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## SINGLES AND DOUBLES.

"By the way, Miss Timmons, allow me to congratulate you upon your success in the tennis tournament. I was not aware that you were such a strong tennis player."

"Why, Mr. Fensom, you must have heard false reports, for I was defeated early in the tournament."

"Yes, but you gave the champion, Miss Dickson, the hardest rub that she received, and you are generally considered a good second to her, even if fortune did not place you in the finals of the tournament."

"Oh, I guess that I cannot complain of hard luck. I think I was more fortunate than most of those who played Miss Dickson."

This is a snatch of a conversation that was carried on by Miss Timmons and myself at the Second Year reception of some years ago. When I had come to take her for the promenade our cards called for, we found (whether by chance or by foresight, I leave you to decide), that neither of us had succeeded in securing a partner for the next number. So we agreed that it was close and warm in the Reception Hall, and that it would be nice to find some nook where we could rest ourselves from the dazzling light, the brilliancy and the wearisome bustle, characteristic of such functions. We had no difficulty in discovering an unoccupied, shady, cosy corner, downstairs, and here it was that we held conversation about her tennis accomplishments.

Miss Timmons and I were rather intimate friends, considering our short acquaintance. She was just entering upon her second year at the University, while I was proud in the expectation of receiving my degree the following spring. When she was a "Freshette," I had not met her, for I missed my only opportunity to do so, when football practice prevented my going to the first "At Home" of her class. However, often during that year my admiring glances received replies that seemed to disclose a desire for friendship, and there was only the introduction necessary to make us intimate friends. Our acquaintance of this fall had by no means diminished our admiration for one another that had been silently expressed in the glances of the previous year. The more we knew of one another, the more we each enjoyed the other's company. It was gradually dawning on me that I was in love; she did not discourage me in my attentions to her, and I imagined that her feelings were somewhat akin to my own. Already I had been pleased to walk home with her from two receptions, to escort her to the open meeting of the "Lit.," and to take her to the theatre to hear Julia Arthur. Hitherto, everything had run smoothly, but a check was to come this night.

"Why do you not play tennis?" was the next question she addressed me.

Now, the fact of the matter was I did not care for tennis. I considered it too slow, and perhaps, also, the fact that it was not such a popular game as football, made the latter sport my favorite. But I did not wish to depreciate the game in which she was so enthusiastic, for it was my purpose to be agreeable and pleasing, and advocating opinions adverse to her convictions did not coincide with this predetermined plan. So I thought I was escaping from the difficulty, when I answered:

"It is one of the rules of our football Captain that a man is not to play any other game than football, when he is honored with a position on the first team. He must devote all his spare time to football practice alone. So you see I could not play tennis without transgressing the Captain's rules, and that would never do."

"Yes, but you don't play Rugby in the spring and summer," she argued.

"I'm afraid," I replied, "that if I became a tennis enthusiast, I would regret very much having to absent myself from the tennis courts in the fall, and of course I don't wish to injure my own feelings," I added, smiling.

"Oh, well, tennis is not played very much in the fall, so you would not miss much of it, and surely you can apologize sufficiently to your feelings to console them in the injuries inflicted.

As I hesitated to answer, she turned around in her chair, directly faced me, held up her first finger at me, and with the triumphant air of one who is putting on the finishing stroke, said:

"Now, wouldn't you like to play in the mixed doubles in the tournament with me?" And her smile made the combat hard for me. Again, before I had time to formulate a reply, she broke out, teasingly:

"Now, you cannot say that I'm not good enough to play with you, for you were saving a few minutes ago that I was a first-class player."

Her bewitching smile entrapped me. "When I think of you, I generally project schemes of singles rather than doubles," I ventured.

"Oh, come now, no nonsense," she replied, and brought me back to the subject.

It was quite patent to me now that she was determined to make me promise to start to play the game next spring. Perhaps at the commencement of the conversation she had not intended to do so, but as the talk had drifted on, her wish had been gradually formulating itself, and she was now set on having it fulfilled. She was using all her powers of argument, and of a sweet and bewitching manner, to accomplish her purpose. But my opposition increased in proportion to her determination, and it required more than her be-

seething influence over me to force me to yield the position which I had taken up, so I recklessly unfolded the real reasons why I objected to playing tennis, for my list of excuses was exhausted.

"To tell you the truth, Miss Timmons, I don't care for the game."

"Why not?" came the answer in a dignified and injured tone. "I'm sure it does not afford such a brutal exhibition as Rugby does."

Now, I was on the first team, and did not like being called a brute. "Well, girls don't need to play it," I replied. "To my mind, football points out to a youth his place in society, and teaches him to rely not only on himself, but also on others. Tennis is essentially a selfish game."

"I'm sorry I'm so selfish," The answer came sharply, and she rose to her feet haughtily.

"Now, I no more intended to attribute the characteristic of selfishness to you, Miss Timmons, than you did to call me a brute."

Beaten on her own ground, she blushed with anger, dryly said "good evening," turned quickly, and walked majestically off to her rendezvous. I was in no fit humor to offer apologies, nor was she to accept them, so I did not try to intercept her, thinking that she would vent her anger on someone else, and that I should bow down and worship later in the evening when she would read me a more lenient and reasonable homily on my conduct. But it was not to be. The next number she and Tom Rice were together; after that I saw nothing of her, and I learned later that Tom had escorted her home. Of this I thought nothing, except that it was in the sequence of events that she should immediately pick up with a tennis player, after leaving me. But before many days were passed, I found that Tom was as deeply in love with Celia Timmons as I was myself, that he had taken advantage of our "tiff," had done homage to her god of tennis, and had apparently implanted himself in her affections. Hereafter she treated me coolly, and even my brilliant plays at centre half, against McGill (which Tom brought her to see), did not suffice to cause her to relent.

Thus affairs drifted on all winter, my rival retaining the place where I felt I ought and would like to be. But I could not attempt to regain it, for such a step would not have been honorable on my part, as long as Tom was favored. My success seemed to depend entirely on Celia's view of the case, and on her actions.

In the spring Tom and Celia were together more than ever; his position seemed to be secure; his rival could find not even a loop-hole in his fortifications whereby he might obtain a safe and honorable entrance. When entries were called for the tennis tournament, it was found that they had entered in the mixed doubles. They now practised together incessantly, and I began to despair of ever receiving friendly glances from Celia again. They were both good tennis players, but of course I thought they were not matched, and predicted an early defeat for them. But they seemed to have practised combination, for they came into the finals without encountering much difficulty.

And now the day on which the final match was to be played had arrived. Quite a crowd had gathered around the courts, and I was not the least interested spectator. As I was walking from my boarding-house to the tennis courts, I began wondering which side

had my sympathy in the match, and after much pondering, I came to the conclusion that my jealousy towards Tom outweighed all my old love for Celia, and that, if the decision of the match rested with me, they would lose. But such unworthy thoughts were soon dispelled when I saw Celia on the courts practising and going through some preliminary work to get her muscles into working order, and to get her "eye on the ball." Never had I seen her looking so beautifully. Without any particularly favorably surroundings, she was attractive, but as she stood out on the court alone, and as she delivered a few easy scientific strokes and took a few short runs from one side to the other, her straight, lithe, well-shaped figure, not above medium height, could not have been shown off to more advantage. Her face, tinged with a slight flush, her flashing, large, dark eyes, and her rich folds of glossy black hair, made her appear to my eyes, a "thing of beauty," and I wished she was my "joy forever."

But while in the midst of such reveries, I was disturbed by being called on to act as umpire, the official appointed beforehand not having arrived. I accordingly took up my position at the net.

The match proved to be a very even one and was characterized by many streaks of brilliancy. But a full description of the game is not necessary here; it sufficeth to say that at the end of the fourth set the score was "two—all." The fourth set Celia and Tom should have won, and this fact put Tom considerably out of temper, a change which Celia did not fail to notice. This discouraged her. She had been playing a brilliant game, but tired a little in the fourth set, became slightly "rattled," and failed at critical times. But after a brief rest she improved, and if Tom had played with his usual vim and dash, they would have won comparatively easily. But he was sulky, started losing, and his opponents had three games to their credit before he had started to win. But luck did not altogether desert my favorites, for they had tallied four games when their opponents had won five. If they lost this next game, they would lose the match; while if they won, there was still a fighting chance. Soon the score was run up to deuce. Both sides were playing well, and Celia received several rounds of applause for some brilliant rallies and strokes. Tom then missed a difficult return, and I was forced to announce "Vantage Out." Now came a swift serve from Tom. It was successfully returned, and Celia in her eagerness ran back half way to get it and put it back, in the shape of a high lob, whereas, if she had left it to Tom, he could have rised one of his strokes on it. But there was the lob! Every person was eagerly watching, and I forgot my neutral position of umpire, and was on tip-toes of excitement. I would have done anything at that moment to increase the danger in smashing that lob. If I could raise the net a couple of inches, I should likely stop the ball, for it would not likely be returned much higher than the net, whereas, I felt sure that if the ball was put over it would be such a smash as would not allow of a return. Suddenly an idea seized me and quick as a flash it was put into execution. Quickly and nervously I grasped the net-rope, and pulled. The net rose about two inches. The ball struck! Glory! But no—it dropped over, bounced feebly, rolled about a foot, and lay still. So mortified was I that I stared at the ball for some seconds, not because anyone had seen me pull the string (everyone had been too excited to watch the umpire), but because

I had lost the game for Celia. However, I recovered myself and announced the result.

It was a blessing for me that my action was not seen by Tom, for his sulky nature now completely mastered him, and finding no one else on whom he could vent his anger, he began to scold Celia, not immoderately, but sufficiently to show that he was not satisfied with her playing.

"Oh, I think I played as well as you did," she retorted, in real anger, and her attitude while leaving him reminded me of a certain evening.

I went over to Celia and congratulated her on her excellent playing, and pointed out to her that luck had been against them when the ball struck the top of the net and rolled over. (I should have said the umpire had been against them—not luck). These were the first words I had spoken to her since we had separated in foolish anger, and my sympathy was so genuine that it touched and consoled her. I saw that she appreciated it, and offered my company, which she accepted, for I knew she wished someone with whom she could talk over the match. I knew also that I had recovered my position and that my mistake had turned to unexpected advantage.

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We now play "singles" only, and I must say in conclusion that Celia does not blame me for pulling the net, for she says she would have lost the game anyway.

GERRY, '00.

#### THE LIT.

Oh! the age of strife shall cease,  
And the age of peace will come,  
And men no more will march to war,  
At the sound of the martial drum.

Why? Because W. H. Alexander and F. W. Anderson have said so, and back their affirmation with so strong an array of proofs that the three learned and dignified "dikastes," appointed by the Supreme High Court of the Inter-Collegiate Debating Union, said: "Thus it shall be."

It was a glorious night, one of those sparkling star-lit nights, with just enough frost in the air to send a thrill through the blood and make you feel glad to be alive. When I reached the Gym. sharp at 7 o'clock, a shouting, singing throng of undergraduates was not there, but a solitary Senior sat in the reading-room, meditating over some of the sad scenes in "Life." As we mournfully discoursed on the decay of College spirit, and the departure from our midst of that much-lamented divinity, "Esprit de Corps," a few lone stragglers strolled in and listlessly wandered around, surveying the periodicals.

When about a baker's dozen had gathered, we went upstairs, and Vice-President McKay called the meeting to order, and we proceeded to elect representatives to various functions. The fortunate ones were: John Monds, Dental "At Home;" A. McDougall, Medical Dinner, and S. A. Dickson, S.P.S. Dinner. While the ballots were being counted, Mr. G. W. Ross reported splendid prospects for the Dinner, and urged all to help it along. At 7.40 the meeting adjourned.

When we got downstairs, a mighty transformations had taken place. The Reading-room was well filled with an enthusiastic throng, and out in front were as

many more lined up, anxious to start for Trinity. When the command, "Fall in," was given, fully one hundred and fifty men lined up, and started for the scene of action.

The people on the route traversed soon found out that something was up, for the usual bursts of song and yells filled the air, punctuated here and there by the stirring blasts of a horn. "Solomon Levi," "Litoria," "Soldiers of the Queen," "A Hot Time," and everything else, new and old, was attacked and executed with varying degrees of barbarity. Before we reached Trinity, we were followed by an admiring mob of newsboys and street-urchins, who testified their admiration for us by presenting us with a miscellaneous assortment of snow-balls, brick-bats, antiquated eggs, and other suitable bouquets.

At last, when one of the rear guard got hit on the ear with a snow-ball, and another had his Sunday hat spoiled with a rock, our feelings of gratitude—and of other kinds—constrained us to turn round and thank the boys, but they suspected our motives, and disappeared.

Trinity reached, we found the cosy little Convocation Hall already well filled, and were compelled to content ourselves with seats in the rear of the hall.

At about 8.30, Provost Welch took the chair, and called upon Mr. Kirkpatrick, of the Conservatory of Music, for a reading, after which the debaters were called on. The subject was announced as "Resolved, That War is a Necessary Means to the Advancement of Civilization." Messrs. D. T. Owen, and K. O. McEwen of Trinity, took the affirmative. They were heartily cheered by the Trinity men, and ably upheld the honor of their Alma Mater. Varsity was well represented by Messrs. W. H. Alexander and F. W. Anderson, who received an ovation from the nearly two hundred Varsity men present, who heartily applauded every point scored by the champions.

While the referees were coming to a decision, Messrs. McCausland and Mockridge gave a very fine piano duet, Mr. Kirkpatrick read again, and nine young men sang a chorus in nine different keys, which was loudly applauded.

The momentous moment then arrived, and amid a silence in which the beating of the debaters' hearts could be heard at the back of the hall, Provost Welch announced. "The referees, by separate marking, have arrived at the same conclusion, and find in favor of the negative." Then every Varsity man, with what little voice he had left, gave such a rousing shout for his Alma Mater, that old "Esprit de Corps" decided that Varsity was good enough for him, and henceforth will do business at the old stand at the sign of the blue and white. Then three cheers rang out for Trinity, and three more for Varsity, and Trinity sang a couple of rousing glees, and everybody whispered out loud that there was nothing the matter with Trinity. Then out into the night we went, and Trinity's hospitable doors closed on a night which will go down to history as the first round in the first series of the first year of the Inter-Collegiate Debating Union.

To the tune of "We won't go home till morning," we started down Queen street, and smiling maidens and growling men and howling boys had to run the gauntlet between the two long lines of shouting students, who owned the sidewalk. The staid old town wondered if Father Time had made a mistake and sent another Hallowe'en, so soon after the last. For twenty

minutes we owned Yonge street, and then, as the clock in the fire hall tower struck eleven, we dispersed, and wended our way homewards. It was a great night. 'Rah for Alexander and Anderson. 'Rah for Varsity. 'Rah for "Esprit de Corps."

COMO.

### SOME OXFORD NOTES.

By A. E. Dwyer.

(Concluded).

These societies frequently have visitors from other colleges, who will, perhaps, take part in the discussion. When a Don reads a paper before a society, it means a crowd, if he is notable, probably a good attendance of the Dons of the college as well.

Of all the debating societies, the Oxford Union Society is the most important, both in numbers and general usefulness. It began in 1823, under the name of "The United Debating Society." To exclude turbulent members, it dissolved, on December 25th, and immediately reconstituted itself as the O.U.S. Its officers are President, Librarian, Senior and Junior Treasurer, and Secretary. In addition, there are a library committee and a standing committee. The valuable property of the society is vested in four trustees. When joining, a man is proposed by one, and seconded by two members; notice of this is posted, and if there is no demur, he becomes a member. Any member may demand a ballot, when one black ball in four excludes. After the entrance fee of one pound, there are nine terminal fees of one pound five, after which one becomes a life-member. The buildings of the society merit the highest praise. They are substantial, handsome, convenient, and comfortable. The Debating Hall is modelled on the House of Commons. Hung upon the walls are the portraits of former officers of the society, many of whom have become professors, politicians, diplomats, and great Church dignitaries. The library has 40,000 volumes, most of which may be taken out for a fortnight. Any member may suggest new books, but the final choice rests with the library committee. There are two writing-rooms, in one of which smoking is permitted. So great is the amount of correspondence on Sunday, that additional writing tables are arranged in the Debating-Hall. Stationery is supplied free of charge, and, with certain restrictions, postage also. The smoking-room is a fine chamber, with two magnificent fire-places, whose ruddy flames light up the rich, dark coloring of the walls, and the comfortable plush of sofas and easy-chairs. Here are the newspapers, chosen to suit the varying politics and tastes of the multitude. A magazine-room is well-supplied with the leading periodicals and reviews. Trinity University Review may be seen there, but I have not had the pleasure of seeing a copy of THE VARSITY. In both of these rooms one may have tea and coffee, and there is also a dining-room in connection with the society. The debates are held on Thursday evenings, and about once a term some distinguished speaker is invited to take part. A distinctive characteristic of Oxford debates is the weight given to points. An epigrammatic, incisive, personal attack, which keeps within the limits of parliamentary courtesy, is always well received. It is an error of man-

ner to be too much in earnest, and points often count more than argument, with solid breadth of application. At the same time any important omissions or defects of argument are quickly detected and keenly exposed.

There are few possible interests in life unrepresented by some society in Oxford: One dramatic society, three musical clubs, a brass-rubbing society, whose members go down on their knees to get black copies of the memorial brasses on church floors; a Republican society, now extinct (it had one Frenchman and one American), an aesthetic club, which once sat in a circle, gazing solemnly upon a candle, each member, in turn, giving a disquisition thereon, report says that one of their number once called a magnificent sunset a poor imitation of Turner. It is their joy to drink purple wine from green glasses, and their deepest aspiration to be intense. There is also a Jacobite society, in which everyone is said to be an officer. The varying social questions, which demand so much earnest attention, have also their devoted students, for the Christian Social Union, with a membership of 400, meets fortnightly for discussion, and has already, besides acting as a haven upon several generations of students, accomplished practical results of great value.

Oxford has a great advantage from its character as a meeting-place for people from all parts of the world; men from all the colonies, from India, from the Continent, and from the United States, here "foregather," as Kipling would say. As an attempt to make this practically helpful, socially, to members of the British Empire, who come over seas, a Colonial Club has been formed. It is intended to further mutual acquaintance and discussion of colonial interests, and has already held its first dinner, at which Mr. H. P. Biggar, an old Varsity man, read an extremely valuable paper on the three Colonial Conferences. It is probable that the Colonial Club has a future before it, and will be helpful in binding closer the widely-severed territories of the great British Empire.

One very important element in the distinctive character and influence of Oxford is the fact that nearly all who come up spend about two-thirds of their course in residence. It is not easy to over-estimate the effect of this. On one side it gives the Dons a chance of individual acquaintanceship, and a lever for the exercise of authority and influence, which they could procure by no other means. It is equally effective in giving the students a footing of acquaintanceship, and a speedy and thorough acclimatization in the traditions, not only of general university life, but also of that particular college of which he has become a member. This has many advantages. It is the active cause which leads the great world to choose an Oxford or Cambridge man, not only for his accredited scholarship, but also as the happy possessor of university culture. Then, without destroying the compactness of a great institution, it prevents a man from feeling himself an unnoticed individual amongst such a multitude of souls. The little world of the college gives exercise to that side of a man's nature which demands a domestic atmosphere, while the broader world of the university gives scope for the exercise of those special tastes which demand companionship from the few selected out of the many, and allows free opportunity for the acquirement of that breadth of knowledge which only the many specialists of a great university can give.

The advantages of decentralization are further gained by the innumerable college societies and clubs, which have any number of members, from two or three upwards, and take in all the varied interests, social, athletic, literary, political, musical, and aesthetic.

Every college has its own group of athletic clubs. One item in the battels of each student is his membership fee to this association. The amount varies, according to the college, ranging from £1 10s. to £4 a term.

Take the case of a student coming up to college. He may be a Public School athlete, whose fame has preceded him. When the line of sport is chosen, college practices and games at once begin to show the man's mettle. He is successful, and wins prizes at the contests of his own college. He will follow this up by competing in the events open to strangers at the contests of other colleges. Continued success leads on to a place in the university team, or eight, and he becomes the happy possessor of the coveted title of a Varsity "Blue."

As this article is merely an unstudied attempt to give some of the salient characteristics, from a personal standpoint, no summing-up is necessary, except to say that Oxford has many precious things to give to any member of a colonial university who is desirous of making further progress, either in scholarship or athletics.

A.F.D.

## EXCHANGES.

Among the numerous College papers on our table, we would fain mention primarily *The Sibyl*, published by the students of Elmira College, N.Y., not alone to be gallant, or with an apologetic "ladies first," but for the sake of this bright little publication's real excellence. Foremost among the contributions is a thoughtful article on George Eliot's "Romola," which treats this charming romance in masterly fashion. The clever paragraphs under the heading of "Before the Study Fire," together with two or three pleasant pieces of fiction, make up a very attractive paper. We are pleased to learn, through its columns, that Miss Emma Fraser, a graduate of Toronto University, and also of the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed Professor of Modern Languages at Elmira.

Among our exchanges, none is more welcome than *The Canadian Magazine*, which is now entering on its twelfth year. Certainly it is a well-grown child, which does credit to the fostering care which its editor, Mr. John A. Cooper, a graduate of VARSITY, has devoted to it. The November number contains in an article, "Where Summers are Long—A Comparison of European and Canadian Summers," by Mr. J. Gordon Mowat, an irresistible reply to the implication in Kipling's famous nickname for Canada, "Our Lady of the Snows." The new serial, "A Daughter of Witches," is from the pen of Miss Wood, the authoress of the much-talked-of "Untempered Wind." In "Current Events Abroad," Mr. Ewan discusses interestingly the international political situation. Under "Idle Moments," is a very clever skit called "Insurance Up-to-date," by Mr. S. B. Leacock, a graduate of VARSITY, and well-known as a contributor to *New York Truth*. These are only a few of the many good things in the November issue of *The Canadian Magazine*.

The publication of McGill University has quite recently developed from a fortnightly into a weekly, with

the name *McGill Outlook* on its cover. The paper is well got up and printed, though the matter is of a somewhat local character.

*The Acadia Athenaeum*, all the way from Wolfville, N.S., contains a fine article on "Michael Angelo," giving a clever sketch of the life and work of that consummate genius. "Football at College," though not particularly original, is an article that should do much toward placing sports in their proper relationship with regard to the life of a student at Wolfville.

*The University Monthly*, from Fredericton, N.B., has a novel contribution, entitled "Our Native Snails," which is by no means as "slow" as its name might imply, and is very good reading. There is also a splendid article on "Similarity of Thought," treating of the tendency that different poets have of producing ideas and expressions of striking similarity.

The modest monthly from McMaster University, with its brown-paper cover, contains many excellent contributions. Among the best of these, is "Canadian Poetry and Poets." Attention is called in this article to the premature state of Canadian literature, and especially of Canadian Poetry. Yet, as the writer says, we have one poet that may be ranked among the best-living bards, in the person of Charles G. D. Roberts. The complaint that Canadians, as a nation, are not appreciative, and that the Canadian author has to depend on the sale of his work outside of Canada, for a livelihood, is too true. Another good article is "Some Aspects of the Art of Shakespeare and AEschylus," which deals ably with the points of contrast and similarity between these two great dramatists.

*Acta Victoriana* has a very good article on "The Philosophy of George Eliot," in which the writer has shown himself thoroughly imbued with the spirit of this favorite novelist. The rest of the paper is made up of items more or less locally interesting.

Among the other exchanges to hand, are *Colorado Collegian*, *Dalhousie Gazette*, Halifax, N.S., and the *Manitoba College Journal*.

R. B. FUDGER.

Y.M.C.A.

On Saturday, the monthly meeting of the Cabinet was held. Reports from committees were received. A most encouraging report was received from the Membership Committee; fifty-five new members have been added.

For the Rooms Committee, J. W. McBean reported that arrangements had been made to allow men the use of the rooms for the lunch hour. A table with writing materials, for the use of students, has also been placed in the Reading-room.

In order to assist the Treasurer, R. J. McAlpine, J. A. Miller, G. H. Wilson, and J. A. Henry, S.P.S., members of the Finance Committee, will receive subscriptions and fees from the members.

Next Thursday Mr. Harry Wade Hicks, who was General Secretary of Cornell Y.M.C.A., for three years, will visit our association, and will address the five o'clock meeting.

Near by the ocean tide they sat,

Dream-wrapt in one another.

He thinks 'twas fate that made them meet;

She knows it was her mother.

—Ex.

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## UNIVERSITY AND STATE.

The eighteenth century saw in Europe the cosmopolitan spirit widely diffused: The Englishman preferred to be known as a "citizen of the world;" the national weaknesses of the French were exposed by Montesquieu in his malicious "Lettres Persanes;" the German was rather a European. But this has all changed, and our own century is remarkable for the fact that its politics are dominated by no theories of things in general, but by a rampant feeling of rationality. And as a hundred and fifty years ago patriotism was a subject for satire, so now the man who dares to differ from the noisy jingo is shrieked at as a traitor and a scoundrel. "Patriotism" is now preached from the house-tops; from press and platform we hear of the greatness of our country; of the Empire on which the sun never sets. If Hume and Voltaire were at the one extreme, surely we are at the other. If you pick up a newspaper in the morning it is only to read columns of stuff extolling "our maple trees, our illimitable prairies, and our golden West." Still worse if you go to hear some "great Canadian orator;" then if your heart does not throb when you learn of the glory of your native land, you must, indeed, be lifeless; if your bosom does not burn within you, when you learn of her vast possibilities in the future, you must, indeed, be cold; if you cannot re-echo every word of the "patriot," you have no right to call yourself a Canadian. The fact is, we are being deluged with this sham patriotism, but the reaction is bound to come. The only danger is that when it does come it may bring with it a positive distaste for all regarding the common weal.

We were led to make these remarks from reading an address delivered by Professor Watson, of Queen's, some three weeks ago, on the subject of the University and the State. According to Professor Watson, the University can be of service to the State, by producing citizens who look at the world and their own country from the broad standpoint, who are free from "all prejudicial—individual, political and religious, who have been taught the lesson that only by living in Ganzen, Guten, Schoenen—in the Whole, the Good, the Beautiful—only by the sacrifice of all petty vanity and other baser forms of egotism—can a nation be truly great."

As he points out, we English are unduly complacent, when we think of ourselves and of the great

things we have done, and too apt to forget that out of our very practicalness grow our defects with regard to art and science. With respect to Canada, we may as well recognize that, despite "Cape Race and Nootka Sound," notwithstanding cheese and cold storage, "we are an unspeculative, an unlettered, and an inartistic people." And yet, though we should be very humble, every empty shouter from Halifax to Dawson City can get an audience that will drink in the glory and patriotism which he can offer them in unlimited quantities, and cheer him and think him a great statesman, a man of large and imperial views. This is surely a tendency in Canadian public life at present, a tendency which we, as University men, should set ourselves to oppose. Are we going to leave our College halls to join in the chorus of applause which sounds round every professional "patriot," to become jingoes ourselves, to fail in our real duty to our native land? To do that, would be for us to betray our trust, to do what we know to be wrong. But, as Professor Watson says, though we may be sorry to acknowledge that Canada has as yet added nothing to the world's science, or philosophy, or art, we should not be discouraged. We should remember that till now we have had other work to do—work almost purely physical; that this has led to our becoming self-centred, and somewhat narrow and provincial in our outlook. And here again the cultured citizen can be of service to his country. He knows "the best that has been thought and said," as Matthew Arnold puts it, all the world over, and it becomes the duty, the sacred duty, of the offspring of our Universities to see that this "best" is brought into touch with our national life, that from its contact our life, as a people, may be elevated, our views broadened, and our aspirations purified.

## DEBATING UNION.

Last Friday evening out at Trinity College a new organism was ushered into existence, and if prospects count for anything, it seems likely that it is to have a very successful career. The first battle, under the auspices of the Inter-College Debating Union took place, and a close struggle it was. The new Union, following upon the heels of the Rugby league, and modelled largely after it, should labor under none of the latter's inherent disadvantages: the members of the Union are all in Toronto, doing away with the heavy travelling expenses; there are plenty of Colleges from which to recruit debaters; and there is no opposition, whose meetings might clash and interfere with those of the Union. Providing the quality of the speaking be high, and the subjects of some general interest, everything promises well. After the present series has been fought out, the championship of the Union is to be awarded to the winners. Here we have a suggestion to make: We should like to see McGill or Queen's challenge the Toronto champions. We have no authority for saying that such a challenge would be accepted, yet we do not for one moment doubt that it would. And while we are expressing wishes, might we add another? What we *would* like to see is this: That Montreal and Kingston each have a Debating League, similar to the one just launched here, and that then the champions of the three Unions be matched against one another to settle the supremacy of the three cities.

## The College Girl

Perhaps the matter of greatest importance, which has occupied the minds of the College girl this week, and formed the chief topic of her conversation, is the Rugby dance. Those who were not there are lamenting an opportunity lost, whilst those who took advantage of the invitation of the Athletic Association have added another pleasant memory of their College course to carry away with them. Almost the only thing to be regretted was that the College girls were not seen in such large numbers as had been anticipated. This is their loss, but we are sure that another year they will be there in full force. As a body, we tender our congratulations to the Athletic Directorate upon the unmitigated success of their annual function.

The girls of the College are all expected to show their loyalty and enthusiasm in a practical way this week — by selling tickets for the Ladies' Glee Club concert. All of us, no doubt, have a holy horror of selling tickets, but when we consider that we are asked only once a year to do it, that it is for an organization supported and managed solely by women students, we will feel that it has a special claim to our support. And the girls have a right to expect that every student that day "will do his duty," and will turn out "en masse" to encourage the Club, and to enjoy one of the best concerts of the season. Miss Mae Dickenson, Mr. George Fox, and Mr. Grenville P. Kleiser are the artists who will assist the Club, and their names are sufficient to assure its success. Tickets are now for sale, and can be obtained from any member of the committee or their agents. The plan for reserved seats will be in the warerooms of Gourlay, Winter and Leeming after December 10th. It is whispered that women undergraduates will act as ushers, which will add novelty and interest to the occasion. Come one, come all.

The pins of the Women's Literary Society are now on hand, and can be had for the moderate sum of thirty cents, from any members of the committee; Miss Patterson, '99; Miss Grace McDonald, '00; Miss Dredge, '01; and Miss King, '02. Every girl should have one.

The Juniors scored another social success on Saturday afternoon, when very many students assembled to enjoy their hospitality. The Century Class have established a reputation for themselves in social circles, and Saturday's reception in no way detracted from it. The East Hall, where some attempt had been made at decoration, was the scene of the reception, but it was in the "Tea-room," that the artistic tendency of the committee had full play. We are all so familiar with the appearance of the "Tea-room" on these occasions that a detailed account is unnecessary, suffice it to say that it seldom looked more inviting, while the menu was such as would tempt the most fastidious. Everything that could be done for the pleasure of the guests was done, and the committee should feel rewarded for the trouble involved in preparing for this College function.

The orchestra was, during the first part of the evening, stationed in the gallery, and this circumstance seemed to have a remarkable effect upon some of the promenaders, who seemed to find it impossible to resist the pleasures of tripping the light fantastic. Now, though these stolen moments may have all the pleasures of forbidden fruit, it certainly does not seem to be the honorable thing to do, to go down stairs to indulge in this pastime. If, as some of the girls assert, there is "no harm in it," why do they not dance in the Hall? Don't let us lower our dignity and our standard of honor by going below-stairs to do there that which we would not do in the light. It rests with the women students of the University to see that the expressed wishes of the Council and the known opinion of the majority of the girls are carried out, and that we keep inviolate that code of honor which we have always held dear.

*Sesame*, the annual publication of the women graduates and undergraduates of University College, is now in the hands of the publisher, and is expected to be ready for distribution before we leave for our Christmas holidays. If picturesque cuts, bright, instructive articles, and artistic design can make a magazine a success, then the success of *Sesame* is assured. The subscription lists are now open, that all the students will secure a copy. The price will be fifty cents.

The Women's Literary Society have arranged an attractive programme for their last meeting before Christmas. The meeting will be held on December 10th, and it is hoped that every girl will come out and help to make this meeting a distinct success. A scene from "As You Like It," will be presented by members of the Senior Year, and Miss Grace Evans and Miss Bessie Cowan will play. The other numbers on the programme are of an equally high order, so that it will be one of the best meetings of the year.

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### MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

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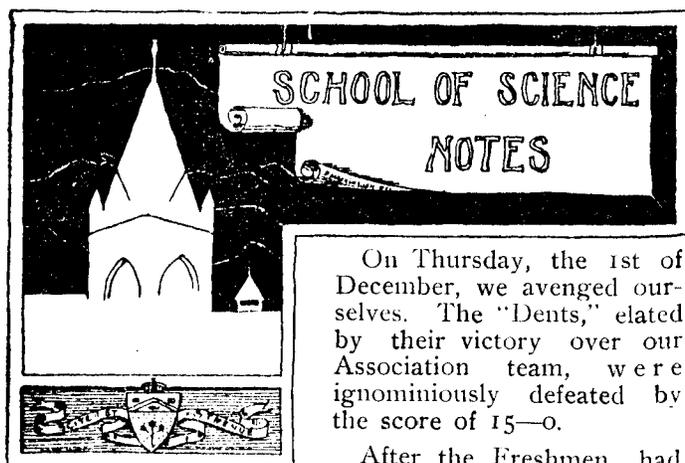
On Monday afternoon, the Club held its regular meeting in Room 4, the President, Mr. Kerr, in the chair. The programme consisted of an essay on Hauptmann, by Miss Robinson, and a well-rendered reading in German by Miss Lapatnikoff. The final meeting for autumn term will be held jointly with the Classical Association next Monday, when Miss Burgess and Mr. Hunter will deliver essays respectively, on "Quo Vadis?" and Jerome K. Jerome.

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### "PATRIOTISM."

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The second public lecture, under the auspices of the Political Science Club, will be held on Wednesday, December 14th, in Room 9, when Mr. Sanford Evans, of the Mail and Empire, will lecture on "Patriotism." Mr. Evans is a very clever and thorough lecturer, and is well-known throughout the country, so that a large audience may be expected. All students and the public generally are invited.



On Thursday, the 1st of December, we avenged ourselves. The "Dents," elated by their victory over our Association team, were ignominiously defeated by the score of 15-0.

After the Freshmen had lowered the colors of '99, the

following team marched out to defend the honor of the "School:"

Back, Davidson ("Jock"); Halves, Stovel, Boyd (Capt.), MacArthur; Quarter, Foreman; Scrimmage, Lytle, Parry, Clarke; Wings, McLellan, Burnside, Elliott, Ross, Hunt, Grant, Wagner.

Revell was there, too, to see how his lambs would play, and Mr. C. H. C. Wright, accompanied by the equally enthusiastic "Andy" MacCallum. Smithy was there in a new suit of clothes, and Thorold had a shave with him. "Holly" had bet a stamp on the match and was wild with excitement. They were all there and they all "rooted," as the "School" is expected to "root."

S.P.S. kicked off towards Varsity, and the ball at once went to the Dents' end and stayed there. By brilliant combination and bucking, the halves worked the ball steadily to their opponents' line. The Dents back fumbled and "Thrift," picking up the ball, ran towards the goal-posts and dropped. But the Referee, Gussy Armstrong, decided that the ball was behind the dead line when Thrift secured it, and so the try was not allowed. Score, 1-0.

School again rushed the play, and in a few minutes Lytle fell on the ball for a try, Sandy tried another bluff about the dead line, but this time the Referee did not bite, and Boyd converted. Score, 7-0.

At the kick-off Dents rushed, and on a fumble got the ball into our quarter. They were awarded a free kick, and matters looked serious. Holly's face wore a hardened, careworn look, and Revell's whiskers stood on end. But Burnside secured the ball and by a brilliant run carried it out to the forty-yard line, and the Dents' first and only effort had failed. During the remainder of the half the ball was in the Tooth-pullers' territory all the time, but owing to the high west wind, the ball was in touch most of the time, and School could not get over before the whistle blew.

Sides were changed, and the merry game went on. It was the same old story, and in a few minutes the Molars' back, after a good attempt to clear, was nailed by the School wings, and forced to rouge. Score, 8-0.

Here a most regrettable accident happened. Thrift received a blow on the back and had to be carried into the Gym. on a sled. For a few minutes School played

loosely, but then they woke up. Perry stole the ball from Sanderson, Foreman passed to Boyd, and by a beautiful tandem play we scored a try, which Billy Boyd converted in splendid style. Score, 14-0.

In the gathering gloom we scored once more on a kick of Boyd's into touch-in-goal, and the Referee took pity on those Dents, and called us off. Score, 15-0.

R. Menuil, First Year, is one of the crack shots in the Queen's Own Rifles. He won several prizes in the Autumn competitions this year.

We are all glad to welcome Mr. Neelands back among us. His safe return to civilization is certainly great relief to some of us. We hope in the next issue of this paper to give a short sketch of his trip, which will interest many, if not all of us.

In last week's issue of this paper a very grievous mistake was made. The article concerning Prof. Coleman, was, to say the least, entirely wrong. We understand that a Dr. Coleman, of the Medical School, was the gentleman who was married last summer, and therefore not our own Professor Coleman. We are extremely sorry that that article appeared in this paper, and we hope that Prof. Coleman will accept our humble apology.

We learn from good authority that "Ed." Stacey, who is known to the Third and Fourth Years, is to be married to a young lady of Port Hope.

Besides John's name, there are others of the students that are frequently in the paper. Let them beware, or we shall publish them.

Every S.P.S. man must remember the great Dinner to be held on the 9th. Every man must be there or woe to his chances next Spring! The committee are sparing neither time nor trouble to make this, the 10th Annual Dinner, eclipse all previous ones. The Faculty are strongly supporting the committee in their work, and they expect to see every student in his proper place on the night of the Dinner. The leading lights of the Canadian engineering profession will be there, and they will, no doubt, honor us with a few words of advice, etc. This is the one social function of the year in which the School runs the whole show itself; and therefore it is only natural that the committee expect good support. The tickets are only \$1.50, so everyone can afford to go. A word about the musical programme—it will surpass anything yet heard on previous occasions. "Willie" Boyd and Roy Stovel will again add to the programme some very comical and delightfully new songs.



The football season is drawing to a close, and soon hockey and the gymnasium will form the centres for exercise. The whole student body will be glad to welcome back Roy Stovel, who, with his partner Boyd, has furnished the light side of the Assault-at-Arms for the past three years. Roy is back from a mining trip, and has registered at the School just in time for the Mulock games.

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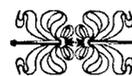
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This important part of the year's Rugby was accompanied by the usual unfavorable weather, which detracts so greatly from its value, as a school, for adding to the stock of experience of the newer players. The first game was between '02 and '01, and, as everybody had prophesied, proved an easy victory for the Freshmen. The struggle between '09 and '00 was a more even one, but eventually '09 were victorious. The final game for the championship in Arts led to a close and hard-fought game between the Seniors and the Freshmen. The Seniors secured their only score, a rouge, after Snell's long dribble. By the way, Snell did the most noticeable work in the first game, also making a splendid 50-yard run. He should be looked after by the managers next year, and represent Varsity on one of the teams. Aided by the wind in the second half, Mackenzie made good use of his opportunities, and succeeded in forcing two rouges, thus winning the game. It seemed very strange policy for '09 to play two inexperienced men when they had men who had stood faithfully by them in years gone by, who were neglected. The Freshmen have a very strong back division, but the wing line and scrumage should prove very weak when placed against that of the S.P.S.

The Junior years in Medicine, having fallen before their seniors, as is the regular custom, the latter met St. Michael's, who also were vanquished. The Dentals and S.P.S. met and victory rested with the School, although the inexperienced Dental team struggled hard. Again, as last year, there remains the triangular contest, Meds, S.P.S., and Arts; and again, on paper, S.P.S. has the stronger team, but who can tell where fickle fortune will rest, or whose web of life the fates may not cut?

On Saturday, an attempt was made to bring the

Association series to a close, but unsuccessfully. In the Intermediate series, the Dentals II. and the Normal School played off. The game was a hard-fought one. During the first half, the Normal team had several chances to score but were unsuccessful, while the Dentals put a goal to their credit. In the second half, the Normals scored, but the Dentals also got a goal just before time and hence won the championship. There was an enthusiastic group of Normalites, who applauded the skill of the representatives, while the Dentals were supported by every man in the School. The field, which, during the first game, had become slippery and treacherous, hardly allowing any good play at all, was in very poor condition for the Senior game between University College and Dental I. From the first, the Varsity forward line played a more scientific combination game than that of the Dentals, but could not score against the Dentals' strong defence. The teams were, Varsity: Goal, Armstrong; Backs, Harrison, Campbell; Halves, Hogg, Biggs, Dickson (Capt.); Forwards, Sinclair, Wrenn, Paterson, Bogart, Clare. Dental I.: Goal, Kay; Backs, Macdonald, Rudell; Halves, Doyle, Doering, Cerswell; Forwards, Grey, Sipes, Amy, Leadermann, Dandot. Although both teams made the most determined efforts, neither scored, and darkness intervening would not allow play to continue for more than the regulation time. Dickson, the Varsity Captain, is to be congratulated on the showing his men have made this season. Previous to this season, he has always played on the forward line, but this year, owing to the loss of the entire back division, he decided to play half. In this position he has proved a veritable find and is now to be considered one of the first half-backs in the league.

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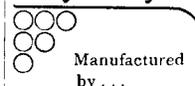
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DECEMBER—

1. Last day for appointment of School Auditors by Public and Separate School Trustees. [P.S. Act, sec. 21 (1); S.S. Act, sec. 28 (5).] (On or before 1st Dec.)  
 Municipal Clerk to transmit to County Inspector statement showing whether or not any county rate for Public School purposes has been placed upon Collector's roll against any Separate School supporter. [P.S. Act, sec. 68 (1); S.S. Act, sec. 50.] (Not later than 1st Dec.)
- 5 County Model Schools Examinations begin. (During the last week of the session.)
6. Practical Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (Subject to appointment.)
13. Returning Officers named by resolution of Public School Board. [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2).] (Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.)  
 Last day for Public and Separate School Trustees to fix places for nomination of Trustees. [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2); S.S. Act, sec. 31 (5).] (Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.)
14. Local Assessment to be paid Separate School Trustees. [S.S. Act, sec. 55.] (Not later than 14th Dec.)  
 Written Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (Subject to appointment.)
15. Municipal Council to pay Secretary-Treasurer Public School Boards all sums levied and collected in township. [P.S. Act, sec. 67 (1).] (On or before 15th Dec.)  
 County Councils to pay Treasurer High Schools. [H.S. Act, sec. 30.] (On or before 15th Dec.)  
 County Model School term ends. Reg. 58. (Close on 15th day of Dec.)

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## The Rotunda.

About 150 Varsity men marched out to Trinity to a debate.

Miss Coyne, "Bogus" sister, was at the '00 Reception on Saturday afternoon.

Oxford University has decreed that when men present themselves to receive degrees they shall not wear tan colored shoes.

"Stony" Jackson was round the corridors last Monday. He was seen looking with longing eyes at the scenes of his past greatness—the secretary's office in the Gym.

"Fizzer" Smith and "Reggie" Fitzgerald each gave a little reception to the defeated '99, Mulock Cup team. The beaten braves were made to feel quite at home and a very lively time was spent.

Once again Mr. "Pat" Deroche has had his room burglarized, and that notwithstanding the four-wheel combination lock which guards his door. All residents sympathize with "Pat" in his loss, which, however, is *not* irreparable, as cake is still an article to be found on the current market.

The executive committee of class '02 met on Wednesday afternoon, November 16th, in room No. 2, to dispose of the business of the class. R. J. Hamilton presided and nearly all the members were present. Various committees were appointed who are making complete arrangements for the class reception which will be given Dec. 10th. The color committee have selected a year's pin and it is hoped their selection will be satisfactory to all. The pin can be had by applying to I. H. Woods.

A lot of the old-time Association men were out to see the matches on Saturday. "Andy" McCallum a grad. of the school, did the honors in both matches.

The Harbord Old Boys dined on Friday evening at Webb's. The chairman was Mr. Watson Bain, B.A. Sc. A very jolly time was spent by all who had the good fortune to be present.

A cordial invitation is extended to students of the city to attend the regular meetings of the Bond street Congregational Church Outlook Club, which are held every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The Club Room, supplied with games and a choice variety of literature, is open daily until 10 p.m., and students made heartily welcome. Coffee room in connection.

"Leo" Biggar is back in the city after a very adventurous trip with Mr. Niven's surveying party up in Northern Ontario. There was beginning to be some uneasiness felt about Varsity lest some mishap should have befallen the expedition. All the other parties had returned, and nothing had been heard of Mr. Niven's men. As a matter of fact they were in some danger, for food ran out and winter was coming on, but they are all back safely after all, and "all's well that ends well," as the Bard of the Avon puts it.

Quite a number of girls gathered for the meeting of the Y.W.C.A. last Tuesday afternoon, when Rev. Mr. Hyde of the Northern Congregational Church gave a very interesting address. His subject was the Practice of the Presence of Christ, and he divided it into three heads — Presence, Partnership and Power. At the close of the address, Miss Lick, '99, rendered a solo which delighted all who heard her. The attendance at the Sunday afternoon study class is well sustained and all are enjoying this year's studies.

E. P. Brown, '01, has been elected to the Executive of the Ontario Hockey Association. Last year "Pippin" was Varsity's representative, but this season he has been promoted.

Professor Hutton invited on Wednesday a number of members of the Chess Club to spend the evening at his house and play the ancient game with several of the Faculty, who were also guests.



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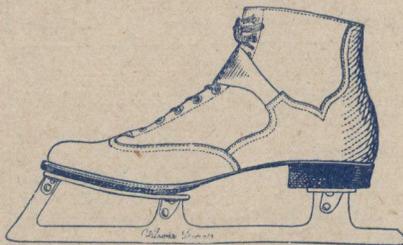


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