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## THEATRE NIGHT PROFITABLE

### Balance of \$300 Handed Over to Parliament

Those who strained and struggled on the rail of the second balcony of the Royal Alex. for a whole evening hissing scorn and denunciation, through the falling confetti, on the heads of the blissful fusers in the pit, never realized, any more than did the aristocrats below, the labour which the evening entailed to those in charge. The Theatre Night committee have just wound up the business and their report is fully prepared. This year a great number of difficulties had to be encountered (all of which played a serious part . . .) militant to the success of the enterprise.

1. The date for the holding of Theatre Night this year coming as it did at the last of the week was a serious menace to the financial success of the evening on account of various other functions, examinations, etc., Election week seemed to this house, the most satisfactory week for holding the Night. This of necessity threw the date at the latter end of the week and consequently made financial arrangements with the theatre management a more difficult proposition, since Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday are usually good paying nights for theatres a percentage basis could not be arrived at and consequently a block price was necessary.

This year the arrangement was made whereby the committee paid the Theatre \$1,300. for the whole seating capacity. This precludes all profits until this sum and an additional amount for running expenses is exceeded.

In order to do this practically the whole Orchestra must be sold and this is difficult when you consider the treatment which those sitting below receive. For these reasons the committee recommend that Theatre Night be held at the first of the week, Monday or Tuesday, and that if possible a percentage basis presumably 25% be arranged upon. This may be secured if the Night is held at the first of the week.

False prudence restrained a large number from securing seats in the orchestra owing to the behaviour in the top gallery the preceding year, and the sale of these seats was difficult even to outsiders owing to the alarmist columns in the city press, which do not fairly and equitably present University news to the public.

There is also a matter about which there seems to be some doubt in the undergraduate mind, namely the arrangement of the sale price of the tickets.

The play presented by the Theatre Management was at the advanced price

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## '13 SKATING PARTY

### Juniors Indulge In Refined Orgie at Aura Lee

"Hence, loathed Melancholy," quoth the University College Junior as he buckled on his skates at Aura Lee Monday evening. "Yet once more, O my lady and once more," as he marked crosses on her dance card. And then the eats and after that again the polished floor. There is an air of romance about the Aura Lee dancing rooms. Looking from the windows one can imagine that he is gazing from some Alpine height upon a distant valley. There are the lights of a village in the distance—but you know its only a skating rink, and get back to earth. Shall I say that all the men were handsome, that all the girls were queens? Shall I tell how smooth was the floor, how more than smooth the music? And how the night cars ran once an hour and scrupulously avoided connections—as usual? Or shall I simply say that it was the most brilliant University function of the year? You may take your choice.

Dr. Eakin, of the staff in Philosophy, was the guest of the class. Messrs. Beaton and Dales, with Miss Von Lunton and Miss DeGuerre acted as committee.

## CARNIVAL AT RINK

### Ten Prizes Awarded—Contestants Are Numerous and Costumes Excellent

The Varsity carnival was a brilliant success in every way. Despite the fact that it took place on the evening of the coldest day in Toronto for seventeen years the thermometer was no register of the spirit of the crowd present.

To begin with the rink was a blaze of color and many and varied were the costumes which added color and zest to the scene. The decorations were transported from the gym. where, on the previous evening they had graced the scene of the School dance. Pike and Co., the decorators were induced to rent their well-known seven strings of beautiful pennants, and these were stretched across the rink radiating from the centre. Besides this the poles and south hockey cushion were tastily decorated with white and blue bunting.

Of the costumes some were funny. The "leap year tramp" and the suffragette who, by the way was Toronto's champion fancy skater took turns amusing the crowd not to speak of the Irishmen and clowns. Some very artistic and original costumes were entered in the historic and novel classes, the latter class with some fifteen entries giving the judges some difficulty to decide between the eventual prize winners and such costumes as "college spirit," "butterfly," "night," "freshette," "M. De Champs," etc.

The following is a list of the prize winners:

**Historic**—Ladies 1. Queen of Diamonds, Miss Hickling; 2. Valentine, Miss K. Gooderham. Gentlemen 1. Romeo, F. J. Spratt; 2. Mexican, F. Robertson.

**Novel**—Ladies 1. Winter, Miss Coster; 2. Jap Lady, Miss Wiseman. Gentlemen 1. Hunter V. Sifton; 2. Leap Year Tramp, D. C. Liddell.

**Comic**—Gentlemen 1. Irishman, F. E. Robinson; 2. Pierrot, Dr. Rolph.

The next event at the rink will likely be an exhibition of fancy skating.

## EASY VICTORY

Varsity Senior Inter-Collegiates easily put away the first game in their tour of American cities when Monday night at New York they took the Wanderers, leaders of the New York Amateur Hockey league into camp to the tune of 8-1. Though the result was one-sided the score does not fairly represent the strength of the rival teams.

A large holiday crowd witnessed the game and saw the Canadians put up a able demonstration of hockey. Apparently the Manhattan Islanders' reports of Varsity's hockey prowess had been secured from agency which would be a credit to Podunk's Corners—or Hamilton. Whether this was the cause or no the Wanderers started the game using several understudies to their best men, but this method of procedure was soon changed as a result of several goals secured by Varsity in the first spasms of the contest.

From this on Wanderers "champions of the New York Amateur League" trotted out the best that Gotham could produce. It was all in vain however, and Varsity still kept the sign boy busy hanging up the tallies.

Parker's work in goal was a revelation to the dwellers along the Great White Way. Wanderers tried in vain to get past His Nibs for more than one tally. Hauley and German were particularly brilliant. Only two penalties were inflicted, both of which were against Toronto scoring.

The Varsity line-up—Goal, Parker; Point, Hanley; Cover, German; Rover, Webster; Centre, Strome, Clarkson; Left, Caldwell, Calton; Right Blakeslee.

THE OLD STORY.—"Had every cent taken last night. Woke up hearing some one in the room. Reached under the pillow for my revolver, but didn't shoot."

"Why didn't you?"

"I'd probably be a widower if I had."

—Judge.

## MR. WALDRON'S ADDRESS

The meeting of the Modern Language Club on Monday was unusually interesting, in that the feature of prominence was an address by Mr. Gordon Waldron, an old Varsity graduate. Mr. Waldron, in his usual happy view, gave a most interesting address on Professor Goldwin Smith, "Toronto's Grand Old Man."

The speaker's treatment of his subject was most sympathetic and instructive, and was greatly enjoyed by the audience an unusually large proportion of the staff being present. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Waldron for his address. Professors Alexander, Squair and Needler contributing to the interest of the meeting in well-chosen little speeches. It is the intention to have Mr. Waldron's speech published in one of the University periodicals.

## ORILLIA WINS STRENUOUS GAME

### Beat Juniors by One Goal—Lead on Round by 14-8

In one of the most exciting games of the season, Orillia beat the Juniors on Monday night at Excelsior rink by the narrow margin of one goal. The score at full-time was 5-4 and at the intermission was two all. The visitors were as speedy a team as have performed on local ice this season, had a fair combination and were good stick-handlers; but out of dozens of shots, could get only five goals past Armstrong. The latter's play was easily the feature of the evening. He got them from all angles and distances, and the train load of Orillia rooters who had taken advantage of this opportunity to get away from that local option town, were no less vociferous in their applause than the students themselves.

It was a whirlwind exhibition from the moment Caldwell first blew his whistle, and incidentally no referee this season has made a better impression. He caught all the offside and used great judgment in handling the players. Seven penalties were inflicted, totalling 16 minutes—6 minutes against Varsity (Sinclair, Gouinlock 2) and 10 for Orillia.

The Northerners scored the first two goals in both halves and Varsity tied up the score both times, Gouinlock and Reynolds securing a goal apiece in each period. The winning goal was secured a few minutes before time was called. "Lovey" Jupp making a sensational rush from centre ice and scoring from close range.

The Orillia supporters had come down confident that their "Youngers" would win out by two or three goals but found the Varsity supporters equally confident and succeeded in placing a number of wagers, chiefly for small sums.

"Heine" Bryce, the popular secretary of the Union, afforded no little amusement by dropping his glasses from the balcony. They lay on the ice for four or five minutes but were not damaged. And some fair "fanette", probably out of sympathy with Heine dropped her precious box of chocolates. But they hadn't the same good fortune as the "pince-nez."

The Orillia boys were entertained at supper afterwards and carried away an excellent impression of the hospitality of the Hockey Club.

The teams were:  
Varsity—Goal, Armstrong; Point, Clarkson; Cover, Boulter; Rover, Reynolds; Centre, Milne; Left, Gouinlock; Right, Sinclair.

Orillia—Goal, N. Cooke; Point, R. Cooke; Cover, McNab; Rover, Mohan; Centre, Butterfield; Left, Thornton; Right Jupp.

## GLEE CLUB

Final arrangements have been made by the Glee Club executive for a trip to be made to Orillia on March 1st. The members of the club are to leave Toronto Friday evening and to return by special train Saturday morning. The expenses of the trip throughout have been satisfactorily arranged and members will not be called upon to expend anything for the trip.

## U. C. 4—VICTORIA 1

### Women's Hockey Match Proves Interesting and Amusing

For the second time this season, University College defeated Victoria in the Women's Inter-Faculty Hockey series. The score on a former occasion was 2-1; yesterday it was 4-1.

The game was featured by many of those pleasing incidents that have characterized such contests in the past. Only 6 Varsity players showed up at first and the respective captains and referee were on the horns of a quandary—to play or not to play without her. After some 35 minutes of rapid deliberation, they decided to proceed. By this time Miss Hunter had arrived and a second series of negotiations ensued. Would she be allowed to play? She would and did.

Again, at half time, one of the Vic players decided to exercise her undoubted prerogative to contribute to the P.M.'s amusement. She determined to have her skates sharpened. And another went in to the Hall to have a cup of tea. While the others went off to get photographed. It was some time. Thirty-five minutes of actual play between 3 and 5 o'clock.

The half-time score was 1-0, Miss Hunter scoring on one of those sky-scrapers she raised so frequently. The next goal was secured by Miss Fairbairn, after a spectacular rush through the entire Vic team. The other two goals were scored by Miss Hunter on very neat plays, both being hard shots. Immediately following a face-off near the Vic. nets. Miss Armstrong was responsible for Vic's lonely count just before time was up.

Jimmy Clarke had to work overtime in his strenuous efforts to keep the game clean. Miss Fairbairn was banished three times, Miss Murphy and Miss Thomas once. The nice, clean, gentlemanly play of Victoria was in sharp contrast, the latter drawing not a single penalty.

Miss Denne was injured in the second half from a blow on the head and was forced to retire.

The teams were:  
Varsity—Goal, Miss Cameron; Point, Miss Barry; Cover, Miss Fairbairn; Rover, Miss Hunter; Left, Miss Murphy; Right, Miss Thomas.

Victoria—Goal, Miss Hamar; Point, Miss Kettlewell; Cover, Miss Cuthbertson; Rover, Miss Porte; Centre, Miss Armstrong; Right, Miss Burns; Left, Miss Denne.

## FUTURE STARS PERFORM

Inter-year athletics was supplemented Monday afternoon, when a team of '14 Electrical Engineers played '14 Chemical Engineers, in a friendly but decidedly strenuous game of hockey. Every man of Class '14 Chem. Engin.'s was out and played (except one)—a strong rebuke to those, who hold that University athletics are only indulged in by the representative few. The line-up and score:

Electricals (5)—Goal, Hopkins; Point, Kerr; Cover, Mills; Rover, Cavers; Right, Bemrose; Centre, Edwards; Left, Tillson;

Chemicals (4)—Goal, Hooley; Point, Morrison; Cover, Acton; Rover, Samson; Right, Candee; Centre, Milligan; Left, Sime.

Referee—Campbell.

## ELECTRICAL CLUB

The Electrical Club will hold their usual meeting on Thursday eve, 15th at 8 p.m. in the C. and M. building. The speaker will be Mr. J. M. Barr of the City Waterworks Department. His talk will be on the Waterworks system of this city. Mr. Barr has had a wide experience in this branch of engineering and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

The excursion of the Electrical Club to the Canadian General Electric Co.'s shops at Peterborough will take place on Friday. The train leaves at 9 a.m. on the C.P.R. Those wishing to go can obtain the necessary information from Mr. De Guerre at the 4th yr. Electrical Lab. Eng. Bldg.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Don't forget that there is a band every night at Varsity Rink (weather permitting) and that season tickets are on sale at half price, for the rest of the season.

An open meeting of the Victoria Literary Society will be held on Saturday evening, when Mr. Currely will deliver an address on "Student Life in the East."

The preliminary contests for the University fencing championship will be held in the Gym on Monday, the nineteenth of February at four o'clock.

Entries for the Inter-faculty Boxing and Wrestling tournament close tomorrow and must be handed in at Dr. Barton's office. Candidates must weigh in Saturday morning after 10.

Lest we forget! All holders of locker keys in the Gym. are reminded of the elections for secretary-treasurer and assistant-secretary of the Rugby Club in the Students' Union, Thursday afternoon.

A meeting of the Class of 1915, University College will be held in the West Hall to-morrow at 4.30. All members of the class are earnestly requested to be present. The Class pin for the best Class yell will be presented at this meeting.

The Annual meeting of the University College Y.M.C.A. is called for Thursday, February 15, in Room 11. All reports for the year will be given, and nominations made for next year's Executive. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance of U.C. men.

The orchestra will play at this afternoon's general meeting of the Engineers. There will be no practices, but every member is requested to be on hand at 3.45 sharp this afternoon, in C. 22, to discuss important business before the meeting.

An open meeting of the University College Student Volunteer Band will be held in the common room of Wycliffe College, on Sunday February 18th, at 9.30 a.m. An address will be given by Dr. Margaret Patterson, who has been for some time in India, and who has earned a high reputation as a speaker.

## COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 15—Trinity Glee Club.
- 16—Queen's Hall Dance.
- 17—Interfaculty Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing Tournament.
- 19—St. Hilda's Dance.
- 19—Hya Yaka Dance (Dental College).
- 20—Applied Science Y. M. C. A. Dinner.
- 20—Class 1915 U.C. Skating Party.
- 22—Glee Club Concert.
- 23—Indoor Track Tournament.
- 23—Victoria Senior Reception
- 24—Intercollegiate Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing Tournament.
- 26—Medical Daffydil Night.
- 26—Modern Language Club, Italian and Spanish Comedies.
- 26—I.C.D.U. Final Debate, Osgoode vs. McMaster
- 26—U.C. Graduating Class Dinner.
- 27—University Oratorical Contest.
- 29—Trinity Oratorical Contest.
- 29—Indoor Track Meet (Second Day).
- Mar. 1—Assault-at-Arms.
- 1—Victoria Senior Dinner
- 5—Robert Knowles, West Hall

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## THEATRE NIGHT

Theatre Night Committee has returned a surplus of over three hundred dollars to the Parliament.

This is a strong crutch for a body which is financially crippled, but in many minds the justifiability of this annual institution has been severely questioned. The revenue comes from a surtax on already exorbitant ticket prices, and is paid by a few, only, of the undergraduate body. It is with the spirit of the audience on the evening, however, that greatest fault is to be found. This year there was not a great deal of unpleasantness; last year there was more than we really care to admit.

Theatre Night is always liable to miscarry. We can not go to the play of the Committee's choosing in a spirit of sober criticism, naturally, for the event would be in no wise distinguished from any other trip to the Royal Alexandra, and an "occasion" is what we definitely expect. When we get our new Union and its theatre we shall be able to produce "legitimate" plays artistically ourselves, and reap the benefit which it is quite impossible to expect from Theatre Night at the present time.

The play which we attend must be light, or there is incongruity. Unfortunately the ideas of fun in the "gods" can never coincide with those of the actors. We unjustly try to introduce a new style of comedy which is as distasteful to the actors as to every other individual in the house.

There is no one who will seriously defend the provincialism displayed in our student audience. It should not be present at any time, but most certainly it should be absent when we are guests of a professional company, interested in their art. On the other hand, there is undoubtedly room for an event which will allow the spirit of good wholesome mirth to run free.

The remedy lies, in the opinion of The Varsity, in the amateurization of Theatre Night. In the University of Pennsylvania and many other universities in the United States there are dramatic clubs which provide every year a musical comedy or farce written by students and acted by the men of the university. The fun is extravagant, for the play usually takes the form of a burlesque on student life. There is always plenty of music and dancing, provided by "mixed" ballets of male students under the direction of the professional coach who has charge of the production. The success of the affair may be judged from the fact that the Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania last year made twelve presentations in the largest Eastern cities during the Christmas vacation.

Something of this nature is badly needed in Toronto University. We have yet to develop an "individuality" in our audiences.

The interestedness in our football games can be transferred, we feel sure, to theatricals. If we place the latter on the same basis as the former; i.e., produce them ourselves. It would develop talent, transfer the fun-making from the "gods" to the stage, and also produce a revenue far beyond that which we now reap.

It is to be hoped that the committee of the Parliament which is at work on the question will be able to develop a plan which will give us an amateur play next year.

## ONLOOKER'S CORNER

Greetings to my Valentines all! To-day you will go about friendly. You will forget that you detest certain block-heads, and despise certain eye-shifters. You will give 'em the benefit of a doubt and imagine there is an arrow through each of their hearts.

Perhaps. Certainly you will not if you are the same to-day as you were yesterday and on Christmas day and on each of the twelve nights. You will still entertain your animosities. You will still present a front of fine Canadian horse-hide to all sentiment of holy day spirit. You may smile as you open some broad envelope. But at noon to-day, except you be a lover, you will have forgotten what dainty paper is next your heart.

Arbor for this month deals with Valentine misses in such a way, that were it not for the fact that the writer evidently reads Elia, I would be disagreeable. When a man speaks of Valentine's day in words reminiscent of the divine Charlie, there is something lovable about him. In fact, if Arbor had done more than merely suggest the connection between C. Lamb and holiday spirit, it would have taken a great step towards introducing that spiritual heaven, which all agree in calling the one thing needful. Last Wednesday was Dickens' centenary; last Saturday was Lamb's birthday; but I didn't see anyone reading Chap. XVI of Dombey and Son, nor the essay on Chimney Sweeps. So let us make up for it, by resolving, before our blood has ceased its lively circulation from our walk down, to borrow from the Library the essays of Elia, or the letters of Elia, or those two delightful volumes of anecdotal biography of Lamb, by E. V. Lucas. And when All Fool's Day arrives, we will be prepared.

THE ONLOOKER.

## HABITUAL HIGH-BROW



There was a gloomy, foreboding air about the corridors when I arrived, en route for the Fourth Year Reception. Off with my great coat in Room 11, up the dark dark stairway and I was shaking the hand of the dignified President while the Man at the Door bellowed out "Mr. Highbrow" after the fashion of a base-ball umpire calling the last strike. I couched my elbows for burrowing purposes (a method born of Freshman Reception crowds)—when, looking around me, I could not but gasp. *There was no crowd.*

Horror of Horrors! could I be early? But an orchestra in one corner of the great room was tuning up, and as my eyes grew accustomed to the brightness—I made out a group of men and women well up toward the central palm-cluster seemingly engaged in conversation along philosophical or perhaps metaphysical lines. An air of almost ghostly quiet hung over the scene and I tip-toed involuntarily as I crossed the floor.

From a sheltered cozy-corner afar off there arose a half-smothered laugh which echoed to the tower and died away. It was one of the fifty-seven officers of the first year, who had captured one of his fifty-six co-officers, and borne her thither; even their spontaneous gaiety could not thrive in such a place.

The orchestra swung into a waltz measure; I slunk to the door and crept away. "This is not College Life"—as I jabbed viciously for my overcoat sleeves; "I must seek elsewhere."

## CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:  
Frequently in reading your paper I have noticed the word "Varsity" used as meaning University College. This was particularly called to my attention by the heading of the St. Hilda's University College ladies hockey match. The headline ran thus: St. Hilda's 4-Varsity 0. Now I presume the match was between St. Hilda's and University College. If this was the case, then, in my humble estimation, the word "Varsity" was used incorrectly. I have always entertained the belief that Varsity meant Toronto University as a whole.  
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if this be the case, I will be much obliged if some one will inform me of the correct application of the word. At present, however, I am inclined to persevere in my original views and would suggest that, whereas there is always a right and a wrong way of doing things, the undergraduates of the University of Toronto should choose the former course. But let us have some information on this subject.

A. S.

[A.S. is quite right. Varsity applies only to the University of Toronto as a whole but in writing headlines it is rather difficult to achieve the requisite brevity and still be punctiliously correct. We would like to point out that the phrase 'Toronto University' used by A. S. is incorrect. This institution is the University of Toronto.—Editor.]

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:  
In answer to that armchair hero who signs himself V.H.P. in your last issue and calls soldiers "dirty men" and belittles the "Q.O.Rs." to his own glorification, I must say in defence although I am not a member of that smart regiment which is composed of clean and honourable men, I have fought through two hard campaigns and would sooner face danger of any kind with the smallest drummer boy in that fine corps than with this fireside socialist. In conclusion I should like to ask him if he reckons among his dirty men, true heroes like Generals Gordon, and Wolf, and a host of others whose memory will be revered long after his peanut spleen has ceased to croak.

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**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Again comes up the question of ventilation in the North Hall of the Medical Building. On Monday 12-1 the second year were taking a lecture in Geology from Professor Parks. The air was unbearable in every respect and about 12.30 the men began to stamp and show their discomfort in several ways. The genial Prof. could not see their point of view, being away down at the foot of the seats where the air was bearable, and taking for granted that the class was doing its best to annoy him, he took up his papers and walked out of the room. The class wishes, as a whole, to explain to Professor Parks that the only cause of its interruptions was its attempts to get better ventilation and nothing was aimed at either the lecture or the lecturer.

U.C. men will be sorry to hear that one of their number thought so little of his University that he wagered a sum of money with a fellow-student on Monday that Orillia would defeat the Juniors. To add to it is the fact that this same man has at one time played hockey for this University.

Harvey—Paul. Want to buy a double ticket to the Skating Party?  
Goforth—Huh! No! Goin' down to hear Doctor Cook.

Having been licked by the Seniors of the North House the Freshies challenge the Girls Hockey Team to a friendly contest. They think they could beat the Co-eds.

High up on the wall of the Rotunda, in the place where formerly, a visible clock informed the loungers that lectures were due, is now a small round brightness. By using binoculars one may discover that it is a new clock which has been very graciously presented to "the Stock Exchange." We hope that this "watch" is only put up temporarily and that a sudden turn towards practical economy is not the reason for the disappearance of our big clock.

There are two University College men nominated to run for two positions on the executive of the Rugby Club. Chas. Lindsey is aspiring to the secretary-treasureship and J. C. McClelland to that of the assistant secretary-treasureship. Let every locker-holder remember his right to a vote and let us have every vote out for these two U.C. Men. Time—Thursday, 5 p.m. Place—Gymnasium. Men—Lindsey and McClelland.

**VICTORIA COLLEGE**

At "Lit." Saturday evening, in spite of the cold weather a great deal of heat was created over a discussion on "Home Rule for Ireland." Although only three members, Messrs. Greer, Shower and Bishop supported the motion it was carried by a narrow majority. Messrs. Copeland, Reid, Armstrong, Rodd and Buchanan spoke against it.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Athletic Union as to the advisability of installing a piano in the common rooms.

It was announced that next Saturday night would be "Open Lit."—with Mr. Corelli as the chief attraction.

Sleigh rides are quite in vogue at this season. Two were held recently. The Freshmen ending up at a Farmhouse where they had 12 "promenades." The Third Year returned to the college. Wednesday evening the Seniors are planning to celebrate.

The Glee Club was in Hamilton over Sunday—They are expected home to-day.

On Friday afternoon the Modern Language Club held a German Social which was in reality a reception for Mrs. Francis Owen. The charming Bride has already captured the hearts of all the young ladies at the College.

One of the honourable members of the Lit on Saturday evening expressed much dissatisfaction at the scarcity of news in this column. We would like to call his attention to the fact that although the Varsity copy box has been up seven weeks—only one article has been placed therein and that was an unsigned letter which therefore could not be published. And while we are on the subject we would like to ask every one of the fifty-odd organizations in the College what your corresponding secretaries are for? If they can be educated to drop their news item in the box the remedy is found.

**FACULTY OF FORESTRY**

The men who went to the Forestry Association Convention in Ottawa on Wednesday and Thursday last report a huge time. The banquet on Wednesday evening in the House of Commons Restaurant which Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier Borden Gifford Pinchot, ex-Forester to the United States, Dr. Fernow, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. G. E. Foster, Sir Frederick Borden and other eminent men spoke, was an immense success. The fact that all the Varsity Foresters were present at the dinner, through the kindness of Mr. Jas. Lawler, the Secretary of the Association added greatly to the enjoyment of our men.

On Friday all the men visited Booth's and Eddy's mills, and saw the processes of pulp, paper, match paper box and bag wooden ware and indurated fibre ware manufacture.

The Third Year Forestry would like to meet the Fourth Year, at Varsity Field Friday afternoon. See the Notice on the Bulletin Board. The Third Year believe that they can trim any year or a combination of all the other years in Forestry. It should result in some good hockey whoever wins. If you don't play, come and see it.

Don't forget the first of the "First Aid" lectures this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All III and IV Year men should be there.

**APPLIED SCIENCE**

The D.L.S. exams. will be held in the Gym. during this week and next. There are a few of the 4th year men and some old grads. writing their finals. Here's good luck and success to them.

The new organ is being installed in Convocation Hall. Now watch out for the Sophs. dispensing the latest music between lectures.

Some light fingered gent has been showing his affection for street car tickets in the Engineering Building lately. Woe to the gentleman if he is ever caught.

The first of a series of articles, by Mr. C. R. Young of the Engineering Faculty, on "The Principles of Specification and Agreement Writing" appears in the last (Feb. 9) issue of "The Canadian Engineer." Mr. Young is at the present time delivering an optional course of lectures under the same title to the Fourth year men who will no doubt be glad to hear of the whereabouts of a set of good notes. It should be noted, however, that a reading of the first paper indicates that it will not be unprofitable to take in both the articles and the lectures, for, although the subject matter is the same, the treatment is different.

The Canadian Engineer is to be congratulated on having obtained the publication rights of this series. It is not often that they secure articles, such as this, that give evidence of being the result of wide experience, clear exposition, and careful writing. The reading of these papers is recommended to the Science students of all years. The subject of specification writing is an important one in all varieties of engineering work and far too little attention is paid to it.

**WYCLIFFE COLLEGE**

Mr. L. C. Banks acted as critic of the Lit. on Friday last. Here are a few gems from his speech: "There are some things that have been on my chest for a long time, and it seems to me that this is a favourable opportunity to air them."

"I think, gentlemen, that we shall all make progress, in speaking, by the use of our arms."

One of the waitresses from the S.P.S. function on Friday night, was found wandering hopelessly outside Wycliffe. Taylor, on asking if he would be of any assistance, was somewhat staggered by the question "Can you tell me where the University Geranium is?"

The admirers of Mr. Abbot presented him with a book of love poems on the occasion of his fifth birthday, last Thursday. Mr. Cooper was also the recipient of a suitably inscribed gift, to commemorate his natal day. We trust that the "Sorores geminae vociferantes" will always be a source of constant pleasure to him.

**EVENING.**

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## Theatre Night Profitable

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of a \$2 schedule because the comedy presented was of a superior class. The Undergraduates Parliament did not profit by this but contrary to all precedent sold the seats at the same price charged any time during the week. There was only one exception to this. The first two rows in the Gallery were raised from 50c. to 75 c. The committee had a large and notable company of guests for the evening, and such persons lent by their presence a favourable atmosphere to the general success of the evening.

An organized and systematically arranged programme was carried out at the cost of considerable time and money to the committee, for which much credit is due them. In fact this was the one favourable feature of the students programme which the press acknowledged. This entertainment eminently served its purpose of preserving order during a period usually given over to somewhat doubtful conduct.

This year the committee was able to economize considerably on the printing accounts by securing competitive prices on the printing of the programmes.

The marshal system was carried out most successfully. This, however, might be more efficient if tried and experienced men were appointed as the committee was unfortunate in the selection of some of the men but on the whole the general order preserved was excellent.

Suitable decorative effects were obtained by a decorator retained especially for this purpose. The whole rendering a college tone to the event universally appreciated.

The total number of seats occupied theatre night amounted to 3,171 of which 63 were complimentary being dedicated to the various luminaries who were the guests of the university on that occasion. Thirty seven seats were unsold, while forty six were reserved for the press, spot-lights and lanterns (all in one class).

The occasion was not only a huge success from a social standpoint but the finances have also resulted satisfactorily. The financial statement is submitted:

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Sale of seats	\$1746.00
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Royal Alexandra (By cash)	371.75
Incidentals	109.75
	\$1409.75
Balance due Undergraduates	336.25
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## PRAISE FOR VARSITY

The following communication speaks for itself:

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir,—\*\*\* Your paper is splendid this year and speaks well for the energy that has been put into it.

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Yours sincerely,  
JOHN A. STILES.  
Professor of Civil Engineering.

## A Good Story

Rather a good story is being told around Kingston at the expense of Arts '15. It seems that one day last autumn Mr. W. P. O'Meara, the august president of that brilliant year, received a letter from Montreal stating that a meeting was to be held there at an early date to discuss a style of student gown. The letter, in due course was read at one of the year meetings and the president was deputed to represent his class.

On arriving in Montreal he took a cab to the address given, full of ideas about student gowns and conning over the speech with which he hoped to win the plaudits of the gathering. His surprise and chagrin may well be imagined when he found himself dumped at a fourth class hotel on the outskirts of the city with no sign of a committee. He suddenly awoke to the fact that he had been the victim of a well-planned hoax.

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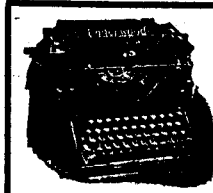
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## APPLIED SCIENCE

Following is list of the more important School functions for the balance of the term:

February 14—Mr. W. H. Boyd will speak before the Engineering Society on Topographical work in the Mountains.

February 28—Sectional Meetings of the Engineering Society.

March 1—F. B. Gilbreth will speak on Costs and Efficiency Engineering.

March 6—Mr. Glaubitz will address the Civil Section.

March 13—Nomination Day.

March 15—Annual Elections.

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First Philosopher: What is matter?  
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Another of the relics of the past, if 1905 can properly be called old, is leaving us, in the form of the observatory at the N.W. corner of the C. and M. Building. This was built in 1905 as a temporary observatory during the removal of the observatory to its present place by the Main Building.

In this respect it may be interesting to quote from an article of Prof. Stewart in the Applied Science of 1905.

"There are possibly some students still in attendance at the School, who have seen the evolution of the astronomical observatory, from a simple stone pillar on which an alt-azimuth could be mounted through the form of a small shed, with a revolving roof, just large enough to contain an observer in addition to the instrument to the present more commodious building. It is to be hoped that the future will witness a still further development into a more substantial building on a more convenient site, as the present building is regarded as only temporary, designed to meet immediate need."

Professor Stewart goes on to describe the aims of the Department: "to afford instruction to students in geodetic astronomy, viz., the precise determination of time, latitude, longitude and azimuth." "The equipment consists of an alt-azimuth a zenith telescope, a transit instrument, an electro-chronograph, an astronomical mean time clock, a sidereal chronometer, and other accessories."

The longitude of the pillar in front of the Physics as determined about 1880 by Professor Caymael of Montreal has been carried up to the new observatory by a triangulation with a difference of 0.0722 seconds of time, which will slightly revise the longitude used in observations."

## SIFTON CUP GAMES

On Tuesday the 20th, the semi-finals of the Sifton Cup series will be played between Dents and Victoria at the Gymnasium—Senior Arts were to have played Dents last Tuesday but due to the fact that two of their men could not play they defaulted the game and so Dents, and Vics. have to fight out the interfaculty championship and the winner of this game will play O.A.C. at a date, to be arranged, for the Sifton Cup.

The Dents have a basket ball floor in their own building, thereby getting lots of practice and are in fine shape. Victoria men are in as good shape but do not have as good a chance to practice.

The game will start at 5 p.m. sharp—Mel Brock will referee. Rooters are expected and provided for. Admission 10 cents. Ladies free.

## ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION

The members of the Women's Literary Society were the guests on Saturday evening of the Alumnae Association of U.C. The programme consisted of a lecture given by Miss Grace Smith on French Music of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries. Miss Smith's talk was much enjoyed, also her delightful rendering of certain selections on the piano.

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