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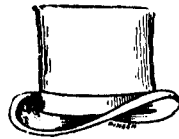
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## MORGAN'S.

I came to a mill by the river side,  
A half a mile long and nearly as wide,  
With a forest of stacks and an army of men  
Toiling at Furnace and Shovel and Pen.  
"What a most magnificent plant," I cried,  
And a man with a smudge on his face replied,  
"It's Morgan's."

I entered a train and rode all day  
On a regal coach and right of way  
Which reached out its arms all over the land  
In a system too large to understand.  
"A splendid property, this," I cried,  
And a man with a plate on his hat replied,  
"It's Morgan's."

I sailed on a great ship trim and true  
From pennon to keel, and cabin to crew;  
And the ship was one of a monster fleet,  
A first-class navy could scarce compete.  
"What a beautiful craft she is," I cried,  
And a man with akimbo legs replied,  
"It's Morgan's."

I dwelt in a nation filled with pride,  
Her people were many, her lands were wide,  
Her record in war, and science, and art  
Proved greatness of muscle, and mind, and heart.  
"What a grand old country it is," I cried,  
And a man with his chest in the air replied,  
"It's Morgan's."

I went to Heaven. The jasper walls  
Towered high and wide, and the golden halls  
Shone bright around. But a strange new mark  
Was over the gate, viz.: "Private Park."  
"Why, what is the meaning of this," I cried,  
And a saint with livery on replied,  
"It's Morgan's."

I went to the only place left. "I'll take  
A chance in the boat on the brimstone lake,  
Or perhaps I may be allowed to sit  
On the griddled floor of the bottomless pit."  
But a leering lout with thorns on his face  
Cried out as he forked me off the place,  
"It's Morgan's."

## NOTES BY A GRADUATE.

Were one to go from where he might be and sit 'midst things Varsity for a fortnight or so, then might he sufficiently understand what should be trump and play accordingly; but, in the absence of such a privilege, the temptation to "pass" is almost irresistible, when one's genial partner of the pen asks him what he has to say. However this temptation has proved resistible because the courteous editor has promised his "assistance," and so the undersigned takes up the card and plays his hand after the following manner:

\* \* \*

"Give us something to cheer for" shrieked the *Toronto World* some weeks ago, and the shriek is so much like "the voice of one crying in the wilderness" that its use as a text should be readily forgiven. Whether W. F. Maclean, Esq., M.P., can or ever will give the great Conservative Party "something to cheer for" is a matter much doubted; on the other hand, that greater men could and ever should give greater parties something to cheer for is a matter much established—for example, the greater University of Toronto Party is sadly in want of this something and its learned Chancellor and its eloquent Principal could and should supply the want. This Party is but one of human beings and as such requires that its glorious traditions and latent vitality should be personified. But to return to the greater Party, one would not hesitate to say that, if the eloquent Principal will allow the personification, and as such travel somewhat from his sanctum sanctorum, he need not put anything better in his grip than his "Response to the toast Alma Mater at the University College dinner, December 10th, 1901." Philosophical in thought, classical in diction and mathematical in wit, this oration, if delivered in different parts of Ontario, would suffice to draw a cheer from the most cheerless of "the sons and daughters of our Alma Mater," and contribute much towards making them "as lamps to lighten the exceeding darkness of the world," 'Tis almost a truism that Queen's University is Principal Grant, and a fact well known to those who have had the pleasure of meeting students of this university that they are *a la* their Principal, and though by our modern Psychology we are not so taught as to pray that the individuality of any man should be so forcibly and simply stamped upon "the empty tablet" of the student, yet a little "stamping" would not hurt him as an undergraduate and might be a never-failing source of inspiration to him as a graduate.

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Following up the above lead it may be said that the University of Toronto Harmonic Club gave the rank and file of the party throughout Eastern Ontario "something to cheer for" during its recent tour. In a very happy and original manner this club personifies Varsity traditions and vitality and awakes decadent memories in the hearts

of "the outside vote." Even in the Dominion Capital, "so cosmopolite and so non-provincial," the ambitious alumni and the critical alumnae rallied to the concert and cried "encore" even to a student's satisfaction. The local Alumni Association pulled itself together—for an afternoon—and royalty, or rather vice-royalty, entertained their honored guests. The enthusiastic and withal dignified manner in which the latter partook of this entertainment has made the citizens of Ottawa to know that Ottawa College is not the only Varsity, wide-famed as it is for athletics in general and football in particular. The Harmonic Club tour should be recognized as a missionary one tending to prepare the way for a still more personal University propaganda.

Such another might be a tour of the Athletic Clubs. We venture to believe that, if the University of Toronto Rugby Club were to appear at least once in every ten years in each of the cities and larger towns of Ontario, many a gray-haired graduate would cheer—aye, even against his own burg—for the "Royal Blue and White," who hasn't seen a strip of the hunting for perchance a generation. Such cheering may seem but enthusiasm for the nonce and all "in the air," but the air is oxygenated, and if it ever reaches the heart and lungs of the body, University will breed that in the bone of its children which will not down until their revered mother has "food to eat and raiment to put on." Until that time comes it belongeth to her "sons and daughters after the flesh" to see that respiration is made as easy as possible by the removal of whatever tendeth to blanket her from the wind of popular favor. This duty can perhaps best be undertaken by those of the family as yet unweaned, for truly many of the weaned, being nourished on popular favor, must needs often sail to windward of their mother. And thus 'tis the undergraduate, so safely critical and independent, that should anticipate all such jockeying, 'tis he who should force the jockeys to leeward ere he too, "having an axe to grind," must needs catch some wind himself for the process. Let him but see to this for a few short years, and once more in her lusty womanhood, "foursquare to every wind that blows," his Alma Mater "will rise up and call him blessed."

With profuse apologies, if entering another's sphere, the writer here takes the liberty of asking what the present undergraduate body is doing towards earning the blessing. Is it doing anything to attract the wind upon the sails? Talking is often a poor magnet, but has it ever even talked? A provincial election is almost at hand and the University question is, or as least should be, one of the issues. Unless it is all the "wind" is going to blow upon others that are. The prohibitionists and the anti-prohibitionists are using no small amount, but their magnetic power will be according to their horse-power, and in affairs of State so many horse-power means so many votes. The undergraduate body of Toronto University represents at least a thousand votes, and if it had acted in a certain direction during the present session of the Ontario Legislature, this entire vote might have been polled in one of the Toronto constituencies, and necessarily holding the balance of power, could have rendered him, for whom it was cast, to be practically the undergraduates' M.P.P. That such action has not been taken would tend to show that the policy of the "unweaned" as well as "weaned" section of the greater University Party is one of *laissez faire* and that such a policy is the primary cause of a similar policy on the part of the two great secular parties in their relations to the Uni-

versity issue. Faith in the constitution and principles of our party leads us to hope that more than "cold charity" will yet come, but we cannot but think that its *long coming* is partly due to the *short comings* of those who should ere this have carried the war into Africa for the honor of their party and the glory of their Alma Mater.

The VARSITY of January 21st contained an editorial upon the examination system. The *Westminster* (Toronto) of February 1st contained an editorial upon the same system. The editor of the latter paper has been recently accused of writing his leaders after consultation with his friend, the Premier of Ontario, but hitherto he has not been suspected of hobnobbing with Editor McFarland. Such a suspicion might possibly contain more truth than the accusation. At any rate the clerical editor is probably approaching the student view when he says that "the bookish character of our public school education is the inevitable outcome of our examination system." We venture to add that the lack of much original and practical leadership among University students is the equally inevitable outcome of the aforesaid bookish character. We have yet to hear that any representative body of Toronto students has publicly expressed its opinion and action upon certain questions which are of essential import to intelligent students and deserve expression at their hands. If any such body exists, pray what has it to say on all those debatable questions which should be so much implied in any decent discussion upon "The Trend of Education?" Let it not so conceit itself as to believe that it can any longer thrive "far from the maddening fire" to do so. Its thrift is now conditioned upon the earthly limelight of public opinion, and the surest way to acquire some of the latter is to show oneself pregnant with ideas. A student body should be a most fruitful thing. It should bring forth ideas. The mercantile world, the world of capital and labor, of rich and poor, is sadly in need of such offspring and stands ready to welcome their birth, for 'tis not a mere theory, but a nation's experience that in the trend of education lies the happiness and misery of our fellow Canadians. To thoroughly grasp the intricate problems of this work-a-day world—and in such grasping alone lies a satisfactory solution—both the capitalist and the laborist must be more or less educated, ideas. The work-a-day world of Ontario is that upon which the University of Toronto, as at present constituted, is dependent. It is to such a world that it must justify its existence; it is before such a world that it must plead its salvation; and the writer, true to his Presbyterian forbears, throws up his hand with the remark that justification must precede salvation.

Ottawa, Feb. 4th, 1902. ALEX. I. FISHER, '01.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

Mr. J. A. Cooper, editor of the Canadian Magazine, will address the club on "Journalism of the Future," at their regular meeting on Thursday Feb. 13th, at 4 o'clock in room 2. Members and friends of the club are cordially invited to attend.

### MASS MEETING.

A mass meeting of all the undergraduates will be held in the Students' Union on Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. to discuss the probability of Mr. Brebner's resignation of the office of Registrar.

## THE CONVERSAT.

The Main Building was *en fete* on Wednesday night last on the occasion of the annual *conversazione* of the Literary Society. The decorations easily surpassed anything ever seen before on an occasion of this kind. With a building like ours it is easy for the decorator to be so lavish with his colors as to hide the natural beauty of the interior, but those in charge of this feature of the preparations this year seem to have had the happy faculty of using just enough decoration to bring out and accentuate that beauty. The Rotunda was turned into a palm-garden, and very many couples sat out dances "in the shade of the sheltering palm" as they say in "Floradora." The two large halls were set apart for dancing, while the dimly lighted corridors down-stairs were ideal places for "strolling in society." The exhibits of the departmental societies were all exceedingly interesting, but did not receive the attention which they deserved. The exhibit of the Department of Physics, which included demonstrations of X-Rays and Wireless Telegraphy, and was under the supervision of Dr. J. C. McLennan, proved to be the most popular, and Room 16 where it was held was crowded throughout the demonstration. The Natural Science Association had a very interesting exhibit in the Ladies' Cloak Room, which was enjoyed by a great many of the guests.

To the younger people the dancing was of course the chief feature. This was probably the first conversat at which one could dance in comfort. Usually the two halls are so crowded that one can scarcely get around, but on Wednesday night the floors were plenty large enough to accommodate all who wished to dance. The music for the dancing was supplied by the Glionna-Maricano Orchestra, which is equivalent to an assertion that it was all that could be desired. Some confusion was caused at first by the fact that the orchestras in the two halls did not appear to be aware of each other's doings, but after the first few dances everything went smoothly and harmoniously.

At half-past eight the Lady Patronesses met in the Principal's room and were escorted to the west hall, where, with Dr. W. P. Thompson, the popular President of the Literary Society, they received the guests. They were then conducted around the building to see the different exhibits, and afterwards refreshments were served to the Lady Patronesses, members of the Faculty, and guests of the Principal in the Elementary Physical Laboratory. An orchestra stationed in the Rotunda rendered an excellent programme from eight thirty until the dancing commenced at ten o'clock.

The invited guests were: Miss Mowat, the Premier and Mrs. Ross, Speaker and Madame Evanturel, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt, Mr. and Mrs. Latchford, Mr. and Mrs. Dryden, Mr. and Mrs. Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Chancellor and Lady Meredith, Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Moss, President and Mrs. Loudon, Vice-President and Mrs. Ramsey Wright, Principal and Mrs. Hutton, the members of the Faculty, Chancellor and Mrs. Robinson, Chancellor and Mrs. Wallace, Provost and Mrs. Macklem, Dr. and Mrs. Burwash, Dr. and Mrs. Caven, Father Teefy, Principal and Mrs. Hughes, Dr. and Mrs. Parkin, Principal and Mrs. Manley, Chief Justice Armour, Chief Justice and Mrs. Falconbridge, Principal and Mrs. Spotton, Principal and Mrs. Embree, the Postmaster-General and Mrs. Mulock, Mr. and Mrs. Flavelle, Col. and Mrs. Sweeny, Mr. and Mrs. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. George Gooderham, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gooderham,

Mr. and Mrs. Jaffray, Mr. and Mrs. George Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Matthews Mr. and Mrs. G. R. R. Cockburn, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hammond, Prof. Goldwin Smith and Mrs. Smith, Hon. S. H. Blake, Mr. John Hoskin and Mrs. Hoskin, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Walker, Hon. A. T. Wood and Mrs. Wood, Col. and Mrs. Denison, Col. and Mrs. Otter, Col. and Mrs. Grasset, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beardmore.

## Wycliffe Notes

Superintending Editor - F. G. Kilmaster.

On Friday evening the Wycliffe Literary and Theological Society held its first regular program meeting for the season 1902. In view of counter attractions of such importance as the Osgoode At-Home, the Engineers' Dance, and the new *Star* which nightly makes its appearance in the heavens a little to the south, provoking much curiosity and interest among astronomers, philosophers and scientists of the University, among whom might be mentioned our three "*Lukens*," the attendance was not what it should have been.

Nevertheless, the sterling qualities of the program offered was, to put the matter mildly, a revelation to all present. Mr. Fraser contributed a vocal selection entitled "the Sip see neveh return," with all the dramatic fire and abandon peculiar to his native Cree country. An address on the University examination question, by Mr. James, proved to be one of the most profound and eloquent effusions with which that dignified gentleman has yet favored his friends. The audience was evidently in sympathy with these practical remarks, weighed and measured out after a week's original research around the College. That the day of reckoning is at hand seems to have dawned upon Wycliffites at last, since they have settled down to inveterate plugging almost to a man. As a result, one's peaceful slumbers are disturbed daily by musical selections from a score or so of alarm clocks at various intervals between 12 p.m. and the hour when ordinary mortals are wont to rise. To return to the program, Mr. Taylor next mounted the conductor's stool, and in a dignified style, comparable only to that of the great Nicksich himself, wielded the baton to the classical strains of "Creole Belles." Mr. Groff also contrived to make some timely remarks upon the Prohibition question. In words of almost matchless eloquence, he dilated upon the superiority of Canadian eau-de-vil over the same commodity as manufactured by our American cousins. Mr. G. ended by advocating Government control of the whole liquor traffic. Mr. Rolfe, who has been getting hints this week from the great Kubelik, volunteered a couple of violin solos, which were enthusiastically received.

Mr. Wilkinson has of late been much engrossed in the study of the art of coquetry in which he has become an enthusiast, but condescended to sacrifice a few minutes of valuable time, and give an account of his journey to Old England this summer in a cattle ship. The experiences of this novel sea voyage were if anything more exciting than those attending a summer of roughing it on a western cattle ranch. The ultimate end of pleasure may be realized, however, provided mal-de-mer doesn't spoil the fun. Exceptional opportunities for studying character were offered, since Mr. W's. fellow passengers numbered from 300 to 500, no less than 25 of whom were Durhams who were frequently inclined to resort to extreme measures if they didn't receive their regular allowance of drinks in the

proper season. In conclusion Mr. W. hoped that all who were looking forward to a *ministerial* career might see their way clear to make arrangements for a similar trip on a trans-atlantic liner during the coming summer, if for no other reason than to study character, and there is no end of subjects.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of 'Varsity :

DEAR SIR,—The question of the advisability of introducing into University College a system of semi-annual final examinations is of such importance that one wonders at the silence that has succeeded your editorial notice on the subject some few weeks ago.

Such a system as the one proposed could of course assume many forms, but all things considered, I imagine that the division of the examinations into two unequal sections, the smaller to be written off in December, would prove the most acceptable to the students, if any change at all were made. It would be advisable, I take it, that in that event, the curriculum be readjusted so as to draw some slight line of demarcation between the studies examined upon before Christmas, and those after. That such a rearrangement is practicable in all the courses I have no doubt, being certain of it in the cases of a couple of the principal courses, with the nature of which I am to some extent familiar. That, however, is a matter of detail.

What I am concerned with here is whether the system of semi-annual final examinations would be, from the standpoint of the average student an improvement, on the existing situation.

It cannot be maintained with any force that under the new order, the work of the year would be more thoroughly performed than at present. The extent of the acquisition of various kinds of knowledge and the length of time for which such knowledge is retained is, after all, a matter of individual concern, and (in an arts course at least) is best left to be dealt with by the individual student, according to his capacity and bent. It is most probable that under the proposed system of semi-annual examinations, the student, so far as his learning is concerned, would fare neither better nor worse than he does at present.

What constitutes the chief merit of the new system is not that it will result in a more thorough assimilation of the term work, but that it will undoubtedly to a very noticeable degree mitigate the pernicious habit of spring cramming, which seems to be a necessary concomitant of our present system of examination. If the examinations be held in two batches, the work of the year must be inevitably distributed more evenly throughout the Michaelmas and Easter Term. It may be controverted that by this division of the examination you merely substitute *two* periods of mental strain for one, and only succeed in increasing the evil you have set about to mitigate. Such an argument carries much weight, being based upon an evident fact, for it cannot be doubted that under the proposed scheme, two periods of cramming would take the place of one, and therefore to a person opposed to the practice of cramming the system on trial would stand condemned.

One cannot, however, admit that the system of cramming is in itself bad. On the contrary, the habit of working at a high pressure, and of accomplishing much in a short period of time, is an extremely valuable acquisition for the work of after life; and if at the University a man should learn no more than this, his time would not

be misspent. What is wrong with the spring cramming as it now exists, is that, on account of the tremendous extent of ground to be covered, it is usually carried beyond its natural limits. In a properly arranged scheme of semi-annual examinations, we should retain the real advantages, while discarding the defects, of the cramming system.

To maintain this is not, however, to say the last word. The proposed innovation is open to attack in another quarter. It has often been asserted, and is generally accepted by educationists as a correct statement, that an institution like University College does not exist solely for the purpose of imparting learning, which may or may not be of value to the undergraduate in his future career; but that the social side of University life, and that of the sports, deserve attention at his hands. It is argued that under a system of December and May examinations, both the social functions and the sports would suffer much neglect.

With regard to the social functions a mere readjustment of their dates so as to scatter them throughout what would be the three leisure months for the average undergraduate (October, January and February), would leave them even better off than now. In the case of the sports the matter is not so simple. Though skating and hockey might, and doubtless would, receive an impetus under the altered conditions, yet football, *par excellence* the University sport of this continent, would inevitably suffer a considerable check, whether for better or for worse I am not prepared to say.

It would appear, then, that the question of semi-annual final examinations is, to borrow a phrase, neither black nor white, but grey. From the few disjointed observations I have made, I am led to the conclusion that, from the point of view of the average student, the system proposed would prove better than the one now existing. I have made no attempt to exhaust the subject, and I hope before the term is out, it will receive from more competent hands, a thorough ventilation in these columns, that a decisive step may be taken by the Senate, one way or the other, before the beginning of next October.

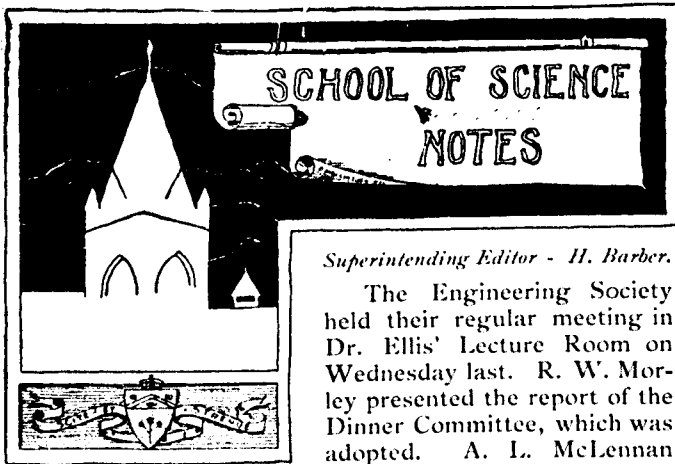
I am, sir, yours, etc.,

A. COHEN.

Toronto, Feb. 7th, 1902.

We regret to have to record the death of a very promising student of the University, Wm. A. Charlton, eldest and only surviving son of A. Charlton, Esq., M.P.P., who died on January 26th.

Mr. Charlton was in the Political Science Class of '99, but was unable to proceed further after finishing his third year. His long and often very painful illness was borne with great patience, and he never lost the bright cheerfulness which endeared him to those who knew him. He continued to the very last to take a keen and intelligent interest in the affairs of the University and in the questions of the day. Only a few days before his death he remarked that in spite of much suffering the last three years had been pleasant ones, for he had been able to read and to see his friends. The funeral service was attended by the President, Prof. MacCurdy, Prof. Mavor, Mr. Murison, and several students of his class, two of whom (Mr. Howard MacLean and Mr. S. Blumberger) acted as pall-bearers. His body was laid to rest in Lyndoche cemetery beside those of his two brothers—Paul, who died in 1894, and Stanley, a student of the class of '02 in Medicine, who died in 1899.



Superintending Editor - H. Barber.

The Engineering Society held their regular meeting in Dr. Ellis' Lecture Room on Wednesday last. R. W. Morley presented the report of the Dinner Committee, which was adopted. A. L. McLennan and R. Cumming were chosen

as representatives for the election of the Athletic Directorate, and H. P. Rust as representative at Queen's Dinner. The proposed amendment of the constitution after considerable discussion was held over until the next meeting, when we hope some rather obscure points will be elucidated. Two valuable papers were given by 4th Year students, A. T. McMaster and F. C. Smallpiece. The former described several different styles of "Conveyors," which were illustrated by lantern slides. The latter's paper was "Aluminum as a Conductor." He described its conductivity and chemical properties and compared it with copper. It is easily drawn into wires, but will stretch and contract more than copper. It is very difficult to solder, so a resort is made to mechanical joints. As it is much lighter than copper, and almost as good a conductor, it promises to be a strong rival at no distant date.

C. H. Marrs got his foot badly cut at the rink on Saturday afternoon. C. R. Young is at present in the General Hospital, suffering from the mumps. We hope to see both with us again shortly.

Mr. J. H. Alexander, B.A., of the 2nd Year, is writing on the Junior D.T.S. Exam. this week.

Mr. M. B. Weekes, B.A. Sc., who held the fellowship in Mining Engineering last year, was a visitor at the School on Friday last.

There have been many enquiries regarding the new building erected on the terrace. "Prof." Graham has authorized us to state that it is the new School, and that it is specially fitted up for the incoming freshmen.

A number of 3rd and 4th Year students went down to Bertram's to see the launching of the "Montreal." They say that owing to the stress of work they could not remain for the banquet.

W. W. Maddison, of 1st Year, is dropping out for this term. We hope to see him again next year.

F. R. Miller, a well known figure in School affairs in two previous years—perhaps better known as "Scrappy" visited the School on Saturday. The 1st Year gave an Art Exhibition in his honor. It must have filled his soul with delight that the brush still flourished. Nine or ten "physogs," artistically decorated, fearful yet wonderful to behold, including the redoubtable B-y-e, were held up for inspection.

"Hello stranger! Were you at the Engineers' Dance? Well, if you were not you missed one of the best things of the season, as it was a decided success.

On Monday the Senior School went down before the

Dentals to the tune of 11-4. The score does not indicate the play, as the School's goal-keeper was under the weather, and the substitute was not able to connect with the Dental's shots. Unfortunately Lang was ruled off during a rather exciting passage at arms, and the Dents found the net three times, while he viewed matters from the fence. The School expected to be beaten, but not quite so badly. Perhaps we can lay the defeat to the inclemency of the weather, which acted as a damper on our forward line, who never developed any dangerous propensity to shoot.

The Freshies had a game, too, but we have not heard much of it since. We presume that their correspondent had an appointment that evening, and so could not bring his mind to bear on the game. Or perhaps he joined the Painter's Union on Saturday morning, and has decided to drive the brush in preference to the pen.

## The College Girl.

Superintending Editor - Miss F. R. Amos, '02.

The would-be chronicler of the sayings and doings of The College Girl during the past week, finds herself in a sad plight, strongly resembling that of the famous Old Mother Hubbard. It will be remembered that when that estimable old lady sought the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone,

"When she got there,  
The cupboard was bare,  
And so the poor dog got none."

In the present case, "the poor dog," to continue the figure, cannot, at the best, expect anything but very scanty fare, because though in some respects the week has been eventful, none of its happenings seem to fall lawfully within the scope of this column.

The conversazione was, of course, the great event of the week. Even those unfortunates who did not share directly in its delights, felt that something unusual was in the air. It is surely an occurrence of no small importance that can convert a common, every-day cloak room into a natural history museum, and replace harmless coats and hats by ferocious looking wild beasts; that can turn the Senate Room, that mysterious Bluebeard's chamber, into a dressing-room, and disturb the existing order of things in a dozen other ways. As for those happy damsels who actually explored the mysteries of the "Conversat," their pleasant experience has been described by other pens.

After all most of us can look forward to the approaching Lenten Season with a fair amount of equanimity. There is something appalling in the way that time flies and work accumulates, and the absence of a certain number of our distractions seems something much to be desired even at this early date.

All Varsity girls are requested to lend their presence and support to the debate between Victoria and University Colleges, which is to take place in Alumni Hall at Victoria, next Wednesday at four o'clock. It must be a subject for regret that various things conspire to make occasions of this kind rather few in number, and to hinder any great degree of intercourse with the women of other colleges. This time it is hoped that our Literary Society will be largely represented.

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TORONTO, February 11th, 1902.

## EDITORIAL.

IT has been publicly announced that McGill University is trying to secure the services of Mr. James Brebner, B.A., as Registrar, and with that end in view has offered him a salary considerably in advance of the remuneration which he receives here at Toronto. Their offer is, we believe, \$1,800 a year with an annual increase of \$100 until his salary reaches \$2,500. This is a tempting offer, and the sum is considerably more than Mr. Brebner's present salary. Under these circumstances it is most natural that the Registrar should seriously consider the question of placing his services at the disposal of the eastern university unless the government here are prepared to offer him some inducement to remain. At the present stage in its development the University of Toronto can ill afford to lose men like Mr. Brebner, it has too few of them as it is. The Registrar is a man who works unceasingly for the advancement of our university, who spares himself neither time nor trouble in the effort to keep our alma mater in the front rank of educational institutions. This university can be built up only by the personal labors of men who are willing to throw their whole souls into the work, and the worth of such men cannot be expressed in terms of dollars and cents. It is a suicidal policy to allow the invaluable services of a man like the Registrar to be applied to the development of what must be to a certain extent a rival institution, when a few hundred dollars a year can prevent it. Mr. Brebner's unflinching courtesy and kindness have won for him the esteem of the whole undergraduate body, while his close attention to the duties of his office, and the perfection which the management of his department has attained, cannot fail to have gained the approval of the members of the Senate and Faculty. If the government succeed in inducing Mr. Brebner to remain at Toronto they will have earned the gratitude of every one who is interested in the welfare of this university.

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FINANCIALLY the Annual Conversat was a failure, however successful it may have been in other ways. Frequently in a case of this kind, when some university function has not been a financial success, the onus of blame has been rightly applied to the undergraduates. Fortunately it was not the apathy and neglect of the

students which caused the Conversat Committee's financial statement to show a deficit. The undergraduates almost to a man took a keen interest in the function, and probably a greater percentage of them were present on Wednesday evening than ever before. Those whose absence were conspicuous were the so-called "friends of the university." This institution has always had a certain number of adherents and supporters among the city people, and Conversat Committees have always counted on their practical support. This year their expectations were not realized and the result is apparent.

The question is: Why did not the friends of the university give the Conversat the practical support which has been customary? Undoubtedly the fact that three other large dances took place in the same week had something to do with the small attendance at the Varsity function. Trinity, Osgoode, and the Toronto Engineers have each a certain following, in the minds of whom its dance would naturally occupy the first place, to the total exclusion if necessary of the others. We may safely conclude that if the Conversat had been the only large dance during the week the attendance would have been considerably larger, especially since Lent begins this week.

But it is impossible to believe that the proximity of the other dances explains all of the very great decrease in attendance. There must be some other cause. Formerly the floors were almost always uncomfortably crowded, and this may account for some of the decrease, in which case the next Conversat will have a monster attendance because it will have become noised abroad that there was no crowding this year. But there is a possible reason which deserves more serious consideration. Would it not be advisable to rejuvenate the old style of Conversat at which there was no dancing? It has been suggested, not without reason, that the Conversat has become nothing but a huge dance, with a few side-shows thrown in for the benefit of chaperons and "wall-flowers." Unfortunately this seems to be borne out by the facts, because it is indisputable that the departmental exhibits on Wednesday night did not receive the attention from the guests which they merited. We may safely say that of the crowd who attended this year's Conversat quite eighty per cent. cared only for the dancing. Anyone who was present will realize that this is a modest estimate. We may conclude then that the Conversat, as at present constituted, is primarily a dance. Is it then fulfilling its mission, or the purpose for which it was inaugurated? The object of the Conversat is to entertain the friends of the university, and the vast majority of the friends whose friendship may prove useful to this institution are middle-aged and elderly people, over whom dancing has long ceased to exert its charms. True their sons and daughters may worship at the shrine of Terpsichore, but they are sufficiently provided for with "the Rugby" and the Engineers' dance. The fact that dancing has become the predominating feature of the Conversat may explain the decrease in attendance, because undoubtedly it was the older people who were missed this year. Beginning with this year there will be annually two large Varsity dances, one given by the Rugby Club and the other by the Engineers, and it would surely not be a very great hardship for the young people to give the Conversat up entirely to their elders by eliminating any feature which does not appeal to them and making it a function the purpose of which is the entertainment of the friends of the university. In any case the subject deserves the most careful attention of the Literary Society.





# Varsity Vanquished by Champions.

## HOCKEY.

### SUMMARY.

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Dentals . . . . .	6	Junior S.P.S. . . . .	2

### VARSIITY V. WELLINGTONS.

The aspirations of the Varsity Seniors have been given up for the season, but not without a struggle. Saturday night's game at the Mutual Street Rink was a battle royal, and Varsity was strictly in the game from whistle to whistle. The changes in the personnel and line-up of the Varsity team strengthened it considerably. "Father Bill" Hanley in goal played a splendid game, while Wilkie Evans at point was a great strength to the team. "Doc." Wright played his usual brilliant game, and his retirement in the second half greatly weakened Varsity. All the Varsity forwards did well, the work of Broder and Gilfillan on the boards being especially effective. Gilbert played with his usual brilliancy. It was a mighty good thing for the Wellingtons that George McKay was back in the game, because he was easily the most effective player on the team. Bilton should write himself an admonitory letter, cautioning himself against getting on his knees on the ice. However necessary and virtuous that action may be on other occasions, it is strictly against the rules in a hockey match. Smart was the star of the defence. He has lots of weight and he knows how to use it. The Wellingtons of Saturday night were certainly a much stronger team than that which was pitted against the St. Georges a week ago; if they had not been considerably strengthened they would have lost. Mr. Windeyer's decisions were not all that they should have been. *Laissies faire* seemed to be his motto, for he practically let everything go. He was impartial but negligent, and Varsity certainly gained nothing by some of his decisions.

The teams lined up as follows :

*Varsity*—Goal, Hanley ; point, Evans ; cover-point, Wright ; forwards, Gilfillan, Broder, Gibson, Gilbert.

*Wellingtons*—Goal, Bilton ; point, Smart ; cover-point, Ardagh ; forwards, Worts, McKay, Hill, McLaren.

*Referee*—Mr. Windeyer.

*Liners*—J. Milne and F. D. Woodworth.

*Umpires*—Messrs. Gordon and Church.

The game started with a rush on the Wellington goal, but there was nothing doing. Then McLaren got away with the puck, and after taking it down the ice passed to McKay who scored in 1½ minutes. Varsity

pressed hard and kept the champions on the defensive until finally after 4 minutes play Broder tied the score. Varsity attacked again, and the Wellingtons had to do some tall work to keep the puck out of their net. Wright and Broder were working like Trojans. A lift from Wright laid Smart out, and while he was being brought to in the dressing-room the Wellingtons secured the wind which they needed. When the game started again a rush was made on the Varsity goal, and Hill shot. "Bill" Hanley was in the right place, however, and it was all off. Then the puck travelled to the other end, and from a mix-up in front of the Wellington goal Gilbert poked it through, putting Varsity ahead. Soon afterwards a shot of Gilfillan's struck the post, and it was only the rankest kind of luck which kept it from scoring. After a series of long lifts Hill secured the puck on a pass from Smart, and with a brilliant rush, scored. With a vertebrate referee on the ice the goal would never have been allowed, because Hill was clearly off-side when he secured the puck from Smart. Shortly after this, Wilkie Evans was hurt, but soon resumed playing. There was no further scoring during the first half, although both forward lines did some nice combination work, and the half ended with the score a tie, 2 all.

In the second half Wellingtons played with more vim, but Varsity stayed right with them. Eleven minutes of good hard hockey followed the starting whistle with honors about equal, but at the end of that time Worts scored with a fluke lift and the Iron Dukes were ahead. Ardagh was hurt but only temporarily. McLaren put the Wellingtons ahead another after six minutes. "Doc." Wright had his leg rather badly hurt and was forced to retire, McLaren going off with him to even up. It took Broder just one minute to score Varsity's last game by a brilliant rush up the boards. The Wellingtons last goal was a personal triumph for McKay. He secured the puck about centre and passing the whole Varsity defence, even to Hanley, scored just as time was up.

### Summary

#### First Half :

1. Wellingtons . . . . .	McKay . . . . .	1½ minutes
2. Varsity . . . . .	Broder . . . . .	4 "
3. Varsity . . . . .	Gilbert . . . . .	5 "
4. Wellingtons . . . . .	Hill . . . . .	9 "

#### Second Half :

5. Wellingtons . . . . .	Worts . . . . .	11 "
6. Wellingtons . . . . .	McLaren . . . . .	6 "
7. Varsity . . . . .	Broder . . . . .	1 "
8. Wellingtons . . . . .	McKay . . . . .	45 seconds
9. Wellingtons . . . . .	McKay . . . . .	8 minutes

'05 v. '04.

The Freshmen fairly overwhelmed the Sophomores in their Jenning's Cup game on Tuesday, the final score

being 16—0 in favor of '05. It was '05 all the way and the Sophomores never had a look-in. For the winners Heyd and Sherry shone on the forward line, while Boyd and Preston on the defence attended to what little business came their way. The teams were :

'05—Goal, DeLury; point, Boyd; cover-point, Preston; forwards, Henderson, Stewart, Heyd, Sherry.

'04—Goal, Snively; point, Elliot; cover-point, McAllister; forwards, Creelman, Fairty, Ross, Foulds.

Referee—F. H. Broder.

#### "BRIMSTONES" VS. "PETS."

A large crowd of hockey enthusiasts assembled at the Varsity rink on Saturday morning to witness the scheduled game between the "Brimstones" of the 4th year, and Treadgold's "Pets" of the 3rd year. The ice was in fair condition, and the swiftness of the play fairly dazzled the spectators. The score of 8—4 was by no means a criterion of the play, as the "Pets" were in the game from start to finish.

The game was the first in the series of the Dining-Hall league, and was played under the following rules:—

1. Goal-keepers must not wear skates.
2. Goal-keepers must not lie down in goal, or use pillows, blankets or profane language in stopping the puck.
3. Ladies are requested not to interfere with goal-keepers.
4. Each player must provide himself with pipe and tobacco.
5. Players may use either end of their sticks in striking an opponent.
6. No player shall display less than five colors in his uniform.
7. Players shall be ruled off for swearing, except when a goal is scored.
8. Any player scoring a goal shall be ruled off for three minutes.
9. Any player found carrying a razor or other weapon, shall be disqualified.
10. Marquis of Queensbury rules shall apply in all disputes.

At seven minutes after ten Referee Fraser called the game, and amid great applause the players took up their positions. The line-up of the "Pets" appeared very formidable, and their uniforms were calculated to strike terror into the hearts of their opponents. Scarcely had the whistle blown when "Buzzer" Allan made a brilliant rush. The hearts of the "Brimstone" supporters rushed to their mouths, but "Bill" Allison was equal to the occasion and brilliantly stopped the shot. McDiarmid secured and eluding Treadgold by tricky artifice, succeeded in taking Sutherland's measure with a neat shot from the side. McGregor and Bell made a brilliant rush from the face-off, but were stopped by the ever-alert Treadgold, who was heard to ejaculate "not so soon," as he hurled the puck to the other end. Upon another rush, however, Bell succeeded in scoring. Score 2—0. At this stage of the game "Bill" Allison was sent to the fence for a breach of Rule 7, and Commandment 3. "Bill" Dixon made a brilliant rush and scored for the "Pets." The first half ended with the score 6—3 in favor of the "Brimstones."

During the half-time Charlie Armstrong got half a lemon and lit his pipe again, and the "Pets" came on the ice with renewed courage. Lorrinan and Dixon made brilliant rushes but were unable to overcome the defence of McIntosh and Cranston. Dixon finally succeeded in catching Allison napping, and the score was 6—4. The

"Brimstones" scored twice before time was called, Cranston and Clappison being responsible.

Games this week :

Tuesday, 2 p.m., Varsity Ladies v. Victoria Ladies at Victoria.

Tuesday, 8 p.m., Varsity III. v. Parkdale II., Mutual Street.

Thursday, Varsity v. McGill, Mutual Street.  
Jenning's Cup Series—

Friday, Winner, '02 v. '05 v. Dentals.

HOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL TRIP TO THE SOO.

The "firsts" will leave on Saturday next for Sault Ste. Marie, where they are billed to play Monday, February 17th.

## FOOTBALL.

The annual meeting of the Rugby Club was held on Wednesday, Jan. 29th, in the Gymnasium. President G. W. Ross occupied the chair, and a large number of the members of the club were present, including Prof. McCurdy, the honorary president. The financial report showed a surplus for the year of \$324.26, the receipts having been \$1,442.73 and the expenditure \$1,118.47.

By a resolution the club declared itself opposed to the forming of a junior intercollegiate series. It was decided to present the members of the senior championship team with gold footballs instead of sweaters.

The Burnside rules were discussed at some length, and finally the following motion was passed: "Resolved, that the University of Toronto Rugby Football Club puts itself on record as endorsing the Burnside rules, but thinks that the changes in them are too radical to be adopted in one year, and would recommend their gradual adoption, and with this end in view would suggest to the semi-annual meeting, to be held at Kingston on Feb. 8th, that the number of players be reduced to fourteen, and that ten yards must be made in three successive scrimmages or the ball be given to the opposing side."

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

Honorary President, Prof. McCurdy; Honorary Vice-President, Dr. J. A. Amyot; President, W. E. Douglas, B.A.; Vice-President, W. G. Campbell. Committee—Fourth Year Arts, H. Wallace; Third Year Arts, G. W. Ballard; Second Year Arts, "Ned" Boyd; Senior S.P.S., A. L. McLennan; Senior Meds., George Biggs; Junior Meds., Jno. McLaren; Knox, Dan Urquhart; Victoria, Harry Chown; St. Michael's, W. Collins; Dental College, W. G. Wood.

## TENNIS CLUB MEETING.

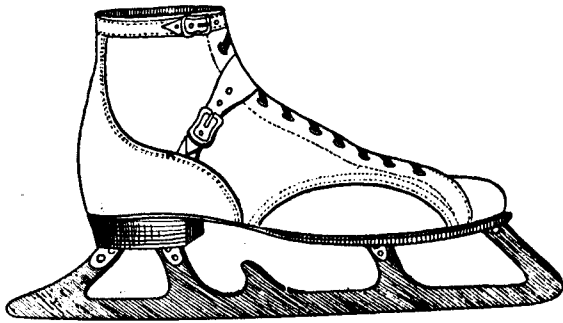
The annual meeting of the Tennis Club was held on Friday last in the gym. The Secretary-Treasurer's report of the finances of the club was very satisfactory. The following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., S. M. Wickett, B.A., Ph.D.; Hon. Vice-Pres., Dr. G. H. Needler; President, H. Carveth; Vice-Pres., H. W. O'Flynn; Sec'y.-Treas., G. B. Reynolds; Committee, S. P. Biggs, H. Chown, H. C. Sootheran.

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Athletic Association for the election of the undergraduate members of the Athletic Directorate for 1902—1903 will be held in the gym. on Friday, February 14th at 4 p.m. Each club should send five properly accredited representatives to this meeting.

GREEK PLAY.

Sophocles Antigone will be presented in Massey Hall under the direction of Mr. F. H. Torrington and Mr. H. N. Shaw, on the evenings of the 14th and 15th of February, Friday and Saturday of this week, with a matinee on the 15th. The management has generously offered the Women's Residence Association of University College a percentage on all tickets they might sell. **So purchase your tickets from Mr. Brebner, Miss Salter, or from any of the lady graduates. Only thus will you benefit this well-deserving fund.** It is needless to speak of the high merit of this musical production. The play itself and the direction are sufficient. But the cause will appeal to every undergraduate who has the true university spirit..



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*The Rotunda.*  
 Superintending Editor, - I. N. Loeser, '03.

Attendance at third year Roman Law lectures is increasing by leaps and bounds. Attendance Friday, the seventh, nobody; Saturday, the eighth, three!

The Year Book informs us that Jack Soule acquired in his first year a "working knowledge of slang" in several languages. This would be a severe shock to the Reverend Halliday Douglas, who recommended to Jack the ministerial profession.

Charley Gould was confined to the house by a serious cold during the greater part of last week. He had sufficiently recovered on Friday, however, to attend one lecture and have a game of billiards.

"Sammy" Dickson, '09, was a visitor at the Con-  
 versazione.

Attention is called to the fact that the purchase of tickets from Miss Salter for the performance of Antigone this week will help to increase the fund for the Women's Residence.

We hear that the Engineers' Dance at the gymnasium last Friday evening was a most enjoyable affair, there being a good, but yet comfortable crowd on the floor. The orchestra started out rather weak, but waxed stronger as the hours sped, their numbers being added to by several late-comers, and their strength revived by a variety of refreshments.

Instructor Williams and a number of his doughty men went over to participate in the ceremonies connected with the opening of the Women's Gymnasium at Victoria. They showed the company a trick or two.

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Fast and furious was the game of Hockey between the '02 Brimstones and the '03 Ram-Pastures Saturday morning. The costumes were something to excite the envy of the most fastidious. "Doc" Culquhoun was attired in a beautiful creation of brilliant orange; Charley Treadgold wore about his waist a yellow Tyrolean sash of exquisite beauty; "Bill" Allison looked extremely chic and did honor to the old '02 goal pads through which it seemed impossible for the puck to penetrate. Most of the players adorned the fence several times during the game, owing to Referee Fraser's rigorous enforcement of the rule against the use of profane language. The game ended in victory for the naughty-two men, and both teams retired to the dining hall, where the men of '03 redeemed themselves.

Professor (reading)—"The maidens modestly lowered their veils. Freddy Broadfoot—"What chapter is that, please?"

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**All who have not yet paid their subscriptions should attend to this at once. The Business Manager will be in the "VARSITY" Office on Tuesday mornings.**

Bob Baird's "Pan Cakes" are getting into trim for the Dining Hall Hockey League. They are naturally hot stuff and Bill Allison's 'Brimstones' will find they are no 'lunch.'

The following is about as rich as anything we have heard in connection with the recent Harmonic Club Tour. While the members of the club were passing up one of the main streets of Ottawa in a private car they espied on the side-walk freshman \_\_\_\_\_ in conversation with a fair maiden of the town. Ringing the car to a stop two or three stalwarts rushed out to the sidewalk, captured the unsophisticated youth and brought him back to the car, leaving his fair companion astonished at his sudden flight. Such is the punishment for insubordination!

Those who made resolutions this year to commence work on the first of November will probably soon get down to study, now that the library is open until six.

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## Education Department CALENDAR

January

21. Provincial Normal Schools open (First  
Session). (3rd Tuesday in January.)

28. Appointment of High School Trustees  
by County Councils. (4th Tuesday in  
January.)

February

5. First meeting of High School Boards  
and Boards of Education. (1st Wed-  
nesday in February.)

March

1. Inspectors' Annual Report to Depart-  
ment, due. (On or before 1st March.)  
Annual Reports from High School Boards  
to Department, due. This includes the  
Financial Statement. (On or before 1st  
March.)

Financial Statement of Teachers' Associ-  
ations to Department, due. (On or  
before 1st March.)

Separate School Supporters to notify  
Municipal Clerk. (On or before Mar. 1.)

27. High Schools, second term, and Public  
and Separate Schools close. (Thursday  
before Easter Sunday.)

28. GOOD FRIDAY.

31. EASTER MONDAY.  
Night Schools close (session 1901-1902.)  
(Close 31st March.)

April

1. Annual meeting of the Ontario Educa-  
tional Association at Toronto. (During  
Easter Vacation.)

Returns by Clerks of Counties, Cities,  
etc., of population to Department, due.  
(On or before 1st April.)

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Professor Alexander took advantage of the chaos reigning in the building Wednesday last to deliver an out-of-town lecture.

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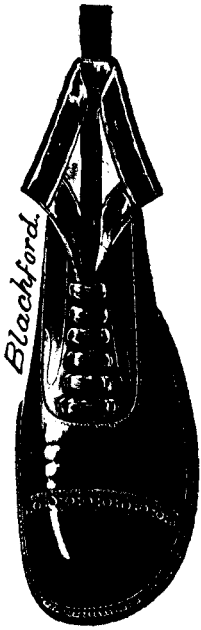
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