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## EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY POLITICS AND EVENTS.

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With this number the second year of The 'Varsity commence. With our success, thus far, we have reason to be satisfied. On thi graduates and undergraduates of the University the pap r relies in a special manner; their sympathy and aid it will be our aim to deserve, that being the only condition on which either call be asked. Our labor, like theirs, is voluntary; and it is only by co-operation that success can be obtained.

## A Wrong calling for redress.

One of the conditions of competition for the Gilchrist Scholarshi in the University of London is that no competitor shall lie more that twenty-two ytars of age. On the 7 h h of June, 1880, Mr. Win. Hemry Huston, of this province, wrote to the provincial secretaly, statiur that ly the first of May, 1881, when the aplications were to be sen in, he would be less than twenty-two, while he would be three day ${ }^{0}$ ver that age by the 20 th of June, the dite at which the examination Was to commence. In reply he receivel from the acting assistann secretary of the Province the following letter, which is ferfectly ex-
plicit:

## Toronto, 1Ith June, 1880.

Sir,-I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letten of the 7 ih inst., resplecting the age of cimididates for the ". Gilchisi Seholinship," and to inform you, in , eply, that a candidate who lans not completed his twenty-second year at the thate of his application is eligible for the scholarship.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
John II. Ussher,
Acting Ass't Sec'y.

## W. H. Huston, Esq., Whitby.

Acting on this advice, Mr. Huston went to work and pursued his
studies to such pur pose that he came out 8th in the University of Lon-
don Matriculation Class List, while one other Canudian competitor wan
$3_{1 s t}$, and another 49th. To his amazement, however, the schoh arship, Was not awarded to him, bat to the next of the candilates just referred to, the reason assigned being that he was over age when he competed $f_{0}$ it, the honor of winuing the prize was carried off easily by Mr. Huston, while a less successful rival is allowed to reatp the sabstantial
reward.

If Mr. Huston's misfortune-for it is a real misfortune at his time of life to have had his evenings diverted for a whole year from profes${ }^{\text {sional }}$ work to a comparatively useless purpose-had been due to his ${ }^{0} \mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{n}}$ negligence in obtaining the necessiaty information as to the condition on which he has been disqualified, he would have been entitled $t_{0}$ neither sympathy nor redress. The auchorities of the University of
$L_{\text {ondon }}$ - Handon are not to be blamed, for the shortness of the time between M1. Huston's ir quest for information and the dite of the reply he received
from the provincial secretary's office slows that they were not consam the provincial secretary's office slows that they were not con-
date
date $d_{\text {ate }}$. Their decision, that the age limit must be determined by the
to
to prescribe such a limit if they please. The entire blame must rest on
the provincial secretary's office, and therefore if any redress is possible
$\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{or}}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{a}$ it should Government should hold themselves liable to grant it. What
themselves, but that he is entitled to some consideration in the matter is as clear as anything can be.

We may adl, with respect to the Canadian candidates for the Gilchris ${ }^{+}$Scholarship this year, that Mr. Huston, who is at present on the staff of Pickering College, was trained at Whithy High School, and completed his collegiate course at Uaivessity College, graduating at its conclusion in the Unisersity of Toronto. Mr. Howard Murray, who ame next him, is an alumnus of Dathousie College, Halifax, and Mr. George Ross, who stood third, is a student of University Cullege, and in undergraduate of the University of 'Toronto.

## PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

The intense sympinthy felt by the civilized world for the late President, his family, ?nd the Am-rican mation, aroused by his assas-- mation and death, stands alone amid similar phenomena in history. such sympalhy, however, arose not from the circumstances of his "eath alone, however deplorable. The belea ling of Ciarbes I.; the dagger of Damens; the bomb of Rousakore; were viulent expressions of hatred with an intelligible origin. The act of Gurteau, on the uther hand, seems to have been eatirely purposeless, or explicable only by reference to some of the most depraved passions of man. But, part from such considerations, the world has hastened to reconnize the tact that the death of Galifield has removed from the high ofthee of ruler of a nation one who was essentially a man, whose career ard character eminently ficted him for his position, and who was in therough mison with the great people he governed.

It is always pleasing to contemplate the struggle of genius with the poverty and difficulties of early life; and to few men hass it heen gramed to triumph so thoroughly over them as dil Garpield. This is an aspect of his career which we can thoronghy apprediate and admire. A very large prop ortion of the young men of onr University have had to contend with difficulties similar to those whieh beset GarField in his youth. Those of is who have not experienced can at least anderstand them, a d this fact accounts for the presence amongst us of a feeling of almost personal pride in his trimuhs, and of deep sorrow for the premature and disastrous close of a brilliant career in the prime of its usefulness.

The details of Gabfield's life have long since become a thrice-told tale. It is well known how, after a long and hard strurg'e, he succeeded in ohtaining a thorough and broall ellucation at two eastern colleges, takiug his degree at Willams with honors in metaphysics. It is but fitingr, that we should extend to the college of which he was os distinguished an clamans our sympathy, and our regret that he was not spared to achieve even greater things.

Garfield was remarkable for a rare and equable combination of mental qualities sather than for an extraordinary development in any
one exclusive direction. He was not a sprialist one exclusive direction. He was not a speciallist. As a soldier he possessed good, though not extraordinary, ability; he was not a profound scluolar nor a brilliant statesman. But a union in him of the qualiti-s that make the soldier, the scholar, the statesman, and perhaps even the poet, rendered him a man of very great power. His carcer has been frequently compareld with that of Abraham lincols, and in many points it is strikingly parallel. But he was a man of fur broader and clearer perceptions than Lincols, as he was also undoubtedly of far
higher nom character.

The speeches of the late President show that there was a strong poetical element in his mind, which trequently found expression in bold
and original figures. For instance, in a brief address, on moving an adjournment of the House of Congress, on the first anniversary of the death of Lincoln, after quoting the unrivalled words of Tennyson-

> "Some divinely gifted man,
> Whose life in low estate began,
> And on a simple village green;
> Who breaks his birth's invidious bars,
> And grasps the skirts of happy chance,
> And breaks the blows of circumstance,
> And grapples with his evil stars;
> Who makes by force his merit known,
> And lives to clutch the golden keys,
> To mould a mighty State's decrees,
-as aptly describing the character of Lincoln (how applicable to himself!) he went on to say: "It was the embodied spirit of treason and slavery, inspired with fearful and despairing hate, that struck him (Lincoln) down in the moment of the nation's supremest joy. Ah, sir ; there are times in the history of men and nations when they stand so near the veil that separates mortals and immortals, time from eternity, and mon from their God, that they can almost hear the breathings and feel the pulsations of the heart of the Infinite. Through such a time has this nation passed when two hundred and fifty thousand brave spirits passed from the field of honor through that thin veil to the presence of God; and when at last its parting-folds admitted the martyred President to the company of the dead heroes of the Republic, the nation stood so near the veil that the whispers of God were heard by the children of men." The magnificent audacity of the figure reminds one of that passage in John Bright's speech on the Crimean war, where, speaking of the desolation and mourning caused by the war, he said: "The Angel of Death is passing through the land; you may almost hear the beating of his wings."

Of a still more electric type was Garfield's memorable appeal to a threatening New York mob on the morning after the assassination of Lincoln; an incident which strikingly illustrates the magnetic power possessed by the late President, in common with some other great minds, over his fellow-men.

The culminating point of his career was his nomination to the Presidency at the Republican Convention at Chicago about a year ago. Readers of the newspapers will well remember its stirring scenes. Faction had been roused to a frenzy that, under almosi any other government, would have bred a revolution. To reunite the different divisions of the Republican party seemed to be impossible. But when Wisconsin, acting on an inspiration, "broke" for Garfield, and he was once fuirly in the field, the discord of factions disappeared before the tumultuous enthusiasm his candidature evoked. In that supreme moment, for hin " one crowded hour of glorious life," we are told that Garfield alone was unmoved in that vast assemblage. But it would
be idle to suppose that any mere chance rendered his nomination be idle to suppose that any mere chance rendered his nomination possible. It had taken years of study and reflection, of meritorious service in the field and in Congress, and, above all, an unswerving integrity, to qualify him, of all the leaders of the Republican party, for the Presidency. We now can only sorrow that it was his lot to possess for so brief a space "the laurels, the palms and the pæan" of that high office.

> So be it : there no shade can last
> In that deep dawn behind the tomb,
> But clear from marge to marge shall bloom,
> The eternal landscape of the past.
C.

Ir is to be hoped that during vacation we have all ploughed, threshed sailed, run, jumped, rowed, camped, swum, reaped, fished, delved, chopped, hammered, shouted, yelled, chirped, painted, whitewashed, walked, capered, pranced, lounged, loafed, and labored, and that we have thereby acquired and stowed away a large surplus stock of bodily energy, our muscles being harder and larger, and the girth of our chests considerably increased. Seven months of continuous study calls for a good constitution, upon which there are not many things more severe than the close confinement of student life, small apartments, bad ventilation, self-feeding coal stoves (with their confounded lifedestroying dampers), and the midnight lamp. In the winter months few of us take to outdoor exercise as a pleasure. Those who have given heed to what doctors are every day telling us, and who consider it a duty to exercise themselves daily, are generally prone to weaken after they have swung the clubs for a fortnight, or have walked six miles a day for the same length of time. To most of us this continuous and regular taking of exercise is not a pleasure, and although it is no doubt a duty we owe to our health, yet affecting ourselves alone, we are too apt to let the matter go without consideration. However, there is no use discussing this subject now, for everyone you meet about the college says that he has ploughed, threshed, sailed, run, jumped, rowed,
etc., during the vacation, aud is prepared to sit for thirty nights in the month in his little room, either by himself studying, or with a num ber of companions all warmly discussing the doctrines of innate ideas and of infinities, amid a cloud of tobaceo smoke, the host himself being careful that the cold January air gets in by no crevice, and mindful of the poet's advice, ligna super foco Large reponens.

## OBSERVATIONS BY THE PATRIARCH STUDENT.

In spirit I was at the threshold of University College portals on the opening day, to extend the appropriate salutations to all you young men. I hope the return to the 'Varsity is made with unloaded spirits, that a clearer vision of what can be done between this month and next May has been gained, and, more especially, that the method has. been firmly decided on whereby the main purpose in view is to be acconplished.

## **

Now all this hoping assumes that vacation has been spent in a way more or less likely to give the capabilities the most sharpening refreslment. The remark may suggest the question, What mode of life is best in the holidays for the student who has been unsparing of himself in term? If I am not mistaken, there is a growing tendency to recognize change to new scenes and seclusion as the right counterpoise to the bustle and mental strain of the academic year. To your fathers and their fathers such a course would seem extravagantly eccentric. In their hobbledehoy days the favorite ideal of the summer recess included a sojourn at home, a family exportation to the seaside, and sweet palavers with one's carissima. Another and a wiser plan is gradually being adopted. "Camping out" in small parties is being thought superior to the attractions of the homestead ; feats of pedes. Mrianism and canoeing over long distances are preferred to the stay at Murray Bay or Orchard Beach, and the indispensable sweetheart figures more in correspondence and exaggerated photos than in the romantic rendezvous. More wisdom, I repeat, is thereby shewn. The only trat antidote for tired brains is complete repose. Physicians every day bear witness that this is unattainable, as a rule, under the paternal roor. Life there, if it has its charms, has too a multitude of cares and duties, and the same stricture applies to the exactions of sentimental acquantances.
'Tis the early bird that catches ** the worm. So may any one elso who eats a Toronto apple in the dark.

Gin Sling is the euphonious ${ }^{*}$ name of a Chinese student at Yale. Who knows but that at some time in the vasty future Gin Sling may become one of the ornaments of the New York Bar.

To try and teach a woman logic is about the same game as trying to teach a man dressmaking, or the art of getting the last word. logic class was recently started at a fashionable ladies' school, situated somewhere between Hamilton and Montreal. A professor, selected from the University that is similarly situated, on account of his com bined ugliness and attainments, was engaged to attend on a certall afternoon of each week. A tall and intelligent-looking girl of so ${ }^{10} 0$
sixteen springs, at the ber appear springs, at the head of the class, commended herself, by be, appearance, to the professorial attention. "Give me, Miss," said be," Miss : "Logic is an easy conclusion drawn from two false premises; Miss: "Logic is an easy study; that's false. I don't like easy studies, that's false. I don't like logic ; that's true." Cluss is dismissed; logic won't form a leading feature of the next prospectus.

The same evening, when the pipes were lit and the whiskey circulating in the smoking-room of the Antediluvian Fossils, that professor spoke his mind to the other conseript fathers. "It is the pro vince of logic," said he, "to distinguish be fathers. thoughts. Women never have correct thoughts - wouldn't know ${ }^{8}$ correct thought if they saw it-therefore, it is impossible to toach a woman logic."
"And this," he said, as he ** the inquisition were industriousis left the room, where the familigrs of stair, "this performance, with its emasculated musingly descendedanoe of objurgation and abols ceremonial, its abund the splendor of the Queen of Night-its lack of that quaint humor ${ }^{\text {so }}$ characteristic in days of yore-and its expurgated Liturgy, do the now call this the lineal heir and full successor of the Eleusinian My the ries, the Mystic Initiation, that formed the portal through which that trembling neophyte entered into the full fruition of the Illumi Ah! tempora mutantur et isti mutantur in illis."

I cas quite understand fair damsels, mature or otherwise, playing lawn temnis with fascinating curates. The attraction is not so much the tennis in presenti as the lawn in futuro.

This is the latest Oxford goak : ${ }^{*}$ : In the Divinity Schools the other day a man was asked by one of his examiners if he could inform him who was the husband of Abigail? The intelligent undergrad promptly answered, Nabob : and when pressed for further information on the subject, replied that he was a very great pickle.

The chronicler of sport in the * $^{*}$ irm has, you may take my word for it, an easy time of it. The position, compared to mine, is a sinecure, and just the thing for a decayed journalist. I put in my claim. The Chief ungratefully refused; so, with a fine sense of retribution, I pro pose starting a sporting column 'on my own hook.' Now, fishing is my strong point, and accordingly I begin with some notes thereon:

Fishing in the Lake has the effect of making its votaries very hungry. Oftentimes they don't get a bite all lay.

Why is silence so necessary for fishermen?
you to catch the fish except with baited breath ?
An old man was fishing on Sunday morning, just before church
time, when the curate saw him, and inquired in dulcet tones:
"My man, don't you hear those heavenly chimes?"
"Eh?"
"Don't you hear those heavenly chimes calling you?"
inferual "lells." " bers, sir ; but I really can't hear what you say for those
The verdant angler will row around in his 'Hlat,' and perchance does not know a boom from a breaker. The wise man picks up peb-
bles an the shore, and firts with a girl in a pink dress.
There was a young man from the mission,
Who spent all his Sundays a fishin';
Who spent all his Sundays a fishin';
He said Hades for
When they didn't bite well,
For he read the Revised Edition.
Quinollini, who keeps the Froggo Restaurant. received this week a barrel of oysters. He can't make out who sent then to him ; he has so many friends of the club who "go shoot in different parts of
de contree,

Coluege News.-Knox College was formally opened on Wednesday, the sth. Principal Caven filled the chair, and Professor McLaren delivered the opening lecture. The number of new students entering on the course of Theology proper is fourteen, making a total of thirty-six in this departneent exclusively. Seventy-five students reside in the college, While about one hundred altogether are working with the view of entering the Presbytenan ministry. This is the 37 th year of the college's distupe, which was virtually founded in 1845, immediately after the disruption in Canada. All the accommodation it then possessed was a meagre suite of rooms in a private residence. It was soon removed to theoloilding now occupied by the Queen's Hotel, and was at once a theological college aml a preparatory school for intending stadents for cation. With incresed many prominent men received their early educollon. With increased numbers larger quarters were needed. The Eollege was therefore removed in 1855 to the old residence of Lord carried the site now occupied by the Central Presbyterian Church, and Whried on for twenty years. The new building, now K nox College, Whs opened in 1875 . It is looked on as one of the finest collegiate
buildings in only $\$ 27$ in the city. Its cost all round was nearly $\$ 120,000$, of which nly $\$ 27,000$ remains to be paid.

Seven new studeuts have entered on their course in eugineering at the School of Science this year.
$\mathrm{D}_{\text {R. }}$ Wilson was appointed by the Geographical Conference at comba, one of a conmittee of thirteen to determine the location of a
common prime meridian.
Tre absurdity of awarding prizes to residence men who manage to
tance flags in the course, will be alleviated this year by the placing of dis-
past fhags in the steeple-chase, mile, half mile, and quarter mile races,
man which these would-be prizemen must have got by the time the first winning line.
elected The Glee Club held a meeting on Thursday, when a treasurer was resigned to fill the place of Mr. J. C. Elliott, who unfortunately has ged this responsible position
tak $_{\text {e }} \mathrm{R}_{\text {IFLe }}$ practice, preparatory to the annual company match, will day, place on the following dates: Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 3 p.m. ; Satur${ }^{4 t} 3$ p.m. ; Tuesday, Oct. 25 , at 3 p.m. ; and Friday, Oct. 28, at 3 p.m.

There will be an open meeting of the Debating Society to-night, at which the subject for discussion will be, "Resolved, that prizes and scholarships should be abolished in Toronto University." Mr. E. P Davis will open the affimative side of the question, and Mr. J. M. Clarke will speak first on the negative.

The Gyimnasium openel on Monday, October 10th. Adimission this year is by ticket only.

Tine first regular meeting of the Natural Science Association will he hold on Wednesday, October the 19th, in Professor Chapman's lecture room in the School of Science. Besides selecting two represen tatives to the committee for the second year, a paper will be read by Mr. T. P. Halle, on "Recent improvements in bread making," and mother on the "History of chemistry since the sixteenth century," by Mr. W. F. Rowand, a sequel to a paper read by this gentleman last year on the same subject, covering a period from its early existence up to the date of the present essay.

The late Professor Torrance, professor elect of New Testament Interpretation in the new Baptist College, was a graduate from Toronto University in 1873, silver medallist in metaphysics, and prizeman in oriental languages.
'Vaksity Men. - The following are the names, fifty in numbar, of the Freshmen who have up to yesterday registered with Mr. Baker. There are of course many other matriculated students atteming the College who have not yet registered :

| W. E. G. Bain . | Oxford Co. |
| :---: | :---: |
| R. Baldwin... | .Toronto. |
| W. Bannerman. | . ..Sullivan. |
| A. R. Barron. | .Mt. Pleasant. |
| E. P. Beattie. | . Omemee. |
| J. H. Buchanan | Washington, Ont. |
| S. Burns..... | York. |
| J. C. Burrows | Kingston. |
| D. Cameron. | Dunblane, Scotland. |
| A. Campbell.. | Simeoe Co. |
| W. C. Chisholm | Port Hope. |
| E. C. Coleman | Seaforth. |
| A. Collins. | Walkerton. |
| J. A. Collins. | Middlesex Co. |
| A. D. A. Dawdney | Toronto. |
| R. J. Duff. | Meaford. |
| A. H. Gibbard | Napanee. |
| G. A. Gregry | Toronto. |
| H. J. Hamilton. | Collingwood. |
| S. A. Henderson | Lonmay, Scotland. |
| G. H. Hogarth | Solina. |
| J. G. Holmes. | Huron Co. |
| W. H. Irving. | Toronto. |
| 11. E. Irwin. | Simcoe Co. |
| E. H. Johnston | London. |
| M. J. Keane.. | Westport, Ireland. |
| E. B. Kenrick | Eashy, England. |
| J. Kyles.. | Mono. |
| W. L. M. Lindsey | Toronto |
| H. G. Livingston . | Oxford Co. |
| D. Mackay | Oxford Co. |
| J. Macoun. | Northumberland Co. |
| R. J. McCulloch | .Galt. |
| 1). McKenzie | Huron Co. |
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| J. McMillan. | Ontariu |
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| W. Sanderson. | Peterboro'. |
| J. Short. | Elkington. |
| W. A. Smith. | Haldimand Co. |
| W. T. Standish | Esquesing. |
| E. Stout. | Rockwood |
| F. H. Sykes | Queensville. |
| A. B. Thompson. | Penetanguishene. |
| J. S. Walker. | Waterloo Co. |
| W. H. Walker. . | York. |

The following are new arrivals in the second year :
W. J. Armitage

London.

| A. Beattie. | Blair. |
| :---: | :---: |
| W. T. Bradley. | Ottawa. |
| G. W. Brown. | frey Co. |
| J. Cuthbert | Ingersoll. |
| H. Drindson | Goderich. |
| M. Haight. | York Co. |
| Q. W. Holmes | .Sarnia. |
| $\cdots$ Megillivay | Bruce Co. |
| A. M. MacMechan | Witerloo. |
| A. 1). Passmore. | Brantforl. |
| S. W. Phelps. | Norfolk Co. |
| I. I. Rossiter | Middlesex Co. |
| G. Sale | Turonto. |
| W. C. Weir | Lanark Co. |

Mr. A. Cearswell, Oshawa, Ont., and Mr. T. S. MeCall, Vittoria, Ont., are registered in the third year.

Mr. MeCallum, '80, silver nedallist in science, is, for the present, assistant master in the Cornwall Grammar School.

Mr. Join M. Buchan, M.A., '65, a former silver medallist in modern languages of this University, has been appointed Principal of Upper Camada College, in place of Mr. Cockbum, resigned. Mr. Buchan's experience as Figh School Inspeetor of Ontario, makes hin thoroughly couversant with our educational system. This knowledge, with his previous training as a teacher, amply fit him for his new position.

Mr. B. F. Rutran B.A., '81, has gone to McGill College, Muntreal, to take an course in medicine.

Mr. J. A. MoAndrew, B.A., last year's gold melallist in metaphysies, is now at Elinburgh completing lis studies.

Mr. G. Achlson, B.A., '80, has been appointed science master at the Toronto Collegiate Institute in place of Mr. Montgonery.

Of last vear's classics, Mr. Milner is master at the Ottawa High School ; Mre (Quaver holds a simitar position at London; and Miessus. Armour and Gurnne are stulents in the office of Messrs. Bethume, Moss \& Falconbridge.

Mr. J. R. Cambron, B.A., '79, has been suffering for some tim. phast from a severe attack of typhoid fever, but is at last out of danger

Mr. C. C. Mocaul, B.A., '79, has just recovered from a two months' illness of typhoid fever.

Mr. J. I'. Momurrich, B.A., '79, spent part of his vacation in Houth (Grolina, devoting his time while there to biology.

Ma. G. If. Cabvetle, B.A., '81, is Science Master in the Port Hope High School.

Professon Wright spent the summer in Europe.
Mr. Vines, the Dean, has returned from Eingland, bringing his wife with him.

Professor Pike was in Eighand during the summer vacation.
WINTER.

From the cold and dreary northland-
From the icy far-off lone land,
With its stunted larches growing,
In the sunless twilight showing-
Came the winter, culd and dreary,
With its evenings, long and weary;
With its pallid sunsets gleaming,
Came the winter, with its snowing,
With its blust'ring and its blowing,
And its icy snow moon beaming ;
And the bearded autumn forest
Bent its branches, slowly creaking.
While among its leafless branches
Low a voice was softly moaning ;
Like the sea waves on a rock shore,
Always flowing, always ebbing,
Came that voice: The year is dying,
Dying slowly, dying softly,

Like some world-worn spirit holy, With its load of spirits weary, With its dead and with its dying.
From the far-off Arctic forests Came the silent snow-clad ice king ; Laid he o'er the land his mintle, Laid it softly, faid it slowly; In the silent dead of midnight Buried he the olden dead-year, Buried in its icy snow-shroud; Covered he the aged maples,
With their branchos rocking, swaying
Rocking, swaying in the night-wind;
Covered he the guarled beeches,
Hushed he up the icy night-wind,
Hushed it to a solemun stillness.
Thus came unto us the winter
From the dreary far-off northland,
Came to bury up the dead-year.
In the dreary hour of midnight.
Silent broke the winter's morning, And the world, the same as ever, Went round on its weary journey, With its living, with its dying. But the olden year was buried, In the silent past was buried.-. With its joy and with its sorrow, With its deeds, both grood and wicked-.
By the icy hand of winter,
In the silent past forever.

## Huron.

## THE EPISTLES OF PLINY. -SOME OLD STORIES RETOLD.

 No. 1.The more one reals of the literature of the Romans, the more one feels that they were very like ourselves. We perenive that they had the same feelings, were moved by the same impulses, had tho same griets, shared the same joys, and led very much the lives that wo leai. They were in many ways more like the English than any other race. They were a military race, so are we; they were colonizers, so are we; they pushed their Empire as far as the limits of the known world, on ours the sun never sets. Their system of law is ours ; we have many of their feasts and festivals, many even of their superstitions. Their
influence has pervaded the whol influence has pervaled the whol: of ont history. It needs no apology if a Canadian, in pointing ont analogies between things Roman and things Enclish, speaks of the latter as his own. It is the privilege of the Canadian as a British subject to speak of English triumphs, English laws, English rights, English liberties, as his. They are his in the
same way as they were his ancestors' bic Same way as they were his ancestors' before they crossed the Atlantic ; mind of a Canarian as comes forcibly home in many ways to the mind of a Canadian as he reads the classics. The literature there
presented to him is that of a metropolis, the centre of a mighty empre, where were gathered the supreme intellect centre of a mighty empire, where were gathered the supremo intellect, visor, commercial activity,
political ambition, and alas ! the vice und political ambition, and alas ! the vice and abomination, all of which
have their comberpart in the London of to-day; and the Canadian, as a member of an outlying portion of the British Empire, can faidy contrast the two.

The last century of the Republic had seen utter degradation of the Roman citizens, that is, of those who lived in Rome itself.* In the provinces and on the outskirts of the Roman civilization a somewhat better state of things existed, although the rapacity and venality of the
Roman senators and polition in Roman senators and political intriguers, who were sent out as governors to repair their shattered fortunes, could not fail in having their effect as an example to be imitated by the provincials as far as they dared.
** Romar ruere in, servitium consules, patres, eques. Quanto quis illustrior tanto
majis falsi ac festinantes.-TActuss Annals, I .

The first half century of the Empire changed the state of things in it by ways. The Executive was seen to be firmly established, and as by himght rest and quiet to the much-harassed Roman, it was accepted Tacitus. Every now and then a flash of the old spirit leaped up; as the craft of Manebant etiam tum vestigia morientis libertatis; but Tiberius of Augustus, followed by the cold-blooded determination of public spipported by an organized system of terrorism, crushed any crime spirit. They prepared the way for the next half century of once, vice, folly and insanity which cursed the Roman world, until a better more the plague brought its own cure by preparing the way for period the of things, destined to last nearly a century, during which passage the power of Rome was at its zenith. There is a well-known cussage in the third book of the Annals of Tacitus, in which he disfrom the causes of the change in manners at the time whe n he wrote acute those prevalent about the time of the battle of Actium. The In historian traces the return to a simpler mode of life to two causes. riches first place, he says, the old families who became eminent for Asiaticus killed off. One striking example was that of Valerius them such, and the story of Naboth's vineyard was repeated. A few lessons was as given by her were sufficient to show that a display of wealth Emper advisable. Tucitus also gives credit for the change to the imperor Vespasian, who, he says, observed ancient simplicity, and adds an of a prince was more powerful than penalty or fear. He that there is reason more philosophic than the other two. He reflects change so is in all things, as it were, a revolution, and that as times ing subjects manners, and he deservedly praises his own age as affordTrajan subects for imitation by posterity. Tacitus wrote in the reign of Which is the commencement of that period of eighty or ninety years Emperors ways regarded as the happiest in the history of the Roman to the State ; Stable institutions, peace at home, victory abroad, gave rest passed away and although the inspiration of the Augustan Age had Martial, Quinever to return; the names of Pliny the Elder, Juvenal, shed lustre on literature on any period. The munificence of the Prince encouraged sent was and art; the traditions of the Past were venerated; the Preon the Futurquil ; and no person could foresee the storms about to burst
Pling the Yue. Such then were the circumstances under which lived
the chief Younger-the last named of the galaxy of writers who form Pliny the Younger was "the ne of Roman literature.
just as the the Younger was "the nephew of his uncle," and probably the youne reputation of the elder I'Istaeli was of great assistance to position and and more celebrated weaver of that name, so the social greatest value to Pliny fame the elder Pliny must have been of the reputation. value to Pliny the Younger. But he soon made his own
learned men. He had the name of being, with Tacitus, one of the most Court, bein in Rome. He had means, he had rank, he had interest at tunate in every a personal friend of the Emperor. He was, therefore, for-
the Roman sy way, and was as admirable a specimen of the results of tribune in system as conld well be put forward. He was military preetor, consuria; he was a pleader, even almost an orator ; he became ${ }^{\text {Bioner, }}$; and in propretor of a Province, Tiber conservatory commisfavorably for his these capacities seems to have acquitted himself therefore no mere own reputation and the public welfare. He was business man, and a politicen closet, but one who had seen service, a ${ }^{8} \mathrm{luch}^{2}$ a man and a politican and statesman. The correspondence of Thetters of Plinyld not fail to be of value, and fortunately we have the They are Pliny carefully preserved and given to the world by himself. the Roman gently and pleasantly written, and are characteristic of in described gentleman, whose ambition was to be somewhat as Dryin his dispositioningham. Pliny seems to have been more kindly in his we learn than his race usually were, and as we peruse his in his study; we follow friendly interest in his pursuits. We see him $h_{\theta}$ describens to his friends, and we share his very apparent pleasure as Loseribes how he has discomfited some rival. We get many peeps at
Roman society as it $^{\text {dentim }}$ apparent pleasure as Bentiment society as it then was, and a sentence tells the story of some and thont which was unconsciously influencing the lives of the writer Thsands like him.
culling The Letters are in ten books; and a few moments devoted to Current modes oftriking passages, and pointing out how they indicate of the resper thought or action, will not, in our opinion, be ill spent. $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{an}}$ the $\mathrm{P}_{\text {ast }}$ is Canada are is often pleasing, and cannot fail to be instructive. We in tion to be the happy our freedom; we believe our constitutional posirome on the other. But eternal een despotism on the one hand and mob to me ways we ar. But eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and in and uncrupulous are in danger of losing our liberty. We are given over and who spare neither suns, venal men whose God is their own interest, With those obnoxious to them. This is one source from which we are
in danger of losing our iberty ; and the contemplation of a tyranny, no matter how benevolent, must prove valuable to us by the contrast, demonstrating as it does what a treasure we may lose if we do not jealously
guard it.

Pliny, in the first letter of the first book, written to his friend C. Septicius Clarus, explains how the letters came to be collected. He
says: says:
"You have frequently pressed me to collect and publish any "letters I may have written with more than ordinary care. I have "collected them, not in order of date, for I was not writing a history, " hut as they came to my hands. I hope you will not repent your "advice, nor I my compliance with it; and then perhaps I may look
" " out those which are still unpublished, and if I find any, I may look not
This letter is a sort of preface to the rest, and there is no doubt but that we owe many thanks to Septicius for his friendly suggestion. We hope in the sequel to show that his idea was a good one, and that wes profit by it even at so great a distance of time.
R. E. K.
" HOB-NAIL" LIVER.
For lengthy hours I moping sit, and brood In mute and musing melancholy mood; Untasted day by day I send my meals away-
I hate the very sight of vulgar food.

Ah, me! it was in eighteen sixty-four,
That on India's very hot and horrid shore A terrible mishap Befell a poor young chap,
Lieutenant Malcolm Duncan McClaymore.
The county that was honored by his birth . Was sunny, sweet, and solitary Perth;

## Where Highlanders converse

Full fluently in Erse,
'The harshest sounding language on the earth.
His personnel was simply magnifique;
His stature was uncommonly unique;
The people often dropped Exclamations, when they stopped
To stare at his astonishing physique.
But, oh ! he was most consummately cursed
With a chronic and never-dying thirst, Which often, I'm afraid,
My gallant friend displayed
In his tendency to go upon a "burst."
His reg'ment was the kilted Ninety.Third,
Of which perchance the reader may have heard;
On the burning scrolls of Fame
It has hewn a deathless name,
And always death and glory has preferred.
McClaymore sailed for torrid Hindostan
On board the transport vessel Mary Anne;
He didn't sob or sigh -
He didn't even try--
He was'nt that description of a man.
McClaymore was of vastly sterner stuff,
His nature was essentially tough;
Quoth he, "Now death or glory, McClaymore, is before ye;
The former, if the latter's not enough."
At length the famous mutiny broke out;
I don't know what the dence it was about;

But rebels by the score
Were killed by McClaymore
And his bronzed Celtic warriors so stout.
When the Ninety-Third went marching through Cawnpore,
Through the steaming alleys, ankle-deep in gore;
The regimental banner,
In a reckless sort of manner,
Before the kilted warriors he bore.
Though bullets hummed like swarms of summer bees,
And round shot screamed like-anything you please ;
Through all the leaden hail
He wasn't even pale-
He wasn't even shakey in the knees.
When underneath the battlements of Delhi,
The mutineers were pounded into jelly;
'Twas said of McClaymore
That a charmed life he bore,
He mingled so promiscuous in the inelée.
Where'er his mighty sword and dirk were seen
A lane was hewn the dusky ranks between;
The natives learned to shirk
His broadsword and his dirk-
The former was so devilishly keen.
No matter how the deadly volleys flew,
Defiance to the enemy he threw;
He buckled to his work
With his broadsword and his dirk,
And many a score of mutineers he slew.
'Twas ever thus with Malcolm McClaymore, In peaceful camp or battle-smoke and roar, A valiant sort of chap,
From his regimental cap
To the governmental stockings which he wore.
But, oh! he had his one besetting sin,
To tell you all about it I'll begin :
He wore upon his back
A canvas haversack,
Containing-ain't it melancholy-gin.
The Ninety-Third were sent to Chotagore,
A village in the centre of Mysore;
Where the mercury at night
Goes climbing out of sight
To ninety-seven, Reaumur, or more.
The people of the Province are Hindoos;
As to clothing-why, they havn't much to lose:
In fragrant castor oil
Their daily bread they boil-
By that, I mean their curries and their stews.
But what bothered all the soldiers for the most
Was the prevalence of fever at the post ;
Why, every second fellow
Turned a greenish sort of yellow,
And many a gallant man gave up the ghost.
McClaymore never caught the fell disease,
Which killed so many men with awful ease;
They thought his life was charmed,
As his health was never harmed,
Though he daily woo'd the miasmatic breeze.

A tiger, which for many years before
Had skirnished round the Province of Mysore, Had changed his sweet abode To a quiet jungle road,
Near the bungalo of Malcolm McClaymore.
The tiger, which is nurtured in the East,
Is always strangely ready for a feast; In ambush he will lie. For the dainty passers-by-
He's a singularly hungry kind of beast.
McClaymore heard the natives speak with pain
Of children they would never see againOf stolen wives and mothers, Of creditors and others,
But listened to their 'plaints in high disdain.
The villagers, assisted by their sons,
Had fired at him with antiquated guns; But their tactics didn't suit, And they never bagged the brute,
His movements were such enigmatic ones.
McClaymore most majestically said,
"I swear by all the blood which I have shed, To-night I'll go and lurk In the jungle with my dirk,
And the morrow's dawn will find that tiger dead."
The officers all laughed in loud derision
On hearing of his marvellous decision; But the more that they derided, The more was he decided-
He had a most unbending disposition.
That evening, when the sun was setting low,
In regimentals dressed from top to toe, He sought the jungle black
With his liquor on his back-
(I said before he always bore it so).
Next morning at the sultry Indian dawn
They found him quite inanimate and wan ; They found that he had died, With his broadsword by his side-
The cork from out his hottle had been drawn.
The regimental surgeon said. "Begud
I know the beastly lesion which he had, He has crossed the 'shining river' Through cirrhosis of the liver-
Now, isn't it particularly sad?
"Though escaping bullet, cholera and chill,
And all the other accidents which kill;
He got this vile cirrhosis
From the oft repeated doses
$\underset{*}{\text { Represented }}{ }_{*}^{\text {by his spirit-merchant's bill." }}$
When "death" is my physician's prognosis,
I'd rather have molecular necrosis,
Or a decent sort of crisis
Like pulmonary phthisis,
Than "hop the twig" through virulent cirrhosis.
No wonder that 1 shaking sit and shiver,
With every nerve and fibre in a quiver ;
I'm scared, so help me Moses,
At the thought of this cirrhosis-
This horrible cirrhosis of the liver.

All ye who have an aptitude for drink, You're standing on a precipice's brink;

You too may cross the river
Through cirrhosis of the liver,
Considerably quicker than you think.
Swigley.

## 'VARSITY SPORT.

The semi-annual meeting of the University College Foot-ball Club of comeld on Wednestay the 5th. Besides the election of two members Which constitate the first year, and the hearing of the treasurer's report, make the follte the regular business of this meeting, it was resolved to one she following change in the constitution: That By-law number ball Chould," read, "The club shall be called the Trronto University Footrevionsly." instead of the "University College Foot-ball Club" as The pr
the The prospects for the year are grood. Efficient new material from of the first tiften has been found to fill the blank left by those members most fatist fifteen who graduated in May. The treasurer's report was condition satisfary, showing the finances of the club to be in a flourishing Practic
Practice was commenced on the fourth, and the first mateh of the Person played against Upier Canada College on the sixth. The Unitimey term was too much for the College boys, and got the ball three to score a bamind their goal, though the kicks at goal failed as many tines Are a game, and three tries to nothing was the result.
play Arrangements have bren made with the McGill College Club to Hoilre the There on Saturday, October 22nd. The committee hope to $a^{\text {any }}$ event Thoonto Lacrosse Grounds fir the game, and trust that in ${ }^{6} b_{b}$ event the attendance of students at the mateh will be large. It is in the hoped that better luck will follow the club this year than dill hast the uname against Michigan University. It will be remembered that the ntrained condition of the men and the want of systematic play lost thout atch to the Americans. But these evils can be remediad if set Wto the M. aill contest in in and condition.
Terse officers of the Cricket Club this year were: President, Prorident, Liudon; lat Vice-President, Protessor Hutton; 2nd Vice-Pre Marke F. A. Vines, B.A.; Captain, G. G. S. Lindsey ; Sec.-Treas., L. J. ${ }^{\text {B }}$. Camp Committee, H. T. Brock, W. F. W. Creelman, A. Foy, and A. he $\mathrm{g}_{\mathrm{ve}}$ meron. The record for the year eclipses all former success. for of ented matches played only one was lost, when the term was repreleferens. Prinity Of Give matches played three were won-against the Victorias, Colle le Collegy and Upper Canada College-one drawn in favor of the tho firge Club against the Victorias, and the fifth, agninst Whitby, scorell the the dieteat. The success of the club must be attributed in the main various The Professors in its welfare.
The following are the batting averages:


84hut $M_{\text {ens }}$ and 13 respectively.
rrs. W. S. Jackson, W. W. Vickers, H. W. Mickle, and W
played 2 innings, averaging respectively $20,15,12,5$, and 4.5 .

The Rugby foot-ball match between the Toronto Club and the University, ended in a contest between two pickell siles. This Association Foot-ball Clnb, are as yet in a rather unorganized condition. Mr. Laidlaw, the President, to whom so much of the cluh's former success is due, is now away; while the committee elect have onlv turned up yesterday. By uext week everything should be in train. The Dominion Association rias had no meeting this fall, so it may be looked upon as a dead institution, yet the Western Association, of which Berlin, the winner of last year's cup, is the mainspring, is in a flourishing condition. As no cup will be competed for this year, clubs are free to arrange any matches they may choose.

A meeting of undergraduates was held in Moss Hall, on Wednes day, October 5th, for the purpuse of electing a committee of management for the annual College sponts. The following committer was elected : President, Mr. W. F. W. Creelman ; Sec.-Treas., Mr. E. J. Bristol. Committee: 4th year, Messrs. Davis, Mickle, Clarke ; 3ud year, Messrs. Fotheringham, Wrong, Kilmer; 2nd year, Messrs. May, Brown, Henlerson; 1st year, Messrs. Sykes, Walker, MacMurchy. At a meeting of the committee the same evening it was decided to have the competition in the " minor events" on Saturday, October 8th, at 10 a.m., and the "major events" on Friday, October 14th, at 3 p.m., and F. A. Vines, B.A. ; Alfred Baker, M.A.; and W. D. Gwynne, were appointed starters ; Prof. Hutton, Prof. Pike, Prof. Ramsay Wright, and J. D. Cameron, Judges; and D. Armour, B.A., time-keeper.

In accordance with the above resolutions, the " minor events" came of on Saturday morning last, and were very successful. The competition in most of the events was close; there were on the whole more than thirty competitors, and the records were in many cases very
creditable creditable.

The following were the winners on Saturday:
Throwing Cricket Ball.-1, E. S Wigle.
Standing Long Jump-1, D. C. Little ; 2, J. F. Brown ; Residence Prize, A. H. Gross.

Putting the Stone-l. J. F. Brown.
Running Hop, Step and Jump.-1. D. C. Litile.
Walking Race ( 1 mile).-1. W. W. Vickers ; 2. G. F. Riddell.
Steeple Chase.-1. A. Fraser ; 2. A. Henderson.
Tug of War.-(First Tirs) :
1st. Heat won by 3 rd year.
2nd. Heat won by 2 nd year.
Race in Heavy Marching Order.-1. D. C. Little ; 2. A. Haig. Servants' Race.---1. D. Walker.

The committee of the Rugby Union Foot-ball Club have at length decided to have the coming match with McGill Colloge on the University grounds. When they determined to take this step the committee relied wholly on the liherality of the gaduates and undergraduates to defiay the expenses of the match by coluntary contributions, as it is impossible to take gate-money on these grounds. It is hoped. therefore, that those who are interested will come forward and subscribe liberally to the fund, which has been opened in Room No. 26, College Residence. The members of the committee are also authorized to receive subscriptions.

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