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SPORTS.

The annual meeting of the University of Toronto Lawn Tennis Club was held in the gymnasium last week. There was a large representation of the different colleges present. The report of W. A. Sadler, the retiring secretary-treasurer, was read, and showed that the past season had been highly successful. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:

Hon. President—James Loudon M.A., LL.D.

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Although there are still two long months before baseball will have its inning, there is already sufficient interest manifested in the approaching season to lead one to believe that the year '98 will see some new strides made in the game at Varsity.

At a meeting held last week it was decided to unite the St. Michael's college and Varsity teams this year and form one team representing the University of Toronto. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—Hon. Pres., Hon. W. Mulock M.P.; Pres., F. H. Barron; 2nd Vice, Mr. FitzGerald, of St. Michael's; 1st Vice, J. L. Counsel; Sec.-Treas., J. R. Meredith; Captain, R. Greer; Curator, Aubrey Kilbourne; 4th year representative, E. W. Beatty; 3rd year F. D. McEntee; 1st Percy Brown; 3rd and 4th year Meds, A. W. Tanner; 1st and 2nd year, Stubbs Smith; Victoria, J. R. Parry; St. Michael's, N. Roach; S. P. S., Mr. Gordon; Dentals, R. R. Elliott; Manager, J. W. Hobbs.

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Amongst the University functions of the year nothing can surpass the Conversazione of the Literary Society, held last Friday night in the main building of the University. Whoever controls the meteorological system of this sphere of ours is evidently a close friend of some of the magnates of that society, for even had the choosing of the weather been altogether in the hands of the committee it could hardly have been more propitious. The beauty of the outside world, however, was not the predominating factor in the elements that served to make last Friday night a beauty-night at old Varsity. From the very moment of entering the lucky guest found himself in a very fairland of beauty. The stairs that lead up to the ladies' dressing-room were festooned with parti-colored flags of every design that fancy could conceive. The varying shades of green afforded by palms and plants of all descriptions added that tinge of nature's beauty that form the principal element of all aesthetic decoration: the more artificial devices of bunting and curtains betrayed the hand of the skilled decorator. Passing from the upper corridor the guests found themselves in the large reception-room, that joyed on college days the ladies' dressing room, but for the nonce a very corner out of fairland with its beauty of palm and tapestry. Hence the crowd drifts slowly to the great halls in all their gala array of flags and bunting. The east hall, erst the scene of many a mighty struggle between the weary student and that grim fate they call exams, presented an appearance that belied its fame. Great banners drooped over its lofty walls to hide the varnished beauty of the classic wainscotting; long ribbons of bunting of academic hue circled the whole room and added the touch of loyal sentiment that is so dear to the heart of the sons of old Varsity; graceful plants hid the orchestra from the dancers and completed the scene of beauty. Passing hence one gazed with bated breath over the railing down into the rotunda. Long would he gaze and turn away and gaze again and still again, and still the marvel of the place would lure the vision back again, and silence best became the rapture of the moment. The *blessed* man of the world would pause and look, and boredom would resign for once its steadfast hold upon his features, and a smile as who should say "all is not Vanity" would take its place; the plug, for once bereft of Plato and Descartes, would halt and sigh, and lose himself for one brief moment in the luxury of aesthetics; the laughing maid forgot to laugh and only gazed instead, and lost herself like all the rest; the sober matron looked and spoke not, or spoke only of those things that the world knows not—for Beauty's spirit dwelt upon the scene and lent its golden charms to thrill the souls of all beholders. To describe the bewildering variety of color that painted the scene is far beyond the pen of any ordinary scribe, and so it must be left to the imagination.

The huge west hall was resplendent in all the glory of medieval colors decked along its walls in a Grecian fretwork pattern edged with mauve and topped by a profusion of flags, pennants, burgees, banners, and flies of gorgeous hue and wondrous fashion. The pyramid of palms was especially fine and formed the most distinctive feature of the decorations.

The east and west stairs and lower halls were all filled with curtains at short intervals, and while the most simple in style were none the less a credit to the taste of the decorator.

To describe in detail the myriad cozy corners and niches of the building would weary and not interest, but the advantage taken thereof betrays the deep and intense interest with which the youthful heart surrounded these resorts of the little winged god. And if the tender passion waketh not in many a heart the fault cannot be laid to the charge of those who superintended the most important feature of the conversat.

A feature that seems to be the unique property of Varsity was the abundance of spectacular and scientific displays provided, with charming foresight, for the non-dancing public, and the number of visitors during the evening to those rooms consecrated to such

purpose would even lead one to believe that many a votary of Terpsichore would desert for a space the worship of his favorite for the delight that comes to him who lights upon a wondrous novelty. The School of Science exhibit of drawings and minerals, the Natural Science display of microscopic and museum specimens, and the Psychological exhibit, illustrating the workings of the human brain, constituted the bulk of the material presented to the public.

It was not, however, to the eye alone that the committee in charge catered. The strains of Glionna's and Bayley's orchestras filled the two large halls, and overflowed and floated in far-reaching sweetness down to the most secluded corners of the east and west wings. At the top of the east stair D'Alessandro's orchestra charmed all who wandered far from the mazy dance to the remotest nooks of the east wing.

Not the least appreciated was the excellent style in which Webb served the refreshments during the entire evening.

There was abundance of everything the most fastidious taste could crave, and at no time was there noticed even the slightest crowding.

Not a few undergraduates allowed this golden opportunity to pass, yet nowhere was the undergraduate found in the minority, and the co-eds, free for one evening from the stern realities of their college life, filled the classic halls with their unmolested merriment.

In the throng one caught a glimpse of the following undergraduates:

Misses Andison Crane, Cleary, Cockburn, Dawson, Day, Deroche, Gibbs, Henry, Hurlburt, Hutton Hall, Jackson, Jamieson, Johnston, Kirkwood, Lang Lynde, McDonald, Muirhead, Moore, Macdougall, Manson, Morrison, MacMurchy, L. M. Mason, M. Mason, Parsons, Patterson, Thornton, Thompson, Wegg, Webb, Wright, L. K. White, White.

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It would be quite impossible to suggest even one particular in which the arrangements might have been more complete, and consequently the following committee must be highly complimented for having arranged the finest Conversat which has been given since any of the present undergraduates have been at Varsity: President, MacGregor Young, B.A., LL.B.; Treasurer, C. M. Carson; Invitation, H. P. Hill; Decoration, N. E. Hinch; Programme, G. H. Black; Reception, F. A. Cleland; Building, W. G. Fitzgerald; Refreshments, R. J. M. Perkins; Heating and Lighting, J. G. Inkster; Natural Science, A. H. Montgomery; School of Practical Science, F. C. Smallpiece; Psychological, G. F. Pringle; Secretary of Committee, W. F. Mackay.

The delegates from other colleges were: H. Sissons, Osgoode; C. Howard, McGill; Monroe, Queen's; Cassells, Trinity; Carter, School of Science; R. R. Elliott, Dentals; W. E. Slaght, Victoria.

M. Arthur Shaver, of Victoria University, leaves in a few days for an extended trip to the Holy Land, Egypt, Italy, France, Switzerland and England. He expects to be absent about four months. The best wishes of all Vic men go with him.

H. N. Shaw will appear in "Richelieu" and "Romeo and Juliet" at the Grand Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week.

Toronto Medical School's hockeyists will play a match with the Trinity Meds, probably on Friday night of this week, when the keen rivalry shown on the Diamond and Association football field will be continued.

The following is the programme of the Mathematical and Physical Society meeting Friday afternoon of this week: 1. Medieval Mathematics, Mr. Merritt, '98. 2. Refrigerating Machinery, J. W. McBean, '00. 3. The Mathematical Training which should characterize a Liberal Education, Mr. Hedley, '00. 4. Physical Experiments, Mr. Carson, '98, and Mr. Bone, '99.

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TORONTO, TUESDAY, FEB. 8TH, 1898.

HEARD IN THE HALLS.

At the Varsity School of Science debate to be held Friday evening, Feb. 18th, in Students' Union, the following subject will be discussed:—Resolved that the Canadian Government acted wisely in the Yukon railroad deal. Messrs. W. Fred Mackay and N. D. R. Sinclair, of Varsity, will uphold the affirmative side.

"Jack" Hobbs spent a few days at his home in London last week.

The Varsity Glee and Banjo Clubs are arranging to take part in a grand concert to be given in Massey Hall, early next month. Among the artists will be Emma Juch and Davies, the famous baritone.

Miss M. McBean, '99 Arts, is coming to the city in the spring to write on the 3rd year exams.

The Varsity Women's Literary Society At-Home will be held Saturday afternoon, in the West Hall of University College. The following executive committee are arranging the programme: Misses G. H. Hunter, M. T. Northway, D. F. Wright, H. M. Hughes, B. Rosenstadt, N. Cleary and M. L. Wright.

Nominations for the editorial board of THE VARSITY will take place at the Varsity Lit meeting Friday evening, Feb. 18th.

Invitations are out for the Trinity College Literary Institute's debate, which takes place on Thursday evening February 17th, at eight o'clock to be followed by an informal dance. Mr. A. Lee Ireland is the energetic secretary of the affair.

The ladies at Varsity are arranging a petition to secure the use of the bowling-alley in Students' Union for their fencing class during the spring months, when the east and west halls are used for examinations.

"Clemmie" Keys, B.A., '97, of Hamilton Normal College, was present at the Conversat and spent Sunday with his old classmates in town.

The following ladies will compose the Tea Room Committee at the Women's Lit "At Home" Saturday afternoon: Misses Cleary, Wright, Tennant, Beatty, J. Johnston, Cockburn Darling and Robertson. All the women graduates of the city are expected to be present.

Miss Florence Manson, of Peterborough, formerly '99 Arts, was present at the Conversat Friday evening. Miss Manson intends spending a few days in town, the guest of Miss Helen Woolverton.

G. A. Reid R.C.A., will lecture on Mural decoration in the chemical building Saturday afternoon.

The Political Science Club held its third meeting for this term on Thursday, in room 9, University College. The Honorary President, Prof. Wrong, was expected to preside but in opening the meeting he requested Mr. B. E. Walker, who showed his kind interest in the club by being present, to take the chair. The attractive titles of the two papers on the programme for the day and perhaps also to some extent the learning and popularity of the two readers, had attracted quite a good sized audience, among whom were several ladies. Mr. G. C. Sillery, B.A., had notified the secretary that he would not be able to read his paper on "The Alabama and the Alabama Case," and so the remaining paper on "Political and Social Arithmetic," was read by its author, Mr. S. M. Wickett, B.A., Ph.D., and Fellow in Political Economy. The essay dealt with the history of statistics from its origin in the ancient Roman Census up to the present time, and gave a brief account of its extent in the different modern nations of to-day. The material and style of the essay gave evidence of much studious research and care, and Mr. Wickett's ability to cope with the subject was quite manifest by the views he

expressed as to the great value and importance of statistics. At the close of the reading Mr. Walker asked for discussion upon the subject, and added a few remarks upon the growing value of wide and careful statistics particularly in his own line of business, viz: banking. Mr. C. C. James, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and Chief of the Bureau of Industries for the Local Legislature, was present and gave the club some valuable facts based on his wide experience. Mr. James thought that figures were not so dry as popularly believed, but that an immense amount of very valuable information could be deduced from carefully accumulated statistics. However it was Mr. James' greatest regret that though figures could not lie, those throughout the Province, to whom the forms were sent for the figures of their district, were most unreliable. He also laid great stress upon the importance of statistics for commercial, insurance, legislative, and purposes of public health. According to this high authority there are not more than six trained and able statisticians in the whole Dominion of Canada, and he urged the importance of there being some provision made in our University for instruction in this line, or at least in training coming politicians to be able to read statistics correctly, and to get the best that there is in them from the study of a Blue Book. The next meeting of the club will be held on February 10th, and promises to be a very interesting one. It will be a "Historical Meeting," and addressed entirely by the ladies of the Political Science course. Miss Patterson, '99, will read a paper on Gladstone; Miss Macdougall, '98, one on Bismark; and Miss Stovel, '98 one on Cavour. All friends of the club and the public generally are cordially invited.

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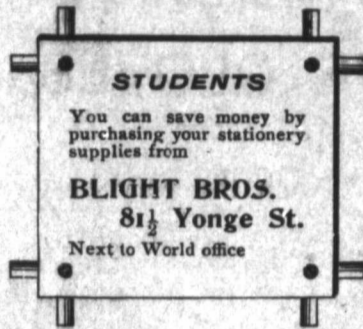
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The most notable development so far in the University hockey season of 1897-98 has been the similarity of the hard luck which pursued the first hockey team to the misfortunes of Varsity I. Rugby fifteen. Both teams fell down unexpectedly in the first game played, but in the return match showed a startling reversal of form. This statement is doubly true of the hockey seven, and the way in which the cup of success was dashed to the ground in the last few minutes of play in the match with Osgoode (!) was enough to make the angels weep.

The Intermediate hockey team, to keep up the parallel run of events and follow in the footsteps of the Intermediate Rugby champions, has been meeting with remarkable successes. It comes out of the first round of the O. H. A. series with flying colors. The record of 26 goals scored to their opponents' 3, is one to look upon with pride. The first match played by Varsity II. was with the T. A. C. II., who had on two senior men, one of them Dulmage, the crack goal-keeper imported from Rat Portage. The game was a cinch for the University seven, and they were the aggressors from the blow of the whistle. The result was 9 to 2 in their favor, and but for the marvellous goal-keeping of Dulmage the score would have been trebled. The Garrison hockey team, a husky aggregation, were the next victims. They courted death on Wednesday last, and were carried off the ice with the score at 17 to 1. The University players had a hard time keeping warm, and the soldiers scored their only goal while some of the Varsity forward line were skating around the rink to keep their feet from freezing. The success of the team has been due in a great measure to its energetic manager B. M. Armstrong. By hard work 'Birdie' has gathered together this team, and kept it in constant practice. In the remaining games of the season, hockey lovers may expect to see some swift playing by Varsity II. The team is composed of the following men:

A. E. Fischer, goal-keeper is a Victoria man and has considerable experience in the game, the fact that only three shots have eluded his eagle eye in two games shows that he knows his business.

McMillan, point, the husky man from Lindsay, the home of "Biddy" Barr, is a cool, heady player, and some there are who

think there was a place for him in Varsity I. Mac is a Denial student.

"Bob" Parry, cover point and captain, of last year's Varsity I., is too well known to require criticism. Suffice it to say that he is playing as well as ever we did. Lifting is Bob's strong point.

"Artie" Winters, right forward, has improved wonderfully on last year's form. Centre is "Artie's" old position, but he is playing a sterling game on the boards this season. Like Fischer he is a Victoria man.

"Reg" McArthur, centre forward, of football and sprinting fame, is a man speedy enough for senior company. "Reg" has played on the Varsity Intermediate Rugby champions, and declares that he is going to do the same in hockey this season.

O. K. Gibson, centre, an Ottawa man, who played half-back on the Junior football champions is a fast and shifty player, who knows the game down to the ground. He and McArthur turn out a fine line of combination.

"Jack" Parry, left forward, like his brother "Bob," was on last year's first hockey team. He is a well-known athlete and probably the best shot on the team besides being a hard man to run against in a body check.

The next game Varsity II. has to play is with the winner of group VIII. At present, Barrie, Orillia and Collingwood are tied having won two games each. The match is scheduled to be played on or before February 12th, at the Caledonian Rink. To win this match means standing a good show for the championship. The exact date for the game will be announced later.

They say history repeats itself; so far this has been the case. Let us hope that it will continue to be so, and that the Varsity II. hockey team like its prototype in the football arena, will land the intermediate championship. All loyal Varsity men and lovers of hockey should support their only remaining team in the O. H. A., by turning out en masse to cheer it on to victory.

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ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.

The American students of the college are already making arrangements for the celebration of Washington's birthday on the 22nd inst. This year an entertainment will be given in the evening consisting of a farce, entitled "The Confidential Clerk," and a drama in three acts, entitled "The Cross of St. John." Both of the pieces are bright and interesting and will make a very pleasing programme. The following will be the cast of characters for "St. John of the Cross": Balthazar Merx, leather merchant, F. X. McDermott; Simeon Merx, his son, James McPeak; Theodore Manville, Simeon's cousin, D. Powers; Schulman, a youth in the employ of Merx, J. Lynott; Bonaventure, an aged man in the employ of Merx, Mr. Mo-Hugh; Burgomaster of Ghent, Mr. Campaux; Colonel Kedge, alias Lord Flashington, Mr. O'Gara; Sam Snooze, alias Hon. L. Lightlaw, J. Hughes; Baron de Beaumonde, M. Martin; Colonel Von Blusterbob, Chris McRea; Jean, a waiter, M. Golden; Lacon Lester, an English student, with song, F. McCarthy; Provost of Ghent, Mr. Campaux; Curate of St. John's, D. O'Conner; Advocate General, F. Connolly; counsels officers, etc. The cast for "The Confidential Clerk" will be: Dobbs, J. Lynch; John McCormac, P. Hart; A. Tramp, R. Nallin; A. Dude, M. Creeden; Loquax, James Kelly; Successful Applicant, F. Devlin.

A sacred concert will be given by St. Basil's choir in the church Thursday evening. Among those who will be on the programme are: Messrs. J. J. Costello, F. A. Moure, Mrs. F. A. Moure, Madame Franklein, Mr. F. X. Mercier, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Warde, Miss Marian Chapin, Miss Malloy, Mr. Paul Hahn, Mr. J. F. Kirk, and Mr. D. Miller.

The ardor of the hockeyists was not sufficient to melt the snow on the rink last week, and as a result there has been no skating and no practice for the team. There seem to be many willing to skate; but very few willing to contribute their share of the manual labor needed to keep the rink in condition.

It gives the students much pleasure to note the return of Myles Gibbons, after an absence of six months.

The hockey team took the Knoxites into camp on Wednesday last, and defeated them to the tune of 8 to 2. As the boys have had no practice for over a week the result shows considerable ability. A little rough play was indulged in, but no bones were broken. As usual, Morrow electrified the on-lookers by his brilliant playing. The boys feel elated over their victory, and with a little practice will give the best of them a hard rub.

Hopkins made a discovery last vacation. He actually saw potatoes growing in a cellar.

Half the energy expended on the punching bags, applied to the snow on the rink, would have removed it early in the week.

All desiring to acquire the knowledge of walking *a la Boston*, will do well to call on Caveney and arrange the feet for the coming term.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

Mr. J. Goodheart gave his interesting lecture "The Jew's Life in Russia" in St. Peter's Sunday school room on Tuesday last. It is to be repeated in the Church of the Redeemer this evening.

The Rev. R. L. Weaver, M.A., of Hastings, visited the college last week.

Wycliffe still carries the palm in missionary enterprise, intending to send a large delegation to the S. V. Convention at Cleveland. The delegates already elected are: Messrs. Patterson, Hunter, Goodeve, Goodheart, Perkins, McNamara, White, Langfeldt, Carpenter and Howe.

The scheme of bringing the sister colleges together in a series of intercollegiate debates, or in an oratorical contest was informally discussed by the representatives from some of the colleges on Tuesday evening at McMaster University. The societies represented were all in favor of it and something of the kind should be arranged for the coming year. Though recognizing the great advantages of the intercollegiate series of debates, the number of evenings and participants that would be required, especially for the winner,

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readily shows that the oratorical contest in that respect would be more desirable, for it would necessitate but a single evening in which the merits of ten and twelve minute speeches could be judged. It is to be hoped that the matter will be pushed forward by the various colleges, and before the end of the term favorable arrangements completed.

TRINITY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

At the first game in the Inter-Collegiate series last Friday, the Trinity Hockey Team was successful in defeating their opponents from Victoria University by the very creditable score of 10-4. Victoria was without J. Parry on the forward line, and his absence weakened Victoria's forward play. For Trinity, Kiernan, Parmenter, and Lionel King played superior hockey. Their combination was very effective, and it was only Fisher's good goal-keeping that prevented the score from being much larger. Winters and Armstrong were Victoria's mainstays. Mr. Treble of the Toronto Medical School was referee.

The teams lined up as follows:—
Victoria—Fisher, goal; Armstrong, point; Faull, cover; Sharpe, Winters, Dobson, Gilpin, forwards.

Trinity—Brown, goal; Kiernan, point; Halliday, cover; Martin, Thompson, Parmenter, L. King, forwards.

The result may be taken as a good omen for future successes and there seems little doubt that with more practice Trinity team will give a good account of itself in the League.

An interesting time is promised at the meeting of the Medical Society, on Tuesday night, when Dr. J. A. Temple will address the Society on the subject of "The Victorian Order of Nurses." Dr. Britton of the Ontario Medical Council will also speak.

"Doc" Hutton has just arrived back at the College from the Klondike. His musical whiskers are attracting considerable attention among the scientific men at Trinity.

There is much waving of arms and loud talk about the corridors concerning the approaching Provincial elections. "Bob" Palmer has been chosen leader of the opposition.

TOO FRESH BY ONE-HALF.

SENIORS, AT M'MASTER TRY A FRESHMAN ON THIS SCORE—FUN AT THE TRIAL.

One of the senior's rooms at McMaster Hall was the scene of an intensely interesting, yet very solemn trial last Thursday evening. A certain freshman known as O'Flaherty was brought before the august body of seniors, to answer to serious charges of being too fresh by one half. As a rule, a certain license is granted to these young gentlemen, but often this license is shamefully abused, and then it becomes necessary to find some means of quenching their youthful ardor. This was the case last Thursday evening. O'Flaherty had time and again displayed a tendency to give his "views" on things, and in many other ways exhibited a precociousness which is always to be frowned upon by his superiors. He never seemed to realize the mistake he was making, and this fact may account in some measure for the light sentence which the court passed on him.

The scene at the opening of the court was a solemn one. Judge W. P. Cohoe, B.A., was on the bench, and a thrill of horror shot through the room as he glared savagely at the culprit before him. Few thought that he would give the case to the jury at all. They felt rather that he would impose the sentence directly. The terror-stricken aspect of the defendant however, seemed to soften the judge's heart a bit, and the trial went on. F. Brophy, Q.C., acted as prosecuting attorney. In his opening remarks he set forth the charges named in the complaint—to wit—that the said O'Flaherty had been found guilty of being too fresh by one half. The learned counsel also stated the limitation of the law regarding the freshness of freshmen. He cited innumerable instances which he felt assured would prove conclusively that the defendant had exceeded the limitation by at least one half. He then called several witnesses to the stand in the Crown's behalf. All of the said witnesses were seniors. This fact gave rise to dire suspicions in the minds of many of the spectators. A freshman was heard to grumble and remark—"This looks like a conspiracy." He was immediately thrown out the window.

All the witnesses for the prosecution testified that they had frequently noted how fresh the defendant was. They related instances in proof of this. One of the witnesses, a fellow whom one would take to be more considerate, testified that on one occasion he heard the defendant attempt to crack a joke. At the mention of this, a wave of indignation swept over the senior quarter of the room, and for a moment it looked as if O'Flaherty's life was in danger. The court constables, however, soon suppressed the uprising.

After all the witnesses for the prosecution

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had been examined, Attorney P. G. McGregor arose in behalf of the defendant. He started off by flatly denying that the defendant had exceeded the limitness of allowable freshness by one half. He also denied that the prosecution had proven its case. In view of these denials he would ask that the defendant be discharged. The court frowned. The trial continued. Among the witnesses for the defence was a bright lad who stated that he was present on the occasion when the defendant cracked the joke referred to by the witness for the prosecution. He thought the joke was a good one. He had repeated it several times since himself (hisses from the seniors). In cross-examination he stated that he believed the seniors did not know a good joke when they heard it. (Murmurs of approval from freshmen quarter.) Several more witnesses testified in like manner. They thought that while the defendant had proven himself a great deal fresher than themselves, he had not, however, exceeded the law by one half. After an earnest appeal by the counsel for the defence the case was given to the jury. The jury deliberated several minutes. When they reached an agreement the foreman stated to the court that, much as they regretted, they were unable to find the defendant guilty of the charge, in toto. They found that sufficient testimony was wanting to prove the defendant guilty of being too fresh by one half. They found, however, that he had exceeded the law by one quarter, and would ask that such sentence be passed on the defendant as might protect the seniors from such an infliction in the future. The learned judge was angered at this verdict and displayed his wrath by suspending sentence on the defendant. This unexpected turn of affairs was greeted with cheers by the freshmen, who immediately clustered about their comrade and congratulated him on his fortunate escape.

In the course of the trial much damaging evidence came out against several other freshmen who may be brought to trial in the near future. The seniors are determined to suppress this intolerable tendency of freshmen, and will stop at no expense to have their rights preserved.

NOTES OF THE TRIAL.

Judge Cohoe was severe but fair.

Constable Wood had great difficulty in controlling the defendant, O'Flaherty.

It has transpired that the court has ordered O'Flaherty to rise every morning at seven o'clock for the rest of the term.

McMASTER UNIVERSITY.

At the McMaster Lit Friday night the subject of debate was: Resolved, That the Southern Elective System is preferable to the present year system. Messrs. Cross and La-Flair spoke on the affirmative side, while Messrs. Emerson and Phipps upheld the negative. All the speakers displayed a wide knowledge of the subject and presented their arguments clearly and forcibly. Mr. Phipps' speech especially was very able. Dr. Newman acted as critic. The affirmative side won.

McMaster men and the Dents came together on the ice Friday afternoon and gave a beautiful exhibition of hockey playing. The game throughout was swift and abounded in brilliant plays. Schutt and Baker carried off the honors for McMaster and Elliott for the Dents. In the course of the game Sayles met with quite a severe accident. In a collision he lost two teeth and fractured his arm. Guyatt also was injured. The Dents won, 3-3. The following men composed McMaster's team: Forwards, Sayles, Guyatt, Simpson, Schutt; Cover, Imrie (first half) and Sprague (last half); Point, Baker; Goal, Phipps.

The McMaster rink is one of the best in town. Hereafter there will be a band in attendance every Friday evening.

To-day the II. team plays the Dents II.

At the Tensionian Club this week a debate will be held on the question: Resolved, that the war on the North-West frontier of India is not justifiable. The sides will be, affirmative, Messrs. H. E. Jordan, '00, and R. E. Sayles, '01; negative, Messrs. J. A. Faulkner, '00, and Mr. Eohlin, '01.

At the Lit meeting last week a committee was appointed to arrange for inter-college oratorical contests.

John Vichert made a great speech at the temperance meeting in the pavilion Sunday.

Miss Armstrong and J. G. Brown are delegates to the Student Volunteer Convention to be held in Cleveland.

The mysterious suicide on the top flat last week is still shrouded in mystery.

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