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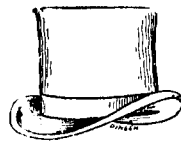
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THE GOLFER'S LAMENT.

(HORACE, ODES II., 15.)

Presently royal piles will leave
Few acres for the game, and scrubs
Will stare at stables planned, to leave,
"The Duke's" in the shade, and barbered shrubs

Replace these elms, hedges of fir,
A tamer wealth of patterned sward
Destroy the teeing-grounds that were
Fertile to me, their former lord,

And smirking gardener's craft exclude
My fervid strokes. Ah me! not so
The unshav'n York pioneers had viewed
The builder's art. For them we know

The private hoard was small, but great
The general commonwealth's. No Darling laid
Out porches vast with pillared state
To catch the West and Northern shade.

The laws forbade men to reject
The random log, bidding the town
And temples of the gods to expect
At the public cost the fresh hewn stone.

—M.

FOR CLOSER UNION.

ONE of the dangers attending the growth of Canada is sectionalism. The English provinces know little of the French province, the French knows little of the English; the West knows little of the East, the East of the West, the centre, which should mediate between the extremes, does little to reconcile the two. The necessary knowledge is lacking. Distance is always at war with friendship, with kindly feeling, with good understanding. If countries divided by a narrow frith abhor each other, sections of the same country may drift into enmity and even fratricidal strife. The American Civil War sprang from sectionalism; and, even in Canada, we have heard more than once the mutterings of racial discord.

The hope of Canada is in the few thousands of young men and women attending its score or so of colleges and universities. Where else are we to look for leaders in thought, to carry on the torch as it falls from the hands of the older generation? Canadian studenthood is much the same in all longitudes. Go east or west, you find the same physical and mental make-up, the same amusements, pursuits, songs. Our colleges are nurses of the patriotic

sentiment and of our nativist literature. In them is found not only *spes provincie*, but *spes patrie*. It is, therefore, the concern and duty of Canadian studenthood, as it is the concern and duty of no other class in the community, to make Canada one, in heart and will, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. There can be no finer, no nobler task for us to undertake at the beginning of the new century than the zealous promotion of Canadian unity.

Harm has been done in the past by thoughtless words of those in high places; there is much sectional ignorance to be removed, not a little sectional prejudice to be overcome. But it is better not to dwell on the errors of the past. Our concern is the task of the present and the hope of the future.

Two things in the past year point in the right direction, the honorary degree conferred by an English and Protestant university upon the foremost French-Canadian man of letters, and the Press excursion from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. One function of a university is to confer distinction upon literary or scholarly excellence, irrespective of race, religion or political views, and Queen's did well to honor Fr chet te. If the various provinces are to come to a common understanding there must be more frequent intercourse. We are proud to note that it was a Toronto man who has already done much for Canadian nationality, who organized the campaign of education, called the Press excursion. The tour was a series of delightful surprises, and the tourists came home wiser and grander patriots than they went. More might be done by governments and railway companies to promote inter-provincial intercourse. More should be done.

The colleges can begin the good work. Our first plain duty is to extend our patriotism beyond our own college and beyond our own province. Comprehension must come first, and we want to come to an understanding with all our comrades, east and west, French and English. College tradition is like army tradition, there is only one regiment in the service, the one *we* belong to. That is right and proper; but the time has surely come for broader ideas. With undiminished loyalty to our own *alma mater*, we can still seek to know something of our own generation, who, in other parts of the country, are inspired by the same ideas and working for the same ends.

We confess to a great curiosity. The colleges near at home we have met in debate and in physical struggle. The city colleges, Queen's and McGill, we feel that we

know. But we want to know more of the others; of Manitoba, and its experiment in the union of denominational teaching colleges in a provincial degree-giving university, of Ottawa with its Irish and American affiliations and sympathies, of Bishop's with its beautiful surroundings and English university ideals, of the French Catholic university with a footing in both Quebec and Montreal, which bears the name of a great prelate of the seventeenth century, and which trains such polished French Canadian gentlemen. Looking beyond Quebec, to those of our own blood and race, we feel that we should know more of the colleges in the old province of Acadia. In beautiful Fredericton, the home of Roberts and Carman, the loyalists have a provincial university, which celebrated its centenary last year. Mt. Allison watches the boundary between the provinces, near Fort Cumberland and Tantramar. King's has a lovely site, more than a century of history, and many illustrious graduates. Acadia, within sight of Blomidon and the world-famous Grand Pré, is devoted to the Puritan ideal. S. Francis Xavier upholds the interests of the Old Faith. Dalhousie, "the college by the sea," is an offshoot of Edinburgh, and has just given her most distinguished professor to the mother university, to fill the chair of the great Tait. The knowledge we have makes us wish for more.

To our comrades in all the Canadian Colleges east and west, we appeal for aid in this great work of bringing about a good understanding among our collegians, as the first step to making our country more truly one in heart and will.

'84.

COUNT TOLSTOI.

If I remember rightly, it was Ralph Waldo Emerson who said that if he could have had his life to live over again he would have attached himself to some cause, which, though it appealed to him for its perfect justice and for the good which it would bring to his fellowmen, was, yet struggling for recognition. Great truths have invariably humble births, and it is those who have been the first to discern their real significance and merit, to whom men must always give greatest praise. I admire above all men the original man, the man who in his mind conceives a great truth; and next to him the man who can appreciate its justice and can apply himself with persistent sincerity to its dissemination. The sincere man, I say, is truly great. It is the essential to greatness, this quality of sincerity, which Carlyle declares to be the mark of a hero. No matter what sphere of life you may consider, the condition of all success is the possession of that quality of sincerity of effort, of strenuousness, of intense earnestness. Never did a man acquire abiding greatness who did not, in his every thought and deed, show himself sincere. A man who has consecrated his faculties to the realization of a lofty ideal, whom momentary reverse never caused to swerve from the path of his endeavors, but who has worked and striven sincerely, such a man is he, of whom I wish briefly to speak.

It is rarely that a man of transcendent greatness is appreciated by his contemporaries. Such is the conservatism, the conceit, the jealousy of mankind, that we

are loth to recognize one of us as of surpassing genius, and we leave to future generations to discover in men a greatness which we have been too close by to see: and thus it is that many men who, if the singleness of their motives, the nobility of their souls were known, must be crowned with glory, are the martyrs of cruelest criticism. I think I may say that no man of our day has suffered more in this respect than Count Tolstoi.

Count Tolstoi has been much misunderstood; and indeed it is to a great extent his own fault, for he is a man of paradoxes; born a member of the Russian aristocracy, he condemns government by force; a veteran of two wars, yet he doubts the efficacy of war, and thinks it wrong; an heir to large estates and wealth, still he is a firm believer in the doctrines of Henry George; though once a keen hunter and a good shot, he is now a strict vegetarian, and scorns to take life where it is not necessary; finally, though he is a vigorous and narrow moralist, one of his novels has lately been excluded from the mails on account of its alleged immorality. We must learn to know the man, the spirit of the man.

Tolstoi was born about 72 years ago in a town of Russia about 100 miles south of Moscow. His early life and his friendships were not like those of other children. When only nine, his youthful mind denied the existence of a God, and he became, so far as religion was concerned, a Nihilist. At college one incident changed his life. On one of those cold winter nights, the rigor of which Napoleon had experienced to his cost, Tolstoi was invited to attend some festivities in the home of a noble family. Thither he drove in a sleigh: the evening passed quickly in merriment; but what was his chagrin on finding, when ready to depart, that his poor coachman, whom he had quite forgotten, was almost frozen to death! His life was saved only with great effort. But the incident seized hold of Tolstoi's mind and seemed to suggest to him that in the civilization in which he lived there were two great classes, the one blessed with opulence, the other in miserable poverty; the thought of a fundamental injustice. Such was his intense earnestness that, though only 18, he left the university and went to the country to his great estates, his parents having long since passed away, to improve the conditions of his own serfs. Although he had as yet no extreme social views he spent two or three years in these labors. He tells of what up-hill work he had; the peasants themselves doubted his singleness of purpose, and failure forced him to abandon these efforts.

So at twenty-one we find him in Moscow enlisting in the Russian army for service in the Caucasus. Then he took his part in the Crimean war and was in the thick of the fight at Sebastopol; in his great novel, named after that siege, he gives a wonderful description of the realities of war, and what he writes is only what actual experience had taught him. He returned to Moscow and resigned his commission in the army. He moved to St. Petersburg, the intellectual centre of Russia, and busied himself with letters; but he could not be satisfied with his lack of religion. His sincerity demanded something in which he might believe.

Soon followed a tour over Europe, on which he came into contact with all the great men of the continent. Socrates-like, he questioned them all as to their ideas of religion and their theories of life, only to learn that they really knew no more than he. But another dramatic incident appealed to him. In Paris he witnessed an execution by the guillotine, and this created on him a deep impression; he felt that it was a wrong act and that no wisdom of man could justify it. He could not believe in

the efficacy of punishment by physical force. This idea came to him as had the conception of social inequalities.

About this time in Russia came the freeing of the serfs by the Czar, and Tolstoi returned to his estates to minister to the needs of the peasants. He established a school and himself became the teacher. As a schoolmaster he was truly original; he would never teach a child what it did not want to learn, and, if his scholars were impatient, Tolstoi would expostulate but mildly if they would rise up and leave the class-room; but when they remained he knew that they did so because they wanted to, and he would teach them whatever they most desired to learn. From his thirty-fifth year, when he first met his future wife, his mind was so preoccupied that for fifteen years he neglected the consideration of great social problems. But at fifty he began to ruminat.

He became morose, and for five years suffered the agonies of a protracted spiritual struggle. He seemed to have exhausted all sources wherefrom he might glean the truths for which he sought. He had studied the philosophers and the scientists and could learn nothing from them. Thus it was that he turned to the peasants who formed nine-tenths of the Russian population; he decided to study them, and their religion. He lived as the peasants lived, and for eighteen months attended regularly the peasant church; but his credulity was taxed by their superstitious dogma and his heart revolted against it. It seemed the last straw. But it was a practical matter that again appealed to his practical mind. War broke out; the synod of the church ordered that prayer be said for the success of the Russian armies. Strange contradiction! Love your neighbor as yourself, yet pray that you may slay him! He gave up the village church and must find his religion elsewhere. But he was too persistent to abandon his search for truth and commenced to study Greek that he might read the Gospels in the original. He wrote a commentary on them; a strange one indeed! For he omits those verses which he does not like! But his dramatic power enabled him to enter into their spirit, and he pictures everything not as dead occurrences of ancient history, but as vivid reality. The sermon on the Mount went deepest to his heart; for it seemed to teach universality of affection and equality. He resolved to see how it would work in practice, to treat others as himself, to put himself in the place of others, to feel as they felt and so to love. Living thus in an atmosphere of love towards all, he began to believe that it was no idle talk, this of the immortality of the soul. He was gradually convinced of the great fact of immortality; the soul was a thing to love with, a robust, vigorous force which can move the world.

But what was he to do with his new ideas? He goes to Moscow to reform society inasmuch as one person might effect such a reform; he becomes a charity institution of which he is the sole member. But his first plans of almsgiving were a decided failure; almsgiving separates a people, does not bind them together; he who gives and he who receives are both heartily ashamed; the worthiest were hard to find; at last he saw that it was charity, not justice that he was setting up. This truth was brought home to him by another incident. Walking homewards one day with a poor wood-cutter, he was accosted by a beggar who asked for alms. Each tossed to him a coin and this act on the part of his poor companion set him musing. Was his act the same as the wood-cutter's? The latter was poor and would feel the loss of the coin; he had a superfluity and would never notice the difference. No; the only real charity was to give one's own earnings, one's own work; charity was to give one's self, self-deprivation.

Again he abandons his scheme and makes off to the country.

He felt the huge injustice of extreme social divisions and began to give away all his wealth until he had very little left excepting the family portraits, which, perhaps no one wanted no matter how poor. He threw off the dress of a nobleman and donned a peasant's attire. His motive was sincere. He was not unpractical. He felt that the land ought to belong to the people, as did Henry George, and by his example he wished to direct the attention of society to great evils. His keen Russian mind forced him to carry his convictions to their logical consequences. He thought he would be of some benefit if he could do something practical, and commenced to make boots, one pair of which has found its way to a museum, more valuable as a curiosity than as an article of apparel. But it shows the earnestness of the man.

In all his relations he shows his great sympathy for his fellow-men. He wishes to see barriers between classes broken down, and a better division of the common gifts of God. His is a high and noble ideal of what the state ought to be; the vision of a great mind, however eccentric and peculiar. Such are all teachers and great men.

Such is Count Tolstoi, whose life work is rapidly drawing to its close. We cannot all be social reformers, nor would we all desire his eccentricities. But what we all can emulate is his intense moral earnestness, his nobility of character, his indomitable persistence, above all, his sincerity.

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THE LACROSSE TOUR OF 1901.

Bright and early on the morning of May 24th the team boarded the Garden City bound for St. Catharines. We had a pretty rough passage across the lake—so rough, in fact, that McNeil and Martin had a faraway look in their eyes which told plainer than words that all was not well with them. However, by the afternoon everybody had braced up enough to trim the St. Catharines Athletics by a score of 7—0. The lake had not calmed down any by the time the boat left for Toronto in the evening, but everybody had found his sea-legs, and there were no casualties.

The tour proper commenced on Monday morning, May 27th, when Messrs. Hanley, Graham, Greig, Martin, McIntyre, McNeil, O'Flynn, Gladney, Groves, Kyle, McKinnon, McArthur and McFarland pulled out on the Chicora for Geneva. "Father Bill" Hanley's fatal beauty attracted the attention of a fair fellow-passenger, but he ensconced himself behind a newspaper and successfully resisted all her blandishments. We lunched at Suspension Bridge, where McKinnon showed a great fondness for pork and beans, and arrived at Geneva about 2 p.m. The Hobart College team were easily disposed of in the afternoon, and in the evening we were entertained by the President of the College at a chafing-dish party, where Harvey Graham was allowed to indulge in his favorite pastime of making Welsh-rarebits.

Next morning a short run of an hour and a half brought us to Ithaca, and the Cornell team bit the dust to the tune of 12—2. In the evening the Cornell Canadian Club (with the accent *not* on the last two words) gave us a supper. We pulled out of Ithaca about 10 p.m., and arrived in New York early next morning. It is reported that "Tiny" Gladney sat up all night for fear of missing some of the sights, but the report is not confirmed. We crossed to Hoboken, and were conducted by the genial manager of the Stevens Institute team to Meyer's Hotel.

Here we seriously thought of telegraphing home for another player, because Kyle had made up his mind to stay in Hoboken and embark in the shoe-shining business. However we managed to persuade him to give up the project. In the afternoon the Stevens' Institute team put up a hard fight, but were defeated, 8—1.

The same evening we shook the mud of Hoboken from our feet, and started for the Crescent Club house at Bay Ridge, L.I., where we were most hospitably received by the secretary. The next morning, Decoration Day, was spent in sight-seeing at Fort Hamilton, and at 4 p.m. before about 2,000 people the first game with the Crescents began. The Varsity team, tired out as they were with three days constant travelling and playing were in no condition for a hard game, and the Crescents, seven of whom were ex-Canadians, won out by 7—3.

On Friday everybody started out to "do" the town, and McKinnon's ubiquitous white boots and "Billy" Grove's cane created a sensation on Broadway. "Father Bill" took "the two youngsters" to see the Aquarium in Battery Park, and they were heart-broken because they had left their fishing tackle in their other clothes. "Geyser" Martin was greatly taken with a living kalsomining-machine in Central Park.

On Saturday the second game with the Crescents took place, and it was fast and furious. Kyle and Graham were put out of the game in the first half, the former having twisted his wrist and the latter his ankle. However Harvey found plenty of consolation on the touch-line. The Varsity boys played star lacrosse from start to finish, notwithstanding the fact that they were pretty roughly handled by their checks, and it was only after the fiercest kind of a battle that the Crescents managed to win by 3—2. "Passer" Greig's brilliant work in goal made him the idol of the spectators, while the way Charlie McKinnon "put it over" Bob Wall was a sight for sore eyes.

Saturday night everybody went to Coney Island. It must have been an awe-inspiring sight for the blasé Gothamites that of thirteen Varsity men strolling "down the line," "rubbering" at everybody and everything, each with a frankfurter in one hand and a slab of bread in the other. We "shot the chutes," "looped the loop," went up the moving staircase and down the slippery slide, in fact the only thing we didn't try was the "barrel of love."

Sunday also was spent in sight-seeing "on the Bowery" and other places. On Monday morning we took leave of our genial hosts at the Crescent club-house and boarded the train for South Bethlehem. The Lehigh team was taken into camp in the afternoon, 11-6, and the same evening we pulled out for Geneva. "Father" announced before we retired that there would be a pajama parade at 8 o'clock the next morning for the photographer. Accordingly that hour saw the whole bunch posing in all stages of dishabille on the back of our Pullman, which had been side-tracked at Geneva at some unearthly hour of the morning. The passengers of a local train which happened along just about that time seemed to take a great interest in the proceedings.

The second game with Hobart was played on the college campus in the afternoon. Kyle and Graham had not sufficiently recovered from the last game against the Crescents to play, so two Hobart men were substituted. Dr. Leyton, a former Canadian with a great lacrosse reputation in those parts, played on the Hobart team, but Charlie McKinnon took care of him in fine style. The feature of the game was the enthusiastic and effective rooting of the Valentine Stock Company, who happened to be playing a week's engagement at the Geneva theatre. They

had been playing in Toronto at the Princess all season, and consequently were ardent supporters of the Varsity team. Every cane and parasol bore blue and white streamers, and the whole company were evidently greatly delighted at the victory of the Toronto team. In the evening both teams attended a box-party at the theatre, given by the genial business manager of the company, Mr. Roth. After the play everybody repaired to Dan Deegan's café, where Varsity showed Hobart what she could do in the way of entertainment. The Hobart men were so taken with that famous classic "The Dutch Company" that they insisted upon going up to the President's residence at 2 a.m. and serenading him with it.

Very early on the morning of the next day we departed from Geneva for Buffalo. "Herby" O'Flynn discovered that his seat-mate was a friend of his sister's, or a sister of his friend's, or something like that, and decided to travel on to Oil City Pa., which by a strange coincidence, happened to be the young lady's destination also.

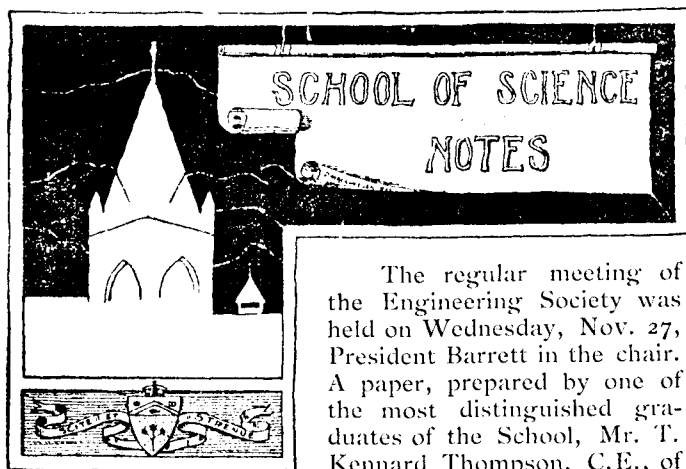
At Buffalo the members of the team scattered. Some of the fellows remained in that city and haunted the Midway for a few days, but the majority came straight through to Toronto.

G.F.M.

WYCLIFFE NEWS.

Every Wycliffe man has been wishing deep down in his heart that certain gruesome spectres which have followed in his footsteps since last Friday evening, might take their departure and leave him alone to the pursuit of the straight and narrow path. Speaking from a philosophical point of view, however, the debate with Knox was a success. We did next best thing to winning, and that was to "put up a good show." Who could imagine anything finer than Sister Fox's solo, and who could but be transported to fairyland post-haste, or somewhere better yet as he listened to the warbling of our Havergal canaries. There was Professor Wrong in the chair, and our popular professor succeeded admirably, even beyond our fondest expectations, in keeping order among some gentlemen, the exuberance of whose animal spirits caused them to break forth periodically into most unholy strains. Highest and mightiest were Rev. Dean Rigby, whom by the way we were glad to welcome within Wycliffe walls, Professors Horning and Alexander. The palm, we are inclined to think, was awarded by them to the rightful victors, and we bow in submission to the inevitable, "that Imperial Federation would not be in the best interests of Canada." We have pleasure in congratulating Knox upon the bright, energetic speeches of Dr. Hunter and Mr. Abraham, and at the same time think a heap of our own Messrs. Hallam and Wilkinson, who put up such a splendid fight, and all but won the debate.

The powers that be thought to be kind to us after we had passed through the dark valley, and invited us to the upper regions to attend a banquet they had spread in honor of our representatives. Dr. Sheraton was there in the most jovial mood we have ever seen him. First he congratulated the single men present, every one of whom had done his duty at the Wycliffe student reception; then he hinted at the glorious possibility that in the fulness of time Havergal girls might be admitted to membership in our Lit. Professor Plumtre then mounted the rostrum, and in his usual felicitous and simple way which won him a place in our hearts from the day he came to Wycliffe, thanked the students for the warm reception they had given him. In refrain we sang "For He's a jolly good fellow" until our throats grew hoarse, and well we might.



The regular meeting of the Engineering Society was held on Wednesday, Nov. 27, President Barrett in the chair. A paper, prepared by one of the most distinguished graduates of the School, Mr. T. Kennard Thompson, C.E., of New York, was read by Mr.

H. P. Rust, and illustrated by lantern slides by Prof. Wright. The subject was "The Underpinning of the Stokes Building," and was an explanation how he overcame a difficulty met with in his practical work. A new building was to be erected adjoining, whose cellar floor was to be some distance below the foundation of the Stokes building. Before beginning operations on the new building it was first necessary to secure the walls of the adjoining building, and the method of procedure was fully explained in Mr. Thompson's paper. The Stokes building was erected a number of years ago, and was twelve stories high, which will give an idea of the magnitude of the undertaking, and the fact that the weight of the wall was transferred to its new support without the slightest change in its position at once proves Mr. Thompson's ability as an engineer. E. T. Brandon and T. S. Nash, were elected to represent the School at the Dental At-Home and the Varsity Dinner, respectively.

We are all pleased to see C. M. Teasdale, our long distance runner, around the School again. He has been laid up at his home with muscular rheumatism for the past week or ten days.

Mr. T. C. Irving, of the first year, manager of Varsity III. Rugby team, was presented with a ring by the players the other evening. The presentation was made by Prof. McCurdy.

To replace McGuire's clog dance at the Annual Dinner, it is proposed to have a trio dance by the three aspirants already in training, Messrs. B-rr-tt, C. K. Y-n-g and Al-x-nd-r.

The Annual Dinner will be held at McConkey's on Friday night, Dec. 13th, and the Committee in charge are sparing no pains to make it "greater than has been." Arrangements are being made to have the S.P.S. players on the Varsity Rugby teams presented with their shields on that occasion, and also to have the Engineering Corps attend in uniform. Every School man should attend, not only for his own enjoyment, but to help uphold the record of the School. Remember, the more widely the School is known the better for its graduates.

Our representatives on the various Varsity Rugby teams have brought credit to the School and to the University to which we belong. If all affiliated colleges turned out as many football men as the School in proportion to their numbers, the captains would have no difficulty in getting men for their teams. We must con-

gratulate Varsity I.'s half-backs, Baldwin, Beatty and Gibson on their playing this season. Earle has developed wonderfully and played a star game on Thursday last. "Baldy" Campbell showed great pluck in the way he stayed with his man, considering his broken "slat." It is to be regretted that "Biddy" did not have another chance to mark Langton, as he had such good practice at it. Burnham was in his old position as centre scrimmage, which place he has held throughout the year, never missing either a practice or a match. Our players tell us that McGill students can give Varsity men a lesson on turning out to games. No matter what the game is they are always on hand in large numbers, and cheer their team not only when winning, but also when losing.

The College Girl.

The holiday at Thanksgiving is hardly a season of rest for the students whether they go home or remain here. Those who leave the city are the envy of all the others; of these latter unhappy mortals the conscientious student (of whom there is a dearth) will work and actually come for lectures that are not given, but the fun-loving one will have her holiday, and rejoice, and be duly thankful. It is at this time, while the student longs to flee, that the graduate turns Toronto-ward and even to Queen's Park, as the Mohammedan to Mecca. Last Saturday we welcomed with pleasure Miss Ethel Fleming, '00, Miss C. Barr, '01, and Miss Harris, '01.

Ever since the re-opening of college, a number of girls have devoted themselves enthusiastically to fencing, but now the "extend! lunge! guard!" of the fencing master are not the only sounds which break the silence inside the gymnasium, and the foils are no longer alone in varying the monotony of its four white walls. Basketball has established itself within our midst, and its large membership, nearly forty, indicates its popularity. The baskets have been put up, wires stretched across the windows, and the all-important ball given a place of honor. Several contests (exciting at least to the players) have already taken place and the practices will be continued regularly.

What will be said when it is generally known that the dramatic talent which often delights the Women's Literary Society is forsaking the modern farce and developing Shakespearian tendencies? When these representations were first given by the girls some scene or even whole act from one of Shakespeare's plays was usually given, but this finally degenerated into the comedy of the present day. Interest in the classic has been revived, however, and at the next meeting of the society a scene from Shakespeare will be given. Whether tender Juliet will be seen or witty Rosalind or sad Ophelia or any one of the three, will remain for the future to disclose.

At the last meeting of the Y.W.C.A. Miss Latter and Miss Robinson each read careful papers on the subject of "Thankfulness." The regular meeting to-night has for its main interest addresses by the Northfield delegates. These are certain to prove very interesting and there should be a good attendance.

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TORONTO, December 3rd, 1901.

THE last two years have seen a distinct advance in the organization of athletics at our University. The radical revision of the constitution of the Athletic Association, providing for its complete control, through an annually elected directorate, over all the University clubs connected with the various branches of sport, in regard not only to their finances, but to all their plans and projects as well, has been mainly responsible for this marked improvement in matters athletic. Every club, before it enters upon any course of action whatsoever, must secure the sanction of the Athletic Directorate, which includes three members of the faculty, a graduate and five undergraduates, representing the University, and not a particular club or faculty. Thus this body is in an excellent position to discuss carefully every matter connected with athletics, and to consider with deliberation and impartiality its effect on the interests of other clubs, its bearing on University athletics as a whole, and its relation to the well-being and dignity of our Alma Mater. The results of this reform can readily be seen in the present condition of athletics, and we believe that they are beneficial from every point of view. Weaker clubs have been encouraged and developed, new ones organized, and it is no exaggeration to attribute the increased interest in sports during the last two years, in track athletics particularly, and the remarkable success of Varsity on the campus this season, in part at least, to this reorganization. Moreover, co-operation and centralization have produced economy, and the financial side has been managed with much greater system and success than formerly. No carelessly kept books nor unpaid accounts have disgraced our University by bearing its name. No questionable tactics, no "importations" of athletes, no tinge of professionalism or semi-professionalism is now possible. This policy of centralization, too, as it connects the various athletic interests of the University, amalgamates and unites elements which were formerly more or less at variance. The Athletic Association is one of the few organizations (and of these the largest), comprising the whole University of Toronto, and as such it exerts a direct and emphatic influence in drawing more closely together the various departments and colleges and encouraging a university spirit. By uniting all the students of our University in one important

element of education, it lends material aid toward uniting them in all interests, in heart and spirit. With these considerations in view the resolution recently made by the students of the Dental College to withdraw from the University of Toronto Hockey Club and to enter a team of their own in the Ontario Hockey Association, will appear a severe blow both to the unity of the University and to the very constitution of athletics at our University. A federated college which has of late years become more and more intimately connected with the faculties of the University, suddenly and without any definite reasons seemingly, decides to act independently, to branch out for itself, as we may say, and to compete with the University of Toronto in an athletic series. No one can fail to perceive the significance of this; the action of the Dental College is much to be deplored, and cannot but be very detrimental to the athletics and all the interests of the University. Further, however injurious this desertion may be in itself, it assumes greater importance when we consider the consequences which may be reasonably expected to ensue. If the desertion is to continue in other branches of sport, and if other colleges are to go and do likewise, what will we come to? Then is all our work and the work of our predecessors in vain, and athletics will become the curse of the University. We are glad, however, to be able to state that the Athletic Directorate fully recognize the significance of the event, and are doing all in their power to arrange the matter in a satisfactory way. Let us hope that they will be successful, and that the men of the Dental College will unite with the rest of us as fellow-students of the same great University.

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WHEN we see now-a-days the foundations of the Kappa Alpha chapter house being laid on Hoskin Avenue, the growth of the fraternity idea at Toronto University is forcibly brought to our minds. The growth has been gradual, to be sure—for we are more conservative and cautious than our cousins across the border,—but none the less steady, since the days of the Bond Phi Sigma, shrouded in solemn mystery and profound secrecy, the fraternities have increased in number and strength, they have provided themselves with chapter houses as meeting places and homes for their members, they have lost a great deal of their former narrowness and exclusiveness, they have realized their true position and purpose in the University, and to-day they form an important factor, and what is more are recognized as an important factor, in University life and education. The attitude of the undergraduates, graduates, and authorities of the University toward fraternities has altered greatly in recent years, and it is a significant fact that the trustees are ready to allot land on University property for fraternities desiring to build chapter houses, and to loan them money for this purpose. This material assistance which the University is giving, following the example of some of the great American universities, is not only a sign of fraternity growth in the past, but a herald of future development, and we may look to see within the next few years a large increase not only in the number of chapters but in their influence for good at our University. There has been some adverse criticism in the daily papers last summer of college fraternities, and no point was more persistently urged than that fraternities create sectionalism and destroy university *esprit de corps*.

The authors of this criticism betray an ignorance of the meaning and ideal of fraternities. Exactly the opposite effect is produced, because the interests of the fraternity and the interests of the university are identical.

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WE are very glad to be able to publish in this number an article by a prominent graduate of Toronto University, whose wide experience and distinguished reputation are a sufficient guarantee that he knows whereof he speaks, on the subject of our relation as students to our country and its colleges. Every thoughtful man will recognize the danger of sectionalism in Canada, and we, representing a provincial university, have an admirable opportunity to help in the work of welding together the different elements of our nation by coming closer to the other colleges of our country and trying to realize the ideal brotherhood of all students. Inter-collegiate unions in athletics and debating, fraternities, and, we hope, the university press, are doing their part; as undergraduates, and particularly as graduates when we scatter to the four winds of heaven, let us lay our hands to the work. May we see that it is our urgent duty.

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THE Dinner takes place next Tuesday. Let no student forget this. He owes it to himself and the college to be present.

The News.

The regular meeting of the Oriental Association of the University of Toronto, held on Monday last, November 25th inst., was one of very special interest. The large number of those present could not but be delighted with the excellent address on the Talmud, delivered by Rabbi S. Jacobs of the Holy Blossom Synagogue. The lecturer made his hearers feel that the Talmud is justly entitled to the high position it occupies in the estimation of those who know it best. He pointed out that the Talmud is a commentary on the Bible, and contains the finest ethical teaching of which a people could boast. In his opinion it is highly probable that the Talmud has been highly instrumental in giving to the Jewish people their wonderful individuality and tenacity of life as a religious body.

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The last meeting of the Modern Language Club for the Michaelmas term was held a week ago yesterday. Dr. Alexander Hamilton gave a very instructive talk on English dialects with special reference to Tennyson's poems in the Lincolnshire vernacular. In illustration of Dr. Hamilton's remarks Mr. A. E. Hamilton then read "The Churchwarden and the Curate," Tennyson's last dialect poem. Mr. J. M. McQueen followed with a brief but interesting paper on Lowell's Biglow Papers. The opinion was expressed by both Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Keys that the pronunciation of English in the basin of the Great Lakes approximated very closely to what might be regarded as the standard for the whole English-speaking world.

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Indications point to a most enjoyable and successful Dinner a week from to-night. A special table will be reserved for graduates, and Mr. S. Casey Wood, last year's "Lit" president, is looking after the sale of tickets down town. Prof. Lang will propose the toast of "The

Empire," and a representation of the Engineering Corps have been requested to appear in uniform. It is expected that Col's. Denison and Delamere and Capt. Barker will reply to the above mentioned toast. Many prominent speakers have already accepted invitations to be present. Through some mistake the hour on the tickets is *eight-thirty*. The Dinner, however, will commence at *seven-thirty*. The sale of tickets is progressing favorably. Students! by your patronage and support make your first Dinner of the new century an unprecedented success.

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One of the most enjoyable meetings which the Philosophical Society has ever held was that of last Monday evening, when the members met in the University Dining Hall, to combine a social with an intellectual feast. Some fifty men were present, the faculty and all the years being well represented. Professor Hume, the Honorary President presided, and after an excellent dinner had been served, the speaker of the evening, Dr. Badgley, of Victoria, delivered an address on "The Ring of Gyges." The subject was treated in a scholarly and entertaining style, the modern application being a splendid exposition of the nature of "Conscience." Dr. Badgley was tendered the hearty thanks of the Society. An hour of social "chat" followed which was much enjoyed by all, and the men in Philosophy hope that many such evenings will come again.

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An open meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society will be held on Thursday at 8 p.m. in Room 16. Mr. C. A. Chant will give an address on "Diffraction and Diffraction Gratings," and Mr. J. S. Plaskett will speak on "Color in Monochrome and Photography in Natural Colors." An excellent musical programme has also been arranged, to which the Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club will contribute. An enjoyable and profitable evening may be anticipated. All students and their friends are invited.

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The second in the series of joint lectures will be given next Monday in the Chemical Amphitheatre at 4.10 p.m. Mr. D. A. Keys will deliver an address on "Alfred, King of the Anglo-Saxons." All students are urged to attend this and every other lecture in the series.

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Professor Clarke gave a very interesting address last Tuesday under the auspices of the Political Science Club. His subject was "The Relation of Literature to History," and he treated it in a most able and interesting manner. Dr. Wickett thanked the lecturer on behalf of the club for his excellent address. The attendance was large and represented every course in the University.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

An earnest invitation is still extended to all our students to enter one of the Bible classes. The classes all meet at 9.30 a.m. each Sunday, the senior class meeting with Dr. McCurdy in the Y.M.C.A. building, the second year class with Dr. Sheraton in Wycliffe chapel, and the first year in the Y.M.C.A. parlors. Come to one of these classes.

Rev. A. Gandier will address the regular Thursday meeting this week at 5 p.m.

Our students' interest in the work of the Canadian Colleges Mission should be greatly deepened now, owing to the fact that Mr. F. W. Anderson, B.A., '99, one of our graduates, has been appointed to represent this mission. He is expected to commence work among the students of Calcutta next fall.



SPORTS

RUGBY.

Thanksgiving Day belied its name as far as Varsity was concerned, because it saw the Intercollegiate champions defeated in the final game with Argonauts for the city championship and the Nesbitt Cup. The first half of the game was fast and open, but after half time the play closed up and the halves did very little kicking. The Argonauts won simply through their ability to hold the ball with the wind against them. Varsity surprised their most ardent admirers by the snappy and effective defensive game they played in the first half against wind and sun, and when at half time their opponents had been able to score only five points against them it looked as if the blue and white was going to come out on top. However, the Argonauts succeeded in retaining the ball throughout the second half, except for a few minutes, and Britton's splendid bucks kept the play away from their line. The questionable "Joe Wright" scrimmage was worked overtime, but it evidently "went" with the referee. The game was a singularly clean one, not a single player being ruled off, although if Mr. Griffith had seen Parmenter's deliberate trip of McCollum, the fast Argonaut wing would certainly have decorated the touch line for a few minutes. Varsity were without the services of McLaren and "Rory" McLennan, while Langton and Hill were absent from the Argonaut wing line. Gibson was the star of the Varsity half-back line, as Baldwin was a little off-color. The former's long dodging runs were one of the features of the game. Biggs at quarter played a splendid up-hill game, while McCollum as usual shone on the wing line.

The teams lined up as follows:—

Varsity—Back, G. Biggs; halves, Beatty, Baldwin, Gibson; quarter, P. Biggs; scrimmage, Boyd, Burnham, Isbester; wings, McLennan, Stratton, Paterson, Campbell, Gilbert, Jermy, McCollum (Capt.).

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

Referee—H. C. Griffith.

Umpire—F. D. Woodworth.

FIRST HALF.

Shortly after the kick-off Darling punted well into Varsity territory. George Biggs misjudged the catch, and the ball was dead almost on the Varsity line. Varsity were awarded a free kick, which Henderson caught and returned over the line to Beatty, who was compelled to rouge.

Beatty gained ten yards by a fake kick-off and a run. Argonauts dribbled into Varsity ground, but Baldwin relieved by a run. The oarsmen were awarded a free kick, and Darling punted to McCollum, who was forced over the line for a safety-touch. Argonauts 3—Varsity 0.

Shortly afterwards Darling punted over the Varsity line, and Biggs rouged. The kick-off was returned to Gibson, who made a splendid run of twenty yards into touch. On a muff by Hardisty of Beatty's relieving kick, the ball was brought to centre. Gibson secured Darling's kick and made another magnificent run of

thirty yards. The ball was once more shoved towards the Varsity line, but a buck and run by Biggs relieved the tension. A Varsity free kick, followed up by McCollum, took the ball well into Argonaut territory, and Gibson with another of his sensational runs got to within fifteen yards of their goal line. However, Varsity lost the ball and Hardisty punted into touch at half-way. Just at half-time the same player kicked over Varsity line to Baldwin, who rouged, and score stood Argos 5, Varsity 0.

SECOND HALF.

In the second half Darling went back to full, Ardagh going up on the half line. During this half Varsity got the ball only two or three times, although the college wings frequently played off-side intentionally with that object in view. The play was around half-way almost throughout the half. From a scrimmage about forty yards out Paterson dribbled the ball over the Argonauts line, and forced Darling to rouge. This was Varsity's only point. Shortly afterwards Varsity forced the play back into Argonaut territory, and things looked promising, but Darling relieved with a nice kick. Time was called with the Argonauts in possession of the ball at half-way.

NEWS FROM THE GRIDIRON.

After the match on Thursday a meeting of the team was held to choose a captain for next year. Percy Biggs was elected.

The match between '02 and '03 is at last billed definitely for this afternoon. The Sophomores are scheduled to play the winners on Thursday, and on Friday the Junior Meds. buck up against the Senior School.

ASSOCIATION.

VARSITY 1—GORE VALES 1.

On Saturday the University College Association team met the Gore Vales, winners of the city league. The match was to have decided whether the Gore Vales should play Galt, and incidentally, the city championship. The game was three quarters of an hour late in starting, owing to the Vales' tardy appearance; even then a dispute arose over the personell of their team, when Varsity saw that they were playing at least three who were signed with other teams. The ground of the dispute was that, in the agreement, both teams were to play their own men. Finally it was decided to play, but only an exhibition game; so that the result of this match does not decide anything, though Varsity might fairly claim the city championship, as the Vales refuse to play with their own signed players.

Referee McLaurin, after some difficulty, managed to get the game started, and, though the ground was slushy and the ball heavy, some very fast and clean football was seen in the first half, Varsity keeping well on the offensive for the larger part of that time. On a neat drop by Cooper Varsity scored a well deserved goal. For the remainder of the half the Vales seemed to be outplayed, and their goal was frequently in danger. In the second half they appeared to have been invigorated, for they kept the Varsity defence very busy. But Varsity seemed to have the game well in hand, till the Vales lost their head and rough play commenced, and several scraps developed, which, we must say, were due to the Vales primarily: Varsity during all her games this season has managed to keep clear of scraps. The crowd, too, of which, needless to say, the Varsity supporters formed a small minority, disgraced themselves, both by their language and by their readiness to help on all scraps. The colleges were justified in withdrawing from the city league and forming one of their own. Being so late in

starting, it began to grow dark before the end of the game, and this helped the Vales to get their only goal from a foul dropped well by Bowman.

As a criterion of the respective field play we may take the following: Varsity had eight corner kicks, and only seventeen goal kicks, while the Vales had only three corners and twenty-nine goal kicks.

The teams were as follows:

University College—Soule, McHugh, Nichol, Martin, MacKinnon, Smillie, McQueen, Cooper, Gilchrist, Broder, Phillips.

Gore Vales—Kerr, Madigan, Brown, Lowery, Bowman, Doyle, McCollum, Steep, Humphrey, Johnson, Dale.

Referee—R. McLaurin.

BASEBALL.

The annual meeting of the Varsity Baseball Club was held on Monday, Nov. 25th. There were about twenty members present, among them being several new men. The prospects for the coming season were never brighter. In addition to the whole of last year's team there are Williams, a freshman from Woodstock, Brown and Johnson, of the Dental College. It is absolutely necessary for everyone who desires a place on the team to be a regular attendant at practice, as there are two or more applicants for every position. A splendid tour will be held immediately after the May examinations. The following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., Mr. A. T. DeLury; Pres., H. J. Symington, '02; Vice-Pres., C. Weldon, Med.; Sec.-Treas., D. Kappel, Med.; Manager, H. Chown, Vic.; Captain, F. A. McDiarmid, '02; Committee, W. H. Little, '02; R. DeLury, '03, A. Ross, '04, Williams, '05, J. Fowler, Vic., Brown, Dent., G. Biggs and E. Davey, Meds., Coulson, S.P.S., and H. W. Ferguson, Pharmacy.



The Rotunda.

Superintending Editor, - R. B. Cochrane, '02.

Don't stay away from the Dinner because you haven't a dress suit. Wear your best dark suit and a gown, and you're dressed as finely as the next fellow!

Messrs. H. W. Irwin and R. D. Keefe, two more of last year's graduates, at Hamilton this year, were very thankful on Thursday last to spend one day at least out of the shadow of the Mountain!

Notwithstanding that Economic essays were due next day, between twenty and thirty Third and Fourth Year Honor History men enjoyed another very pleasant evening at Prof. Wrong's on Tuesday last, and listened to a very earnest and practical talk from Dr. Parkin. Prof. Wrong's effort to bring professor and student closer together is much appreciated by the men, and is certainly a step in the right direction.

Messrs. McPherson and Armstrong, of last year's graduating class, and now in attendance at the Normal College in Hamilton, spent the holiday in the city and renewed old acquaintances around the College.

The invitation from the Knox College Literary Society asking for a representative at their "At Home" on Friday night arriving too late for the delegate to be appointed by the Society, the Executive elected Mr. A. L. Chipman, '02, to represent Varsity on that occasion. You should have seen LeRoy's face when he found that the invitation was for two!

The Beginner's Chess Tournament is now in progress. From present indications it is expected J. C. Mackintosh, '02, will win out.

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The patrons of the Dining Hall are complaining that there was no turkey on Thanksgiving Day! Never mind, boys—buy your tickets for the dinner on the 10th, and have all the turkey you want!

Herbie O'Flynn, '03, spent Thanksgiving day at the old homestead in Madoc.

The president of the '04 Debating Society is still debating whether the score at the Argo-Varsity match was 5-2 or 5-1.

McG—v—n, '04 (translating in Spanish): "I once made love to a young lady whom I had never met—" (hesitates). Professor: "What's the difficulty in the next sentence, Mr. McG.?" (Professor continues translation)—"Young man, you should never do that!"

Joe Baird, '03, took advantage of the cheap fares, too. He went home to see her!

Messrs. H. T. Wallace, '02, Morrison and Bell, '03, and Lloyd, '04, took their accustomed climb up the Hamilton mountain after eating Thanksgiving dinner at home. They have come to the conclusion that they are all too old for that sort of thing now, and have resolved to take the incline railway next year.

A certain precocious freshie delights in locating at the Faculty Table every Sunday morning. The intellectual atmosphere will doubtless have a "brainy" effect, but still we would advise him to remain with the "profanum vulgus" for some time yet.

Allan Magee went up to London over Sunday to try to sell some dinner tickets. He always combines business with pleasure.

Treadgold, '03, managed to do without his usual game of billiards for three days, so that he might spend the holiday at his home in Brampton.

Prominent member of '04 Executive to a Junior (confidentially): "Of course we had to send invitations to the members of the '02 Executive for decency's sake—but we think that any of them who accept will be exceedingly nervy. They never invited us." Query: How many "nervy" people were there at the Second Year reception yesterday?

Prof. Wrong has very kindly changed the date of his next evening "At Home" from December 10th to the following Thursday evening, so that his prospective guests may *all* have the opportunity of attending the Annual Dinner on the Tuesday evening.

"Bunty"—oh, beg pardon—Mr. E. F. Burton has been on the sick list for about ten days, but is now around the halls again.

We regret to learn that Freddie Clappison's illness has developed into typhoid fever. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

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Education Department CALENDAR

November

30. Last day for appointment of School
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Municipal Clerk to transmit to County
Inspector statement showing whether
or not any county rate for Public School
purposes has been placed upon Col-
lector's roll against any Separate
School supporter.

December

10. County Model Schools Examination
begin.

Returning Officers named by resolution
of Public School Board.

Last day for Public and Separate School
Trustees to fix places for nomination
of Trustees.

13. County Model Schools close.

14. Local assessment to be paid Separate
School Trustees.

Municipal Council to pay Sec.-Treasurer
of Public School Boards all sums levied
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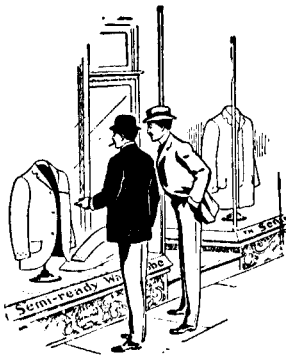
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Not unnatural surprise was occasioned in a French conversation class recently, when the statement was made that "le climat de l'Angleterre fait les joues rosées et les côtes vertes." It did not strike any of the hearers until the speaker indignantly insisted that *cotes* means "hillsides," and everybody then interpreted the word as signifying "ribs."

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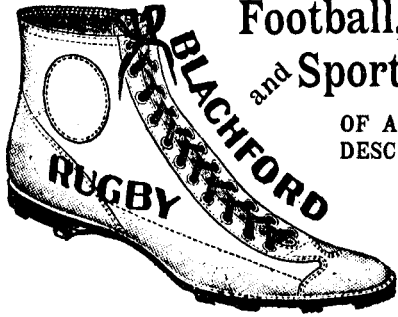
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