thursday Next, December 5th.

THIS ONE IS A DRY DINNER.

The annual banquet of Trinity Medical College will be held in the Temple Building on Thursday, December 5, at 8 o'clock.

We understand that this is to be a "dry" dinner. That is an experiment that has not been tried before in Trinity for some time, but it is becoming fashionable, and seems to work fairly well in other colleges.

The annual reception of the Lady Meds. is to be held in the Normal School, on December 9.

An epidemic of some form of throat affection seems to have broken out among the occupants of the benches of the Primary room.

One of the gentlemen of the second year was so attentive in the practical chemistry class the other day while Dr. Stuart was propounding the maxim that "when you are testing the solubility of a precipitate in any reagent, use a small portion of the precipitate."

The other day, when some of the third year men were discussing the class picture and incidentally the advisability of Mr. Eddies shaving his moustache before he took his sitting Mr. O'Reilly, by way of a suggestion, remarked: "Suppose we all shave our moustaches off before we have our pictures taken?"

It is our mournful duty to record another of those bereavements that frequently come to some of us. We refer to the death of Mr. Field's father.

The third year have decided to have their class picture done at Park Brothers. The committee are to be commended on the prompt and business-

like way in which they executed their commission of interviewing the photographers of the city. The excellent sample of Park's work in the final room of the class of 1900, and the fact that his price is as low as anyone else were the main reasons for the choice.

SENIOR MEDS.

On Nov. 25th the Medical Society concert was a distinct success. The lecturer and views were all that could be desired, and were very entertaining and instructive.

Dr. Rutherford, of the Sick Children's Hospital, and Mr. N. K. McLeod, '03, sang a few selections also.

Mr. D. Evans spent an hour last Tuesday morning in serious "reflection." He saw the hero of the future distinctly outlined, and posing by turns as grave and gay.

Such as your correspondent loathes to speak of, yet it becomes his painful duty to refer to the rather poor attendance on the part of the medical students at the concert on the evening of the 25th.

Some freshman is reported to be carrying a case. He will need a couple for next year if he goes at the same rate.

We are wondering if Percy got his hair yet. This is only a preliminary, but a very necessary one, of hygiene, and was, we understand, warmly recommended.

PRIMARY MEDS.

A freshman is asked a second year man if he had dissected the liver yet. No reply.

The freshies seem to be having their troubles in the dissecting-room. Most of them have started to dissect, and do not seem to be very apt as yet with the scalpel.

The third year have decided to have their class picture done at Park Brothers. The committee are to be commended on the prompt and business-

few of the boys went home to see the folks. The majority, however, stayed and continued work the following day. The Christmas vacation is less than three weeks away, when the grind will stop for two weeks.

ST. MICHAEL'S

An impromptu dance was held in the auditorium last Wednesday evening, under the direction of the Alleluia Club. About forty couples took part in the grand march, led by William Eagan and E. Moriarity, S.A.

Riley had to see his aunts, cousin, and uncles. He got out. Moriarity had to see about purchasing an overcoat. He got out.

It is quite likely that the famous "Onions" will be organized again. The membership is limited to ten, and former Secretary Cryne has that number selected from the different classes.

McGrath and Dan Sullivan have concluded to sign articles for a 25-round go. P. J. prefers skates for weapons, while Dan has a leaning towards tennis rackets.

Professor—What are the chief commandments in New York? Senator—(1) To keep sacred Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. R. Cumming, who represents College Topics at the School, had to go to Guelph last week, in charge of a sick cousin, and was unable to return until after the holiday.

Conan Doyle once met his match in the United States. Here is his own account of one of his adventures when on a lecturing tour.

"I arrived in Boston, and alighted from the train almost into the arms of a dozen cabbies. One of them had a dog-eared book peeping out of his pocket, and I instinctively called him, saying as I got in:

"You may drive me to Young's—or Parker's, perhaps."

"Pardon me," said the Jehu, "I think you'll find Major Pond waiting for you at Parker's, sir."

"What could I do but stare, and acquiesce by taking my seat speechlessly? We arrived, and the observant cabman was at the door. I started to pay my fare, when he said, quite respectfully:

"If it's not too great an intrusion, sir, I should greatly prefer a ticket for your lecture. If you have none of the printed ones with you, your agent would doubtless honor me with one of your visiting cards, if pencilled by yourself."

"I had to be gruff, or laugh outright, and so said: 'Come, come, I am not accustomed to be beaten at my own tricks. Tell me how you ascertained who I am, and you shall have tickets for your whole family, and such cigars as you smoke here in America besides.'"

"Of course, we all knew that you were coming on this train; that is, all of the members of the Cabmen's Literary Guild," was the half-apologetic re-

takes the place of Mr. A. D. Richard, who is seriously ill. The ice water committee for December will consist of the following efficient members: Walsh, Luby, Robinson, Nealon, Tim McAuley, and McGreavy.

Carey said it was an awful battle, the struggle between Turkey and Greece.

Half-past eight a.m. Mr. Pickett—How would you like to be an Oriole?

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

A meeting of the Engineering Society was held on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in Dr. Ellis' lecture room. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of, representatives to the Dental at home and the Varsity dinner were elected.

On Tuesday afternoon last the final inter-mediate Association football match was played on Varsity field between the S.P.S. II. and the Dentals' II.

The Senior School are practising hard getting ready for their next match with the Junior Meds., on December 6.

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KNOX COLLEGE.

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ALUMNI'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

All students interested in the welfare of Knox College should keep the evening of December 6 open. On that evening the annual at home is to be held. The following is a partial list of those who will take part in the program:

Vocalists—Mr. Drummond, tenor, Toronto; Miss Maud Banks, contralto, Toronto. Violinists—Mr. Thaden of Guelph, Mrs. E. A. Weicher of Chatham. Pianist—Mr. Church. Selections by the Knox College Glee Club. A full orchestra will discourse music for promenades. Tickets can be obtained from Mr. R. J. Wilson, room 15, Knox College, between the hours of 12 and 2 p.m. of each day. Rev. J. A. Turnbull of West Church, Rev. Prof. McLaren, and Rev. A. Gandler were the latest guests of the House Committee. All gave us some helpful advice more or less interspersed with humorous illustrations. Mr. Turnbull, judging by his remarks, seems to have taken not only the regulation course outlined in the calendar, but also the wider and more impressive (to the initiated) course of Knox residence. As one who had experienced the benefits of this latter training, he strongly advised all students having the ministry in view to spend at least one year in residence.

Commencing on Monday, December 2, and continuing until Friday evening, the annual conference of the Knox College alumni will be held. Interesting papers will be read and discussed on the live theological and sociological problems of the day. All meetings are open. Morning sessions begin at 10 o'clock, and the afternoon meetings at 2:30 o'clock. The following are some of those who will take part: Professors Kirschmann, Murison, Fraser, McCurdy of University College, McLaughlin of Victoria, Sheraton of Wycliffe, and McFadyen, Caven, McLaren, and Hallantyne of Knox.

Knox lectures will be cancelled this week during the hours the conference is in session.

The Library and Theological Society met as usual Tuesday evening. Mr. Andrew gave notice of the following motion, which he will move at our next regular meeting, December 19: (a) That the name of our society be changed to that of the Theological and Literary Society of Knox College; (b) that theological subjects form the major part of our discussions, each subject to be opened up by two members, one of whom shall prepare an essay and the other a critique on the essay. Mr. Andrew, in supporting this motion, cited his experience in Glasgow as an instance of the beneficial results that would ensue from our making this change in the nature of our society's effort. His strong speech was followed by those of Messrs. Little, Abraham, Burch, McLaren, Justice, and Beckett. The difficulties which might be in the way of the change were referred to in the discussion. Firstly, would the difference in the conditions of college life and of ministerial life in Canada make it advisable to adopt a method found suitable in Scottish and English universities. Secondly, would the students of Knox College be able or willing to devote the necessary time to the study of such subjects. Let every member of the society seriously consider Mr. Andrew's motion and come prepared to give an intelligent voice at our next meeting. It would be better to vote against the change if you do not see your way clear to devote the necessary time and application to the consideration of the theological problems which will be discussed semi-monthly if this motion is passed. Only hearty co-operation will ensure success in such a work as this motion involves.

Knox College athletes are upholding the honor of the college in connection with the autumn cross-country races. T. Graham and E. S. Carey have both gained first places in the Varsity Track Club's Saturday events. Mr. Carey's name also figures in the lists of the Ontario Athletic Association as one of the prize-winners in their Thanksgiving Day races. Keep it up, boys! A large number of the boys spent Thanksgiving elsewhere than in Knox College. Some have come back cheerful, some sad, and some have not arrived at all. A. J.—At the "Lit." discussion: "I do not desire to get into a theological rut, or to be developed only on my theological side. I desire to be developed on all my sides." An explanation of the growth of the mind is that it may naturally be adapted for division for family purposes. This answer would hardly satisfy the small and often large boy who thinks the family is in the way when a melon is the topic of consideration. Of course, Knox College has no small boys. A question as to the right use of words: It is improper to say persons are raised, but right to assert that they are reared. Query—Which is the more correct? Is J. L. raising his moustache or rearing it? S. Sov-n says neither is right and strongly advises Jimmie to follow his example. The Knox College Quartet are making a name for themselves, and for the glee club. This week they took part in concerts at Port Credit and at Sutton. Mr. A. L. Burch was announced as humorist at the latter place. What effect his jokes may have had on the people it is hard to say, but it took our friend nearly a whole day to recover from their after results. All the members of the quartet came back with a bad attack of (Quinn)-sey, and as a consequence do not speak to each other as they pass by.

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IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL. Goldwin Smith Discusses Its Relation to Morality. Prof. Goldwin Smith, writing to the New York Sun, says: The battle with Tammany did not suspend the discussion in your columns of the immortality of the soul and its relation to morality. Your correspondents are in the right. Nothing can be more intensely practical than this question. Since the subversion of religious belief, morality has been dragging its anchor, and its state of transitional perplexity is the result of the practical disturbance of the world. Mr. E. Sherman is brave enough to say that morality without immortality is a sentimental humbug. As an agnostic or an atheist, he claims the right of making his own moral law. Subjectively, no doubt, he has that right. Objectively, he will find the limit of the right in the club of the nearest policeman. Whatever turn may ultimately be taken by our convictions about a hereafter, society will uphold by law or social influence rules necessary to its own security and convenience here. It may even uphold them more rigorously, perhaps cruelly, if it is convinced that the present life is all. The natural affections, parental, conjugal, and social, will also retain their force. So far, however, as conscience is concerned I cannot help agreeing with Mr. Sherman. Immortality is an idea which my mind fails to grasp, as it fails to grasp the ideas of eternity, infinity, omnipotence, or first cause. But if this life ends all, I do not see how conscience can retain its authority. The authority of conscience, it seems to me, is religious. The sanction of its awards appears to be something beyond and above temporal interest, utility, or the dictates of society and law. In the absence of such a sanction what can there be to prevent a man from following his own inclinations, good or bad, beneficent or murderous, so long as he keeps within the pale of law or manages to escape the police? One man is a lamb by nature, another is a tiger. Why is not the tiger as well as the lamb to follow his nature so far as the law will let him or as he has power? Excellent, for instance, was by nature a devil incarnate, a sort of Satanic enthusiast of evil. What had merely utilitarian utility to say against his gratification of his propensities as long as he had power on his side?

VICTORIA COLLEGE

Our annual conversat. is to be held on Friday, December 6, in the College building, and arrangements are being made to ensure it being in every respect up to the high standard set by similar functions in previous years.

The Mandolin and Guitar Club is being reorganized this fall, and there is every promise of a large membership for this society, which can serve so well the twofold purpose of benefiting its members and of bringing Vic. more prominently before the public.

At the last regular meeting of the Literary Society an interesting discussion on the question of continuing the Bob evidenced the wonderful unanimity that prevails among the students of Victoria that this distinctive feature of our college shall and must not be allowed to drop into oblivion. Without a dissenting voice the meeting expressed its hearty support of this unique, fascinating, and instructive manner of introducing our freshmen and freshettes into college life.

We have won three intercollegiate alley games, played during last week, as follows:

- A series—Vic.—Dentals, 34-24. B series—Vic.—Dentals, 28-21. C series—Vic.—Toronto Meds., 39-10. The Union Literary Society held its open meeting for this term on Saturday evening, Nov. 23. Hon. C. J. James, M.A., the Honorary President of the Society, occupied the chair during the literary session, opening the meeting by a neat chairman's address. The College Glee Club gave two numbers in their usual good form. Mr. Taylor's recital of "Bingen on the Rhine" as executed by an old hero of the field, who supported several artificial appendages as a result of participating in the great victory, was very heartily applauded. Mr. Bishop sang a solo to the evident delight of all. Mr. Eckhardt's Dutch recitation from real life was a feature of the program. During this session the class photo of '01 was unveiled by Prof. McLaughlin, and the Tennis trophies won in the recent tournament were presented to the various winners by the chairman.

Then followed the business session, when the real battle of the evening began. After Government business had been disposed of, the Opposition proposed to subject His Majesty's loyal Government to severe criticism. After turning on the searchlights of investigation into various misdeeds of the said Government, they tried to overthrow them on a motion of want of confidence. This was, however, defeated, but the miscreants could not escape. Dissension in the Cabinet, together with a noticeable party split is responsible for the fact that the recent Government will occupy the Opposition benches next night. The chief assailants from the Government benches of the maladministration of the De Miller-Beer Government were Auger and Hamilton, whose speeches deserve special mention. The discussions throughout were witty and intensely interesting.

The new campus is rapidly being put into shape, at least in so far as the Union is at liberty to touch it. Unfortunately, two wonderful historic trees stand in the way, and some of the "powers that be" are of the opinion that these trees are of more value than many campuses. However, where there's a will there's a way, and the Athletic Union possesses a very strong will. Up to the present point, the expense has been very heavy, the pay sheet running up to nearly \$150 a week, but for all that not a cent of debt has been incurred. Athletic prospects are brighter than they have ever been before. The rink committee has been doing a great deal of hustling, and as a result, the applications for the two new rinks are far more numerous than can be accepted.

The proposal to place shower baths, up-to-date in every respect, in the dressing room, has met with the warmest approval on every hand. Even the aforementioned "powers that be" were somewhat mollified when they learned that it would not be absolutely necessary to remove the foundations of the building. With new shower baths, a good campus, and a little encouragement, the baseball team in the spring, a prospective lacrosse team, and next fall's football aggregation, with Thompson on the full-back line, will all be in a position to show others how to do it. So far we have been beating against the wind; with the breezes in our back, something will have to give way. At least, Bert Hamilton thinks this will prove true, and he is in a very good position to know.

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TEMPERANCE DAY.

Students' Day at Massey Hall Next Sunday. ADDRESSES BY REPRESENTATIVES. The students' day meeting, to be held in Massey Hall next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, under the auspices of the Canadian Temperance League, promises to be one of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings of its kind. The question of "Total Abstinence" is one that is receiving greater attention from our students every year, and we dare say that these annual gatherings have done, and are doing, a great deal to keep this question before the minds of our college men.

Untiring efforts have been put forth by the League to make Sunday's meeting not only an attractive but a helpful one. The following gentlemen, representing their respective colleges, will address the meeting: Messrs. A. C. Farrell, Victoria; Dugald Brown, McMaster; H. E. Abraham, B.A., Knox; W. H. Vance, Victoria. F. W. Hovey, B.A., of Trinity, will have charge of the devotional exercises, and Prof. J. G. Hume, M.A., Ph.D., of Toronto University, will occupy the chair.

The Varsity Glee Club, under the direction of Conductor Cringan, will render several sacred selections. Let every student turn out and help in making this meeting an interesting and helpful one to all. Meeting at Massey Hall, Sunday, December 8, commencing sharp at 3 o'clock.

Y. M. C. A.

The Rev. A. Gandler, B.D., of St. James' Square Presbyterian church, is expected to address the regular meeting on Thursday of this week at 5 p.m. Very helpful and instructive addresses have been given already this year at these Thursday afternoon meetings. Mr. Gandler will have something for you.

Mr. F. W. Anderson, B.A. '99, who is now travelling secretary of the Canadian Colleges' Mission and College Y. M. C. A. Secretary for Ontario and Quebec, has recently been appointed missionary of the C. C. M., to commence work among the students of India next fall. Mr. Anderson is well known to us, and since one of our own graduates is now to represent us in the far East, our interest in that work will be greatly increased. The Provincial Committee is looking for students to engage in evangelical work during the coming vacation. During the last two vacations bands have done work in Orillia, Bradford, Port Colborne, and Waterford, and were the means of accomplishing no small good in these places. The experience gained in this work is a blessing in the lives of those participating in it. Any of our members who desire to engage in the work this year kindly see the General Secretary at once.

A HORRIBLE EXAMPLE.

There never was in any part of Great Britain a body of men whose business it was, or whose duty it was, to watch over or to guard the growth of our nation. Hence we are driven to the conclusion that the English language never could spell itself. Hence, again, we have no right to wonder if very few true-born Englishmen know how to spell their own language correctly. A very comic illustration of this fact is given in one of the blue-books. In a dictation test given in one of the civil service examinations, a young gentleman had the word usage to spell, and he contrived to make thirteen errors in this one word. How did he manage this feat? By the ingenious process of leaving out every one of the five letters that make up the word "usage," and by employing eight letters, not one of which is to be found in the right spelling. He spelled the word "yoozitch"; eight plus five equal thirteen.—Professor Meiklejohn in the London Outlook.

IT'S UP TO YOU, BOYS.

There is a tradition that one of the newcomers into the divinity building, upon entering one night the room which had been assigned to him, discovered a notice bearing these words, "Please turn out the light." Without reading any further he rushed with lightning-like speed to the button, turned out the light, and then sat shivering in the darkness until morning. Now to those who are studying ethics we should like to submit this question. Is this misguided youth to be blamed for his rashness in neglecting to read the whole of the notice, or is he to be commended for the zeal and self-sacrifice he displayed in his eagerness to obey the rules?—The Mitre.

JOHN FLANAGAN'S NEW RECORD.

World's Champion Hurler the 56-Pound Weight 28 Feet 10 1/2 Inches. New York, Dec. 1.—John Flanagan, holder of probably more records at weight-throwing than all other men in the same sports, added a new set of figures to the books last night by hurling the "56" a distance of 28 feet 10 1/2 inches, at the combined athletic meeting of the Pastime A.C. and Company G. 8th Regiment, in the latter's army, at Park avenue and Ninety-fourth street. The national and world's champion was at the post of honor in this event, and conceded liberal marks. He was not long in making inroads on the handicaps of the best men, and on his fifth throw got the sphere out the remarkable distance above mentioned. He threw, swinging both arms around his head, from a stand, with a half-circle described by the left foot.

NOTES OF THE MUSICAL CLUB.

The Harmonic Club has been requested to give a concert in Ottawa some time in January. If satisfactory arrangements can be made, a trip east will be taken after Christmas, and will include Peterboro and Lindsay as well. The city concert has begun to be mooted already. It will probably be

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These lectures will all be delivered at 4.10 p.m. in the Chemical Amphitheater. The lectures are free, and everyone is invited. It will well repay anyone to attend them.

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