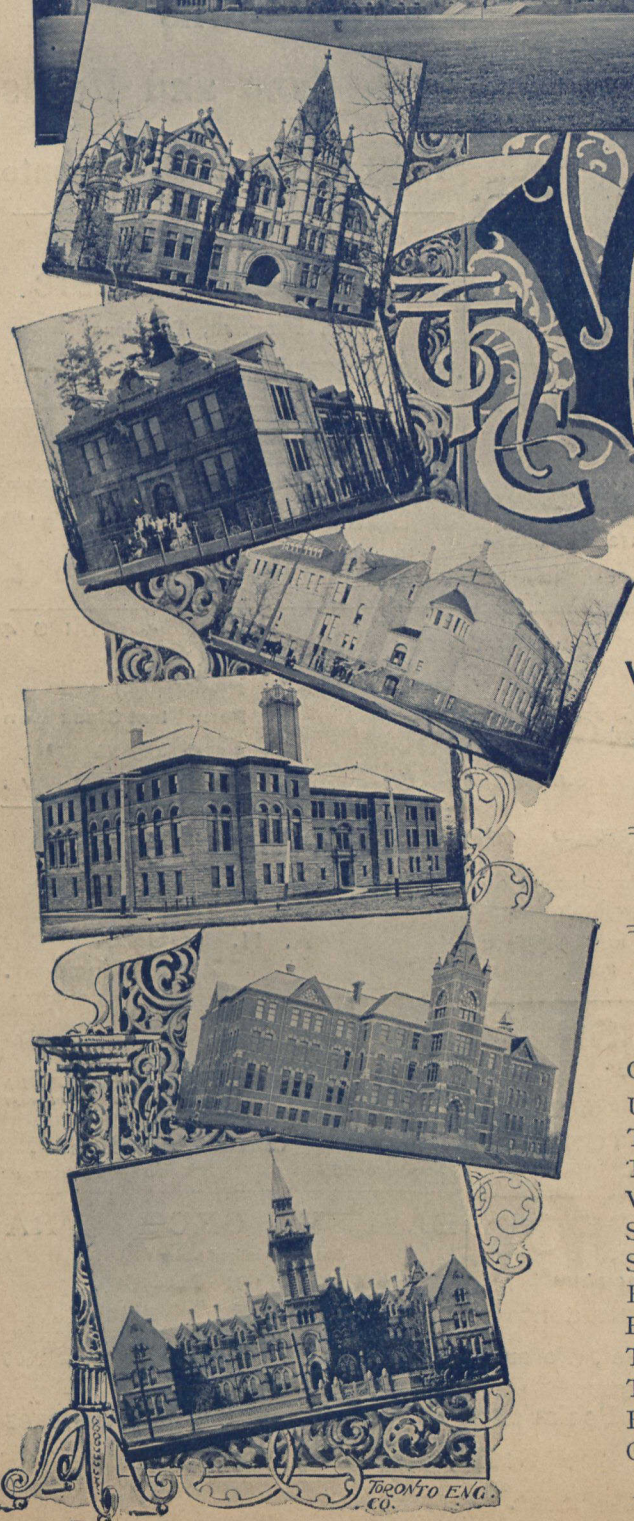
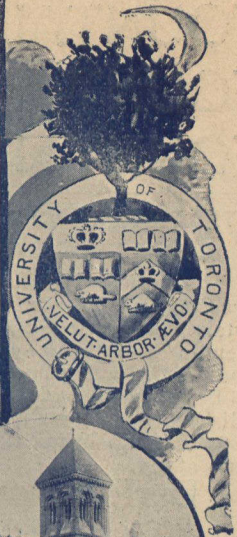
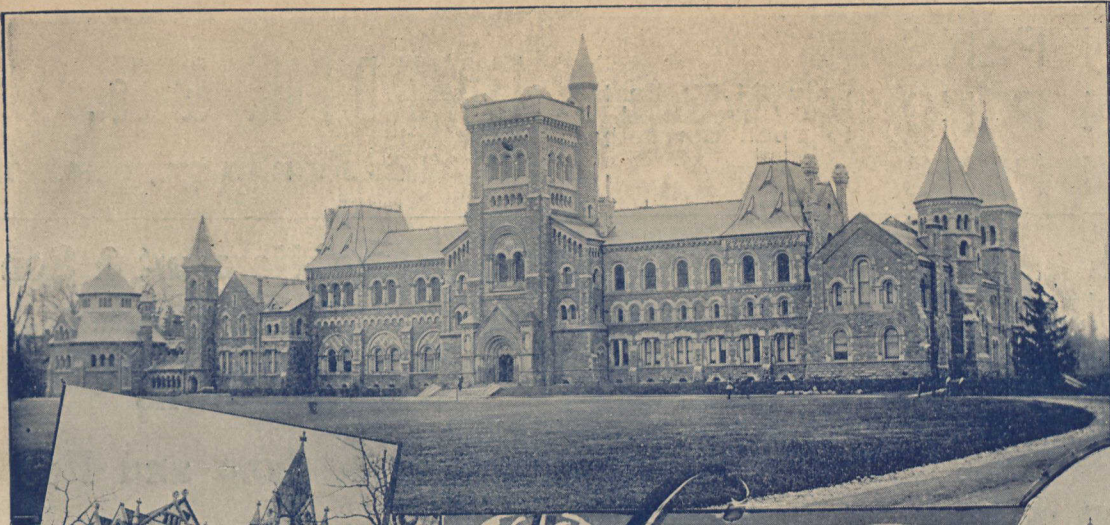


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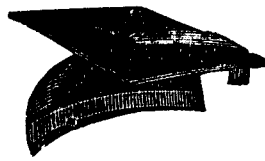


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Character.

THE Young Man, in his folly, was prone to talk about psychometry, and soul measurement, and how to size up character at first sight—as young men will. But now he is not so stiff-necked and loose tongued about it. And this is why: The Young Man, who worked for a Great Newspaper, was sent out to write up a Railway Strike. And the Young Man, with a cigar and a note-book, went among the Strikers, and learned how they, in their destitution, were eating the very Dust of the Earth. And then, for the sake of the Other Side, the Young Man ventured before the General Manager of that Railroad—gaunt, taciturn, hawk-eyed, and square-jawed. The very words of him were razor-edged. And the Young Man knew why the strike didn't end. And he remembered the hollow-cheeked women and the starving children just beyond the forest of idle semaphores and telegraph poles before the Manager's window, and he said to himself: "This hawk-eyed, square-jawed Thing is not a Man, but a Lower Animal, and Loathsome, and his soul is rotten through and through, and, before God, I hate him." And the Young Man went among the Strikers again, to count the day's deaths. And the next day being God's day (and the wires being cut) the Young Man left the hideous Place of Blackened Chimneys, and wandered through the open country, and found himself in a Great Cemetery. And he idled about the white grave-stones and the grass-covered mounds. But suddenly he came upon a Man, kneeling down over a little child's grave, planting, with great care and tenderness, seven little geraniums. And the Man looked up; and it was the Thing with the hawk-eyes and square-jaw. And the Young Man sat down on the grass and thought it over for a long time. And now he is not so stiff-necked. I know, because I was the Young Man.

ARTHUR J. STRINGER.

On University Examinations

Periodically there arises in every Anglo-Saxon community, among other Protestant booms, a boom of protests against school and college examinations. One such boom appears to be active just now.

The protests are based on the length of examinations and the consequent strain upon health; or upon the cramming to which examinations minister; or, as in our own case, upon the havoc which examinations play with the best month of the year; or, on the importance which they lend to the mere accidents of education; a chance sickness in May—and University statistics will prove that May is the sickliest month of the year in Toronto—injures the prospects of a life-time; or, if loftier ground be taken on the introduction of the principle of competition—vicious even in trade—into the serener life of thought.

In fact the only point of view from which protests against examinations are not clamorous seems to be the point of view of the examiners. And yet if all the inevitable shortcomings of sublunary education are to be discussed, the examiners too have a case.

To spend one's May, especially when one is growing older, and watching therefore with ever greater apprecia-

tion the procession of the seasons, and above all the incoming of the pomp of summer, to spend one's May in the reading of examination papers in indeed a hard lot. To be chained to one's desk just when nature is returning to her play, for the reading of some hundreds of papers, all answering the same questions and answering them not; all or nearly all fulfilled of vain verbiage and pretentious or platitudinarian padding; to realize afresh each May that the undergraduate still thinks, and will always think, that he will be heard for his much writing, that he is still convinced that in the multitude of pages there is safety, that he has still faith in the old ruse of Shilleto, and when asked for the binomial theorem, is still confident to answer that any adequate account of the binomial theorem must be prefaced by a brief description (in six pages) of the common pump; to endure all this when the first amusement of it has worn off is to be pierced with as many arrows as St. Sebastian; great weariness it is, and some envy too of Oxford and Cambridge, where the weary are solaced with four hundred dollars over and above our common solace of a good conscience. However this is the examiner's, not the public's point of view; and I do not attach much importance to it; indeed I only refer to it because it is less stale and tedious than the ordinary points of view.

To return to these, and first to clear the ground of protests merely metaphysical, some persons, as I have said, object to examinations because they are more or less competitive. What can be said of this objection except

that those who make it are the sort of persons who object to the infliction of pain by schoolmasters, or to threats of Hell from the pulpit? Ambition and fear no doubt are not the highest of motives; one hardly imagines the angels influenced by them. Meanwhile they are very human motives, and useful here below while the angel is still in process of evolution. The University is calling, not the righteous, but sinners to education. Are we not all conscious that we do not study readily and keenly apart from some form of competition, some pressure as of examination? Professor Goldwin Smith has often quoted the testimony of the eminent Lord Althorp, who has left it upon record that rivalry was the motive of his first serious effort to educate himself. A more recent and equally eminent Whig leader, he who has earned for himself by his judicial fairness the honorable nickname of "the great Refrigerator," has recently made a somewhat similar confession. Can any one seriously disclaim for himself the influence of competition? or seriously doubt its legitimacy? When this question was last to the front some ten years ago, it was admirably handled, if my memory serves me, by the late Professor Stanley Jevons; I beg to refer doubters to him: ἀπάγετε εἰς μακρῆν.

If then we cannot dispense with competitive examinations altogether, there remains for consideration the protests, not against the principle of competitive examination, but against examinations as we have them.

What are the alternatives?

It is sometimes suggested that formal examinations should be discarded, but that degrees should be given on the certificate of the instructor in charge; whose certificate again may be based upon any sort of examination he pleases. I think this system prevails in some of the new western universities.

The difficulty to my mind is that whereas the former class of reformers who object to competition are legislating for angel students, this second class of reformers presuppose an angelic Professoriate. The climate of California may work miracles, but here in the east we can but feel that both reforms stand self-confronted for want of contact with Mother Earth. Said Lord Russell, "When I am asked if such and such a nation is fit to be free, I ask in return is any man fit to be a despot? The answer must be none whatever, neither Mussulman nor Christian, neither in Greece nor in Columbia." The answer seems to cover our staff. The staff then, we may trust Lord Russell, is not fit to be a Council of Despots: still less can it be desired that they become fond mothers, granting degrees to all their children-after-the-spirit, for the asking. There remains the present system with or without modifications.

(a) Terminal examinations might be used to diminish the May examinations. There is nothing novel in this. Until recently University College did examine, independently of the University, in the second and third years; and its certificates excused the holder from the May examinations. Obviously the relief so given applies only to students in attendance. Those holding a dispensation would still appear in May.

The objections entertained before to these terminal examinations, so far as I am concerned or informed, were substantially: that they interrupt inadvisedly the work of the best students: he is called off his reading to revise prematurely what he has read; the indifferent student may gain, the good student does not. That they interrupt inadvisedly the work of the lecturer; he is interrupted in his course to interpolate examinations; a short term is made shorter.

That they increase the tendency to examine on "lectures," the May examination may or may not be largely on lectures: that will depend partly on the presence of outside examiners, and partly on the discretion of the inside

examiner; but these shorter examinations at short intervals are more likely to be based directly on the lectures.

This of course raises the whole of the old question of inside versus outside examiners; examinations on lectures versus examinations on the author prescribed.

My own feeling is one of sympathy with the student who wants to be examined on the author rather than on the lectures (not to say the lecturer), who does not want to feel himself compelled to attend lectures, when he is conscious that he is doing his best work by himself, without their help. For this reason I regard the presence of outside examiners upon the Board, as in the past, as on the whole an advantage; and for this same reason I should regret any change tending to base our examinations wholly upon the actual lectures delivered. After all there will always be students for whom the author—the man of genius—has a message, which will only be distorted by passing through the medium of another and incompatible intelligence.

(b) Ordinary terminal compositions, proses, translations, practical work, etc., might be taken into account, more than they are at present, and might be used to influence and lighten the May examination.

These things do not interfere with lectures, would only need some changes in the conditions under which the work is done, to make of it a fair test of knowledge and progress. Dispensations might complicate the system, but those who took dispensations would do so at their risk. The system is in force already, but is capable I think of some advantageous extension. There seems no good reason why the proses and translations—*e.g.*, of honor students, written during the session, under proper conditions—should not contribute to the result of the May examination, and relieve its congested time table.

(c) Oral examination as at Oxford and Cambridge might be extended; at present such examination is used only as a test of pronunciation. The objections to oral examination lie on the surface; nervous persons are either at their worst and do not show what they really know; and conversely, under the stimulus of excitement or by a happy manner, they make a better showing than they ordinarily would, and so lift their record yet another notch above that of the tongue-tied competitor, who is substantially their equal. Only the calm phlegmatic nature appears without disguise.

(d) Possibly some one will advocate the holding of examinations at longer intervals. Oxford and Cambridge, he may say, have only two public examinations at the end of the second and the fourth year. The analogy is misleading. In Oxford and Cambridge the colleges supplement the University and lay their clutches upon the student who is not in the clutches of the University. The University does not examine him annually, but the colleges examine him terminally. Here we have, unfortunately, no tutorial and college system to help the University, and relieve it of part of the necessary supervision. University College replaces the University in the teaching of certain subjects; she does not supplement it. Furthermore, the evil of our present system, the crowding of a session's work into the few weeks before examination, would be intensified by a change which should mass those four examinations into two; already the life of our students—in intellectual matters—oscillates in unstable equilibrium between the opposite poles of starvation and a Red-Indian gorge; already he swallowed his feast of reason Anaconda-fashion, and so it used to be in Oxford in a degree even greater than with us, when a college was slack in its discipline and left examining wholly to the University.

I conclude therefore that our present system with such modifications as are contained in the extension of the credit already given for term work and terminal examina-

tions, and perhaps in some extension of oral examination, is the only system practicable under present conditions.

With such modifications the May examinations might be reduced in length.

Our Scylla and Charybdis—the two extremes to be avoided—are the fatal cramming and over pressure of April and May to which the present system has led and leads; and on the other hand such wholesale mutilation of the examination as will make the result depend on chance, on the luck and cunning of the man who spots a likely passage the night before, on the cunning of the man who solves best the personal equation presented by the examiners.

There is here a real danger; cynics say all examinations already depend on luck; I do not think so with us; my own impression is exactly the opposite; that the play of luck has been in the past very slight indeed, that, in short, our system hitherto—save and except in respect of the cramming at the last, for which the chief responsibility lies with the crammers themselves—our system hitherto has brought with it this consolation for many murdered Mays, that it has been in spite of its cumbrousness, by reason of its cumbrousness, humanly efficient.

MAURICE HUTTON.

THE HUSTLE: FROM AN UNDERGRAUATE STANDPOINT.

Some days ago the annual hustle took place at Trinity Medical School. The first and second years joined battle according to old custom, and a plan arranged in the quietness of thought. The sophomores lay craftily in wait, and, as the charging freshmen found a door blocking their progress, they speedily removed it. Then there was a time to warm the cockles of all true student hearts. The glorious former times were come again. It was very good to look upon. The solemnest senior yearned for the days of his youth; the gallery waved itself ecstatically, and was glad. Then, when the *duties* of the hour had been conscientiously performed—*hoc proelis facto*, as Cæsar tersely hath it—when the men had been sorted out, and the larger rags gathered up from the floor, there was such a fraternizing and convivial rejoicing as had not been seen for a considerable lapse of time. The freshmen were now of the school; they had been well and duly welcomed, and now experienced that large, independent sensation which marks

the only true graduation into the ranks of manhood. The years had felt each other's muscles in the good old way, which is much better than finger-tip pressures over coffee and cake—though that, too, is a good thing. They were now sworn brothers, they would henceforth shout the same war cry as they went down to the football game, and would now understand the meaning of that elusive and mysterious thing, a college spirit. Now without wishing to spout any revolutionary rhetoric against those in authority over us, it may not be amiss to take this opportunity of attempting to express what seems to be the common undergraduate feeling in regard to these academic functions, and also in regard to the attitude the powers are wont to assume towards them. In this case common sense ruled, and no action was taken.

In the first place, hustling is not hazing. I do not believe there are a dozen men in college who would wish to see the revival of times when a dozen pitched upon one and treated him in a way in which no gentleman should be treated. There can hardly be any defence of such measures; nothing but tradition kept them alive. Their stupid brutalities have rightfully put an end to them in almost all of the greater universities. But the hustle is a very different matter. It is a true college game, is the roughest and the best of all. It is the expression of blood and spirit which are bound to come out. It is not local but national. In French universities such things are scarcely heard of. Their undergraduate life is turned into different channels. The glory of a man is not in his pluck and strength; but rather he seethes over in political agitation, or gains prestige and status in the high art of lady-killing. In Germany the spirit expresses itself in pernicious student duels, and a man takes rank from the disfiguring scars which criss-cross his war-like countenance. In no country has the feeling failed to come into life in some form. With us it is in the hustle.

Let us look into the philosophy of the matter. Hustling may be defined as the test and reception which the sophomores accord the freshmen. The stalwarts of second year are laden with the duty of weighing the new men in the balance, and, while righteously repressing any unseemly tendency to vanity and "cheek," give them that intense and ample initiation which, far from being any painful attribute, is nothing but the right and privilege of freshmanship. In the case of this hustle, as in every other, all had looked forward to the event. Whoever felt so inclined might have stayed away. If there was one man who felt

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that he was about to bully or be bullied he need not have been there. It needs no great power of common-sense logic to make it evident that no meeting could have been arranged when one body was to look for degraded treatment, and the other to the contemptible business of inflicting it. It was a trial of strength between equals. One side is commonly the more numerous, the other the better disciplined. It was a compact entered into in absolute free-will.

Again, if men who hustle each other are necessarily roughs and hoodlums, the evil spirit enters into them with amazing unanimity. If it is a manifestation of mere crazy idiocy, they are all bitten at once by the same tarantula, which the laws of chance render extremely improbable. Supposing, then, that college men do not hustle because of any temporary wickedness or lunacy, how shall this remarkable university custom be explained?

It has the best of explanations. It goes down to the roots of the Anglo Saxon temperament. With this nation there is a divinity of dauntless nerve and rooty biceps, which needs no Walt Whitman for its apostle. Pluck and strength will always be worshipped. They will test men as long as English is spoken. Watt's line which says "the mind's the standard of the man" is a half-lie. The plug and the bookworm feel its untruth even more keenly than the athlete. I do not wish to exalt the pugilist and the base-ball pitcher, but the instinct which led those Trinity men to lock their arms and bear down upon each other, contending from the pure love of opposition, is the same instinct which has won a thousand victories for our race. That cheerful endurance of cuts and bruises for "the stern joy that warriors feel" is the same quality which overthrows both barbaric fury and civilized discipline. That sweet smile you marked on every face in that hot melee is the same smile which "lesser tribes without the Law" do not love. Understand too, that this is no school of violence and brute strength. The war goes to the brave as often as to the strong. Fists are never used. To lose one's temper is to stamp one's self as a cad. There is no spite or malice; all is the hot grapple and mighty wrench of imperturbable good-nature. Are those who stood outside and piously exclaimed against the strife a better type than those who fought each other till the matter was settled, then shook hands and sang the same tumultuous choruses?

Those who are wise beyond their years, and love long-tailed coats better than the free life of youth, tell us that this custom is a sign of our growing imbecility and decadence, that we are acting childishly, and far below our dignity. We can only say that history tells us that the same spirit which stirred those students of the middle ages, and sent forth "gown" against "town" in uproarious warfare in the large times of Oxford's immortal youth, sent those men over all Europe preaching a boldness and freedom, a pride of the individual's independent capability, and a power of action, which gave us the Renaissance and the Reformation. Are these fierce little battles the manifestation of uncombed barbarism and vulgar boorishness? Then we may well join the unco guid and deprecate the Round Table, holding up its knights to contempt and scorn. For, verily, a tourney was but a hustle in harness, and in such things we are shocked to find even King Arthur delighting. Truly he was the prototype of hustle-leaders. Yet, can we be quite sure that he was anything but a gentleman? And is there not excuse for thinking the slender-fingered lordling of the five o'clock tea, not altogether superior to that rough and unruly man, Launcelot of the Lake?

Let us give up these mealy-mouthed sentiments. Far from being alien to culture, there is no true culture which is not rooted in a complete manhood. The love of warring in debate is no more manly than the joy of giving battle

with the hands. It is not just that men should pay dearly for trying their strength against each other. If property is destroyed it should be paid for. But that students should be treated like degraded creatures because of the mere fact of their having let loose the Anglo-Saxon spirit for a time is neither wise nor right. As well punish and imprison undergraduates for breaking each other's ribs on the foot-ball field. The Trinity medical authorities appear to understand these things.

A. E. McFARLANE.

THE NEW SONG BOOK.

Last spring at the annual meeting of the University of Toronto Glee Club, the question of the advisability of publishing a New Song Book was brought up and discussed, and the unanimous opinion of the club was that a new collection of college songs would prove most acceptable, if indeed there were not an absolute necessity for one.

In view of this opinion, a special committee was appointed, which in its report to the club heartily endorsed the idea and presented some very favorable offers for publication from prominent musical firms in the city. With this encouragement the club appointed a committee which was to be the executive of the Song Book Committee and which was to have representatives appointed from the various organizations of the University whether musical or otherwise, and in this way to insure a general interest in the undertaking. In this the committee was very fortunate, and almost all such organizations promptly appointed representatives, so that the complete committee is as follows: Hon. Chairman, President Loudon, M.A., LL.D.; Chairman, W. R. P. Parker, B.A., LL.B.; Secretary-Treasurer, J. L. R. Parsons, '97; Executive, G. H. Black, '98, J. R. Meredith, '99, J. D. Ruthven, '99; Rep. from Faculty, Profs. Wright, Mavor, Hutton; Rep. from Graduates, Messrs. J. E. Jones, J. D. Spence, R. Gibson, R. K. Barker, A. B. Watt; Rep. from Glee Club, Messrs. Carder, Armour, Bilton, Moore, Race; Rep. from Ladies' Glee Club, Misses M. Stovel and B. Rosenstadt; Rep. from Banjo Club, Messrs. Montgomery and Macdonald; Rep. from S.P.S., Messrs. Smallpiece and Boyd; Rep. from Class '98, Messrs. Harper, Merrit and Miss H. Johnston; Rep. from Class '99, Messrs. Ross and Stratton and Miss Anderson; Rep. from '00, Messrs. Cooper and Coyne and Miss Hughes.

The duty of this committee is clear, to select and publish the best collection of college songs which it is possible to obtain, a collection which is to bear the proud name of the University of Toronto.

The first step the committee took was to offer a prize of \$25 for the best topical University of Toronto song (words and music), and another prize of \$15 for the best setting of college words to some existing melody, both to be submitted for competition. This competition, which closes on November 1st, has received general attention from the musical public, and already a large number of songs have been submitted, many of which are from graduates and undergraduates of the University.

The executive, to which the greater part of the work falls, has fairly commenced the difficult duty of selecting the music, and meets every Tuesday evening in George Black's room in Residence for this purpose. The work, it is expected, will be ready for the press early in the new year.

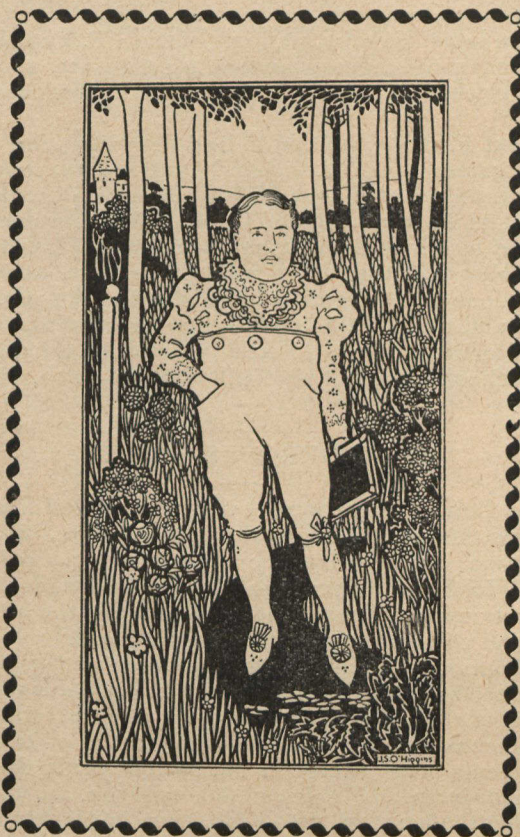
On Sunday afternoon, the Year Bible classes of the Y.M.C.A. were organized, and Secretary Barron is very much pleased at the large numbers that attended. The students of the Senior and Junior years will attend Rev. Principal Sheraton's in Wycliffe College. The president of the Association, R. W. Craw, will conduct the sophomore class, while the genial secretary will have charge of the freshmen himself.

VARSITY'S BEAUTY SHOW.

EXHIBIT II.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—In opening this entertainment the editors of VARSITY were confronted with the serious problems of precedence and of selection. An innumerable number of photographs have been received, and it stands to reason, without the prop of argument, that all these anxious beaux could not hope to have their comeliness displayed, much less expounded, within the inelastic confines of our ten exhibits.

As obvious is it, that the ten who have found favor in our choice, could not *all* receive the added honor of primality. It has been decided, therefore, since the editors have found it impossible to determine who should hold first place—it was decided, I say, to have no first exhibit, but to inaugurate the "Beauty Show" with this, the second:



We have here then, suitably embroidered (not to say upholstered) by an artistic imagination, the counterfeit presentment of William G. Fitzgerald, not quite as large as life, but within a shade as natural. The original was raised in Ottawa on Mellin's Food and mathematics, and is now "a fine, big, bouncing boy," healthy, bright and happy—one that promises to rank among the heavyweight intelligences of the continent. He can equate, resolve, postulate, and propose with impartial ability, and is equally at his ease whether in the company of parallelograms or of petticoats.

But in addition to these engaging qualities of his intellect, Master Fitzgerald has been endowed, by Nature, with a symmetric beauty, as bountiful as our Provincial University, by the Government, with unsalable acres. I would call your attention to his quiet eyes—so mild and so ingenuous, yet penetrating the obscurity of a trigonometrical ratio with a Röntgen ray of comprehension; to the

exact arch of his eyebrows, and the algebraical precision of his hair. Note, too, the cantilever bridge of his nose; the elliptic mouth, so evidently instructed in the exact value of π ; the equal chin; the charming oval of the cheek.

But what language will express, and alas! what cold-storage lines preserve, the perishable freight of beauty? Soon must this plump and round of figure fade away! Soon Age, with envious fingers, pluck out the crowning glory of his hair, and deflect to acute and hideous angles the sweet rectitude of his endearing nose! Soon the remorseless years waste and consume the fulness of his flesh, till these, his manly garments, left "a world too wide," shall hang woefully about his lean anatomy, bagged with the memory of his former greatness. Ah, Youth! place not thy trust in Beauty. Cultivate the immortal graces of the mind!

Forgive these tears. There remains but to be said that William's broad and genial nature has won him a proportioned host of friends of all sizes and both sexes. He has a manner that is engaging, a smile that is open, a speech most entertaining, and (if the almanacs may be believed) a future still before him. THE SHOWMAN.

JUNIORS ELECT OFFICERS.

The junior class held its annual meeting for the election of officers on Monday afternoon. J. R. Bone, the retiring president, was in the chair, and the following members of the class were elected to offices for the coming year:—President, W. H. Alexander; 1st Vice-President, Miss L. K. White; 2nd Vice-President, E. A. Cleary; Secretary, F. D. McEntee; Treasurer, J. T. Richardson; Poetess, Miss Johnston; Orator, A. H. Birmingham; Judge, R. G. Hunter; Prophet, P. H. Tom; Critic, W. McLean; Musical Director, N. T. Johnston; Athletic Director, E. N. Armour; Historians, Miss Tennant, A. W. Charlton; Councillors, Miss Little, Miss Lucas, G. C. King, G. W. Hastings.

ARTHUR TRINGER VISITS VARSITY.

To most of the readers of VARSITY, Arthur J. Stringer is known by reputation at least. He is one of Toronto's old students who has devoted himself to literature. Since leaving Toronto, some four years ago, Mr. Stringer has published some volumes of poems, and has spent a year studying at Oxford.

Last week Mr. Stringer paid a flying visit to his old haunts around Varsity and renewed some of his old friendships. On Friday evening he attended the Literary Society, and on Saturday afternoon he was touch-line judge in the Rosedale match. Had Captain Hobbs known of his visit sooner, some arrangements would probably have been made for Arthur going into Varsity's scrimmage on Saturday. However, although he is one of the cleverest centre scrimmage men in the game, he was too much out of condition to play on such short notice.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Stringer returned to his home in London, after having spent a couple of very enjoyable days here.

PROF. CODY AND DR. McCURDY.

Prof. Cody, always an intensely interesting lecturer, addressed the men in the College Y.M.C.A. at the regular meeting last Thursday afternoon. There was quite a large attendance, and all were delighted at the bright and eminently practical address of the Wycliffe professor. This (Thursday) afternoon Dr. McCurdy, another lecturer who is always interesting and practical, will speak to the boys, and it is hoped that a goodly number of students will be there to hear him.

= School of Practical Science Notes =

The first meeting of the Engineering Society for the year beginning Oct. 1st, 1897, was held at the school on Wednesday, Oct. 13th. J. A. Bow's resignation of the office of fourth year representative from the S. P. S. on VARSITY's editorial staff was read and accepted, and H. W. Charlton elected by acclamation as his successor. A. G. Piper was elected to the business board. After other business of the kind, Pres. H. S. Carpenter read his address, which was received with great attention, not only because it was interesting, but because of him who spoke. It gave a brief history of the society, relating its ups and downs, and how in '95 it was rescued from the financial slough by the timely and unstinted hard work of ex-Pres. G. M. Campbell. We are glad to say that it is still well on top.

Next in order was the relating of summer experiences. W. W. Stull was first called upon. The incident of his survey trip most impressed on his memory, or rather on his "innards," was the dinner he ate on the C.P.R. boat. No wonder that he relished it after living on pork and hard-tack for two months.

E. V. Neelands, in relating his experience, greatly shocked the modesty of the members by stating that he had to go quite a distance on his return journey without his clothes, having forgotten to have them sent to the starting point.

A. H. Smith showed by his example how good positions may often be obtained by working the game of bluff.

A. G. Piper on his journey north, to investigate some mining claims near Sudbury, stopped over night at a village inn on the outskirts of civilization. On going to his room he turned down the bed clothes and discovered that the bed was already occupied, but by a being strange to most of us. He added for the benefit of those who had never seen one that this being was much like a small mud-turtle.

Mr. John Shaw, next called upon, arose and proceeded to the platform amid shouts of enthusiasm. In fact, it was with the utmost difficulty that the president could calm the audience. His speech was eloquent and dramatic—the first is merely a supposition as nobody could get any connected idea of what he was talking about for the continuous shower of comments and criticisms. Once, while out on the survey, it was necessary for him to stand for some time in water up to his waist. It is said that the water-mark still remains.

J. Patterson also gave his experiences.

After the discussion of more business the meeting was adjourned.

It is with much pleasure that we refer to the marriage of Mr. L. B. Stewart, lecturer at the school, which took place in the holidays. Although it is late, yet we desire to offer our hearty congratulations and good wishes for the future.

E. Andrews is one of the survey party engaged in the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railroad.

T. Martin, who took his B.A.Sc. in mining engineering this spring, has secured a position in the Regina Mine near Rat Portage.

W. J. Troup, one of our old standbys on the track, has left us and is now in Buffalo engaged in the construction of cinder paths for others to run on.

C. McBeth is at present a man of leisure.

The following, received not long ago from a freshman, is a recommendation for the lecture-room seats :

DEAR SIR,

I sat on one of your seats for four hours at lectures, since when I have used no other.

" I remain standing,
" Yours, etc."

In the actual laying out of a railroad the instrument is levelled on the rod for the purpose of taking readings. However, with the third year surveying party this is of secondary consideration, the primary one being to get in focus the faces of the pretty nurse girls who frequent the parks in the afternoon.

The latest is that a graduate of the S.P.S. in electrical and mechanical engineering has secured the position of Inspector of Mines over one of the recently discovered gold fields.

Next Friday we intend to lead the procession preceding the games in the six-in-hand tally-ho, the two drags having been secured a couple of years ago by the Arts men. As we cannot all go in this, other ways are being provided by which the rest may be in line. It is rumored that a Klondike expedition will be fitted out, and if such can be done great interest will be added to the procession.

Let all the S. P. S. men keep together and yell for those who are going to do their best to uphold the honor of the school. On Friday we will do it up—blue, white and yellow.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

To-morrow afternoon the biggest crowd of the season should gather on the University campus, to watch the annual games of the University Athletic Association. President Hobbs and Secretary Martin have made excellent preparations for a fine afternoon's sport, and the procession and band will add greatly to the attractions.

Magnificent as the prizes have been in the past, the committee has gone to even greater expense this year. The services of the Queen's Own Band have been retained and popular music will be rendered between the events. The chief events of the afternoon will be 100 yards dash, running high jump, half mile run, one mile run, 440 yards run, throwing the hammer, pole vault, 120 yards hurdle race, relay team race, 220 yards run, running broad jump, quarter mile run (Collegiate), two miles run, putting the shot, mile walk, running hop, step and jump.

The competition for the championship cup is expected to be very keen this year. Three well-known athletic Macs are in the race, McMordie, McMillan and McArthur. As these men have never yet tried conclusions, it is impossible to say which has the best chance of winning.

Of course, the feature of the afternoon's sport will be the grand procession, which will start from University College at 1 o'clock sharp. John Grampian Inkster has been chosen grand marshal, and that fact is a sufficient guarantee that everything will be done decently and in order. The Arts students will lead, in drags, and the other students will follow in drags, victorias, cabs, vans and omnibuses. Everyone is requested to yell his loudest, and to advertise well the Annual Games of the Athletic Association of the University of Toronto.

“Varsity's Favorites Fairly Vanquished.”

VARSITY'S RECORD. SENIOR SERIES.

Saturday, Oct. 9—
Varsity, 11—T.A.C.-Lornes, 23
Saturday, Oct. 16—
Varsity, 7—T.A.C.-Lornes, 7.

Totals—
Varsity, 18—T.A.C.-Lornes, 30,
INTERMEDIATE SERIES.

Saturday, Oct. 9—
Varsity II., 6—T.A.C.-Lornes II., 15.
Saturday, Oct. 16—
Varsity II., 27—T.A.C.-Lornes II., 10.

Totals—
Varsity II., 33—T.A.C.-Lornes II., 25.
JUNIOR SERIES.

Saturday, Oct. 9—
Varsity III., 8—Wellingtons, 6.
Saturday, Oct. 16—
Varsity III., 9—Wellingtons, 1.

Totals—
Varsity III., 17—Wellingtons, 7.

Oh well, it's all for the best!

Ansley was a trifle too tricky.

Boyd did some pretty kicking.

Harris was a little listless at times.

Jack Hobbs played a terrific game

Harris is a fast man without doubt.

Eddie Beattie's midgets are a fast lot.

And now, poor John Grampian is out of a job.

Burnside marked his man better last Saturday.

Peck Morrison was himself again on Saturday.

Varsity's scrimmage did splendid work on Saturday.

Heard in the grand stand:

“Doesn't Mr. Hobbs look like Napoleon?”

The half-back line of the third team is not very good at passing.

Varsity men showed themselves to be timid at tackling.

The blue and white got the lion's share of the applause.

How Jack did jump when that touch down was scored!

Nick Hinch put up a grand game in the second team's scrimmage.

Isbester, Clarke, Avenston make a brilliant scrimmage.

Cartwright, the combination quarter, put up a splendid article of Rugby.

Tremaine and Hoskins both played excellent games for the Combination.

Temple Blackwood seemed to be a little distrustful of his own ability to kick.

Hunt and Elliott both showed that their company was none too fast for them.

Blackwood and Barron should have been on the half-back line the week before.

Jack Gilmour could use his beak for a plough-share if he ever returns to the farm.

Considering that ten of the fifteen were new men, the seniors put up a battle-royal.

At one point in the game Varsity gained forty yards by a series of heavy mass plays.

Walter Moss played a game that was just as fast and much cleaner than his previous one.

The mystery of how Jack Hobbs manages to get through the line still remains unsolved.

Arthur Stringer, of London, the famous centre scrimmage man, made a good touch-line judge.

There was very little money up on the game, and what little there was went back to its owners.

Alex. Mackenzie, the old reliable, was in the game from start to finish. He had a hard man to mark too.

Dakin and McDougall, especially Alex., went for their wings and simply tore them up, in the Juniors' game.

It will be hard to choose between Blackwood, Foreman and Eddie Beattie, as next year's senior quarter-back.

The Intermediate team has great hopes of winning the championship. Captain Tanner is afraid of Brockville only.

Ed. Bayley has forgotten more about refereeing than Ballantyne ever knew—and he hasn't forgotten very much either.

That mistake of Hobbs, in going behind the dead line, was the worst piece of luck seen on the football field for some time.

Eddie Beattie's aggregation is hot-foot after the championship—they'll get it, too, if they're not stoned to death at Kingston.

King is a fast wing, but Count Armour marked him so effectually on Saturday that he did not get his hands on the ball once during the game.

How many times did Eddie Beattie hack the line? He and Aylesworth and Macdonald tried every whole in it once a minute during the first half.

When John Whitney Hobbs gets on his padding he cuts a queer figure. When his forelock hangs down over his face he cuts a queerer figure still.

The boys were beaten, and they took their defeat well, in a true sportsman spirit. They sang and cheered going to the game, and then continued their cheering coming home again. They lost the round, but they certainly made a “Garrison finish.”

Mr. Stringer was very much struck by the degeneracy of the Rugby scrimmage. He thinks it should be played as in England, where the ball is put down “dead” in the centre of the scrimmage by the referee, and each side tries to heel it out or push over it.

These prospective games will furnish an inducement to the first team to continue practice, and this, along with the fact that every man on last Saturday's team will play again with Varsity next year, ought to be a sufficient inducement to make the men turn out.

The management, by the time of issue, will have given the team a trip to Hamilton, and they have now under consideration a trip to Montreal, and perhaps Ottawa. They are trying to get a game on with Queen's also, and thus inaugurate what is a much-desired scheme—an inter-college league of Montreal, Ottawa College, Queen's and Osgoode, and also Trinity and Military College if they are strong enough.

Edward Bayley is the best referee in Canada to-day. He knows all the constitutions and rules that ever belonged to the game in any decade and in any country. He enforces the rules. He is impartial, and as a rule his interpretation and judgment is correct and quick. What he wants to do now though is to give us his idea exactly as to what a proper scrimmager is and so impress it upon the members of the union that it will be incorporated in its little volume.

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THE SILVER LINING.

HAPPY is the disposition of the man who can see good in everything. Some there are so happily constituted that they find even sour grapes not altogether unpalatable. VARSITY may belong to that class. Although it cannot say that it threw up it's cap and leapt, out of sheer lightness of heart, at the result of the first Rugby round last Saturday, it must confess that it cannot regard Varsity's defeat as an unmixed evil.

In the past two years the success of the Varsity's Senior Rugby Team has been so brilliant that the second and third teams, to say nothing of other athletic clubs, have been lost sight of almost entirely. In the last issue for instance, the sporting editor of this great family journal clean forgot that the University had more than one team, and, as a consequence, the games of the intermediates and juniors remained unchronicled. This neglect of the more modest athletes is most unfortunate for college sport. Not only do these clubs contain the material which must go to build up next year's senior fifteen, but their members practice the game in a better, healthier, more sportsman-like spirit. They play for the love of the sport rather than for the purpose of dragging in the dust the laurels of some rival organization. They resemble, in this respect, the gentlemen cricketers of England, rather than the professional baseball players of the States. The defeat of Varsity's first team, therefore, should result in much greater encouragement being given to a more wholesome variety of sport.

But the defeat will have other and more immediately beneficial results. The capable captain and the energetic manager of vanquished fifteen will now return to the more ordinary sphere of student activities. The conductors of the Glee Club may now hope for a fair number at their practices; the attendance at the Literary Society may become a little better; the other societies may be

able to organize; the chairmen of the different boards and committees may be able to get quorums together; and the undergraduate, who would otherwise have wasted the greater part of the afternoon in watching Varsity's fifteen practice the "eleven forty-four" game, may now be able to set his mind on his studies. All of which results are much to be desired.

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Wycliffe and Knox both have their Residences, and Victoria is fondly cherishing hopes of a Residence for her students. University College would be very foolish to abandon the small Residence it has at present on the hazy promise of a larger and a better one some day in the future.

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A famous English essayist refers to Edward Gibbon, the great historian, as "sitting, fat and famous." The same epithets suggest themselves in connection with "Fitz," the first of "VARSITY'S Beauties."

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RESIDENCE.

It is with considerable diffidence that VARSITY refers, editorially, this week to the question of abolishing University College Residence. The speech of the Chancellor of the University at Convocation, however, has prompted a general discussion on the subject.

The Chancellor's remark that he was greatly in favor of a Residence system, and that he would acquiesce in the abolition of the present Residence only on condition that a large, new building for the same purpose should have first claim on the finances, must not be taken too seriously. Politicians are accustomed to make these pretty, though rather faint and unsatisfactory, references to a bright future. And however much Mr. Blake may be in favor of a Residential system personally, there is every reason to believe that the government is inexorably opposed to it. After a long and bitter experience with "first claims," most people in the University have come to recognize that "first claim" means "no claim."

The pretext now brought forward for abolishing this old institution of University College is, forsooth, that accommodation may be given to the new University department of Mineralogy and Geology. It is strange, indeed, if the University cannot find room for this department in one of its three or four large buildings without encroaching upon the property of University College. The College authorities should jealously guard their rights in the east wing, and, so far from abolishing Residence, should aim at its improvement and extension.

To fit up the Residence wing for mineralogy and geology would necessitate an outlay of \$24,000. If one-tenth of that sum were expended in improvements on the present Residence it could be made very attractive to students. But it is absolutely impossible to get one copper from the authorities for that purpose. A north wing could be built to the College and the quadrangle completed for probably \$25,000, and accommodation thus given to at least seventy-five resident students. But all this sum would have to be raised by private subscriptions.

The great benefits of a Residential system seem to be acknowledged by all who are acquainted with the subject. VARSITY, therefore, suggests that the friends of Residence start a fund for the immediate improvement of the present wing and, ultimately, for the building of a north residence wing. Needless to say, a Residence for seventy-five could be conducted much more cheaply than one for thirty-five, proportionately speaking.

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Even Napoleon was not invincible. He met his Waterloo.

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A report of the "hustle" in one of the University's sister colleges will be found in another column.

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Owing to lack of space this issue, Jas. A. Tucker's second article on Student Life at Stanford will not appear till next week.

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MINERALOGY AND GEOLOGY.

While VARSITY is strongly opposed to the proposed scheme of abolishing Residence and fitting up the west wing for Mineralogy and Geology, it fully recognises the importance of providing some ample and immediate accommodation for the new department.

That Canada is on the eve of a great mining boom seems evident, and if the mineral wealth of Canada is to be developed by Canadians rather than by Yankees and other foreigners, the Universities of Canada must give practical instruction in such subjects as Mineralogy and Geology.

Although the real educational value of these studies is no doubt very low, their practical worth is great, and the least that the University can do to repay the people for their support is to devote some of its energies to the giving of such instruction as will result in the development of the country's material resources.

But important as these subjects are thus acknowledged to be, there are other subjects of a much greater, deeper, truer importance. All effort should be made to provide suitable accommodation for the department of Mineralogy and Geology without interfering with any of the existing college institutions.

"EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCE."

Let me introduce you to my friend "Scottie"; now, of course, "Scottie" is not his real name, but it is one by which he is universally known at "College." He is a strapping, big fellow who hailed from "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" some six years ago, and who, by his slight accent, but more by his open and pleasant manner, at once tells where he was born.

"Scottie" had been studying science for a year or more and was of a very practical turn of mind; that is to say, before believing, he always wanted to have everything proven finally and uncontroversially to his mind, by any means possible, but preferably by that of experiment. This will serve as my introduction.

I was in the habit of calling on him quite often during our college course to discuss and decide finally various abstruse scientific questions. I remember, however, one call I made one night last winter above all others. I rapped on the door of his room this evening, and opened it; but imagine my surprise to be met with a flood of smoke that almost smothered me. I knew that my friend did not smoke; and yet he was alone.

There he was sitting by the table, his lamp lit, a watch before him, the fingers of his right hand placed on the wrist of his left, one foot going tramp, tramp, and last, but not least, a long pipe in his mouth from which he was pouring volumes of smoke.

"Well, I'll be—," but just here, as I was about to relieve my mind by a little swear, "Scottie" half-turned and looked what I had failed to utter with such a serious face that I stopped and waited for developments.

In about a half a minute up he jumped, held his pipe in his hand and said in a half angry tone, "Those confounded people don't know what they are talking about;" and then he began to puff away again.

At that I began to laugh vociferously; the whole affair struck me as being so comical.

"Well," I said at last, "you simple idiot what the mischief is all this about?"

"Confound them," he said—and continued between his puffs, "Here those scientific asses—said—that smoking—had a depressing effect—upon the heart. —It's all—simple rot; and I have just proved it." By this time he had quieted down a bit, and he continued: "I took my pulse; then smoked for ten minutes and was just taking my pulse again when you came in, and, confound it, there was not a bit of difference; and here I have not smoked for two years just because I thought those scientific fellows knew what they were talking about." Here he began to puff away harder than ever.

I did not say a word either *pro* or *con*, but contented myself watching for developments; and I had not long to wait. I thought I noticed him getting pale; he still puffed grimly away, however; then he became paler and paler, until finally he stood up with a most woe-begone look on his face; laid the pipe on the table, felt to see if his watch was safe (I suppose,) and then steered a very uncertain course to the bed, having reached which he threw himself down, began to moan, embrace his vest and roll around on the bed in evident agony.

I went over to the bed, and in as solemn a voice as I could command under the circumstances, I said, "Smoking does not seem to affect the heart, 'Scottie,' but it does seem to have a very depressing effect upon the stomach." At that "Scottie" smiled a beautifully sickly smile and pleaded for me to stay with him till he died, which I promised faithfully to do.

He was, however, well enough again in half an hour to swear that he would never experiment in that direction again.

"GAWIN."

E. W. ROSS. 99

DR. TRACY'S BIBLE CLASS FOR GIRLS.

For the last couple of years, Dr. Tracy has held a Bible class for the girls of the college every Sunday afternoon. While those who have attended it have always enjoyed it and derived much good therefrom, the class has, unfortunately, never been a large one. This year, however, there is every promise of the regular attendance being double of what it has been in the past. When it organized last Sunday afternoon, well on to fifty were present, and it is hoped that more will join. Miss F. E. Kirkwood, '98, will be glad to receive the names of any who wish to attend these interesting classes.

The College Girl.

Whether we believe in her or not, whether we are glad or sorry, we must acknowledge that, in our University at least, the college girl has come to stay. All the signs of the times point that way, and not the least of these, I take it, is the class-list. When she can so easily hold her own, and in many cases show others the way, not to allow her to do so would be an injustice too flagrant to be allowed.

Since this is so, it is for us who are the present representatives of the college girls, to remember that in living our four years of college life we cannot live it unto ourselves, but unto the whole band of college girls, past, present and to come—an endless succession of seekers after knowledge. Especially, we must regard those now present, and those to come—there is not one of us but owes some duty to these. It is of the social part of our college life that I speak now, for it is there, surely, that we most influence and are most influenced by our fellow-students. If we, by giving our help—little though it may be—contribute to the placing of our societies on a stronger and wider basis, then we shall not have passed through our University selfishly seeking only our own personal benefit. Every college girl, therefore, should give at least some small portion of her time to some society, and of these there is sufficient variety to suit all sorts and conditions.

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First, there is the Women's Literary Society, which is the foremost and most general organization among the college girls, and which whenever a general representative action is required, seems to be the body most fitted to take that action. It is a matter of great regret that this society does not number all of the women undergraduates in its ranks—not even, possibly, the large majority; while one may count what might be called the active members, those who are ready and willing to take a part in the program and an interest in the proceedings. Let all the undergraduates, if not for their own sakes for the sake of college girls generally, join the Literary Society and help to make it an organization of some weight and influence. And do not fear to give what you are able towards the amusement and entertainment of the society; such gifts are not—can never be—lost; they may perchance, even as the "bread cast upon the waters," return to you sevenfold.

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Besides the Literary Society, to which all should belong, there are enough clubs to cater to the desires and fancies of everyone. For the athletic girl there are the Tennis and Fencing Clubs; for the musical girl, the Glee and Mandolin and Guitar Clubs; for the moral and religious side of us all, the Y.W.C.A.; while in connection with each department there is a club for the men and women students, jointly—something for each and every one.

As in everything else, so in the matter of college societies, we may go to the extreme; but let not that deter every college girl from joining some society and taking an active interest in it. Do not let us live only for our books, but for those who are our fellow-students now and those who shall fill our places and do our work when we shall have passed out into the world that lies beyond our college days.

CARR, '98.

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Last spring some few of the undergraduates who were interested met to organize a Ladies' Mandolin and Guitar

Club, for the pleasure and instruction of the women graduates and undergraduates of Toronto University. Time, however, was then drawing towards May, and little could be done save elect officers, draw up a constitution and endeavor to interest people in its formation. In order that all musical organizations among the college girls might be kept as united as is practicable the new club was declared to be directly under the auspices and guidance of the Ladies' Glee Club, and the president of the latter is, in virtue of that office, president of the Mandolin and Guitar Club.

The committee will now make an attempt to put this club into working condition. Owing to the fact that there are among us very few skilled players the club will not attempt any public appearance this year but will prepare to do so another year, by which time all the members will, it is hoped, have thoroughly learned their instruments. All who already play either of these instruments, or any who are desirous of doing so, are requested to give in their names at once to Miss Flavelle, '98, or Miss Stovel, '98, either of whom will be delighted to give any information that may be required with regard to the club. If it is found practicable—or, to speak plainly, if a sufficient membership can be obtained—the work of the club will begin immediately. Some of the graduates have signified their intention of joining the club, and the committee feel encouraged by the marked success which has attended the Ladies' Glee Club to hope that this attempt to extend the musical organization among the college girls will not be a failure.

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At the beginning of each college year it is customary to have a reception for the purpose of receiving the incoming students to the two sister societies—the girls to the Y.W.C.A., the men to the Y.M.C.A. This year has been no exception to the general custom, and that the welcome was appreciated was shown by the goodly number which assembled at the first meeting of the Y.W.C.A. on Wednesday last. The president, Miss Pearce, '98, presided, while Miss Bapty, '97, president last year, kindly acted as pianist. The usual preliminaries being over, the president introduced the honorary president, Mrs. J. H. Cameron, to the society. Having thanked the society for the honor done her Mrs. Cameron read a most interesting and instructive paper on "The Apocrypha." She regretted very much the lamentable ignorance prevalent with regard to these books of Scripture; some even confound Apocrypha with Apocalypse; and few know that a century since the Apocrypha formed an integral part of the English Bible, just as to-day it forms a part of the Vulgate and Greek Bible. These books being probably written at Alexandria between 300 B.C. and 30 B.C., came between the Old and New Testaments, and this post-prophetic literature, though uncanonical, has great value as a collection of historical documents, and also as affording a picture of Jewish life after the captivity. The great literary beauty and the high moral teaching of the Apocrypha were exemplified by extracts which Mrs. Cameron read.

At the conclusion of the paper the president thanked Mrs. Cameron warmly for the very enjoyable address she had given the association. It was then announced that the Y.W.C.A. regular meeting will be held on Wednesday and not Tuesday, as indicated on the topic card; also that the Women's Bible Class will meet every Sunday at 3 p.m., and will be conducted by Dr. Tracy. The meeting was then closed by prayer.

A large attendance is requested at the next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 30th, as the new members are to be proposed then and the necessary election of officers from the first year will be held.

It was decided by the management of the Tennis Club that, contrary to the usual custom, the ladies' singles in the annual tournament should be an open event. Consequently, Miss Summerhays, a member of the St. Matthew's Club, carries off the championship, having defeated Miss Ida Kerr, '98, in the finals by a score of 6-3, 7-4. In all the matches the playing was excellent, some of the games being an exhibition of splendid tennis. Miss Ross and Miss Austin lost to their respective opponents, Miss Kerr and Miss Blain, by the same score, 6-2, 6-1, Miss Kerr then defeating Miss Blain 6-3, 7-5; Miss Johnston won from Miss Mason 6-0, 6-0, but was beaten 6-4, 6-2, 8-6, by Miss Summerhayes, who also defeated Miss Skinner 6-0, 2-6, 6-1. The final match, between Miss Summerhayes and Miss Kerr, was especially interesting and closely contested, as both play the same hard, driving game. Miss Summerhayes is an exceptionally strong player and well deserves her success. By the way, would it not be a good plan to offer a challenge cup in the ladies' as well as in the men's singles?

THE LIT'S FIRST MEETING.

There was not many there for a first-night performance, but the audience was extremely enthusiastic. Mr. J. McGregor Young occupied the seat of honor, and from the self-satisfied way in which he held the presidential reins, it was hard to believe that it was his initial performance as director of the Literary Society. Mr. Wagar, the other novice, seemed to fall into the rut of his secretarial duties at once.

About the first number on the programme was a notice of motion by Burriss Gahan, to the effect that the present form of the Constitution of the society was beyond the comprehension of the most advanced student of constitutional law; and that, therefore, the following committee, Messrs. Young, Carson, Shotwell, Biggar and Armour, be instructed to employ all their spare moments between now and 3rd Friday November: the first in getting out a constitution, which shall at the same time be readable and intelligible. After this little matter had met with the approval and applause of the gathering, Charlie Carson moved that the following gentlemen look after the interests of the students on Hallowe'en: Messrs. Cleland, Harper, Gahan, Carson, Armour, McEntee, Birmingham, Flintoft, Smith (yes, Fizzer Smith), and Allan of the S.P.S. As these aspirants to fame and a box at the theatre were all popular young fellows, Charlie's motion was a go.

Once more Mr. Carson arose and moved that a committee be formed to assist the treasurer in collecting the fees. This aroused considerable discussion on the ground of indefiniteness, but it was finally decided that the executive committee give Mr. McKay all necessary assistance in his financial difficulties.

Just at this point Manager Jack Inkster introduced a speciality in an impromptu speech, dwelling upon the beauties of football in general, and the would-be beauties of the Varsity T.A.C. Lorne game, which was to be played on Saturday, in particular. He hoped the boys would encourage their team by turning out in heretofore unknown numbers. He was positive the team would win, and when some one shouted "How do you know?" Jack pulled a horse shoe from one of his capacious pockets, and answered, "This is how I know."

The president gave Jock a little "razzle" about being off-side in his remarks, and John with a parting shot sat down.

On motion of Freddie Cleland, Mr. A. G. Piper, S.P.S., was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Society, and Mr. W. E. H. Carter was elected third year S.P.S. Councillor.

Mr. Isbester was elected by acclamation to fill the

vacancy on the Business Board of VARSITY, and Burrie Gahan moved that W. H. Embree, the Prince of Wales prizeman, be made first year representative on VARSITY'S Editorial Board. In other years it was customary for the nominee of the Editorial Board to be elected, but W. H. Alexander resolved to leave the path of custom, and therefore nominated R. M. Stewart for this position. The election will come off to-morrow night.

The president, thinking the other fellows were having all the fun, here introduced a little speech on his own account—at the request of the Society.

He dwelt mainly upon the fact that there was at present a great gulf, as it were, between the graduates and undergraduates, and that he would like to see this bridged, and he hoped that those present would do anything in their power to bring about this result.

Murray Cohen took the platform, and amid much confusion read an essay on "*Stupor Mundi*." I have been told it was very good, but I cannot vouch for this, as I didn't hear much of it myself.

To add a little tone to the meeting, and to give the boys something to think about on their way home, Mr. Merrit, of '98, sang a very sweet ballad to the perfect accompaniment of the Society's musical friend Cupid.

The assemblage here sang, or should have sung, "God Save the Queen," as a motion to adjourn was carried.

COMUS.

Varsity's second team wings broke through at will.

Varsity's second team scrimmage and quarter back had a great combination.

Varsity II. ought to have a good "look in" now for the Intermediate championship. Let everybody help the boys along.

The second team halves, McMordie, Brown and McArthur, did splendid, even brilliant, work both in their running and kicking.

While John Whitney Hobb's aggregation were holding down the T.A.C. Lornes' first team to their lead of 12 points, Varsity II. was administering a trouncing to the Combination II. Manager Ross' team lined up with Walker at full-back; McArthur, McMordie and Brown at half-back; Foreman at quarter; Smith, Hinch and Revell in scrimmage; Tanner (captain), Ferris, McArthur, Scott, Stoddard, Montezambert and Spence on the wing line, and Douglas and Urquhart on the bench. The T.A.C. Lornes II. lined up as follows: Back, Spragge; halves, Cosby, Francis, Argles; quarter, McGregor; scrimmage, Logan, Lucas, Helliwell; wings, Delisle, Passmore, Boyd, Wright, Young, Mitchell, Kent.

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The exceptional beauty of the buildings and grounds of the University was very generally commented upon when the students returned to Toronto this fall. The lawns, the flower-beds, the walks, were all so neat and trim that the great grey pile of Old Varsity, clear-cut against the sky, looked more exquisite than ever. One felt, as one gazed about one, that these academic lawns and halls deserved all the pretty compliments that the visiting savants paid them in the summer.

Indeed, *Alma Mater* was still in her reception gown until the frost came. It was but meet that she should don her prettiest dress when the Wise Men of the East and the West and the North and the South paid her a visit. Nor were they slow to recognize the beauty of the place. A few years ago Mr. Matthew Arnold extolled the beauties of University College, and many men whose words are of no less weight, often spoke this summer of its exquisite grace. More than once they said, does Oxford spring to mind as one strolls across the wide green sward of Varsity.

It was a bright week in the history of Toronto and Toronto University, when the British Association for the Advancement of Science met here from the eighteenth to the twenty-fifth of August. The savants, not only of the Empire but also of the Republic to the south, assembled here to discuss their subjects and to stimulate scientific enquiry generally. The most notable figures in the notable assembly were of course Lord Lister, the President of the Association, Lord Kelvin, better known perhaps as Sir William Thompson, the Past President, and Sir John Evans, the President-elect. Among the other famous thinkers here were the Rt. Hon. James Bryce, M.P. for Edinburgh, the author of the "Holy Roman Empire"; Sir George Turner, the anthropologist; Prof. Ramsay, the chemist; Sir George Robertson, the hero who defended Chitral; Dr. Keltie, the geographer; Mr. Selous, the African explorer; Professors Miall, Remsen, Sumner, Osborn, Hadley, Newcomb, Lowell and Todd, and such prominent University presidents as Patton, Harper and Stanley Hall.

As might be expected, the papers read and the discussions carried on by such learned scientists as these would be rather above the heads of even a first class honor man in Toronto University. A large number of people, however, attended the meetings, though most of them were attracted by the personalities of the men rather than by their words of wisdom.

Everyone wanted to see Lord Lister, the kindly, old English gentleman, who has done more than anyone in the last hundred years to relieve human pain and misery. Before he introduced his antiseptic treatment in surgical cases every operation was attended by untold agony and generally death. Hospital fever and, what was far worse, hospital gangrene, were ever prevalent. In some hospitals the latter dreadful disease attacked eighty per cent. of all wounds. But, thanks to Lord Lister, the conditions of to-day are altogether different. I myself knew a patient, who went into the operating-room this summer whistling Yankee Doodle. The surgeons removed his troublesome appendix, and that night he was whistling again. In a couple of weeks he was up and around once more. The hospitals have now become places in which to get rid of diseases rather than to acquire them. Absolute cleanliness and thorough antiseptic treatment take time and trouble in operations, but there is to-day not a single surgeon, worthy of the name, who is not an enthusiastic

advocate of Listerism, as it is now called. The day of the doctor who carried his instruments in his horse-blanket has gone by. So great are the beneficial results of Lord Lister's discovery that Professor MacAllum, M.B., Ph.D., of this University, says that in his opinion it has saved almost as many lives in the last twenty-five years as the wars of Europe have destroyed in this century.

Great as his achievements are, Lord Lister remarked in his quiet unostentatious manner at the special Convocation of Toronto University this summer that he did not consider himself worthy to unloose the shoes of men like Lord Kelvin. Few people, however, will agree that the Atlantic cable has been such a boon to mankind as Listerism. But the old Professor of Natural Philosophy in Glasgow University has done much for the cause of science. He is known better, perhaps, as Sir William Thompson, the great electrician, or more fondly as simple "Sir William." But, as I remarked, it was his personality that specially attracted the attention and respect and even the love of those who came to the meetings.

In attempting to give some idea of the wonderful personality of these two great thinkers a Staff Correspondent to the *New York Outlook* writes: "In looking upon the faces of Lords Kelvin and Lister one feels that as their discoveries have been for all men and for all the world, so their appearance seems not so much that of a particular people as a more world-wide type. Lord Kelvin is an Irish-Scotchman, and when he opens his mouth it is the quaint canny Scot who speaks. Lord Lister is an Englishman and recalls portraits of Benjamin Jowett—but Jowett's was a head that might have belonged anywhere. Without taking into account, however, all the emphasis which in speech Lord Kelvin gives to the Scot, and which Lord Lister gives to the Englishman, it would be difficult at first to pronounce upon their nationality, whether Scotch, English, American, French, German. They have an appearance and manner uniting Anglo-Teuton solidity and simplicity with a dash of Latin alertness and agility."

The people of Toronto put forth every effort to extend a royal welcome to these men and their colleagues. The Scientists on their part gave several lectures of public interest. On Wednesday evening, August 18th, the proceedings opened in Massey Hall, where the new president, Sir John Evans, delivered an address. On Thursday evening Lord and Lady Aberdeen held a reception in the Parliament Buildings. On Friday and Saturday and Monday evenings popular lectures were delivered to the public, and on Tuesday evening a grand conversazione was held in the University Buildings.

Mr. James Brebner, the University Registrar, to whose great kindness I am almost entirely indebted for the material in this report, tells a couple of interesting stories about Lord Lister at the Conversat. The genial old man was standing shaking hands with all those who sought that honor. Someone remarked to him that it must be a great bore for him to have to shake hands with so many who were absolute strangers to him. He smiled sweetly, and replied in a tone full of courtesy, "No—it is my very great privilege." But as the evening wore on the strain told on him, and his kindly face assumed a tired expression. "Almost as bad as an operation, isn't it, Lord Lister?" said someone to him. A smile played over his features as he answered pleasantly, "Yes, very nearly."

Of Lord Kelvin Mr. Alexander Fraser tells some good stories in the August number of the *Westminster*. Most of them deal with his relation to his students in the University of Glasgow. "An old student," writes Mr. Fraser, "now a professor himself, used to describe Sir William's lectures as: 'A statement of the subject, an explanation

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of the statement, an explanation of the explanation, a digression, an explanation of the digression, a series of digressions, a glance at his watch, a five minutes hurried discussion of the salient points in the lecture, five minutes explanation of next lecture, class dismissed." Though this does not seem to be the skeleton of a very interesting lecture, Sir William Thompson, or as he is now called, Lord Kelvin, certainly endeared himself to all his pupils, not only by the wide extent of his knowledge, but by his kindness and earnestness.

The effects of the meetings of the Association in stimulating scientific enquiry and attracting public attention to the objects and achievements of science, it would be difficult to judge at all accurately. Certain it is, however, that it was a great boon to the University to have these men here this summer, and a great honor to have such men receive a Toronto degree and speak in high terms of praise thereof.

B. B.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Varsity I. Association football team had its first match in the Intercollegiate series Tuesday afternoon, on the lawn, against McMaster. As it was the first match, the playing was not so close and accurate as it will be in succeeding matches, yet some brilliant passing was done, especially by the Varsity forwards. Varsity won by two goals to none, both goals being shot by Wren. McMaster team is much stronger than last year, especially in the back division. Of the new Varsity men, Campbell at back is a strong kicker, while Abraham and Martin at halves bid fair to replace Gibson and Jackson of last year. The forward line play a fine combination game, Whitely, the new first team man falling right in with the rest. Varsity's team was: *Goal*—Armstrong, *Backs*—Campbell and Munroe, *Halves*—Abraham, McKinley and Martin, *Forwards*—Dickson, Whitely, Patterson, Wren, Sinclair.

TORONTO TROUNCES TRINITY.

There was a baseball match on the lawn Tuesday afternoon, although the score would seem to indicate that a game of cricket had been played. A characteristically excited mob of amateur sawbones surrounded the diamond, and from two o'clock till dark they made the air dismal with their fog horns and the howlings of their unassisted voices. The cause of the uproar was the annual match between the medicos of Toronto and Trinity respectively. The wearers of the black and red seemed easy winners until the end of the eighth innings, when the score was 17 to 12 in their favor. Then they seemed to forget the first rudiments of the game, and in the last innings Toronto piled up 13 runs, winning the game by 25 to 18. The victors were triumphantly carried off the field amidst the wildest enthusiasm.

SOPHOMORES ELECT OFFICERS.

The class of 1900 met in East Hall on Tuesday last, the president, J. B. Coyne, in the chair. A. N. W. Clare was appointed secretary *pro tem*. The election of officers was then proceeded, with and resulted as follows:

President, J. J. Gibson; 1st Vice, Miss G. D. Hall; 2nd Vice, C. R. Fitzgerald; Secretary, A. N. W. Clare; Treasurer, R. A. Armstrong; Poetess, Miss L. Mason; Critic, N. R. Beal; Judge, N. F. Coleman; Prophetess, Miss L. Wegg; Musical Director, R. B. Mitchell; Ath-

letic Director, B. C. Ansley; Orator, W. A. Smith; Historians, Miss H. M. Hughes, A. C. Hill; Councillors, R. D. Hume Stenstone, Miss Laing, Miss E. Mason.

THE PRESIDENT ON A JAUNT.

All this week the authorities of Chicago University are holding high festival in honor of the opening of the new Yerkes Observatory at Williams Bay, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. President Loudon received an invitation to be present, and left for the Windy City Tuesday evening. Tonight he is to attend a grand banquet for the great educationalists and scientists of America, and it is expected that he will speak there. He will also visit the new Observatory, which was presented to the University by Mr. Yerkes, the great street railway magnate of Chicago. It is not thought that the hospitable savants of the West will let our worthy president away before the end of the week at the earliest.

Speaking of "The Idol's Eye," Frank Daniels' new comic opera, an exchange says:

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Of course among college foot-ball captains, John Whitney Hobbs, the "king of quarter-backs," is the most conspicuous. Here, however, are some of his most notable contemporaries in the leading colleges of the States, this season: Yale, Rodgers; University of Pennsylvania, Minds; Harvard, Norman Cabot; Cornell, William McKeever; Lehigh, F. H. Gunsalus; Brown, D. L. Fultz.

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Every student should be a reporter to VARSITY.

"Butch" Little, '97, is taking a medical course at McGill.

W. Shotwell, B.A., '97, is wielding the birch-rod in the Hawkesbury School.

J. W. Ten Eyck, ex-'98, is now Curate in the Memorial Church in London.

President Loudon dined at Residence the other evening, and received a royal welcome.

Steps are being taken by the men in Residence for the formation of a Sunday morning Bible Class.

Robert Reynolds Glenn, the star man on Knox's wing line, announces his intention of studying hard this year.

"Pat" Johnston, '96, took a flying trip to England during the holidays. He reports the baseball outlook bright in the old country.

Mr. A. H. Montgomery, '98, spent July and August in England, Scotland, Ireland and France. He returned with some good shark and fog stories.

J. MacKay, the head man in the third year philosophy course, spent the summer in Detroit, Mich., where he had charge of a mission.

At a meeting of the senior executive committee the other day, W. G. Fitzgerald was elected to the vacancy on the business board of the Year-Book.

Wonders never cease. Yesterday C. M. Fraser, '98, was a full-bearded man—to-day he is a boy again. You look nicer that way, Charlie.

At the meeting of the senior class executive, a sub-committee was appointed to try to arrange a joint reception with the senior students of Victoria.

H. H. Narraway, ex-'97, has returned, and from all appearances intends to take his usual prominent place in the discussions in the Literary Society.

When B. A. Cohoe, '98, returned to college this fall, his friends noticed that he was wearing a fancy pin from Whitby Ladies' College. Explanations are in order.

The Freshman class met yesterday afternoon, and, after organizing, elected officers. A full list of the officers will be published in the next issue of VARSITY.

Charles Muriel Carson, the bashful and business-like vice-president of the Lit., denies the report that he is going to spend Thanksgiving Day in the Capital.

Harris Elliott, B.A. Sc., of London, who took a splendid stand in his post-graduate work at the S.P.S. last year, has received an appointment here in the Technical School.

A. H. Montgomery and "Pop" Anderson, '98, were so indignant at their names not being mentioned in last week's list of hirstute experimenters, that they have applied the razor to to their upper lips. The difference is barely noticeable.

Robert Martin, the genial janitor of the college, has for sale, not only stamps, but also some fine note paper bearing the crest of University College. Give him a call.

In the list of the class officers of '98 given in last week's Varsity, a misprint occurred. A. W. Smith is Prophet and G. L. Wager, Critic for the year.

DI-VARSITIES.

The day after the poor graduate of '97 had commenced teaching in the district school, he got the following note, explaining the non-attendance of one of his scholars:

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The Dean, meeting an old graduate, Mr. G., amid a circle of friends at Convocation, remarked that he never met him without being reminded of the circumstances of their first meeting. "What were they?" asked Mr. G. "Why, you were in your room playing with a dog you kept there." "But," said G, putting on one of his solemn looks, "do you know why I kept him there?" "No," responded the Dean. "Well, the wood you furnished us with that winter was so green and wet that I kept my dog in my room that I might light my fires with his bark." The Dean vanished.



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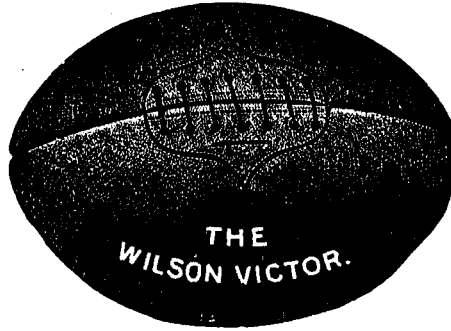


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