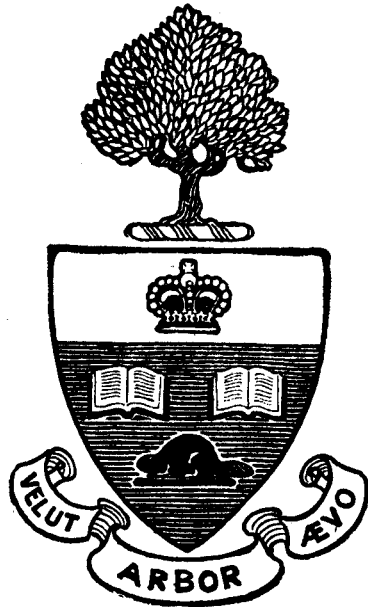


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Far From The Madding Crowd

By A. F. B. Clark

We left the North Shore at sunset and plunged into the inland woods. The shadow of our tourist-car was stretching far out over the clearings and beginning to climb up the trees beyond. The porter—a symphony in black and white—was lighting the lamps that jangled and jarred along the ceiling of the car. Blinds were pulled down, those little one-legged tourist-car tables which one articulates into the car wall were brought out, and suppers were unwashed. We—four young fellows out on the road for health or business—groped our way down the swaying car amid a tinkle of cups and spoons. We stopped opposite a table whose nakedness was covered by a cloth white as the driven snow, on which trembled to the motion of the car glass salt-celars, cups (with saucers!) at the bottom of which lingered no dregs from the last potation, knives, forks, and butter in dainty platters. In a file of bare, greasy tables on whose surfaces saucerless cups had left demilunes of milk this speckless board shone like a princess among slatterns.

Behind this table rose the benign faces of an elderly lady and gentleman. We waited for no invitation to sit down. We had eaten from no other table but that since, on the first day of the long transcontinental trip, a motherly hand had arrested me as I was going out to snatch some rolls at a refreshment station and had compelled me to sit down at this hospitable board. Since then we had been under a spell. This homely table had acquired for us the sacredness of a family hearth, whose fire was the glowing bowl of our elderly host's pipe.

The influence upon us of this table—set with a regularity and scrupulousness that seemed to symbolize stability in this feverish travel-world—puzzled me, for I am no psychologist. It could not have been the charm of our host's conversation—for that was but a digest of the three-days-old newspaper he had bought at triple its value from an agent. It could not have been the fare—for the table was more cleanly than sumptuous. The magnetism of youth for youth should have made us join the party of young people who played cards every night till the berths were made up. But we preferred our strange commensals—the elderly lady and gentleman—we, four young men in the pride of life, who had cast off the leading-strings of home, who would have torn off the rind of life to get at its juice, who were intoxicated with the wine of independence. I say the phenomenon of our being attracted by this homely, prosaic couple presented itself to me as an interesting problem in psychology. I

lay down in my berth that night, too pre-occupied with it even to undress.

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In the bottomless silence of a night-stop, I awoke and heard the tick of a telegraph. It was a hot night and my window was open. I looked out. A hissing arc-light, enveloped in a swarm of night-flies, lighted up part of a platform and a wooden station. Beyond and around rose the oppressive woods; no sign of other habitation. The ticking telegraph seemed the throbbing heart of this wilderness.

My berth was stifling hot, and sleep was beyond the dreams of weariness. I stepped out into the aisle. Across it I could hear my good host and his lady producing a sound, bourgeois snore. I went out on to the station-platform. The conductor sauntered up, almost blinding me with his lantern.

I learned that a broken coupler would necessitate a stop of at least fifteen minutes. I walked towards the luminous circle cast by the arc-light. Just then a figure issued from a door in the station whence the sound of the telegraph had proceeded and stepped into that frame of light. It was a man on whose upturned face the light shone full. I recognized that face. The last time I had seen it had been far away, in the populous city, at a social gathering, a dance, amid glittering chandeliers, amid cozy furniture, amid elegant women. It was the face of Roy Blake, the favorite of society, the prince at a ball, the good fellow, the friend of his kind that I had known. What fate had sent him to these wilds? All this rushed through my brain as he saw me and gripped my hand. That grip prepared me for the sight I was to see presently. It was like iron—I recognized something abnormal in it.

He said nothing, but keeping that iron grip on my hand, led me to the station-door, opened it and ascended a dark, narrow stair, at the top of which a door opened into a low-roofed room, lit by a dormer window. A dim, cold light from the somewhat distant arc-light bathed the recesses of the room in a kind of penumbra. The wall seemed to be covered with a paper of rather irregular pattern.

"How long have you been operator here?" I asked.

"Two years!"

Two years! He who chafed at being away from his fellows for two days to be banished to a clearing in New Ontario in order that a little instrument might click a message to a station ten miles off!

"But you see the Indians and the train-men and the section-men, I suppose? You are not without company sometimes."

He made a weary gesture. "Oh! yes. Red Blanket was just in to-day to sell fish. But they are no use. Have you not noticed my friends on the wall? They are real company. Perhaps you will add another."

Then for the first time I became aware that the walls of his room were not, as I thought at first, papered, but were covered by what one might call a "crazy-quilt" tapestry. Hung on parallel horizontal cords were handkerchiefs with embroidered initials, note-books, withered flowers and trinkets of all descriptions. What did these things mean? Why did he call them his "friends?" How should I add another?

When I turned to him with query in my eyes, he smiled, and throwing open the window, pointed to the train with its sleeping freight below.

"See! That is all they send me now from the outside world—every night a train of sleeping people—to me who love to talk, to laugh, to jest with living, palpitating men and women. When I came here first, a day-train went through, and I could see men and women, little families, little homes of which I became a part for a few passing moments. I caught the odor of the great world of homes that I have left. These people used to give me little mementoes. Now they have taken off the day-train, and I have to steal these souvenirs of the world from sleeping people. When I met you to-night, I was trying to slip into a car. There I would have found a handkerchief dropped on the floor perhaps, or a newspaper. I would have put it on the wall like these others you see, and then, when I was lonely, it would have represented to me someone from the outside world. So all these things you see represent friends whose names even I do not know. When I am lonely, they become a living roomful of bright friends and I picture the old Christmas dances at Uncle Will's. See, that handkerchief, I know, belonged to a fair young lady; I dance with her; that note-book has on its fly-leaf the name of one who I am sure is a kind old gentleman; he gives me good advice."

I could only speak in short sentences. "But why do you need these remembrances of the world when you see human beings here regularly the train-men and the Indians?"

"Oh!" he said, with the gesture of impatient despair of one who has an incommunicable point of view. "Don't you see the difference? These men are like myself, shreds of humanity torn bleeding from the mass, adventurers, without hearth or connections. But no man can live without some memento of homes, of families, of society, of something that is of the body of humanity, something stable and calm."

A short shrill whistle and a warning jolt of the cars brought me out on the platform. To Roy waving his hand at the window, I only cried, "S'long, old man." But to myself I said, "Roy, poor fellow, has solved my little problem."

As I drew the curtains again before my berth, I heard a wakeful damsel in some part of the car saving to her companion: "Oh! How perfectly ideal a life away from the vulgar crowd in a spot like this would be! How I hate to go back to the smoky city!"

A MEMORY

By L. E. M., '08

"Unto the hills around do I lift up
My longing eyes;" so we sang praise to God
That Sabbath morn, a brilliant winter morn,
When from the town, all shrouded yet with snow,
That fell so silently throughout the night,
Our eyes looked out and saw the valley lie;
Then lifted slowly to the great fir trees
That rose behind each other, clad in white;
Then higher still, up to those lofty thrones
Where Winter sat, majestic in his pride,
Still grander than in summer's snow-capped
state,

For now no rock projected from the slopes
As if to ask for covering, but the whole
Great peaks were covered soft and white with
snow.

There, to the south, the creeping range of hills
Lay, with their outlines softened, ridge on ridge,
And hollows intervening; now appeared
As softly undulating; but above,
Behind, hung the great brilliant winter sun,
And threw the shadows of the upper peaks
Upon the sides beneath, to make new lines
Of ridge and hollow, traced upon the snow.

And then, behind the town, that stately mount,
From its broad base the ridges rising slow,
Converging to the summit, there to make
A rippled line; it seemed to give us strength,
And promise of protection in its might.

Still higher, rising high above them all
Appeared that trinity of dazzling peaks;
So high, so far, so pure, as if they held
Their garments spotless from the polluted world,
Themselves aloof; but we gazed still afar
In mute and silent rapture, as we felt
Behind the eternal snows an eternal form,
That spoke in silence to the listening heart.

And now again I stand within God's house,
But in a city, far from mountain's base,
Or valley's rushing stream; upon the roofs
The sun shines brilliant on the winter snow,
The bells chime clear, great peace abounds,
The organ peals, and once again we sing
The psalm that draws our hearts to Nature's
God.

But, as of old mine eyes were lifted up,
So to the hills far off my heart returns.



THE MORMONS OF ALBERTA

The trip from Lethbridge, Alberta, to the Mormon settlement at Raymond costs six cents a mile, the journey is roundabout, the cars are narrow-gauge rickety affairs, with seats of ill-assorted sizes. But if one has patience he finally arrives at a district which is very arid and is but slowly being reclaimed by irrigation. No sane man would have chosen this site for a town, but the matter is explained when one learns that Raymond Knight saw it in a vision when toiling along the trek from Utah. These visions of the Mormon leader have obtained him great influence in the community. Once he saw in a vision a great storm coming and bade the people hurry in their crops. Strangely enough the storm did come. Henceforth as a seer whose dreams are of

pecuniary value to them, he has been idolized by the farmers.

In consequence of visions and otherwise the Knight family have become possessed of much worldly goods, including the finest race-horses that the Mormons of the district have raised or procured. This family are not nominally the chief advisers in matters spiritual, but in this regard their word carries considerable weight, one of their number being Chief Treasurer to the Lord. The importance of this office is recognized when we consider that each Mormon must give every tenth bushel of grain, every tenth load of hay, every tenth of all his worldly gain to the Lord, and in a community of three or four hundred families the amount of goods thus transferred is no mean consideration.

In the every day life of the Mormons the church plays a more important part than among the Gentiles, as they call those outside the pale of the Mormon faith. For the social side of life the Church makes special provision. Instead of being scattered over a large area, as in most farming communities, the families are grouped together in a small town. Each Mormon has his acre plot in the town and goes out each morning to his 80-acre farm, returning late in the afternoon. Some have to go as far as five miles to their land. By gathering its people close to the meeting house the Church is able to watch closely the life of its members and keep them from developing any social interests outside. Meetings are arranged by it for several nights of the week; plays are brought to the town and given in the meeting house, and each Friday evening a dance is held in another sacred building, the "Hall." These dances are considered to a certain extent regular services, being opened and closed with prayers. The members who attend are under strict discipline: on one occasion a young man and a young lady who were occupying each other's time too exclusively were requested to move their seat from the side to the middle of the hall, in full view of the dancers, and they did not think of disobeying.

There are many other peculiar things in connection with the Mormons. They call each other brothers and sisters in ordinary greeting. The

men are too poor to have more than one wife apiece. The families are gathered together from all parts of America and the British Isles. It is the custom to induce all converts to come to the colony by a financial offer, an 80-acre farm, which, I believe, is in strict law, only transferred to them temporarily.

They are all very happy and contented, despite the fact that they have not had one decent crop since they came four years ago, and live by turning their large families to work in a company's sugar beet fields at certain periods of the year. They hold a very peculiar belief in marriage beyond the grave. Those married here will not necessarily be united

then, but among the faithful it is possible that changes will be made on the basis of priority of application.



OUR "POLITICAL INFIRMARY."

On Tuesday, Feb. 6th, in Castle Memorial Hall, University College, represented by G. A. Little and J. J. Gray, defeated McMaster in a debate on the resolution, "That the constitution of the Australian Commonwealth with respect to the Senate is an improvement on the Canadian system."

McMaster contended that by giving the states equal representation in the Senate and full power in the selection of the Senators the Australian constitution guaranteed the rights of the states which in a federation should be held sacred, and was thereby the more

truly federal. They further stated that the Canadian Senate represented no one, was responsible to no one and so was not in keeping with democratic institutions.

The University College men maintained that in the most effective federal system there are two spheres, national and provincial (or state), and if as in Australia the states as states have a share in the central authority then national government is weakened. They also showed that our Senate is performing to the full the proper functions of a national Senate, instancing the check it has given to labor class legislation. This argument was not met, nor the claim that the coordinate legislative powers of the Australian Senate makes difficult the maintenance of responsibility of Administration to the people.



TWO POPULAR FALLACIES
Erroneous Conceptions of the Sweet Girl Undergraduate

ENGLISH POLITICS

By an Oxonian

Jan. 28, 1906.

Back to Oxford after the Christmas "Vac." After a Christmas amid the English misletoe and holly, with the Yule-log blazing on the hearth. Swiftly have the six weeks of the vacation flown, leaving many pleasant memories behind them of cities and quiet country villages, and the green of English lanes—verdant and sprinkled with daisies and violets even in midwinter.

Among the memories of the vacation the most impressive by far is that of Westminster Abbey, the British Pantheon, where the mighty dead who have made this Britain "the first among the nations of the world" sleep serene and undisturbed amid the "central roar" of the Imperial metropolis. The grandeur of the ancient Gothic building, reinforced by its wealth of historical associations, produces an overpowering and even oppressive effect on the spectator—an effect which it is impossible to adequately describe.

Oxford was favored, just before the close of the Michaelmas term, with an address from Mr. Chamberlain, who based his appeal for Tariff Reform largely on the Canadian preferential tariff and the proposals of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fielding. He speaks very slowly and deliberately, and is, I think, the most effective speaker I have ever heard, but his speech seemed to me to be marred by the scornful and contemptuous references which he made to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Lord Rosebery and the Liberal Imperialists. Since that time his party has sustained one of the most crushing defeats in the annals of British politics. Still I am not at all sure that we are done with Tariff Reform. In studying the results for London (to take a single example) I find that, although the Conservatives lost 32 out of their 51 seats (there are 59 seats in London all told), they polled 26,000 more votes than in 1900. The Liberals, however, polled 100,000 more votes than in 1900. The same state of things obtains throughout the country, and shows that a very large number of people have voted at this election who are usually indifferent to politics. The reasons for this awakening of interest might be given as: First, the cry for free food, which, whether justifiable or not, touches every Englishman in a vital; secondly, the outcry against Chinese labor, which has had a great influence among the English workmen, although Chinese or any other cheap labor is most in accord with the Manchester theory of political economy; third, the Education Bill, which rightly or wrongly has made the Nonconformists vote solid against the Conservative Government.

The Unionist cause in Ireland, strange as this may seem, is likely to profit by the utter rout of the Conservatives. The new Liberal Government will not be under the necessity of surrendering at discretion to the Nationalists, and a Home Rule measure would cause another split in the Liberal ranks. It is curious to see how the Liberals are drawing away from their unruly and troublesome allies. They have not forgotten how the Nationalists deserted them on the education question, and I scarcely think that Irish legislation will occupy much of the time of the new Parliament.

Certainly the Irish party has no right to reproach the Liberals with the turn affairs are taking, for it has failed to support them when they needed support.

The general election of course arouses great interest here. The University and the City are (of course) both Conservative, but the surrounding constituencies have gone over to the Liberals. There is a Conservative majority among the undergraduates, and it was rather a surprise when, just before the vacation, a vote of confidence in the new Government was passed by 71 to 68 in the Union. This week the Conservatives had their revenge, for a motion, "That this House welcomes the complete defeat of the Balfour-Chamberlain party at the polls," was turned down by a vote of 269 to 141.

I am afraid this is a political screed rather than an Oxford letter, but matters political are so much to the fore that it is scarcely possible to think of anything else.

S. A. Cudmore.



THE SUFI SAINT

By C. A. Lazenby

Perhaps, Old Omar, thou wert not a saint
Thy words may sing the praise of natural wine.
No thought of Soul may ever have been thine,
And thy regret a dark and real complaint.
But some there are who think that thou did'st
paint

A mighty canvas, showing men thereon
The half-revealed mystery of the One
Who glows within the wine-cups, dim and faint.

And these who know thy Potter and his wheel,
And sing that word of nightingale to rose
Are quick to lift the veils, and thee reveal
To eyes that opened once, will never close.
We bow to thee, thou strong, pure Persian priest,
And wake,—Thy Sun has risen in the East.

THE NIGHTINGALE

The nightingale in many lands still sings
Its old sweet song. Through ancient summer
climes

It calls; in nights, and weeks, through years and
times,

Unheeded by the Rose; yet always rings
From out its heart such glorious things
That when the Rose doth catch its slightest
sound

Her heart in sudden living light is crowned,
And her pale petals glow as ruddy wings.

The nightingale is called the bird of love,
The wine it sings doth always bear that name.
It singeth that which cometh from above.
It singeth always, in all times, the same.
The love it caroleth (when will the Rose discern?)

Is that which poureth forth nor seeks return.



It is a woman's way. They always love color
better than form, rhetoric better than logic,
priestcraft better than philosophy and flourishes
better than figures.—Anonymous.

OMAR UP TO DATE

By A. Sleeper

"But to get up, hoc labor est."

Wake! for thrice the tinkling bell hath rung
Which summons thee to breakfast on cold
tongue,
And he now empties the small jug of cream
Who with the milkman from his warm bed
sprung.

The spiral twisted vermex falls a prey
Unto the bird that wakes at break of day;
And art thou luckier than the early bird
That, all unasked for, breakfast comes thy way?

Wake! for the clattering dishes make it plain
That ham and eggs and toast are on the wane.
See! the last egg is broken in the glass,
And he who enters now returns in vain!

Sleep on for one brief hour or even two
And dream perchance of roasts or oyster stew.
With porridge served up hot at 8 a.m.
What have poor you or hungry I to do?

A bruised apple from a vanished store,
Cold water, biscuits mouldy to the core,
And several burned out ends of cigarettes,
For breakfast what could healthy men wish
more!

So be like guests determined on a fast
When morning calls thee to its light repast,
Hug close thy pillow, lengthen out thy snores
Perchance this morning's sleep may be thy last.



In his search for knowledge, Bill
Fell into a sausage mill.
His folks with fortitude divine
Said, "Goodness! doesn't Bill look fine!"



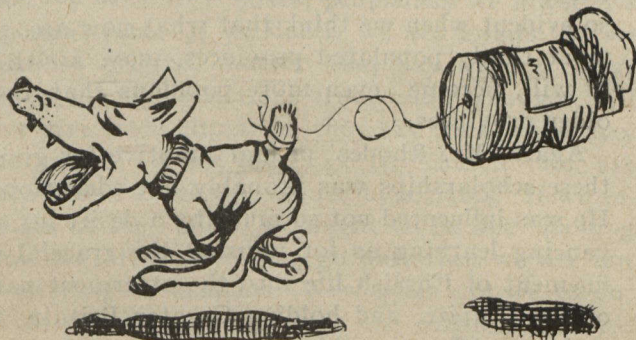
Professor—What is the meaning of "in flag-
grante delicto?"
Wayward Student—It's a burning shame to be
caught.



"So poor Jones kicked the bucket."
"Yes, now he's beyond the pale of mortals."
—Harvard Lampoon.



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THOUGHTS MADE TANGIBLE

The Smithsonian Institute has succeeded in photographing thought. It reports an experiment in which a cat was placed before a camera and a person, unaware of the nature of the experiment, fixed his attention on the cat. He was told to look away and to look again at the cat and in the interval the cat was removed so that for a moment the subject's mind pictured a cat in the space where it had previously been. At this instant the sensitive plate was exposed and on development revealed an unmistakable image of the cat, which was existent solely in the thought of the subject.

It is interesting to note that one of our own undergraduates has been so successful as to obtain the above photograph, which, though not depicting a very clear thought, at least presents the best at his disposal.



LOVE'S PROVERBS

He that shunneth the female smile and giveth
the Reception Maid the pass-up, verily he shall
sew on his own buttons and all his socks shall
be full of holes.

He that squandereth his coin on the toothsome
sweet and buyeth the rosebuds when it is hot, he
it is that ruineth his digestion in due course;
verily, he shall eat pie with an axe and remem-
ber his mother's cooking in sorrow.

He that is Johnny on the Spot and remember-
eth the value of propinquity, verily he shall win
out in the cozy corner stunt; yea, more, he shall
buy his wedding garments in due season.



"Why does Your Majesty consider it necessary
to have two jesters?" asked the Prime Minister
of the mediaeval monarch.

"Because I enjoy a comic supplement," gra-
ciously relied the king.

—Harvard Lampoon.



I like a pun, but please take note,
I think it quite too utter
To call a farmer's blooded goat
His thorough-bred and butter.

—Saturday Evening Post.

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Regarding the appointment of **University Control** trustees for the University, it is highly desirable that they should be responsible to the people of the Province, for whose benefit the University exists. It is the people's money that supports this institution of learning, and their trustees should control its administration. But obviously the election of trustees at large would be impossible, and so we must turn to the people's representatives. But there is a distinction between the people's representatives and the administrative department of education. The first are elected, the latter appointed by the Minister of Education. If the former are entrusted with the appointment of the trustees each nominee will be placed clearly before the Legislature, and the people; his merits and qualifications will be presented, and the whole matter will be carried on in the bright light of open discussion. But on the other hand, if the trustees are appointed by Educational Department of the Government, it will tend to be a two-man appointment, that is an appointment by the Minister and Deputy Minister of Education. This will conceivably be open to all the dangers of cliques getting control and will cause the people to look on the result with indifference and upon the University with apathy, not realizing that it is their Provincial University.

The great end to be sought is to bring the University into closer touch with the city and Province. The people must be made to feel that the University is managed for them, and this can best be done by having it managed by their trustees.

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The Rhodes Scholar As An Imperialist The election of a Rhodes scholar from our University raises the question of what education may do to solve the problem of Imperial organization. Imperial interests have been widely discussed from the standpoint of trade

and defence, and in the latest utterances of Mr. Chamberlain tend to be too commercialistic. Let us understand that there are centripetal forces besides these that are equally potent. One of the most promising is the Rhodes men from the colonies at Oxford. They represent every tendency of nationalism within the Empire. They are the best of a race "reared beneath the tent-cloth of a wider, whiter day," and though they will carry much away with them from that revered seat of learning, they will as surely add strength and virility to Oxford life. They will alter many home-bred opinions and enlarge the outlook of those young Englishmen who will sooner or later formulate and control the home and foreign policy of the British Government. The residence of two hundred colonial students at Oxford will be as fruitful and far-reaching as a meeting of the Colonial Conference. This result implies that a Rhodes man has Imperial instincts, that he accepts the appointment to do his part to realize the Imperial idea of his great benefactor, and that he surrenders himself entirely to the service of the Empire on the sanest and most patriotic lines. The University of Toronto has not yet given Ontario nor Canada a Premier, but we hope to see a Rhodes man occupy that exalted place, and play an important part in the consolidation of the Empire.

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Distribution of Rhodes Scholarships In the last edition of The Varsity, "The Stroller" made some very pertinent remarks regarding the disposition of the Rhodes scholarships. While we can bemoan with him the fact that so many of these scholarships fall on barren soil, at the same time we cannot agree with him regarding the disposition of these scholarships in Canada. To have given scholarships in proportion to population would, "The Stroller" evidently thinks, have been a much wiser plan on the part of Mr. Rhodes, than to distribute them geographically in a country where the population is very unevenly distributed. The lack of wisdom on the part of Mr. Rhodes does not seem so evident when we think that what now are the most thinly populated provinces, may, and likely will, become even more populous than these older provinces.

Again, Mr. Rhodes' primary motive for giving these scholarships was probably not educational. He was influenced not so much by a desire for advancing learning as for infusing the graceful refinement of English life into the uttermost parts of the Empire, and holding Greater Britain together with something better than preferential tariffs. For this reason, therefore, the geographical disposition is not so unfair.

**The University
Annual**

A mistaken idea has gotten abroad among the students of the various colleges that the Torontonensis is entirely a Senior Year undertaking and that there is no call upon the other years to take any part in it. The Senior Year has the management in its hands, a custom that has been handed down. But the Book itself is a history of the current year at the University, and very few will want to be without an account of the events of the past year. If this history is not of as much interest to the lower years as to the Senior Year, if it is not as much their part to help in putting it into book form, it is very strange. All the years helped to make the history, took part in the different scraps which are recorded, played on the football and other teams, and spoke and read at the societies. Their chief men are cartooned, their society executives photographed as in the case of the Seniors. The lower years are doing their part in writing up history, drawing cartoons, etc., and we feel sure that now their attention is called to it they will do their part financially.

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R. L. Borden at the Student's Parliament The meeting of the Student's Parliament last Monday night constitutes an epoch in the development of undergraduate institutions that ought long to be remembered. For almost the first time, a Canadian party politician of national reputation spoke before a student organization on a political subject. It was a welcome contrast to the petty discussions of the ordinary college society. Political questions have been tabooed and the folly of this could not have been better exposed than by the success of the last meeting of the Students' Parliament. We hope that this is but the forerunner of many similar events and that many more addresses like that of Mr. Borden will be delivered before the University societies.

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Ye Editor's Trials Editing a college paper is a nice thing. If we publish jokes, people say we lower its general tone. If we don't, we are fossils. If we publish original matter, they say we don't give them enough selections from our exchanges. If we give them clippings, they say we are too lazy to write. If we don't go to church, we are heathens. If we do, we are hypocrites. If we remain at the office, we ought to be out looking for news items. If we go out, then we are not attending to business. Now what are we to do? Just as likely as not some one will say we stole this from an exchange. So we did.

A limerick appeared in our last number in which a name was used in a regrettable manner. The editor did not know that the name of one of our students much resembled it. No personal reference was intended.



AT THE SIGN OF THE GOWN

It would be interesting to get statistics of what percentage of undergraduates are definitely decided on what profession or business they are to enter. The Stroller ventures to believe that it would be found that not 50 per cent. of the undergraduates of this University in Arts know definitely what they are going to do. That may not be wholly a disaster; for, if the veil of the future could be rent, it would probably be found that of those who are decided on what their life-work is to be, fully 50 per cent. will eventually find their way into something else. This would imply that hardly more than 20 per cent. of the Arts students are consciously making towards what will ultimately be their life-work. These are startling figures; but perhaps the real figures are much more startling.

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There seem to be a good number of men at any university who come to college simply to defer the day when they will have to jump into the swim, when they will have to mix with the big world and earn their daily bread. While they are at college, imbibing the wisdom of the ages, their fathers will pay the piper, and they are at ease and well-content. Some of these men will take post-graduate courses, or go to Oxford, or complete their education by travelling on the continent, or do some such thing, all for the sake of putting off the evil day.

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Probably some of these men build better than they know. That is the great benefit of a good liberal education. You may not have any definite goal in your eye, but you are training your insight, your grasp of mind, your acumen, for more efficient work in any line. Many a man who has seemed a rolling stone, has somehow finally rolled to the top of the hill, and stayed there.

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On the other hand, it would be unchristian to doubt that many such men go the primrose way to the everlasting bonfire—or as Professor Wrong says, to the bow-wows. It is far better to have some definite goal. There is a graduate of this University, whose name everyone would recognize if I mentioned it, who went through Varsity and then through Osgoode, working towards a definite aim, the establishment of a definite business, and who established his business (for which he had been fitting himself for seven years), and is now a prosperous man. Purpose, will-power, determination, are essential to success anywhere, and they cannot thrive if one has no object in life to expend them on.

The Stroller.

THE COLLEGE GIRL

Edited by Miss J. M. Adie,

I remember once as a Freshette, hearing the remark that, however interesting a graduate of some years back might be, a graduate of last year was merely "a sere and yellow leaf," and had absolutely no right to expect attention. I have treasured this up in my memory for years, and now the time has come to use it. But such is human frailty, that when I received the kind invitation of the Editor of the College Girl, I straightway forgot, or at least disregarded, my hoarded wisdom, though it has so far influenced me, that I make no claim to be regarded as anything but a fragment of the discarded foliage of '05.

Nevertheless, it is possible that even in the course of the first year, spent outside college walls, a few faint ideas do dawn on a graduate which were not known to her as a Senior or Junior or even as a Freshette. Just as we are told that one compensation for growing old is being able to look back over life and see more clearly its meaning, so it is true that one compensation for being away from college life is this same ability to look back and see more clearly the real tendency and worth of its many factors. And former ideas of relative values are liable to be rather changed. I think all students must at times have felt much as Addison did when he said: "I could not guess which was light or heavy whilst I held them in my hand."

There are, however, certain weights regarding which there is no possibility of doubt. Can the most unwary and innocent student complain that she was ever left in ignorance of the extreme weightiness as well as the weariness of much study? Do not the constant precepts of "those in authority," as well as the example of "sadder but wiser" students, suffer to furnish far more than the traditional "word to the wise?"—not to mention the warning posters with their contagious blue gleam, by which the last few weeks are "sicklied o'er." And therefore, even to the student who has as yet no pictures of May Day to hang on Memory's Wall, any further information on this subject is quite superfluous.

But in certain other matter, who is to instruct the eager student so that she may choose the greatest possible amount of avoirdupois with which to enter upon her college career? How can the student, untaught, be expected to see the paramount importance of taking an interest in each and every society and club that demands her support? How can she realize that not to be informed thoroughly concerning the various events in athletic circles, might cause her to be branded as "narrow," not to mention more undesirable epithets? And what guarantee is there that the uninitiated student may not miss some of the numerous social functions, which are doubtless designed to contribute to her development? What, in brief, can impress her with her obligation to devote time and effort to each and every demand upon her, instead of limiting herself to the lines that chance to appeal to her interest?

Doubtless no one but a graduate could do this. Anxious as I am, however, to fill the niche des-

tinued for me, I am afraid that I shall be forced to disappoint expectations, for I must admit that one year's experience has not tended to impress upon me the value of quantity, so much as of quality, of versatility, so much as of concentration, of extremely numerous interests, so much as of depth and earnestness. Therefore, to conclude with the old figure of the balances, I fear that I shall be found sadly wanting.

Phoebe Magee, '05.



THE WOMAN'S LIT

The Women's Lit on Saturday night was an open meeting at which many members of the Faculty and their wives were present. On motion all matters of business were left over until the next meeting. The programme was largely in the hands of the Dramatic Club and was unusually interesting. Three presentations were given as follows:

1. "Our Aunt from California."
 - Aunt Mary—Miss Dolerty, '09.
 - Mrs. Neely—Miss Lawlor, '06.
 - Rosalie—Miss M. P. Smith, '08.
 - Felicia—Miss I. K. Smith, '06.
 - Miss Sally Neely—Miss Shepherd, '09.
 - Dressmaker—Miss H. Allison, '09.
2. Scenes from "The Rivals."
 - Sir Antony Absolute—Miss Boyington, '08.
 - Capt. Absolute—Miss Philipps.
 - Miss Lydia Languish—Miss Coyne, '09.
 - Mrs. Malaprop—Miss I. Edwards, '07.
 - Maid—Miss Allison, '09.
3. Scenes from "She Stoops to Conquer."
 - Mrs. Hardcastle—Miss Davis, '09.
 - Mr. Hardcastle—Miss Philipps.
 - Miss Hardcastle—Miss Ferguson.
 - Tony T—Miss Ferguson, Miss Lawlor, '06; Miss Marshall, '08.

The musical part of the programme consisted of piano solos by Miss Nasmith, '09, and Miss Coyne, '09, and two vocal solos by Miss I. Love, '05, and Miss F. McKinnon, '08.

Prof. Alexander was appointed to act as censor. He claimed that he was unwilling to conform to the duties of the office, to find fault with a performance which had delighted all who heard it. In conclusion, he moved a vote of thanks to those who had provided the entertainment. Dr. Wallace, in seconding the vote of thanks, also expressed appreciation of the programme. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

J. M.



Y. W. C. A.

The Association met as usual last Friday afternoon. The topic for the afternoon was "The Life That is Life Indeed," which was dealt with by Miss Vander Smissen in a very practical and suggestive address.

The delegates from this Association to the Nashville convention will be Miss Vander Smissen, Miss K. Stewart, and Miss Dugit, '07; Miss Maclachlan and Miss Knight, '08; Miss Rothery, '09.

SPORTS

Edited by H. D. Scully

QUEEN'S CHAMPIONS

THE Queen's team by defeating McGill on Friday in Kingston, for the second time won the Inter-collegiate championship. Their victory over McGill was most decisive, and that they did not whitewash last year's champions is due partly to their generosity, as at one time they had the score 11 to 0, but in the last few minutes McGill put in three, leaving the result 13 to 3 in the end.

Richardson and Walsh proved themselves more than equal to the Eastern stars, Patrick and Gilmour.

Queen's have a great team this year and deserved to win. Everyone at Varsity congratulates them on their success.

Varsity plays McGill in the final game at Montreal next Friday night.



C. I. H. A. STANDING

	W.	L.	To play
Queen's	3	1	0
McGill	1	2	1
Toronto	1	2	1



McMASTER, 7 ; VARSITY II., 5

Last Monday night at Mutual Street Rink McMaster managed to squeeze out a victory from Varsity II. in the last few minutes of a hard, well-played game. That they won is due to the great playing of Rolly Young, who got going in the last five minutes and managed to score three goals, thus giving his team the game, the round and the right to meet R.M.C. in the next round. Young was the undoubted star for McMaster and although closely checked by Montague all through, was always dangerous. For Varsity, Montague, Evans and Laidlaw played well.

Varsity II.—Goal, Hall; point, Crawford; cover, Nicholls; forwards, Kennedy, Laidlaw, Evans, Montague.

JENNING'S CUP

The Jennings Cup matches were started last Thursday and up to time of going to press all the games in the first round were completed and part of the second round. It looks as though the two School teams would settle the disposal of the cup.



SEN. MEDS., 7; SEN. ARTS, 5

The first game had this result, although Arts led all through. It was a fair game, and Arts could have won if they had been better shots.

For Arts, Sherwood and Keys were the best, while Roberts in goal, and Lapatnikoff were the pick of the meds. The teams:

Senior Meds.—Robert, Graham, Cummings, Lapatnikoff, Robertson, Jamieson, and Colquhoun.

Senior Arts—Cruickshank, Keys, Boyd, Robertson, Jones, Sherwood, McTavish.

SENIOR S. P. S., 11; VICTORIA

This was a keenly-contested, well-played game, inclined to be a little rough. Victoria played hard all through, but S.P.S. finished strong and won out. Their best men were Carroll, Swan and Kribs; while Stockton at point and Robertson were good for Victoria.

S.P.S. Seniors—Hall, Kribs, McKenzie, McInnes, Swan, Murray, Carroll.

Victoria—Rutledge, Stockton, Oldham, Robertson, McFarlane, Knox, Green.

JUNIOR S. P. S., 3; JUNIOR MEDS., 2

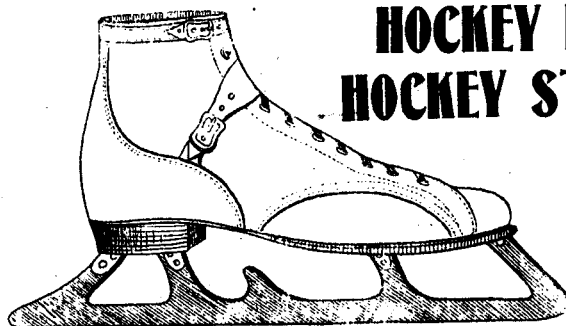
In another closely contested game Junior School just beat out the Junior Meds. However the winning goal is disputed by Meds. as being too high, and as there are no goal nets they may win their protest. Pae played a great game for the winners, while Ecclestone and Morgan, of the Meds., deserve mention.

Junior Meds.—Mavety, Duck, Scott, Hyland, Ecclestone, Kidd, Morgan.

JUNIOR ARTS, 4; PHARMACY, 0

This was one of the best games of the contest, the winners having a fine forward line, with a pretty combination, which was too much for the Pharmacy outfit. Stewart at cover for Arts broke up everything in the way of an attack, and the Arts goal-keeper only had two or three shots to handle. All the forwards played well.

Junior Arts—Frost, Gallee, Stewart, Hunter, Swain, Cook, Evans.



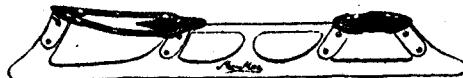
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THE CONSERVATIVE LEADER ADDRESSES THE STUDENTS

The meeting of the Students' Parliament last Monday evening was by far the most successful yet held. The event of the evening was the address of R. L. Borden, K.C., Leader of the Opposition in the Dominion House. Mr. Borden gave a most lucid and convincing exposition of the evils of representative government.

Representative government was still on trial and perhaps never before, had its defects been so apparent as now. It practically amounted to the government of the whole country by representatives of only one half. The other half were virtually excluded from preferment in public office, not only in the civil service but also in the judiciary.

But, as a still more serious defect, it was not even the predominant party in the Parliament who formed the government, but the Cabinet, really a small, secret committee. The speeches and divisions in the House were intended only to appeal to the public. Public debates never affected a vote. The Government members were kept in hand by means of the distribution of patronage, while the members of the Opposition were practically impotent.

When, moreover, the Premier was a man of force and character, his will was supreme. He selected and removed his colleagues in the Cabinet with absolute freedom and his own policy appeared as the policy of the Cabinet, and was, of course, accepted by the members of the party. In this way it might easily happen that, without a single constitutional breach, the country was governed by an autocracy. While the result of political reform had been to transfer power from the Crown to Parliament, the tendency was now for power to be transferred from Parliament to the Cabinet.

But there existed many safeguards and checks. Foremost among these was the force of public opinion as formed and guided by the press and the Opposition. As remedies for the evils of party Government there were civil service reform and electoral reform. As partial agencies for these purposes, Mr. Borden advocated the use of competitive examinations for the choice of civil servants and the appointment of a special officer of the Crown to deal with violations of the election laws.

Mr. Borden's address was throughout most thoughtful and scholarly, and afforded a refreshing contrast to the conventional utterances of many speakers on similar occasions.

After Mr. Borden's speech, a debate occurred. On a proposal that universities should have Parliamentary representation, the Government was defeated.

The only regrettable feature of the evening was the rather slim attendance of undergraduates, and it is to be hoped that the next meeting will be better attended.



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Around the Halls

Edited by A. J. Connor.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Noughty-Nine Yelling

The class of '09 have taken unto themselves a yell. Since first they made their appearance at 'Varsity it has been a standing reproach to the freshmen that they possessed no battle cry. To remedy this defect in their organization a committee was appointed some time ago to fan any sparks of poetic fire that might be smouldering in the breasts of the men of the first year. The committee offered a gold class pin as a reward to him who should compose the best war-whoop. The offer called forth divers and sundry effusions, but on mature consideration the committee consigned them to the grate, and themselves valiantly set to manufacture one. Their efforts resulted in the following paean, which was enthusiastically accepted by the class at a meeting held on Friday afternoon:

Hi vi yeka rye,
Hip, hip, hip!
Noughty-nine, 'Varsity,
Rip, rip, rip!
Kanakeena wawa,
Kanakeena ta,
'09, '09, 'rah, 'rah, 'rah!

With kindly consideration for the feelings of the undergraduate body as a whole, the committee are keeping to themselves the suggestions of the candidates for the gold pin. The new whoop was perpetrated at Massey Hall on Friday evening.

Stray Notes

Metcalf, during the course of a heated discussion on religious subjects, assured us that he never attended church because he did not wish his friends to form a wrong impression of him.

George Little's knowledge of butchers' terminology is deficient. Pointing out to a friend a sign which read "Wieners for Sale," he insisted that according to correct orthography it should read "Weaners."

E. R. (Band P. Laboratory)—This skate is abnormal. It has no stomach; only a tube.

J. R. G. M.—You see, it's a tube skate.

There was no meeting of the "Lit" last Friday night, since that was Students' Night at Massey Hall. Ben Greet's play was enjoyed by men who redeemed the bad reputation which Varsity students had gained by former theatre nights.

The days of group photographs are now over, but the evil days are not yet gone. Joe Gray is abroad with a subscription book and a persuasive tongue. Do you want a copy of Torontoensis worse than Joe needs three dollars? If so, for goodness' sake subscribe.

C. M. Wright is reported upon reliable authority to have viewed an eclipse of the moon from the Humber last Thursday night. After a severe cross-examination he emphatically denied the truth of the rumor.

Coming Events

Thursday, February 15th.

Charity ball in the Temple Building.

Princess—Mr. Wilton Lackaye, in "The Pit" and "Trilby"—all week.

Grand—Charley Grapewin, in "It's Up to You, John Henry."
Shea's—Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p. m.

Friday, February 16th.

Fourth year medical dance in East Hall at 8.30 p. m.

"Lit" meets in Students' Union. Bristol prize vote will be taken. Hockey match, Toronto vs. McGill, in Montreal.

Saturday, February 17th.

"Greece and the Coasts of the Adriatic," by Prof. Ramsey Wright, in Lecture Theatre of Biological Building at 3 p. m.

L'Alliance Française meets at 8.15 p. m., in Y. M. C. A. Building.

Sunday, February 18th.

University sermon, in Wycliffe Convocation Hall, by Prof. Clarke Murray, of Montreal, at 11 a. m.

Monday, February 19th.

The Arts dinner in the Temple Building; Sir Wilfrid Laurier the guest of honor.

"Lit" Executive meets at 5 p. m. in Undergraduates' Union. Princess, three days only—Edna May, in "The Catch of the Season."

Modern Language Club meets in Room 6 at 4 p. m.

Shea's—Vaudeville, at 2 and 8 p. m.

Grand—"The Sultan of Sulu."

Tuesday, February 20th.

Trinity College Glee Club concert, in Trinity Convocation Hall, at 8.15 p. m.

Wednesday, February 21st.

Massey Hall—Laurier banquet, at 8 p. m.

Open meeting of the Classical Association, in Room 16, at 4 p. m.

Thursday, February 22nd.

Princess, three days only—Richard Mansfield.

Mathematical and Physical Society meet at 4 p. m., in Chemistry and Mining Building.

Natural Science Association meets at 4.30 p. m., in Biological Building.

Third year medical dance, in East Hall, at 8.30 p. m. Double tickets \$1.50.

Oratory contest, in Wycliffe Convocation Hall, at 8 p. m.

Friday, February 23rd.

Massey Hall—Kubelik, the Bohemian violinist.

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Saturday, February 24th.

Women's "Lit" dance, in East Hall, from 4 to 9 p. m.

Sunday, February 25th.

Joint meeting of all the Nashville delegates at 3 p. m., in Y. M. C. A. Building.

Faculty of Applied Science

We regret to have to record the death of one of our fellow-students of the first year. Mr. N. H. Kyle died on the 5th inst., having suffered for several days from an attack of rheumatism of the heart. The funeral was held from the home of his parents, at Warton, on the 7th inst. The sympathy of the whole School, and especially of the students of the first year, who knew Mr. Kyle best, is extended to the bereaved parents.

The School has obtained the contract for testing the new 15,000,000-gallon pump recently installed in the Toronto Waterworks. The test, which is an important one on account of the high duty required of the pump, and the accuracy necessary in making the test, is in charge of Mr. Angus. The fourth year classes in hydraulics and thermodynamics will assist Mr. Angus in the work.

The old gas engine, which, until recently, supplied all the power in the engineering laboratory and machine shop at the School, has given way to more modern apparatus. Two new motors have been installed, which, in addition to being much cleaner, run much more quietly than the gas engine. An air engine and a new water-wheel for use in hydraulics have also been added to the laboratory equipment.

E. A. James, B.A.Sc., President of the Engineering Society last year, visited the School last Monday. Mr. James holds an important position on the C. P. R. staff at Kenora, Ont.

W. G. McFarlane, B.A., D.L.S., '04, was at the School last Monday, having returned from a Dominion land survey in the North-West. We hear that Mr. McFarlane is to join the ranks of the benedicts at an early date, but dare not put in anything more about it for fear of raising the ire of the Business Manager, who threatens to charge for all such items inserted.

Junior and Senior School have both got through their first trials for the Jennings' Cup, both teams having won their preliminary games in the series.

Instead of six, as previously announced, ten men will go as delegates from the School to the student convention at Nashville. These will be Messrs. Hogarth, Young and Brechin, '08; Jackson, Qua and Hall, '07; G. R. Jones and J. M. Menzies, '06; and G. H. Ferguson and L. R. Thomson, '05.

Webby was under the table Monday night, and on the table all day Tuesday.

The third year dance last Friday evening was a decided success.

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Faculty of Medicine

The informal third year dance on Thursday evening will, no doubt, be a very successful event, as the committee is doing its best.

On Friday evening, Feb. 23rd, at the open meeting of the Medical Society, Dr. Bruce will deliver his lecture on "Medical Ethics." This is a very fine lecture, and every year should turn out. It will be held in the large North Lecture Theatre.

Our Senior hockey team are to be congratulated on defeating the Senior Arts in the Jennings Cup series. We hope this success may continue.

We all sympathize very much with Professor McKenzie, whose father passed away last week. Our Medical Society Executive sent an appropriate wreath.

Dr. Machell does not advise the telephone practise.

It is with deep regret that the medical students learn of the death of the mother of Angus Cameron, the genial General Secretary of the University Y. M. C. A. We extend to him our sincerest sympathy in his bereavement.

The results of the freshmen bone examinations are out. The students have taken generally a remarkably good standing.

There has been an epidemic of mumps among the sophomores, fully twenty-five of the men having been laid up during the past two weeks.

The sophomores are going to have a group photo taken pretty soon. (Really they are!)

Everybody wants to know who is the '08 man who, at 11.30 p. m., one night last week, tried to get at a hardware store an article that even a freshman would go to a drug store for.

Knox College

On Thursday evening of last week the Missionary Society held a well-attended open meeting. Views of mission fields and of work in various parts of Canada were presented in an interesting and instructive manner by Mr. Frank Robinson, B. A. Messrs. Cochrane, Thompson, Andrews, McQuesten, Dallas, and Nichol gave most entertaining accounts of their missionary experiences. Mr. James Brehner, B. A., who acted as chairman, gave a most thoughtful and interesting address.

The arrangements for the Nashville Convention, so far as Knox is concerned, are complete. At least thirteen men will attend.

There was no Friday conference this week.

On Thursday evening Principal McLaren entertained the senior class.

Mr. John Richardson entertained a few of his friends to a brown tea on Tuesday evening. The invitations

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Wycliffe College

Wycliffe's representatives in the final intercollege debate will be Messrs. R. B. Grobb, M.A., and A. R. Beverley. The debate will be held in the Conservatory of Music on March 8th.

Rev. C. H. Marsh, of Lindsay, renewed his youth last week by spending a night at his Alma Mater, and attending a lecture as in ye bygone days.

The attendance at last week's mission study class was most encouraging. Two excellent papers were read by Messrs. E. C. Earp and G. Despard.

Rev. Prof. Hague commenced his lectures on Liturgics last week, and has succeeded in rousing considerable interest in that somewhat dry and intricate subject. Professor Hague has also accomplished the impossible in making the chapel services so bright and attractive that even the erstwhile sleepy-heads have been known to rise before breakfast.

Mr. Raymond, '06, saw a Ben Greet play, with the assistance of a certain young lady. His friends, with kindly forethought, constructed out of the contents of his room and a corner of the corridor a reception room for the lady.

Once upon a time our good matron, with more zeal than foresight, promised an oyster supper every time the College should win a debate. Last Wednesday the students received their reward for the victory over Osgoode, and the fortunate debaters, Messrs. Bilkey and Gibson, expressed themselves as well satisfied with the excellent brand of bivalves provided.

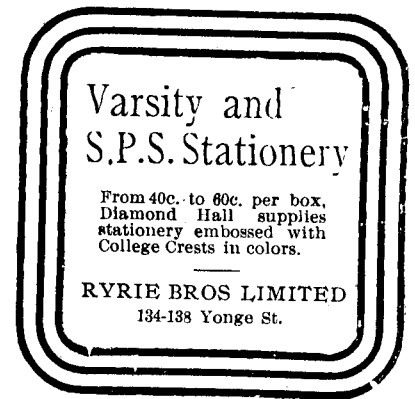
The tug-of-war in the inter-division debating series of the College will take place next Friday evening, when Divisions IV. and II. will come to metaphorical blows. Messrs. R.J. Perry and A. J. Vale, representing Div. IV., will support the negative of the resolution, "That a liturgical form of worship is preferable to a non-liturgical." The affirmative will be taken by Messrs. Blodgett and Hornby, on behalf of Div. II.

Raymond, Collier and Beverley were looking particularly happy at Massey Hall last Friday evening.

Y. M. C. A.

Toronto is sending about 110 delegates to Nashville. The special train will leave the Union Depot at 11 p. m. on Feb. 26. Those desiring berths should notify the Secretary at once.

Dr. Harris has gone to Southfield Convention, in Florida, and will be absent until after the Nashville Convention. His classes in the Y. M. C. A. Building will be conducted by Rev. J. McNichol.

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