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THE NEW LIBRARY.



EST there be any doubt as to the meaning of this heading it may be laid down at the outset to refer both to the building and the books which that building is designed to contain.

As for the building, it must be a source of the greatest satisfaction to the staff and the students alike to watch the progress of a building worthy of the University and worthy of the generosity of those friends and institutions which, so far as the number of volumes are concerned, have almost replaced the old Library. The new building will be a credit to the University in every respect. Already it gives promise of being very beautiful, nestling among the trees. It is quite in harmony with the main building, and at the same time it does not detract in the least from the massive grandeur of "old Varsity."

One may even now form some idea of the interior arrangement and the uses to which the various parts of the building are to be put. The southern part, with its high, narrow niches, which are practically one long window, and the projecting alcoves stamp it at once as the home of the books. This is in striking contrast to the old Library, with its beautifully-carved oak fittings, its lofty, panelled ceiling, its roomy alcoves, each with its table, where the privileged ones might sit and read to their hearts' content—a privilege, however, which was to the student what the promised land was to Moses.

This southern portion is technically known as "the stack," and when filled will accommodate 120,000 volumes, arranged on three floors. Above the stack will be four seminary rooms. The western wing will contain the entrance hall and the periodical room; the corresponding one to the east, the Librarian's room and the cataloguing room. Above these again are two more seminary rooms. The semi-circular part contains the main reading room, at the south end of which is the distributing room. In the basement are cloak rooms for the men and women students, a fairly large conversation room and unpacking and boiler rooms. We understand that the contractors hope to have the building under cover by Christmas. The remarkably fine weather has given them every chance to do so, but several very vexatious delays have occurred, and it may be impossible to carry out their wish. If the roof is on by that time they expect to have the building completed by July 1st, 1892, which would leave three months to transfer the books from the present quarters, and have all ready for the opening of the session of '92-93. It must be the earnest wish of all interested that this be accomplished, as the present inadequate accommodation, and the necessity of packing away so many thousand volumes, seriously impair the usefulness of the Library.

On enquiry we have learned that there are now in the Library between 35,000 and 40,000 volumes, while almost every week cases are arriving containing the works which Mr. Brebner has been engaged in ordering during the past summer. This must have been a task of no small magnitude, when one remembers that the Senate authorized the expenditure of \$23,000 in the purchase of the books recommended by the staff. These purchases, together with the gifts, will amount, by the time the Library is ready for occupation, to between 40,000 and 45,000 volumes, so that there will in all probability be 10,000 more volumes, to say nothing of several thousand pamphlets, in the new than there were in the old Library.

With all these advantages of suitable quarters and increased number of volumes it is but a fair question to ask whether the student is to have a similar advantage in the use of these books. One great advantage will arise from the extension of the seminary system. We understand that in the seminary rooms the works of most value in the various departments will be placed on shelves to which the student will have constant access; a somewhat similar privilege will be possible in the main reading-room, where it is said that the encyclopædias and dictionaries will be found in a low bookcase in the middle of the room. If this be so it will lessen the work of the delivery clerks and give greater freedom to the students.

A report, too, has gone the rounds that the building will be open all day until 10 p.m.; this, from the student's standpoint, has great advantages as well as disadvantages. Many of those who use the Library will be glad to have a comfortable place to spend the long winter evenings in the pursuit of their studies with the Library at their command. The adoption of such hours will almost necessarily put an end to the taking out of books over night, since those who would read in the evening would need the books which are taken out at night, and the inability to obtain these would be no advantage but would rather bring back the old order of things and necessitate closing the Library, say, at six o'clock. If books are to be allowed out they must be returned as soon as the Library is open, and then, as now, men would forget, and bring them in a good deal after time.

This taking out of books had one good feature, in enabling a student to file for a book for a certain night, and then devote himself solely to that for the time he has it out; if books are not allowed out under the new arrangement, this sort of work will cease, as one can never count on finding the work he wants for a certain time, but must take his chances of securing the much coveted work. Here is a suggestion, however, to meet that difficulty: Let there be in each seminary a goodly number of drawers in which a student could keep his books, and then if one work could not be had, another might. This would practically make the Library the study for all students, and put an end to

home study. It is our belief that if students did this regularly throughout the year, that home work would not be necessary.

There are some other improvements we should like to see under the new arrangement; for example, the privilege of using the periodicals taken in the Library as well as the books; some arrangement by which the staff should not have practically the exclusive use of books which they recommend to their students, but which these students seldom see; a catalogue which everyone can use without taking a special course of reading to understand the method of using it. By the way, would it not be a good idea for the Librarian to give a series of lectures in the beginning of each term on Bibliography? We understand that this is done in some of the leading university libraries in the United States. Lastly, the appointment of a Librarian who is thoroughly in sympathy with the student body; accessible at all times; willing as well as able to guide those seeking advice from him; ready to aid to the utmost to make the books under his care of the greatest use to the greatest number.

When these things are accomplished we can point with pride to our Library as the heart of our University, the centre of its life, from which, with more intimate relations between students and staff as a result of the seminary system, influences must radiate, the results of which no one can begin to estimate. Everyone at all interested in University affairs should, so far as possible, strive to advance the interests of the Library.

THE NEW BUILDING.

Two years ago we were proud of our ruin, a year ago we were ashamed of our wreck, but to-day we have again reason to grow proud of our building as it nears completion. It is a truism that the old days were better than the new, but the parallel statement that the splendor of things new is outshone by the glory of the things that are dead must undergo some restriction in a comparison between the restored building of to-day with its prototype of the past.

It were cruel indeed after all the energy and ability expended for the last two years should the new structure suffer by comparison with the old. In a sense it does, we must all admit. For the hand of Time deals gently with works grown venerable by the passage of years, and even decay at his healing touch grows beautiful. Therefore, it is rather with a feeling of sorrow that we see the soft harmonies of color marred by a contrast that no one can fail to notice. However, since the architectural symmetry has been so well maintained, years will again come to the rescue and restore the beauty of the past.

When we enter the building all cause for complaint vanishes. Having crossed the classic threshold we cease our quest for Beauty, and Utility, her foster sister of a prosaic age, accompanies our footsteps wherever we wander. Determined to cast a critical eye from cellar to turret we took an editorial plunge below, and hereby revoke the unworthy epithet we applied for a more dignified appellation. Instead of the dripping atmosphere that used to shiver through those subterranean halls, a warm and equable temperature renders the basement quite adequate to the functions assigned to it. It contains a number of

sufficiently lighted rooms for which the future will find some use. It is intended, we believe, to furnish cloak rooms here for the male students and a reading room if the supply of light prove sufficient. The heating arrangements and the electric system have their source in the north-eastern wing of the basement, and all the appliances are thoroughly modern. The furnaces, of which there are four, can be regulated to run at low or high pressure, thus ensuring a constant temperature throughout the building in every extreme of weather.

The changes that have so materially improved the lecturing departments are so obvious even to a casual observer that there is no need to advert to them. The success which attended the Shakespeare lecture on Saturday afternoon will attest the utility and convenience of the commodious halls henceforth to be used for entertainments of like nature, and for the annual festival of spring examinations.

TO ENID.

Ere the bright beaming sun in the golden-crowned west
Had gained in full splendor the goal of his rest,
I gazed on his fading with hope in my eyes,
For the light of the sun, though hidden, ne'er dies.

And I heard in my soul, as the monarch of light
Shot forth his last rays and surrendered to night,
Sweet voices that thrilled me with music divine,
For their song was of love, and my love is thine.

In heavenly accents their harmonies swept
O'er the heart of a mortal, and with gladness I wept.
"Of all the fair bounties that God's mercies give
To dwellers on earth, Love only shall live."

Ah, darling! the anthem they sang died away,
And the choir of angels fled with the day;
But the glow on thy cheek, and the light in thine eye,
Recall their refrain, "Oh, Love cannot die!"

W. P. R.

AU BORD D'UN LAC.



Went on a pedestrian expedition one day during our visit—three of us. Sure, there's luck in odd numbers, or we'd never have returned! The winds of early winter had caught a belated schooner, and cast it ashore where it still lay, about a mile from the harbor; and when at the dinner-table that day the conversation had turned on shades of departed greatness, Evangeline, after an impressive pause, averred that a visit to the wreck would suit her mood. "An Eve of raw and surly mood," ventured Jess, tragically, but Evangeline was too busy inserting a hairpin to take any heed, and soon three sunshades filed down the gravel walk.

I shall give no harrowing description of apparently insurmountable difficulties in shape of fences and newly-ploughed fields, and Jess's sarcastic remark about the ups and downs of life, which, to tell the truth, were so many and so disturbing that we feared Evangeline's mood would have changed before we reached the cliffs. But reach them we did—steep banks of yellowish clay, about fifty feet high, I should think—(we had no mathematical instruments with us, so I cannot be exact) with seams in them made by the frost and here and there broken by the gravelly bed of some spring torrent. We approached the edge, gazed down, and there on the sand beneath "a dreary wreck lay she." Evangeline's eyes rested wistfully on the blue lake and its victim, she heard the water lapping on the storm-broken stern, while Jess remarked of the great galleon wrecked and cast ashore by storms, "Grimy

old hulk, isn't it?" I had meanwhile been throwing stones at it, with more vim than accuracy, I must admit, and at length suggested that we go down and have a look at it.

"Here's a chance to place your name by that of Marcus Curtius and Rushan Beg, and other famous leapers," grumbled Jess.

We made up our minds to it, however; not to the leap, but to scrambling down the best way we could. So planting our sunshades on the bank we prepared for the descent.

"Wouldn't it be nice, Jess, if we had wings? We could float down like snowflakes."

"No, Eve, no wings for me, thanks. It's hard enough to keep one's hair smooth without the additional trouble of feathers, besides—" and as we worked our way downward Jess's voice might be heard between gasps picturing the different state of things if mankind should develop wings, the changes in our social system, in economics, in architecture, till at last we reached the narrow strip of sand at the bottom between the bank and the water's edge. Large lumps of clay, fallen from the bank, lay about, half petrified by the action of the water.

The dismayed vessel lay half on its side, its bow driven into the sand, and its broken rudder causing a little eddy as the waves broke upon it. There was certainly nothing interesting to be seen as we stood there, and as Evangeline and I were seeking a way to mount the wreck we heard Jess warble—and Jess *can* sing—"We'll call all hands upon deck!" We obeyed as promptly as we could and proceeded to explore, but our field was limited. We peered down into the hold—all was black; we dropped a piece of rusty chain down—splash!

"We can't go down there, that's sure," observed Jess in a disappointed tone.

"We don't want to, I hope," returned Eve, who was sitting disconsolately on a heap of rubbish. "The fate of this poor ship is too sad for you to make it the object of your curiosity," she added severely. "Think of the morning years ago, girls, when she stood in the harbor ready for her first cruise; and the sailors said good-by to their sweet-hearts, singing as they came on board and hoisted the sails; and she bounded forth over the water kindled by the summer dawn, and the fair breeze blew and the white foam flew. And as she came proudly home, bearing her cargo—"

"Fish, I know," broke in Jess, "it hasn't lost the perfume yet."

An awkward pause followed.

"Sing, Jess," I said.

"Something appropriate," suggested Evangeline. "H'm, how'll this do?" And she sang—"I as Friday morn when we set sail."

I was sorry for Eve, her "mood" was having a hard time of it.

It was becoming a trifle monotonous; we sat and stared at the water till we were getting black in the face. Several times I thought of suggesting that we go back, but each time I looked at the clay bank and was silent. I had the impression that the same conflict was going on in the minds of Eve and Jess. Suddenly Jess started up:—

"I shouldn't wonder, girls, if that cow we saw in the field up there has eaten our parasols by this time."

The thought inspired us. We provided ourselves with long sticks and set our faces nobly to the task, which didn't prove an easy one, by any means—scrambling now to the right, now to the left, wherever footing could be gained, holding on by tufts of grass when we could. Jess was ahead, Eve was climbing sturdily a yard or two behind her, while I painfully brought up the rear.

"Let's imagine we're Swiss mountaineers," I heard Evangeline say, "and this is a slope of the Alps, and that is lake —, lake —, tell me the name of one—Constance—that will do; it is a pretty name, isn't it?"

I have never seen the Alps, and perhaps the two or three pounds of wet clay adhering to each foot clogged my imagination, so I couldn't follow her, but I hadn't any spare breath wherewith to offer my objections. She must

have taken silence for consent, for, in a few moments, she veered to the left, exclaiming, "Ha, my friends; the Edelweisz! I'll have it, though—"

"That's Camomile, my dear," mildly explained Jess; "be careful you don't fall."

Jess was first at the top, and reached her trusty alpenstock to the aid of Eve and me. We found our sunshades where we had left them, and started across the field meditating how best we could improve our appearance before reaching home. As we walked along we came to a low bridge of planks over a drain, whereon we sat,

"And the rivulet at our feet
Rippled on in light and shadow,"

bearing away pieces of clay from our laden shoes.

Homeward over the fields and fences we went, and, as we passed at dewfall up the gravel walk, we thought on all we had seen, and felt a great longing—for something to eat. X.

THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The Engineering Society met in No. 2 Lecture Room on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the usual time, there being a good attendance. There was a goodly number of new members proposed and elected, after which came a report from the Library Committee which had been appointed last meeting. The report was brought in jointly by Messrs. Lea and White, and referred to the use of the Library, and also contained a new draft of the by-laws. There has been of late considerable doubt as to the ownership of the Library and reading rooms, some maintaining that they are for the use of the students of the school, and others that they are the exclusive property of the Engineering Society, by virtue of an agreement with the Council. Consequently a committee was appointed a few weeks ago to look into the matter, and hence the report. It was found, after considerable "delving among the archives" and interviews with the authorities that the Library was intended to be under control of the Engineering Society, subject to such regulations as the Council determine, such students as are not members of the Society to be charged a fee for the use of the room. According to the sense of the meeting this report was entirely satisfactory, and was adopted. The next order of business was the election of First Year Representative—always a proceeding of more or less hilarity. As usual, the aspirants for office composed an imposing multitude; but after the first ballot was cast, the number was reduced to two, and upon the second ballot Mr. A. T. Fraser was elected. After excitement had settled down, the programme was proceeded with. The Corresponding Secretary read a short letter from Mr. Haultain, '89, who is now manager of a tin mining company in Bohemia. With the letter came a paper from the same gentleman upon "Mining Engineering in Connection with Civil Engineering." The paper was a plain exponent of the principles and work of mining, and contained much valuable information for those not versed in the ways and means of obtaining the treasure of mother earth. The writer showed how closely mining and civil work were united, and how, in the onward march of civilization, they must go hand in hand as sister professions. The paper was well received, and served to fill the bosom of the aspiring and ambitious freshman with that reverence and regard which always attends a voice from the distant alumnus. After several small items of business were disposed of the meeting was adjourned.

We were honored during the past week by visits from several graduates. Mr. Hutcheon, '90, came around to see the new buildings and hear about the fourth year. He has been up in the North-West for a considerable time, and is now taking a holiday in the city. Mr. Moore, '91, strolled around to see how the "civils" were getting along, and to find what was going to be done about the large * * * class. Mr. Moore is on the C.P.R. engineering staff, and is in the city for a few days.

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THE LITERARY SOCIETY.



AFTER an adjournment of two weeks the Literary Society reassembled last Friday evening in the Y.M.C.A. hall. The attendance was but fair, the vociferous applause of the afternoon having evidently proved too much for some of the veterans of the Society.

After the customary reading of the minutes, Mr. A. T. Bowles gave notice of motion that *The New Review* be placed upon the files in the reading room.

The General Committee, through the Secretary, Mr. Wheaton, then presented the following report:—

"The General Committee beg to recommend that the meeting to be held on the evening of Friday, Nov. 27, be set apart for the consideration of amendments to the Constitution.

"The Committee have to report that Mr. Henry, appointed to speak in the public debate, has resigned, and the Committee appoint in his place Mr. J. A. McMurchy. The subject proposed for the debate is, 'Resolved,—That the Cabinet system of Government, as worked out in Canada, is superior to the Presidential system of the United States.' Sir Daniel Wilson has consented to act as chairman."

On a motion of J. W. Wheaton the above report was adopted.

The programme for the evening next came under consideration. The title of the recitation by Mr. E. R. Young was "Parrhasius," a fine selection, showing to what atrocities a man may be led by "Unreined Ambition," and evidently intended as a warning to the fame-aspiring freshman. Mr. — Levy followed with an essay upon "The value of the knowledge and appreciation of Literature." Judging from the huskiness of his voice Mr. Levy could have produced a brilliant essay on "the knowledge and appreciation of Rugby." However, the repeated bursts of applause from the front benches testified as to the excellence of Mr. Levy's present effort. The subject of the evening's debate was, "Resolved,—That the Stage has ceased to be an Educator."

The leader of the affirmative, Mr. O. J. Stevenson, '93, in a clear speech tried to convince the audience that the glory of the stage has departed. The speaker argued that the introduction of newspapers and periodicals has robbed the stage of its power; that the stage presents an exaggerated picture of life, and that the plays produced in the present day are unpoetical and non-educative, intended only to amuse. Shakespeare's dramas, and especially the finest passages of them, he claimed, are so highly poetic that they require a critical study in order to be at all understood.

Mr. Perrin at this juncture, having to take the place of the president, found some difficulty in donning the needful gown, and was gently reminded that he was "not in it."

Mr. J. J. Brown, '94, then took up the cudgels on behalf of the stage. He made an able effort to show that the stage teaches a complete knowledge of human nature, taking as an illustration the character of Macbeth. He claimed that the best way to know one's neighbors (without mentioning the neighbor's daughter) was to study human nature as presented on the stage.

Mr. Silcox, '93, followed in support of the affirmative. After clearly defining what education is, he proceeded to show that human nature can be studied best in the outside world.

Mr. Wright, '94, among other things, advocated the claims of music as one of the educative influences of the stage. Mr. Stevenson replied briefly.

The president, having been absent during a part of the meeting, left the decision of the debate to the audience. The majority of those present decided in favor of the affirmative.

The men of '92 who were to have supplied music for the evening were conspicuous by their absence. Considering the display of lung power during the afternoon, perhaps, after all, it is well that this musical treat was postponed.

The programme being concluded, the Society considered various items of new business.

After having secured the suspension of the rule concerning notice of motion, Mr. J. A. McLean moved that a committee, consisting of the President of the Society, together with the presidents of the various clubs, viz., Messrs. Bunting, Goldie, McIntosh, White, and McColl, be appointed to memorialize the Senate Committee with reference to the accommodation in the new gymnasium building. The names of Messrs. Crawford and V. A. Sinclair were afterwards added and the motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. J. A. Cooper, that the Society instruct the Executive Committee to report at next regular meeting as to whether it would be better to hold a college dinner or a conversazione this college year, and as to what time it would better be held. The motion was carried.

The Society signified its intention to stick up for its rights as regards reading-room accommodation by supporting a motion brought in by Mr. J. A. Cooper with the object of ascertaining the intentions of the President in this respect.

Preparations were then made for the election of First Year representatives on the General Committee. Mr. McDougall, however, threw a bomb into the camp by drawing the Society's attention to Article II., Sec. 6, of the

By-laws, which states that only those members who have paid their fees are entitled to vote. At the mention of fees most of the members precipitously fled. The no-quorum scheme was tried but didn't "pan out."

But Mr. J. W. Wheaton, the Recording Secretary, at this juncture drew the President's attention to Article III., Sec. 1, of the By-laws, which declares that First Year councillors shall be elected at the second ordinary meeting after the Michaelmas term. The President accordingly ruled that the election should not take place till the second meeting in January, and the freshmen go unrepresented till then. The meeting then adjourned.

THE SATURDAY LECTURE.

The first of the series of Saturday Lectures in connection with Toronto University was delivered by Sir Daniel Wilson, last Saturday afternoon. The large audience, chiefly ladies, which crowded the Library room proved that if future lecturers are as much sought after as our President, a larger hall will be required. As was necessary in a lecture confined to an hour's length, Sir Daniel Wilson confined himself to the master mind of the age, touching on the other writers only as they served to illustrate some point in the character or works of Shakespeare.

In accounting for the great influence of the drama in the sixteenth century, the lecturer pointed out that the stage was the library, press and public platform of the day. There were only the two great means of public instruction, the pulpit and the stage, and a study of Shakespeare's plays, in view of this fact, will show how closely their plots in following the lines of history, are really following the politics of the day. In King John we have depicted, not the actual events of that reign, but the papal tyranny, foreign aggression, even the dispossession of the lawful heir of Elizabeth's own day.

In making a powerful appeal for the study of the master pieces of the Drama, Sir Daniel Wilson urged on the audience not to allow their justifiable prejudice against its modern travesty to prevent their appreciation of its earlier creations.

The lecture was illustrated throughout by quotations from the different plays, which were rendered in the spirit of the original.

The next lecture will be Prof. Hume's inaugural, on Saturday, 14th, at 3 o'clock.

MEDICAL NOTES.

It becomes our duty to remind that august body, the Medical Council of Ontario, that selfish motives have again overruled their sense of justice. Under the present regulations a student failing on one subject at the final examination next April will be debarred the privilege of again attempting the examination for eighteen months. We as students recognize the importance of the protection afforded to the practitioners of the Province by the Council and are willing to be subjected to any regulations which combine justice to all entering the profession, and protection to the people generally. But when some examiner, filled with the importance of his position, sees fit to pluck some individual who may not suit his whims and fancies, and by so doing hinder even a capable man from entering the profession for a year or more, we are bound to object to such high-handed injustice. Had that noble body inflicted an examination of more than ordinary severity, giving us an opportunity within a limited time of again presenting ourselves at the cost of such examination, we would not complain. Besides we are compelled to pay one hundred dollars for two examiners, which any University does for ten dollars, and yet they complain of the cost of examinations. In countries over the sea students are allowed numbers of opportunities each year of presenting them-

selves at a moderate fee. What seat of learning would ask her students to carry the multitude of facts gathered throughout the term for six whole months before attempting an examination. We would be ashamed, indeed, if any man connected with such a noble seat of learning as our own University should hold such narrow views. Are not medical students to have any time for recreation? Besides examinations are but a necessary evil. Strange, indeed, that a body solicitous for our welfare should set the time for examinations especially when they are a non-teaching body. Finding that examiners only pluck a small percentage, they look about for new measures to check the ever increasing accessions to their profession. Pity 'twere that they would not set about teaching the public why they should avoid the money-grabbing quack instead of keeping out consistent students. It is to be hoped that the movement now on foot will lead the authorities to see the injustice done and take steps to remedy the evil.

Now that the primary years in Medicine are brought more closely into contact with the Arts' body of students, a word or two with regard to the mutual relations of the two bodies of students may be in place. It is a matter for congratulation on all hands, that their intercourse so far has been so harmonious, and not only is any breach in the present friendly relations to be deprecated, but it is to be hoped that their common interests will, in the future, bind them even more closely together. It is for the Medical student to realize that he, as a University undergraduate, is as closely identified with the welfare and honor of the University as his Arts' compatriot. On the other hand, the Arts' student must credit his Medical *confrère*, with possessing something of a University spirit, and with cherishing as deep and lasting a love and respect for his Alma Mater, as he himself does.

The Association football match with Trinity, which came off on Tuesday, instead of Thursday, as was expected, was one of the most exciting of the present season. Both schools turned out *en masse*, armed with fish horns, tuned to every conceivable pitch, from the deep bass of the trombone to the ear-piercing note of the shrill piccolo. Consequently the players received all necessary encouragement, and the game was fiercely contested throughout. Splendid individual work was done on either side, that of Kransman and Campbell for the Varsity Medical Team being particularly brilliant and effective. During the first half, both teams failed to score though the ball was kept in the vicinity of Trinity's goal, which was frequently endangered. In the second half, amid a tremendous and long-sustained fusilade of Trinity horns, the visiting team secured a goal. The aspect of affairs was very soon changed, however, a goal being neatly captured by Kransman, which made the score even and brought the excitement up to fever heat. This was quickly followed up by a second goal for Toronto, secured by Campbell, and Toronto's star seemed to be in the ascendant. But the jubilation of the boys received a check, for, accustomed to deeds of darkness, the wily enemy worked the ball down the field, and, under cover of the shades of evening, succeeded in obtaining a second goal, which made the match a tie. Throughout the whole game, however, the Toronto team had decidedly the best of it, and it was owing rather to good luck and accident than to good team play that Trinity scored at all.

On Thursday the tug of war, which was to have taken place on the Sports' day, was contested. Only two teams, the second year Arts and second year Meds. were entered, the latter, after a determined struggle, being declared the winner. Agnew, Galloway, Parks and anchor Rutledge composed the Medical team.

The following gentlemen comprise the Dinner Committee: Honorary President, Prof. J. Caven; Chairman, S. H. McCoy, B.A.; First Vice-President, H. F. McKendrick; Second Vice-President, D. A. McClenahan; Toasts—Graduates, Dr. G. Boyd, B.A.; Graduating, G.

W. Gould; Ladies, C. E. Smythe; Freshmen—Officers of the Fourth Year, H. J. Way, H. A. Wardell, J. A. C. Grant, B.A.; Officers of the Third Year, A. F. Rykert, C. J. Taylor; Officers of the Second Year, R. B. Wells, W. J. McCollum, A. Galloway; Officers of the First Year, A. Gibson, G. W. Hall, I. Smith, E. Fleming.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

Among other items of interest, the President's convocation of the Departments of Chemistry and Geology in a manner equal to that of Physics. The prospect is a pleasing one, as those departments have been shamefully neglected, while their sister, Physics, has flourished like the Scriptural bay tree. The prosperity of the latter, however, is one of endowment and equipment alone, as a glance at the number attending the classes of each will show. The crowds of students who flock to the miserable laboratories of Geology and Chemistry are in decided contrast to the select few to whose instruction is dedicated more than *one-third* of the main building and a large amount of apparatus, representing in all more than half a million of the capital of the University.

If the Geological and Chemical building is not commenced at once the fulfilment of the President's promise may seriously embarrass the finances of the University, as every week seems to add to the space occupied by this most aggressive of the sciences. When the plans for the new building were prepared, everything that the Department of Physics asked for was granted. It was hoped that the support of this department had been finally brought on behalf of the other schemes of the University. Since that, however, a separate building has assumed definite shape as the future home of Geology and Chemistry, and now Physics bids fair to be satisfied with nothing till the whole of University College is at its disposal, and every one, from the President of the University down to the boot-boy in Residence, is camped in a tent on the lawn, like the Convocation of '90.

At a recent meeting of the Senate the Professor of Physics applied for two additional rooms, which, along with those now in use, will put him in possession of sixteen rooms, and enable him to introduce solitary confinement among his students—a new departure in educational methods, though widely practised in penal institutions. Anyone not versed in University politics would be apt to suggest that one of the coveted rooms might be supplied by cutting the Professor's sitting-room in two, as it is at present just twice the size of that allotted to the President of the University. The room west of the private room might perhaps be subdivided, as it represents a floor space equal to two-thirds of the old Museum, which must have been a fair-sized room, since a similar one, the Library, was considered large enough for convocation. The solitudes of this chamber are to be peopled, we are informed, by "possibly as many as eight or nine students" at once.

Of the Amphitheatre which belongs to this department we will say nothing, save that there is only one other in the building, and it is the common property of Classics, Moderns, Political Science, Orientals and Philosophy.

Of the Rotunda, with its three available floors, the north-western wing and the large Laboratory, cut out of the first House of Residence, we shall only mention the existence.

That they do exist and are spacious, and handsome used to be demonstrated on Conversat. nights, but since those times of festivity have vanished, the glories of the western wing have become a tradition of the Seniors.

Over the Amphitheatre are some fine rooms. Here in a nook Dr. Baldwin's Laboratory may be found. It is rumored that, had these rooms been up to the standard of the Physics Department when finished, Psychology would have had much ado to find rest for the sole of her foot.

We have not noticed any applications for larger space from the Department of Psychology, yet ye editor *did*

notice, last Tuesday, an overflow meeting from that popular professor's nine o'clock lecture. It had convened itself on a stepladder, and the two students who composed it, with their ears at the transom, plied note book and pencil with a zeal out of all proportion to the fragments of the lecture, gleaned amidst the hammering of surrounding carpenters. It will be noted that this tableau was visible at the door of one of the largest lecture-rooms in the building, though, unfortunately, one much smaller than that in the opposite wing dedicated to the mystic view.

That the Senate voted away a part of the College Residence for the use of this department is well known. There were, however, a sufficient number of senators who understood something of University life and University government to prevent the consummation of the sacrifice. It is to be hoped that when a tool shed is contemplated for the under gardener the Residence will not be the first thought of the Senate.

The attention of the committee which is looking for additional room might be called to the attic over the ladies' reading room, where there are two very "desirable apartments," or to the very commodious basement in the new wing. Still it would be unfair to relegate this department either to attic or basement, even if the heads of the Mathematical and Classical Departments express their content with rooms up two pair of stairs, and the students are in raptures at the thought of one underground.

That an addition to the main building occupying the site of the old Lavatory is contemplated by the committee is a fact too absurd to be believed by anyone not conversant with University management as practised in Toronto. The old engine room and lavatory were torn down to restore the symmetry of the quadrangle which they completely spoiled. This was done, although the lavatory had been in use only two years, and in spite of the fact that neither engine room nor lavatory had been in any way injured by the fire.

The demolition of the old building and the construction of the new cannot have cost less than fifteen thousand dollars. Yet at the mere nod of the Physical Department the Senate is prepared to render this large expenditure useless.

If this new building in the Quad. is permitted, the Senate will have to plead guilty to a charge of foolish extravagance, if not of maudlin stupidity.

We can only designate as scandal mongers those who attribute the vast influence of the Department of Physics to wire pulling, sectional jealousies, or ward heeling. It cannot be a matter for surprise that a department so popular as that of Physics, one whose lectures are so crowded, and one the results of whose original research are embodied in French and German text book should gradually absorb the lion's share of the endowment of University, but it is a matter worthy of serious thought.

We do not close with a comparison, in view of a certain adage, but we do venture the assertion that the demands of the Physics Department are on the increase, and also that there once was a sailor named Sinbad, who had an ancient friend who somewhat hampered his movements.

THE RAMBLER.

The *Quarterly Register of Current History* (Evening News Association, Detroit) gives us in the compass of an ordinary magazine a comprehensive review of the history of the past three months. We shall not mention with much pleasure to future issues of this new candidate for a place among the great American magazines.

Princeton Seniors will wear the cap and gown throughout the year.

Four college dailies are now in circulation. Princeton, Harvard, Yale and Cornell each publish one.

Syracuse University has the finest college building in America. It cost \$700,000, and was the gift of one man.

Athletic Notes.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The series of inter-year contests has been completed and '93 are proudly triumphant in their victory. The class of '94 were easy victims to the more skilful kickers of '95. The seniors were defeated by '93 with a score of one to nothing, though '92 had the advantage in play. '93 defeated the freshmen in the final in a well contested game, 3-2.

OSGOODE AND VARSITY DRAW.

Friday last was, in every sense of the word, what might be termed a gala day for Varsity.

Sir Daniel Wilson proclaimed all afternoon lectures off to enable every student to witness the great game between Osgoode Hall and Varsity, and this, added to the fact that the weather was as fine as could have been ordered, caused every student possessing any spirit for sport to be on hand at Rosedale sharp on time.

Before the game was called the Residence men arrived in Bond's four-in-hand, and shortly afterwards the enthusiasts of '94 and a large number of others arrived in procession, in caps and gowns, adorned with streamers of blue and white, and armed with the deadly fish-horn.

The most sanguine upholders of Rugby in the College never expected such support as was evidenced by the student-body on Friday. The grand stand was well filled with admirers of both teams, but pleasing to relate it was most apparent that the majority favored the blue and white, and of the majority the greater number was ladies. The presence of such a crowd on a day other than Saturday proves the fact that Rugby Football is more popular in Toronto this year than ever before.

Osgoode Hall took the field first and received three hearty cheers, but the wild burst of applause from hundreds of brass lungs and fish-horns which greeted the collegians doubtless pierced the ears of grieving Hamilton.

About 3.30 o'clock the teams lined up in the following manner:—

Osgoode Hall—Back, McKay; half-backs, Cameron, Kerr, Senkler; quarter-back, Smellie; wings, R. Moss, Moran, McGiverin, Rykert, J. Moss, Farrel, Garvin; scrimmage, Blake, Ballantyne and Smith.

Varsity—Back, McQuarrie; half-backs, Bunting, Wood, Gilmour; quarter-back, Parker; wings, F. Moss, Bain, Laidlaw, Clarke, Cross, Claves, N. Lash; scrimmage, McRae, M. Lash and McMillan.

Referee—Mr. E. Bayly.

Bunting won the toss, and Varsity kicked off towards the southern goal.

From the rush which followed M. Lash collared the ball, but was downed at Osgoode's twenty-five line. A scrimmage ensued, from which Parker passed to Wood, who punted into touch, close to our opponents' goal line. From the throw in, the leather was worked back a few yards. Bunting then got in a punt and McKay returned, but only a few feet from his own goal, into touch. From the throw in, Wood punted behind, and Gilmour secured a try. The kick at goal was a difficult one, and failed; but the burst of wild cheering and waving of blue and white streamers which followed announced how well pleased were the supporters of Varsity, with the tide already in their favor. Score, 4-0.

Osgoode kicked out, and made a good rush, which Wood stopped by falling on the ball near our twenty-five line. A series of scrimmages followed, and Osgoode shortly got a penalty kick for off-side play. Bunting got the ball, however, and made a good run well down the field past centre. The ball hovered in our opponents' territory until another off-side play induced the referee to award them another free kick, which transferred the play to Varsity's

twenty-five line. From a scrimmage, Parker passed to Bunting, who punted into touch at centre. A scrimmage followed the throw-in, and Wood securing the ball punted into touch well in the legalists' territory. F. Moss improved matters by a good run to their twenty-five line. Osgoode now braced up for awhile. Senkler got in a good punt, and McQuarrie rouged, making the score 4-1.

Senkler returned the kick-out, but Bain and Laidlaw rushed the ball back to centre. Cameron then got in a run, and was tackled at Varsity's twenty-five by Wood and Bunting. Senkler punted from behind the scrimmage, but the blue and white rushed the ball back to Osgoode's twenty-five. Another penalty kick was awarded to the wearers of the funeral colors, and the sphere sailed back to our twenty-five line, where Laidlaw caught it and sent it back down the field. Senkler returned, and Varsity got a penalty kick for off-side, which transferred the ball into touch at centre. Half-time was called, with the score standing 4-1, in our favor.

When Varsity took the field for the second half, McQuarrie was missing from his accustomed place, owing to a sprained ankle, resulting from an unnecessarily rough tackle near the end of the first half. Rosebrugh took his place, and Osgoode kicked off. The ball was immediately rushed close to our goal line, where a scrimmage followed, from which Smellie passed to Kerr, who dropped a penalty goal. Score, 6-4, in favor of Osgoode.

Varsity kicked out, and the ball was immediately returned into Bunting's hands. The free kick resulting, transferred the play once more to the mourners' territory. The ball managed to travel into touch after some close play, and Varsity brought it out five yards, and scrimmaged it, making use of their superiority in this particular point. From behind, Wood punted, Gilmour followed up and carried the ball across the lines, scoring another try, which was converted into a goal by Wood. Score, 10-6.

Again the crowd in the stand arose as one man, with a mighty shout as Varsity once more was in the lead.

The legalites then kicked off, made a good rush, and Rosebrugh kicked into touch-in-goal. Score, 10-7. After the kick-out Senkler got in a run, but to his surprise was downed by Laidlaw with a beautiful tackle. F. Moss dribbled back to centre, when Senkler got in another good run, and was brought down by Wood near Varsity goal line. From the scrimmage Kerr punted behind and Rosebrugh rouged. Score, 10-8. Again Varsity kicked out, Cameron got the ball and ran close to our twenty-five line. Kerr shortly improved matters by making a dash with the ball right on to their white line which marked the boundary of the blue and white fortress. No scoring resulted, however, as the ball was worked back until Kerr got another run, and was tackled by Clarke just in time to save a touch. Wood then made a beautiful run and carried the ball well into Osgoode territory, but Senkler evened matters shortly by punting behind to Rosebrugh, who rouged once more. Score, 10-9. After the kick off Osgoode got a penalty, dangerously close to Varsity's goal, but Blake failed to improve matters. The ball travelled up the field but was soon returned, and for the last time Osgoode scored a rouge. Score, 10 all. Soon after the kick-out Varsity got a penalty, but McKay returned, and the game ended with the white and black close on our lines.

It was thought too dark to continue the play, and by agreement between the captains of the respective teams the match was ordered to be played over on Monday.

Rough play unfortunately characterized the game, especially on the part of Blake and Smellie.

The students in a body drew the Varsity team home, down Yonge and across College streets to the Park, where they stopped at Mr. Bunting's residence and gave three hearty cheers for the captain, who replied with a few well chosen words, expressive of the hope of placing Varsity's colors on top on Monday. The team then adjourned into Mr. Bunting's residence where they partook of his hospitality, and then they wended their ways home to prepare for the grand finale.

NOTICE.

All reports of meetings or events occurring up to Thursday evening must be in the hands of the Editor by Friday noon, or they will not be published.

'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

Miss Nellie Mott, '90, is seriously ill. School of Science men are busy these days.

Prof. Ashley is still prevented from lecturing by illness in his family.

The boys of '93 were hazed last Saturday evening by the ladies of their year. Next.

There was not a Varsity man present at the demolition of the Normal School fence. We have asked them all.

There is a tradition abroad that a well-known Residence man won a multitude of shekels on the Osgoode-Hamilton game.

Miss L. L. Jones, B.A., who took such a brilliant stand in Moderns last year, has accepted a temporary engagement at Strathroy.

Mr. J. Munro, '89, has been appointed a Fellowship in Chemistry. Mr. Munro is remembered as an ardent devotee of his favorite subject.

The Classical Society will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 10th, at four o'clock. Essays will be read by Mr. J. F. Thompson, '94, and Mr. R. Stoddart, '93, on "Aristophanes, and Aristophanes as compared with other Athenian Comedians." Mr. Dale will preside.

Winners of University Scholarships in Knox College have been announced as follows: Fourth Year, J. H. Borland; Third Year, Thos. A. Bell, Jas. A. Dow (æq.); Second Year, (1) J. H. Bruce and (2) H. T. Kerr; First Year, A. A. Lang. The Bayne Scholarship, G. A. Wilson, B.A.

The weekly meeting of the Y.M.C.A. was held on Thursday, the 5th, at five p.m. The meeting was under the leadership of Rev. A. M. Philp, of Broadway Tabernacle. Mr. Philp gave a very careful and practical paper on "Bible Study." It is to be hoped his suggestions will not be lost.

We have a pair of real live tramps among us. Messrs. Mitchell and Sinclair have again been on one of their walking trips, this time spending several days. They left the city in the grey dawn of Friday, Oct. 30th, for a forty-mile trip to the Caledon Hills and Forks of the Credit, where they spent Saturday and Sunday with friends. They returned on Monday, thus accomplishing an eighty mile tramp, having, so they say, spent a glorious time.

The Class of '93 held a social evening in the Y. M. C. A. parlors, on Saturday evening last. An innova-

tion was introduced in the way of refreshments, which were entirely under the charge of the ladies of the year. The innovation, it is safe to say, will become a permanent feature. A very interesting programme was given, including a paper by Miss Telford, the class historian, and concluding with the criticism of Mr. Bull.

The Modern Language Club held its first French meeting of the year on Monday, Nov. 2nd. The attendance was very large, and was marked by the welcome presence of an unusual number of lecturers, including Mr. D. R. Keys, the honorary president. The essays of the evening were on Victor Hugo, and consisted of the following: "His Life and Work," by L. J. Macdonell; "Les Orientales," by Miss Garrat; "Notre Dame de Paris," by O. P. Edgar. French conversation closed the programme.

The "tug-of-war" came off on Thursday last at 4.30 p.m., on the lawn. There were only two teams competing, one from the Second Year Medicals, consisting of J. Parks, Y. J. Agnew, A. Galloway, and H. N. Routledge (anchor), with J. Crawford as captain; the second from the Second Year Arts, consisting of J. C. Smith, J. C. McGuigan, S. M. Bowman and Neil McKechnie (anchor), with Mr. Gillies as captain. The two pulls were beauties, and were both won by the followers of Æsculapius by three inches and one inch respectively. The umpire was Mr. Sifton, of the Toronto Police Force, Messrs. Webster and Currie were the timekeepers, and Mr. D. P. McColl was referee.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY YELL.

Scotch—

Dearg, gorm 'us buidhe!
Oil-thigh na Banrighinn
A Banrighinn gu brath!
Cha gheill! cha gheill! cha gheill!

Phonetic Spelling—

Jarg gormus booe!
Oil hi navanree
Navanree gu brah!
Ka yal! ka yal! ka yal!

Translation—

Red, Blue and Yellow!
Queen's! Queen's for ever!
Never say die!

Yet even the battered Gaelic could not half express the feelings which the Queen's men carried home with them.

COLLEGE OF MUSIC NOTES.

The amateur orchestra will shortly begin regular rehearsals. String players are invited to join. Application may be made to the Registrar of the College.

The weekly recitals take place at

the College on Saturday at 3 o'clock, and are open to the public.

Every branch of the College work is in full operation, with a very large list of pupils in the various classes.

DI-VARSITIES.

A VERSE.

In vain with sonnets to the maid
The poet to win her heart essayed;
A verse she liked, but—woman's
whim—
She still appeared a verse to him.
—Harvard Lampoon.

BLIND LOVE.

[She thinks]

My darling is wounded and angry, I
fear,
He writes to me, "Negligence caused
by a tear."

[He thinks.]

By thunder! I wonder if Bessie will
care,
I wrote to her plainly "I'd been on a
tear."
—Brunonian.

"Bosche writes over an assumed
name." "Modesty?" "No. Self-
respect, I fancy."

"That is Talmage, is it? Is he a
man of culture?" "Well, judging
from appearances, I fancy that at some
time in his career he used to eat with
his knife."—P. McArthur, in *Town
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