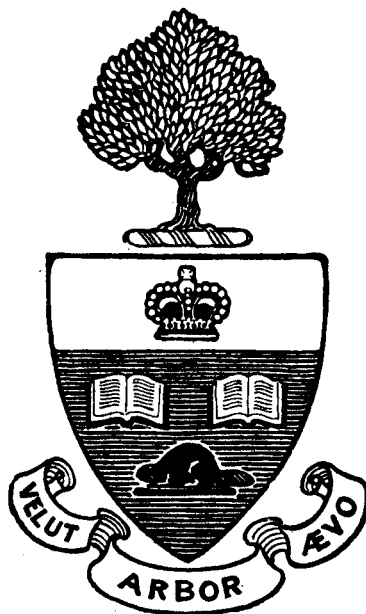
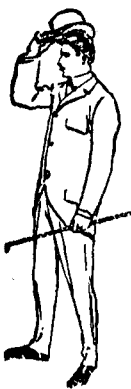


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## American Football From the Spectator's Standpoint

By A. J. MacKenzie

The spectator should not be the most important personage in a game; if it is to serve its purpose, its advantages and attractions should be for the player primarily; the spectator is an incidental, and the more important he becomes the more the player comes to occupy the role of a professional entertainer; nevertheless we must admit that the spectator has acquired a dominant influence in many of our games, and can now justly demand consideration in the determination of the style of the play. The game must "draw" or it is not a success; it has appealed for the support of a public which was at first present only on sufferance and which is now the governing factor.

That a game may be appreciated and supported by the public certain qualities are necessary in the game itself and in the style of the contests; the object to be attained by the players must be readily apparent and the means by which it is attained not too hard to understand; the more it approaches an elemental trial of strength, speed and skill, the more it will appeal to the ordinary uncultivated public, and the greater will be its popularity.

Looked at from this standpoint one would not predict popularity for American football; to the uninitiated it is a game of sheer force, consisting in the pulling and pushing about of the players rather than the advancing of the ball, and the stratagem and tactics are too involved to be readily appreciated, the movements are slow and frequently apparently objectless, and as far from the transparent manoeuvres of baseball and hockey as can well be imagined. And still the game is popular as is attested by the crowds of many thousands who attend the matches, but the reason for this varies according as the spectator is one who knows nothing about the game or one who does. To the first class the features that appeal are the love of a contest, the importance of the matches which one does not wish to miss even if he does not enjoy, the college affiliations and local spirit, the social eclat attaching to the big teams, and the advertising, gratuitous and otherwise which they receive. To those who have played Rugby football or followed it closely, the game appeals from an entirely different standpoint, the perfect training of the participants, the accuracy of their play and movements, the beauty of combined and sustained effort here brought to the highest pitch and the cleverness of the tactics and the means of meeting them make

the whole game such a fascinating problem that one does not miss the more dazzling features of lacrosse or the transparency of the association game.

A big American game is a most interesting spectacle. Reaching the grounds is like going to the Derby, crowded special trains, long strings of equipages, the streets congested with pedestrians all hurrying toward the field arouse expectation to the highest degree. Around the grounds is a great fair, peanut men, lunch stands, fakirs, vendors of flags, flowers and buttons, makers of pools and speculators in seats all do a rushing business. Inside the perfect surface of the "grid-iron" marked with white ten-yard lines is surrounded on all four sides by tiers of seats running to a great height, and filled to the furthest corner with the thirty thousand or more spectators, the majority of whom wear ribbons or flowers and wave pennants showing their allegiance to one or other side. In the centre of each side opposite each other are the "rooters," the students of either college, armed with canes, horns and megaphones, and with a band in the centre, while in front occupying elevated stands are the leaders under one general conductor, who, armed with baton and megaphone, directs the ceremony. This consists of the varied college yells, popular airs and topical songs, in which their opponents are ridiculed and their own heroes lauded. When the teams appear on the field they are greeted with a deafening fanfare, while favorites receive special ovation as they are recognized. At the Yale-Princeton match two years ago, which the writer attended, the whole multitude was a color scheme in blue and orange, while the air everywhere was heavy with the perfume of violets and chrysanthemums. The excitement aroused by these means can easily be imagined and made the experience a memorable one apart from the game itself.

On this occasion the game did not lack in interest; the teams were well matched, though Yale's powerful and ponderous line with their constantly changing mode of attack gradually wore down their lighter opponents, as down after down marked a gain easily apparent on the field-lines, with the ball almost constantly in their possession. Hogan, the Yale captain, a magnificent and powerful athlete, whose name is almost a household word across the line, kept his team always on the offensive, and were it not for the combination of chance and the genius of Dewitt,

captain of Princeton, now equally famous, the Blue would have scored, not an easy but a certain victory. But by two plays that made the game historic, the latter snatched the victory from the home team. In the first half, blocking a drop-kick by bursting through the line he secured the ball and sprinted the length of the field for a touch-down; in the second with three minutes to play and Yale leading, from a mark he kicked a place-kick from the forty-three yard line scoring a goal and changed the sullen despair of the Orange and Black to such a wild orgy of exaltation as can be better imagined than described.

The writer has followed Canadian football for ten years and knows most of the famous matches, but never saw anything so exciting or brilliant as that game, and can easily understand that the rational criticism as to the uninteresting character of the game can have little effect in changing the allegiance of the American public who view the game from the spectator's standpoint. The question of the brutality and the danger of the combats is quite another matter, and without doubt are tending to alienate the support of the best classes of the public, but this is not so apparent from a seat in the grandstand as in the results the day after.

A. J. MacKenzie.



### THE UNION DANCE

Those who were at the union dance on Friday night did not need to wait for the appearance of Varsity this week to find that it was successful, with all the meaning of that word when applied to a dance. The popularity of the union dance as a fixture was shown by the large number in attendance, and the forethought of the executive in providing both the East and the West Hall for dancing purposes was justified. The large number of guests indeed made it impossible to accommodate all at once in the Dining Hall at the supper hour, and some, shivering from the walk in the open, were forced to "stand and wait" outside the door. Such little things, however, were allowed to detract nothing from the spirit of the evening. No one was disposed to offer criticism for the arrangements had been most carefully made by the executive, and the fact that there were so many present only proved how popular was the dance. Guests were received at the union and the ladies seemed delighted to get a look at the rooms of which they hear so much.

Dancing began shortly before nine o'clock and was kept up till—but no one ever mentions the time when a dance breaks up. Two orchestras from the band of the 48th Highlanders furnished the music. Credit for the success of the evening is due the officers of the Union, and especially due to the energetic secretary, Mr. Geale Hewson. Mr. Hewson worked hard and faithfully—which is a way he has. All undergraduates who have the interests of the Union at heart owe Mr. Hewson a debt of gratitude, not only for the conduct of the dance, but for his work for the Union throughout the year. The patronesses of the dance were Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Reeve, Miss Salter and Miss Cartwright.

### THAT OYSTER SUPPER

The dogs of war were unleashed at Varsity on Tuesday night, and for several hours all the incidents and accompaniments of a siege were enacted around the Dining Hall. The cause of all the strenuousness was the supper tendered to the class of '08 by the freshmen, in pursuance of the old custom. The men of '07 felt that it was a manifest injustice that the sophs. should enjoy the repast for which they as sophs. had hungered in vain last year, and they set themselves to see that no second year man partook.

The plans of the conspirators were well laid, and when the guests assembled to the banquet they found the doorway of the Dining Hall blocked by the hordes of '07, while the barbaric yell resounded through the corridors. For many of the men of '08 the sound of that yell was enough, and regretfully turning their back on the feast, they made off without further investigation. The more valiant members of the class, however, pushed boldly among the hostile men of '07, and then the plot thickened rapidly. The red ink flowed plentifully, and it was with vivid complexions that a few of the men of valor finally entered the banquetting hall, while the remainder, seeing the fate of their fellows, barricaded themselves in the Union, or spread over the grounds. No attempt was made by the invaders to molest the men of '09—as yet.

Then the rumor spread that the executive of the freshmen class had promised not to admit the men of '08 so long as they themselves were unmolested. How the word originated it is impossible to say, as the president of the year denies all knowledge of any such statement, while the sentiments of the guestless host was certainly opposed to any such measure.

The invaders were, however, filled with ire, when through back windows, and side doors sundry stragglers of '08 were admitted. Bucketfuls of cold water from upper windows precipitated the climax and an attack was directed on the front door. Before the valor of '07 and their allies, the freshmen were driven back, and the invaders had penetrated to the heart of the citadel, otherwise the dining hall, when peace-makers appeared in the person of Professors McLennan and McGregor Young, who plunging into the midst of the fray, speedily separated the combatants.

The invaders having been constrained to abandon their hard-earned position, the banquet proceeded after hearty cheers for the peacemakers.

Altogether about 70 freshmen and some dozen sophs., sat down to the belated supper, and despite the previous trouble, it was thoroughly enjoyed. The usual songs were sung, the usual toasts proposed and answered.

Throughout all the stirring doings, the Beadle was safely caged in his room, having been barred in at the commencement of hostilities, nor was he released, until two policemen appeared on the scene.

It is rumored that there is a proposal on foot among the classes of '08 and '09 to place a tablet in the Dining Hall to the honor of Miss Kenny, the cook, who with her strong right arm discomfited five mighty men of valor of the class of '07, who on the night of the Freshmen-Soph. Banquet, had penetrated into the kitchen of the Dining Hall, with nefarious designs on the soup.

## THE ATHLETIC PROBLEM

T. J. Meek's letter in last week's issue of the Varsity, if it comes too late in the season to remedy the spirit shown by Toronto in the fall athletics, comes not untimely. Being from a graduate, who looks back upon his Alma Mater from contrasting environments, it gives a definite note to the incessant clamor which has arisen among our undergraduates for some definite action to improve the showing of our Esprit de Corps in athletic contests. The College Rugby season is at an end, with Toronto gloriously victorious, and through it all she is silent and demure, and accepts her laurels in the same faint-hearted, listless manner in which a gladiator might, who realizes that though victor of the arena he is but a slave. Are Toronto students indifferent alike to victory and defeat? Individually no, collectively yes. I have yet great faith in the loyalty of our students and believe they have within them true-hearted patriotism for old Varsity, but what we lack is an organization, which will make that spirit a unity.

But we have an organization. The Athletic Directorate represents the athletic interests of the University, and at that door (and rightly) Mr. Meek would lay the blame for the laxity of athletic spirit in Toronto. The present writer is not an athlete, and has only that interest in athletics which comes from his love for the University, and his realization of the importance of athletics in University life. To such an one the Directorate is some silent body whose voice is only heard at the admission wicket. Vague rumors also float about that the financial interests of the Association are always placed in the balance of its deliberations, and very often tip the scale even when truly student interests are in the opposing pan.

But be that as it may can any one doubt that Toronto students would exhibit as intense loyalty to our heroes as any other University if we were organized in the same definite way. Our teams steal away to match their strength with "foreign foes in foreign cities," they fight their battles and win their victories, and scores of our students never know until they see the report in the sporting column of the city papers or Varsity. When we play upon our own grounds, the solitary student takes his place in the "crush" for tickets, and scrambles for his seat among city-urchins and civilians, and listens with a heartache to small groups of his fellows, who happen to get together here and there, raising a pitiful discordant clamor, as they try to give the yell of one of the world's large Universities.

We have one more chance this season—the game for the Canadian championship. Here, if anywhere, the force and utility of student spirit and rooting should be shown, and the students of Toronto will expect their Athletic Directorate to awake to the fact that they represent and are responsible for student interests, and theirs alone are to be considered, even above the aesthetic pleasure that body may feel in fondling swollen money bags, much of whose contents is blood-money for the betrayal and sacrifice of the very interests which it represents.

Alan Marten, '07.

## Poems That Will Not Live

## THE SOPHOMORE GRADUATES

'Twas in a class of medicos  
This tale took place as each one knows  
Or if he don't your scribe now tells  
Of how they sported cap and bells,  
And played the fool in ways unmatched  
By country chickens ere their eggs were hatched.

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These budding embryo physicians  
Could quote the theory of incisions,  
And look quite boldly on cadavers  
Without internal squirms and quavers  
And knew dissecting's only cuts and slashes  
And language streaked with phosphorescent dashes.

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This lore they learned in two short years,  
And more, that weeping causes tears,  
That fire is hot and ice is cold,  
And cocci make their nest in mould.  
In short, so well they knew each bottle,  
They thought they had their M.B. by the throttle.

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And so they hied them like the lambs they were  
Unto the shop of a photographer  
And bade him take at one and fifty per  
The face of each some day practitioner.  
My little lambs, 'tis right to think each lambkin  
Will own some day, D.V., a snowy sheepskin,  
But oh, the lambs that lose their fleece in May,  
The little throats that bleat their lives away,  
When cruel hounds do chase and butchers slay!

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## THEN AND NOW

Of old the priests sweet incense to the gods  
Did burn, and swung with rev'rent chant  
Their censers, joying praises to descant  
Of those immortal beings at whose nods,  
Great states and cities tottered to their fall,  
And at whose wanton hest a myriad souls  
Of heroes all untimely paid their tolls  
On that dread ferry to the stygian hall.  
Let me those mortals of undying fame  
Whose thoughts still live although their frames  
be mould,  
Whose music sounds though crumbled be their  
lyre,  
Let me aye feed their sacrificial flame  
With incense ev'n more fragrant than of old,  
Crown them with smoke-wreaths from my black-  
ened brier. J. L. L.

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A lady, sending a green servant to answer the door-bell, said: "If anybody asks if I am in, give an evasive answer." The servants soon returned. "Who was it?" asked the mistress. "A gentleman who wanted to see you, ma'am, and I gave him an evasive answer." "What did you say?" "I asked him if his grandmother was a monkey."—Buffalo Express.

## A SURVEYOR'S YARN

It was a typical Northern Ontario summer day in the latter part of August 189--. The atmosphere was clear, cool and bracing, and merely to be out in the open breathing the keen, invigorating air made one feel glad to be alive. There were five of us comprising Johnston's construction party on the Bruce Mines Railway in Algoma. We had been down all morning at Muskrat Creek measuring a ballast pit, and were taking advantage of an "up" work train to reach the "end of steel," where track-laying had been suspended until our engineer had laid out a trestle across a small ravine.

We were proceeding slowly over the unballasted track, and had just reached Brigg's siding, where three cars of steel had to be dropped off before the train went up to the end of the line with two cars of trestle timber. The train was composed of seven cars, four behind, and three in front of the engine. The train crew had just got the three cars of rails uncoupled on the siding, when Wilkinson, of our party, shouted that the two cars in front of the "flat" on which we stood had broken away ahead of the switch on the through line. We all looked, Kelly, the brakeman climbing up on the empty "flat" in front of the engine and rapidly sizing up the situation.

The run-aways were slowly leaving us and were now one hundred yards distant. It was a long down grade of three-quarters per cent. down to the end of the track, where the bridge gang and "dagoes" were working. The danger of the accident immediately struck us. All the men were working down in the ravine and would be almost certain not to see the run-aways' approach until they piled up on top of them.

Kelly hit upon the only expedient of saving the lives of the men and a large sum of money to his employers. Signalling with his left hand to the engineer to go ahead as fast as the unballasted track would permit, he rushed to the front of the flat car on which we stood, and seized a coupling-pin which was lying there. All this took place in far less time than it takes to describe and by the time we set out in pursuit of the two cars, they were about two hundred yards away, but gathering speed and momentum every second.

Rushing over the rough, unballasted track, jolting from side to side, and watching the engine pitch as though it would leave the track every moment, we regarded Kelly. The engine overtook the run-aways in about half a mile. As we neared the rear of the two cars, Kelly signalled the engineer to slow up until his speed just equalled the speed of the cars in front. Then he leaned forward to knock away the broken coupling-pin in the car in front of him. It stuck momentarily, but by the aid of the coupling-pin in his right hand he soon dislodged it. Then he made ready for the coupling, and holding the good pin in a position to couple on the block of the car in front, he waved to the engineer to plunge ahead sharply. The increased speed did not come at the right instant, or else was too great, for we struck the car with a tremendous jolt, nearly knocking Kelly off the car, and causing him to drop the pin. With an oath he gave the signal to slow down a little, grabbing another pin behind him

to repeat the performance. We were now less than three-quarters of a mile away from what would mean certain disaster, if he did not succeed this time. Once more everything was in position and the signal given. The engineer estimated the time better on this attempt, and hitting the front car at the proper instant, Kelly dropped his pin down and the coupling was soon securely fastened.

By the time everything was fixed, and the train brought to a standstill we were only about two hundred and fifty yards away from the gully, which was so nearly the scene of a wreck. A few of the bridge gang, roused from their usual indifference by the irregular tooting of the engine during the pursuit, came up to see what was the matter and agreed with "Red" Kelly, the wild brakeman, that it was a pretty close call. This and a little praise in railroad parlance, was all that Kelly's presence of mind evoked.

However we were not surprised when next pay day came that Kelly had been made conductor of the work-train with a salary of ten dollars per month more than his predecessor, while his last carouse at the "blind-pig" down the line a few nights previous to his cool act, during which he had derailed a couple of box-cars, was completely passed over.



## THE MAGIC PORTAL

Whence come they, and where are they going?

Who knows, or does any one care?

Year after year the stream moves on,

Now they are come, and now are gone

On the world's wide thoroughfare.

A moment they rest at the portal,

A moment,—four years is the span,

Four of the best of strength and youth,—

Pilgrims and seekers after Truth

Of the world, and God, and Man.

They pass thro' the carved stone entrance,

Resume the path whence they came,

Self-same men on the self-same quest,

But with a purpose in their breast,

And their seeking not the same.

The spell of the great Magic Portal

Their load-star of life has re-set,—

God, things of life, and fellow-man

Do now assume the deep broad plan,

That we are all things we've met.

Norman A. McEachern, '07.



## MOVING

"Pa," said Tommy Twaddles, "this here mythology book says that Orpheus was such a fine musician th't he made trees an' stones move."

"Your sister Teresa has Orpheus beat a city block," grumbled Pa Twaddles. "Her piano-playing has made twenty families move out of this flat building in the last two months."—Cleveland Leader.

## OBITER DICTA

The lugubrious attempts at rooting at last Saturday's Rugby match were calculated to make the gods cackle. It is now two or three years since the "Toronto" yell was introduced, and in that time we have looked in vain for good, systematic, and rousing rooting from the students' bleachers. The yelling has degenerated into either a confused tumult or scattered cat-calls. In the good old days when "Varsity" was yelled, there was something inspiring in the rooting. Those of the seniors who remember the yelling on the memorable night of Hallowe'en, 1902, when the gods at the Princess rocked with sound, and the war-cries of the colleges filled University Avenue, will know what I mean. There was a system and at the same time a spontaneity about the yelling then that is now only a tradition. We have forgotten even how to yell. In the old days, they did not rap out the "Varsity" yell in jerky monosyllables as we do; they started with a slow kind of sing-song, that increased in volume and intensity as the yell progressed, and gradually worked itself up to a climax of quick, vigorous shouts. The yell in those days had a kind of martial tune to it, a kind of inspiring cadence, that we have lost entirely.

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It is difficult to conceive how the "Varsity" yell ever became replaced by the "Toronto" yell. As a writer to these pages said the other week, the accent has to be put on the wrong syllable in the "Toronto" yell, and the effect is to make the yell strained and ridiculous. It does not sound nearly so well as "Varsity." And further, Varsity is the historic and traditional nick-name of the University. The papers of Montreal and Kingston and Ottawa seldom, if ever, refer to us by any other name. It is a piece of senseless and irrational vandalism to break the continuity of the University's ancient nom de guerre.

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## THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The Alumnae Association held its first meeting for this year on Saturday, Nov. 4th, at 3.30, in the Ladies' Reading Room.

An interesting paper, "Early Florentine Art," read by Miss MacLachlan, was illustrated by reproductions of the works of Cimabue, Lippi, Guidi, Giotto and their followers. A very beautiful photograph of Lippo Lippi's "Annunciation," hand-colored from the original, was greatly admired. The second paper, "Musicians of the Period 1250-1500," carefully prepared by Miss Edith Creighton, contained an account of the work of Dufay, Desprès, Willaert and Ochenheim, who paved the way for Palestrina, the father of modern music. This paper was accompanied by piano selections, which included a setting of Palestrina's great Easter hymn, played by Miss Creighton's sister.

The meeting closed with a half-hour's chat and the singing of college songs, led by Miss Gall. Three more meetings will be held during the winter, to which, it is hoped, many undergraduates will come.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Kicks seem to be the order of the day. In turn almost every aspect of our University life has received attention at the hands of some more or less cynical bystander. But up to the present time no one has openly objected to the method of choosing subjects for debate in the Inter-College Debating Union. The plan adopted by this year's Executive Committee requires that the representatives of the college at which the debate is to be held shall submit to the visitors three subjects. The latter must choose one of these, and must also decide upon the sides to be taken.

In former years the four debaters merely conferred, and agreed upon a subject and upon sides. The weakness was, that frequently (especially when the participants were theological students), several days would be wasted in this preliminary fencing. While this is a real weakness there is a still greater fault in the plan substituted, by which it is possible for the debaters who submit the resolutions simply to compel their opponents to accept one particular subject. For instance, if they had a pet subject with which they were familiar and which they would like to debate, they would submit that as one of the three, and as alternatives would mention questions which are absolutely undebateable, or which are too hackneyed to be considered seriously, such as, the relative greatness of Hannibal and Napoleon, or the supremacy of the pen over the sword. In this way the men who have to select from the three subjects have really no choice whatever, but are compelled to accept the resolution dictated by their opponents—probably to their great disadvantage.

The matter as it stands now is obviously unsatisfactorily, and I would suggest that the three resolutions should first be submitted to a small standing committee of the Executive, who should assent to them as being in every particular fair, and suitable for debate.

"Another Kicker."

University College, Nov. 18th, 1905.



On Tuesday evening, Nov. 28, a unique entertainment will be held in Massey Hall. It consists of a series of Living Songs (Liederspiele). The songs are given in costume and are accompanied by national dances. The stage settings for the several dances are said to be particularly beautiful. Tickets may be had at the Varsity Office.

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The officers and members of the Natural Science Association will hold their Annual Open Meeting in the Biological Building this evening at eight o'clock. Prof. A. P. Coleman will deliver an illustrated address on the Victoria Falls of the Zambesi. The musical programme will consist of songs by H. Pickup and H. A. Daly and a violin solo by R. E. Cringan.

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The chess match between the faculty and students resulted in a tie. Principal Hutton, Dr. Ellis, and Dr. Rudolph on the faculty team won, Messrs. Field, Symington and Freeman on the students team.

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## EDITORIALS

A movement is on foot to establish a journal in rivalry to the Varsity. Behind the movement are one or two undergraduates and a few graduates. The promoters of the scheme insist that the new publication will not encroach upon the sphere of the Varsity, but how it will fail to do so they do not make quite clear. It is understood that the new journal will eschew "serious" or "heavy" articles, and will replace these by short "skits."

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The scheme is entirely legitimate, but a little consideration will show that it is ill-advised. The University has not yet reached that stage of development in which it can support two student papers. The students are sufficient in number, but are not closely united by common interests. The Varsity has not yet secured a hold in the undergraduate body strong enough to admit of a rival.

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If we view the matter in the first place from a financial standpoint we must conclude that one paper will seriously injure the other. The average Toronto student cannot afford to subscribe to more than one University paper. The promoters of the new paper cannot make good their assurance not to encroach upon the Varsity's province if they give the paper away, which—'tis hinted—they contemplate. The Varsity could not withstand competition of that kind, as the cost of publication is much too great to make its circulation free. In the advertising columns, too, neither would be very successful, as very few advertisers would patronize both.

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But the main objection to the new journal is that it cannot be undergraduate in tone if, as is stated, it is to be supported mainly by graduates and edited as well as printed down town. The typical college journal is one which reflects the life and thought of the students, and such a journal can best be brought out by the students. No outsider, not even a graduate, can enter into the spirit of our life here.

Nor are the undergraduates of Toronto confining themselves to journalistic work, for the Christmas season will witness the publication of a volume of undergraduate verses. The students who are "backing" this undertaking are to be commended for their enterprise and in carrying out their plan may feel assured of any assistance that the Varsity can render. At the same time we think the promoters of this scheme might have turned their energies to better advantage. The publication of the volume contemplated is unwise for one reason. The time was ripe for the publication of a volume of selections from the Varsity for the past ten or twelve years. A volume of this character would have been exceedingly popular, not so much for its intrinsic worth as for its interest as a souvenir of undergraduate days. The volume we are considering is composed of the poems of men who are at present at the university. As the number of undergraduate versifiers is small in number and the number of even passably good writers still smaller, necessarily the list of contributors to the volume is extremely short. Thus there is lacking the breadth of interest which a volume must have if it is to be a success as a souvenir of student life.

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The M.P.P. for North Toronto does not approve of the Government's choice in regard to the University Reorganization Commission. That is what he says in public, at any rate. Last week, in addressing a meeting in the Second Ward he expressed the opinion that a "workman" should have had a place on the board. This criticism is so manifestly absurd and unpracticable that we should not even comment upon it, did it not come from a graduate of the very University whose highest interests are at stake. University students are sometimes advised by post-prandial and other orators to "enter politics; that the hope of Canadian statesmanship lies in the university graduates." And yet there are university graduates who can play the demagogue and pander to class vanity even as the honorable member for North Toronto has done in the present instance.

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The Christmas number of the Varsity will appear on December the seventh. While we do not wish to make definite announcement of the names of contributors to that number until our next, we are able to promise an unusually strong list.

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Among our newest exchanges is the Delineator. The Business Manager is now clamoring for the Ladies' Home Journal.



# THE COLLEGE GIRL

Miss J. M. Adie, Superintending Editor

## ONE OR TWO PROTESTS

As the college journal is generally conceded to be the organ which should voice student opinion, we have thought that the College Girl department should occasionally give expression to ideas which are influencing the women students, and just at this time to some needs that are generally felt and discussed.

First, a word or two about our reading-room. At Victoria and McMaster, to say nothing of the women's residential colleges, the girls have a comfortable room with rugs, couches and easy-chairs,—nothing elaborate, yet they give to the whole a genuinely inviting air which can hardly be attributed to our reading-room of which ample space is the most noticeable characteristic. We cannot but draw comparisons and wonder why the women of University College have not as comfortable a room in which to spend the periods between lectures.

Moreover any furniture which might be bought for the ladies' reading-room could be put to other uses as occasion required. For college functions where something more than straight-backed chairs is deemed necessary for furnishing the halls, we have been obliged to appeal to the professors and the Union, and, while they have almost invariably been very generous in this regard, it is not unreasonable that they should object to having their rooms dismantled,—occasionally for a somewhat indefinite period of time. If University College possessed some furniture of the kind, this would in a measure be remedied, and if it were placed between times—quite incidentally, of course,—in the ladies' reading-room, the gratitude of the women students would be unbounded.

There is another way in which our reading-room might be improved and which lies within the power of the girls themselves. A couple of years ago Mrs. Hall sent a new bookcase for the Grace Hall library and many of the shelves of this still stand invitingly empty. Most of us have books which we shall never use after leaving college, but which, if placed in this library, would be a great convenience to those who come after us. Here is a chance, especially for the fourth year girl to show a bit of her college spirit and also to have her name handed down to posterity,—with no suggestion of the "inaninity" which Torontonensis is supposed to reveal in the members of the senior year.

We have been asked to mention also the matter of quietness in the reading-room. Of course it is mere thoughtlessness that leads to infringement of this rule, but that is hardly a plausible excuse, and it is extremely annoying, when one is studying, to be disturbed by the buzz of conversation so often heard there. The reading-room is for reading and study, not for conversation, and those who have tales to tell or important affairs to discuss, would confer a great favor on those who are endeavoring to study, if they would remove themselves and their audiences to the cloak-room where they will be just as comfortable and will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are disturbing no one.

A word from the Athletic Club may be in order at this time. To college women in particular, physical exercise of some kind is an absolute necessity, and with the increasing interest which is being taken in athletics by University College girls, we feel very keenly the need of better provision for this branch of our education. "The garret called by courtesy the gymnasium" (as some one expressed it), is utterly inadequate for its purpose. It is small, poorly ventilated, and has a low ceiling. Difficulties are constantly arising. The basket-ball team has had little opportunity for out-door practice on account of the weather, and the gym. is impossible for the game because of its low ceiling. Again, the physical culture classes need a smooth floor; the fencing classes find it impossible to work on such a floor, and the gym. is not large enough to provide for both.

The question of tennis courts has been so much discussed that it seems useless to mention it; but it was not particularly pleasant for the girls of University College to have to apply to the Victoria girls for the use of their courts in order to practice for the tournament this fall.

Perhaps, some day, the wealthy friends of the University may be generous enough to provide a gymnasium for the women students, but in the meantime, can nothing be done to improve existing conditions in University College.

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## THE PAPER CHASE

"What's Switzerland to this!" exclaimed one girl enthusiastically on Saturday afternoon, as we climbed an almost perpendicular hill,—or rather mountain, as it seemed to us before we reached the top. But that was only one hill, and they were numberless, each one a degree or so worse than the last. The mud was a special feature of the day, being just of that "clinging nature" which is so interesting, and the amount of real estate which we were obliged to carry about on our shoes somewhat retarded our movements. Other paper-trails through the same district also added to the excitement and somewhat confused us for a time, but at last, after climbing the thousand and some odd steps up to the reservoir, we at last found the hares waiting for us.

Despite the fact that a number of us had been at the dance the night before, and hence were not exactly in condition for an afternoon's run, everyone had a thoroughly jolly time and arrived at Queen's Hall, tired and hungry, soon after five o'clock. Refreshments were served in the drawing-room which was lighted by candles and the cosy grate fires.



At the Y.W.C.A. meeting last Wednesday, Miss Saunders, Travelling Secretary for the Student Volunteer Association, addressed the girls on the subject of missionary work.

Miss Saunders dealt with the missionary question in a thoroughly practical way. Undoubtedly foreign missions are the will of Christ and each must honestly face the question as to whether or not it is her duty to enter this field where the need is so great and where each consecrated life counts for so much.

# SPORTS

H. D. Scully, Superintending Editor

## THE FINISH IN RUGBY

VARSITY, 21 ; OTTAWA, 11

The last game in the Inter-collegiate series was pulled off on Varsity field Saturday afternoon between Ottawa College and Varsity before a fair-sized crowd, which found very little to grow enthusiastic over. The weather conditions were all that could be desired, the field being in excellent shape, and that the quality of Rugby displayed was very low is due entirely to the teams. The game was very ragged, and although Varsity always held it safe, their playing was not such as to inspire confidence in their supporters for the Dominion championship game next Saturday. There was something wrong with the playing of the Varsity team, but just what it was is hard to define. At any rate they did not show anything like their true form, and their game on Saturday should not be taken as a criterion of what they can do against the Rough Riders.

Varsity were without the services of Southam, who is taking a short holiday, and his absence probably explains Varsity's poor form to a great extent. His punting was greatly missed, especially on free kick, and had he been on, the score would have been greater. Lee, who played full-back in his stead, acquitted himself very well after the first few minutes, in a position which was entirely new to him. Varsity did not seem able to take advantage of openings quickly enough, nor did they use any trick plays with effect. They lacked concerted action, and in the last half they suddenly weakened and Ottawa forced continually scoring a try and touch-in goal. They will have to show far better form next Saturday in order to make a good showing against Rough Riders.

Ottawa College have a speedy, aggressive team, which is very fast to follow up an advantage. Their half-line, especially Gleeson, made some bad errors several times, but outside of this they played very good football. Varsity outweighed their scrimmage and wing line, and it was this which lost them the game. Bawlf, who took Durocher's place in the second half, displayed great form, and had he played the whole game Ottawa would have done better.

Varsity won the toss and kicked north with the wind. Play was soon forced to Ottawa's 25-line and Varsity looked dangerous. The first point came in a peculiar way. Ottawa broke through and on a wide pass of Lash's, started a dribble. McInnes came to the rescue, and by a great kick in Association style put the ball over the dead-ball line. Varsity, 1; Ottawa, 0.

Play was soon transferred to Varsity's end and on a fumble, Gleeson secured the ball and ran 30 yards to Varsity's 5-yard line, from which Filiatreault bucked over for a try, which was not converted. Varsity, 1; Ottawa, 5.

Varsity forced from the kick off, and on a kick over the line by McInnes, Gleeson fumbled badly, presenting Reynolds with an easy try, which Lailey converted neatly. Varsity, 7; Ottawa, 5.

Varsity kept forcing and once had a splendid chance for a try, but the pass was fumbled. Finally on a free kick Ross forced a rouge. Varsity, 8; Ottawa, 5.

Varsity played in poor form for a period, and there was much careless football. Gleeson and J. B. McDonald combined for a fine relief behind their own line, but Varsity kept the ball in Ottawa territory and on good bucking by Burns play was at Ottawa's line, from which Lash bucked over for a try, which was unconverted. Varsity, 13; Ottawa, 5.

Ottawa took a brace and just before half-time looked dangerous. Play ended with Ottawa in possession. The play was very loose for the first ten minutes in the second half, and neither side seemed able to score. Varsity had the advantage, but Gleeson managed to relieve safely two or three times. Finally on a throw in McPherson caught the ball and ran over for a try, which Lailey converted. Varsity, 19; Ottawa, 5.

Shortly after this Durocher was hurt and Bawlf came on. There was no scoring for quite a time, but eventually Varsity forced a tackle in goal for the last points. Varsity, 21; Ottawa, 5.

Montague was ruled off the rest of the game, about 12 minutes, and shortly after Burns was hurt and retired, Toms going on in his place. Playing one man short, Varsity took a slump, and Ottawa got one point on a kick over the dead-ball line, and a moment later secured a try on a buck, after Bawlf had brought the play to Varsity's line by a good run. The try was not converted, the game ending Varsity, 21; Ottawa, 11.

The whole Varsity team needs to brace up for Saturday's game with the Rough Riders or it will never have a look-in. The wing line on Saturday, although superior in weight to Ottawa's, did not seem able to keep their checks from breaking through, something they have managed to do in every other game. Casey Baldwin's presence in the next game will no doubt strengthen as well as stimulate the team, and they certainly need it after Saturday's exhibition.

### NOTES ON THE GAME

McInnes was the most effective man on the team on Saturday, although he did not get in his usual spectacular run for a try, he made several short ones which relieved Varsity from tight places. He could scoop in the ball either in the air or on the ground and saved many times, where a mistake would have meant a sure score. His kick over the dead-line for the first point was a clever piece of work and removed a danger.

Ritchie played a particularly strong and useful game on Saturday. He was always in the thick of it and made several fine tackles.

Lee made two or three mistakes which might have been costly in the first half, but redeemed himself by several good runs from behind his own line when Ottawa was pressing in the last period. Once he ran about fifty yards through the whole team before he was downed.

Ross also deserves mention for the game he played on Saturday. He was very quick to get away, and made some of the best tackles of the day.

The scrimmage and quarter worked well together and that Varsity did not do better is due to the work after the ball left the quarter.

Bawlf, who played centre half after Durocher and Gleeson retired, will develop into a star. He played a cool and skillful game, his catching and punting being features.

The officials were not very good, permitting anything to go for a scrimmage on the Ottawa side. They awarded innumerable free kicks, but they did not tend to improve matters.

Many Varsity supporters think Varsity's poor showing was due to over-training, but the fact that it was the last game and did not affect the championship may have led most of the team not to try very hard.

#### MULOCK CUP SERIES

The Mulock series started on Monday of last week, and there have been three contests so far. The game between Senior and Junior Meds. was postponed on account of bad weather. The semi-finals will take place this week, and the final on the 29th. It looks like Senior School, with Victoria as runners-up for the cup this year.

#### SENIOR S. P. S., 40; SENIOR ARTS, 0

The first game resulted in an overwhelming defeat for Arts by School Seniors. The S.P.S. team have nearly all the Varsity II. team and the spares from the first, and Arts, who had no experienced players and no practice, were never in it. For the School, McKenzie, McGiverin, Hewson, and Toms starred, while Arts were all equally bad. S.P.S. scored at will in the second half with the wind. By special request the names of the Arts team are withheld.

S.P.S.—Back, Toms; halves, McKenzie, McGiverin, Rogers; quarter, Strathly; scrim., Christie, Poddich, Paulin; wings, Alport, Sheriff, Jones, Swan, Hall, Hewson.

#### JUNIOR S. P. S. 39; JUNIOR ARTS, 0

The second game on Tuesday produced another one-sided score, with Junior Arts in the background. They could do nothing at all against the speedy School men, who played a hard, snappy game. Evans played well for Arts, while Clarkson, Kennedy and Newton shone for the School. The Arts team again want their names withheld.

Junior S.P.S.—Back, Marlott; halves, Kennedy, Newton, Holcroft; quarter, McDonald; wings,

Shaw, Poe, Clarkson, Beal, Marshall, Clark, Van Nostrand, O'Grady.

#### VICTORIA, 7; DENTALS, 2

This was the closest and best played game of the series, and both teams showed the benefit of the practices they have held. Vics. were a little stronger all round, and won out handily. Davidson, Lane, and Robertson were the best for Victoria, while for the Dentals Bricker, Billings and Beatty played best. The punting, running and catching of both teams was above the average.

#### R. M. C., 12; VARSITY II., 5

The Cadets defeated Varsity II. in Kingston on Saturday by 11 to 5, winning the round, and the Intercollegiate championship in the Intermediate series by 29 to 11. Varsity II. put up a far better game than on their own grounds, chiefly because their half line was strengthened by Robertson, of Victoria, and Newton, of the Junior S.P.S. team. Both played good games and helped in keeping R.M.C.'s score down. Varsity II. lined up as follows:

Back, Laidlaw; halves, Kennedy, Newton, Robertson; quarter, Brown; scrimmage, Lyle, Nasmith, Roddick; wings, Jones, Swan, Hall, Hewson, Cruickshank, Snively.



#### ASSOCIATION

Two senior games were pulled off the last week, and the championship has been won by the S.P. S. team. On Wednesday, Arts defeated the Meds. 2—1, in a hard, close game, in which Arts combination play gave them a well earned victory. For Meds., McPherson, of Rugby fame, did the bulk of the work at centre half, while for Arts, Macdonald and Mustard played well. Teams:

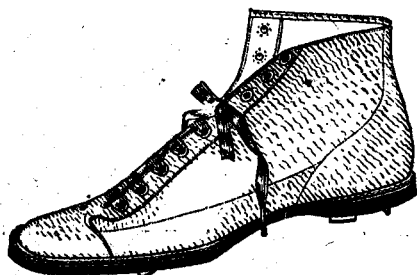
Arts—Goal, Gillam; backs, Johns, McLean; halves, Dix, Mustard, Kersey; forwards, Ross, Renwick, Brydon, Fisher, Macdonald.

Meds.—Goal, Robert; backs, Shaw, Heatley; halves, Organ, Bricker, McPherson; forwards, Lailey, Williams, Richardson, Slemin, Lapatnikoff.

Arts lost all chance of the championship on Friday, when S.P.S. defeated them 4—1. Arts were never in it, and S.P.S. always held the game safe. Teams:

S.P.S.—Goal, Hern; backs, Johnston, Blackwood; halves, Murray, McKenzie, Auws; forwards, Stover, Reesor, Grasset, Keys, Brydon.

The Arts team was the same as against Meds., except Fraser played in Kersey's place.



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With a view of giving the team every encouragement, the Rugby Management have reserved the whole of the bleachers for students at a special price of 35 cents. The tickets will be placed in the hands of an energetic committee in each faculty, who will organize a course canvass so that every student will have the opportunity of getting a ticket and turning out to cheer the Blue and White on to victory. Every loyal student should be at this game which is the Rugby event of the season.

The Highlanders' Band has been engaged to head a procession leaving the Campus at 1.30 p.m.; and copies of popular college songs will be printed for distribution to the students. On the success of the organization for rooting depends the future systematic cheering at Toronto University, so each student should do his utmost to help it along. Get your tickets early and see that your classmates have theirs. There are only 1,000 tickets.



### THE STUDENTS' PARLIAMENT

Next Monday, 27th inst., at 7.45 p.m., the University Students Parliament will hold its first meeting in the West Hall. Parliamentary form will be observed throughout. The speech from the throne will embody important features of the policy pursued by the present Dominion Government, including the immigration problem. Mr. O'Sullivan, S.P.S., will be leader of the Government; Mr. Trueman, Victoria, of the Opposition. Each of the colleges will be represented on the Cabinet. Hon. J. J. Foy will open the debate. The University needs a central student organization and it is important that everyone should endeavor to make the first meeting a success.



### MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB

The Modern Language Club held a regular meeting in room 6, at 4 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 20. The general subject was Russian Novelists, and papers were read on "Tolstoi," by Mr. J. R. Kay, '06, and on "Turgenieff," by Mr. E. F. Hauch, '07. Prof. Mavor and Monsieur de Champ also spoke on some phases of Russian literature. After the close of the literary programme, the election of Treasurer and First Year Representatives took place. The first open meeting of the club will take place on Monday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m., in the Chemical Amphitheatre, when Prof. Horning will lecture on "Canadian Literature."



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## Around the Halls

A. J. Connor, Superintending Editor.

### University College

Here followeth an excerpt from the B. and P. Dissecting Ditties and Bone Ballads.

Air—"Every body works but father," andante maestoso.  
Every body works but Stanley  
He bums around all day  
Shootin' pool in the Union  
Smokin' his pipe of clay  
P. G. works on the old saw bone  
So does every man  
Everybody works in our lab  
But poor old Stan,

The darned old loafer.

The only sensible remark about the biographies in the year book has of course been drawn from Lazenby, that deep dark well of unappreciated wisdom. Quoth Lazenby, "Most of the biographies wouldn't be worth reading but there are a couple of ladies in '06, whose past history I would like to know." Don't worry, Lazy, they are probably engaged already.

B and P have made their annual kick to the college council. This time they want English removed from the fourth year curricula.

Speaking recently of More's Utopia as a place where scarcely any work was done, the professor of modern history remarked that some of the undergrads had already taught Utopia. And now Cruickshanks and E. S. Little grumble about professors indulging in personalities.

Just a word of warning to the freshies. Unless you are quite sure that you know the endearing sobriquets with which their wives address the various professors, don't attempt to use them. Our attention was drawn to a case in point by one who overheard a freshie complain that he couldn't understand "Sammy" Baker's lectures.

It was while some late-rising roués were having breakfast in the buffet, that Mitchell remarked on how the proprieties were observed there, for "when they give you a young egg they always bring you an old one next to send down as a chaperone."

### The Lit

There was a very good attendance at the Lit on Friday evening. The meeting began at 7.30 with President Kylie in the chair. Considerable dis-

cussion arose over the motion brought in by Mr. J. J. Gray to the effect that notice of the presentation of the reports of committees should be given at least one day before such presentation. Mr. Miller thought the constitution governing the duties of the executive included this case. The motion was put and carried.

The executive made the recommendation that the Senate be asked to appoint a thoroughly competent man to take charge of the department of public speaking and that they should investigate the acoustic properties of the West Hall and place a sounding board therein if necessary. With regard to the first part of the recommendation many saw no need for a change from last year's lectures in public speaking, to which Mr. McEachern ably responded by saying that what we needed was not a change from last year's but from this year's course.

Representatives were appointed as follows: to the Victoria Conversatione, Mr. Little; to the Lady Med.'s At Home, Mr. Larsen; to the Medical at Home, Mr. Thompson. Mr. Miller moved that a committee be appointed to see that the Literary Society make good its prior claim to the use of the Students' Union on Friday evenings. The committee chosen consisted of Messrs. Miller and Scully.

The question, Resolved that Canada should be independent, was debated by Messrs. Johnson and Kilpatrick, '09 for the affirmative and Messrs. Matheson and Mustard, '08 for the negative.

The affirmative held that Canada lacked power to make treaties, and had no ambassadors to protect her interests abroad and that this is the result of dependence. They also argued that of the three other possible situations for Canada, dependence, annexation, imperial federation, dependence brought too many disadvantages with it, annexation was repugnant to the Canadian, and imperial federation was impossible because the jealousies of the different colonies would cause general dissatisfaction. The negative showed how Canada by gaining her independence would lose it because the United States would, following out the Monroe doctrine dominate Canadian politics. They pointed out the loss of prestige and protection which would follow upon the renunciation

of obligation to the British ambassadors and to the British naval authorities and with regard to treaties they argued that the Canadian High Commissioner in London could ably present Canada's claims.

The judges, among them Hon. Pres. Fasken, gave the debate to the negative.

The meeting then resolved itself into a Cambridge debate upon the question.

### The B. and P. Dinner

The first meeting of the B. and P. Society was held on Thursday evening the 9th of November and proved a most enjoyable and successful affair. About sixty sat down to a feast which has seldom been excelled in the confines of the dining hall and every one present did full justice to the good things provided.

The dinner at an end, speechmaking was in order, and the president in a few well chosen remarks outlined the objects for which the new society was founded. His remarks were very enthusiastically received. He was followed by a member of '07, Mr. McAlpine by name, who caused his hearers to laugh at the wrong end of his jokes much to Mr. McAlpine's consternation. After a few more speeches were delivered adjournment was made to the Undergraduates' Union where Dr. Bensely delivered an eloquent address on "A Scientific Training as a Basis for Medical Education." His address was frequently interrupted by applause and all voted it a most educational lecture. This was followed by the rendering of college songs.

### Y.M.C.A. Notes

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, Mr. B. R. Barber, who has been closely associated with the Y.M.C.A. eastern representative, Mr. J. N. Farquhar, addressed the Y.M.C.A. meeting. Mr. Barber has spent some time in India and is thoroughly conversant with the live issues of that country. His address, which dealt with the habits, customs and religion of the Indian people and particularly with Indian

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students, was very interesting and forceful.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, Bishop McDowell, of Chicago, delivered the University sermon. As usual he made a pleasing and powerful address.

### School of Science

Last Thursday morning after the chemistry lecture, Mr. Buchanan, editor of *Torontonensis*, addressed the third year on the subject of biographies in the year book. A motion was carried that the school graduating class express itself as favoring the omission of the biographies.

The fourth year Civils have made a new rule. Henceforth every burst of profanity will cost its misguided author five cents, the proceeds to be devoted to experiments with other liquids at the Caer-Howell.

George Clark was subpoenaed as a witness in a railway suit at North Bay and was absent from the school for the first part of the week.

Mr. F. Robinson, the recently appointed Deputy Minister of Public Works for Alberta, is a school graduate of '95.

Another school man to succumb to the charms of domestic bliss is Mr. Ralph Keys of the first year, who was married in Cornwall on Oct. 28th.

The new school building is still in the hands of the Public Works Department. The formal opening cannot take place until the building has been handed over to the university authorities.

### Wycliffe College

Messrs. R. B. McElheran and T. Harold Perry have for some time past been engaged in original research work on the theories of Kant, especially that department known as "Kan't stay in at night." Mr. Perry, acting on the advice of Prof. Alexander, is carrying on his investigations "in the home." Both these gentlemen have our sincere sympathy and good wishes.

At the first of the series of inter-college debates for the current year, held in Wycliffe convocation hall last Thursday evening, Wycliffe, in the persons of Messrs. R. B. Grobb, M.A., and A. C. Collier, defeated Trinity's representatives, Messrs. W. W. Hart and I. V. Redman. Our men had the affirmative of the subject—"Resolved that Canada should make a cash contribution to the Imperial government for the naval defence of the empire." The supporters of the two colleges occupied the gallery and made their presence felt in no uncertain tones. To enliven the solemnity of the evening's proceedings a musical programme was provided which was much appreciated by all present. The unanimous decision of the judges, Prof. Kennedy, Prof. Hume, and Mayor Urquhart, was that the affirmative excelled their opponents in both matter and style. According to precedent, as immutable as Hoyle, an oyster supper will soon be "on the boards" in honor of the victory.

Milton, was the subject of the Literary evening held by the Wycliffe Lit. last Friday. Papers were read as follows: Mr. Haslam, "Milton's life

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and Time," Mr. Burch, "Milton as a Puritan," Mr. Ben Olliel, "Milton as a statesman," Mr. Bilkey, "Milton as a poet." Prof Alexander acted as critic, and, after complimenting the speakers on their respective papers, gave a most interesting and suggestive address.

Mr. Andrew has lately visited a tonsorial artist, at the urgent request of his friends, who had begun to fear that they might lose him beneath his luxuriant hirsute growth. We have no doubt whatever that this time Andrew got his eighty cents worth!

Last week witnessed the defeat of the freshies on the football campus at the hands, or rather the feet of the redoubtable sophs. And the score was 3 to 0.

Recent discoveries in natural science made by the men of '06, have cast considerable doubt upon the previously accepted definition of a Lake, as "a body of fresh water completely surrounded by land." From the remarks of "Gib" it would appear that a more accurate definition would be "a body of fresh man completely surrounded by water."

**Medical College**

Why does McMillan, '06, look so sad? The best of friends must part at times.

Dear Mr. Editor:—

Every year seems to have its troubles which I wish to mention.

Each man in the third year has to be signed up for six blood counts to be done in our clinical laboratory where there are about eight or ten haemocytometers for this purpose. About half of these are carried off by the fourth year to the hospitals leaving three or four instruments for work each evening and making it impossible for all the fellows to do the required amount of work properly during the session.

The first and second years this session complain of another state of affairs in the dissecting room where every Monday morning about a dozen fresh laundried towels are placed for use. These remain there from Monday morning till Saturday night for the use of about 250 fellows and with the increasing attendance of successive years no further regulations have been made. It seems too bad that a large Government Institution like Toronto University should allow these matters to slip if they know of them. This would be legitimate work for our Medical Society executive and which would be appreciated by all the fellows.

Thanking you for the space, I remain,

Yours truly,

W. H. B.

The Senior years to a man will attend the Medical "At Home" to-morrow night and a very large percentage of the Junior years has also signified its intention of being present. Every Med. should turn out and make this, the only function of the Medical Faculty, a huge success.

We understand that H..d, '08, has been offered a position with the Toronto base-ball team for next season, as a pitcher. If he can put a ball over the plate as accurately as he can hit a cigarette, then Toronto will no

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We are pleased to see Percy Anderson, '07, back with us again after all the rumors that he had deserted the profession.

W. C. Ryckman, J. Sproat, A. Crux, of '07 class, and others are also returning late to the fold for the winter.

Prof. Cameron.

"The Patella cannot be fractured by falling on it; but might by a stone from the school boys. (Our neighbors.)"

A few more Dissecting Room pointers to Freshmen.

1. You should never take possession of a stool until you know for a certainty that every Sophomore is seated. This is a little point in etiquette that every first year man should take cognizance of.

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