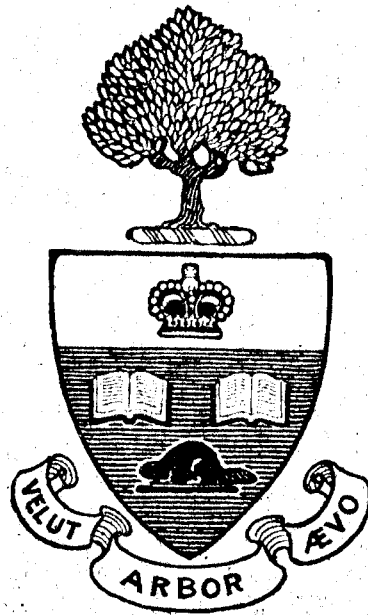


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INSPIRATION FOR THE STUDENT.

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WHEN the editor-in-chief of this magazine applied to me for a contribution, supported, as he was, by a colleague of mine in a similar field of work, and reinforced by a part of my own history not readily forgotten, I felt that if possible I must comply with his request. Out of many desirable and possible themes I have selected one suggested by my own observation and experience and my relations to the University as a student in both Arts and Medicine at a period not greatly removed from that when two men, long since famous, attended as students in the Faculty of Medicine—"The old Toronto School."

On reading Dr. Osler's address given at the recent celebration of the opening of the Medical Buildings I was led to ask myself the reason of the apparent difference between the views entertained by him and Crozier (in "My Inner Life") on the value of the teaching in medicine and in the University generally twenty-five years ago.

There is in reality, I believe, little difference of opinion. Crozier, when he referred to the barrenness of the University for him, was alluding to one thing, and Osler, when he found grounds for praise, to another. It is a noteworthy fact that when Osler was a student in medicine in Toronto he was very much in the company of a certain professor, and not over-regular in his attendance on the lectures of some others; that both he and Crozier early sought pastures new, the one before he graduated and the other immediately after. To me this speaks volumes as to what the University was and was not in those days. It is a remarkable fact that while nearly every distinguished personage has at some period of his early life been markedly influenced by some one man or some few individuals, it is not at all uncommon to find that, when candid, they are unable to give very great credit for what they are to any educational institution as such. Darwin is one of the best examples in point. Crozier never heard Bovell, or he would not have failed to be inspired by him; and yet I have never seen so many students drowsing in any class-room as in Bovell's.

But that was the fault of the system and of other teachers rather than of Bovell. I can confidently say that I never heard this wonderful man in the lecture-room, or came in contact with him in any way, without

feeling that he had added a cubit to my stature; and I must with equal candor confess that no one in the medical faculty, and very few in Arts, had any such influence. To this I must make one exception, in the person of the present Dean, Dr. Reeve. From the moment I came to the University I felt the inspiration of its beautiful and spacious grounds and its noble buildings; and I had unbounded reverence for the great men in their robes till I discovered that after all they were not Olympian gods, but very frail mortals; and when further they seemed, some of them, so full of their own importance, and so indifferent to the very existence of their students, as far as I could make out, their presence was, to me, rather paralyzing than inspiring. On the contrary, three men in particular I must always remember as distinctly helpful to me, as other men were not—Bovell, Loudon and Reeve.

Now when I remember that other professors were able to advance me in knowledge and that I was not in a position to profit greatly by the subjects taught by the two last-mentioned of these men, I have been led to ask myself why it was that they and Bovell did for me what others utterly failed in accomplishing—in a word, to enquire what is the ground of inspiration?

Bovell made me feel that I had to love what he taught because he seemed so possessed by it himself, and I loved Bovell because he was devoted to his subject with a sincere and a burning affection; in a word, I was drawn to these three men for the same reason, viz.: that they seemed to be absolutely single-minded, honest and whole-souled. They all seemed to think more of their subject and their students than themselves. Others, not a few in the Medical School, came up, gave us an hour in some fashion, and went back—to worship Mammon. There were one or two good men and true as such, but they knew not how to speak or to teach, and to listen to them was a weariness to the flesh. President Loudon was then Dean of Residence and tutor in Mathematics.

But why did students drowse under Bovell? Why were they not aroused, and why did not the scales fall from their eyes? That raises the whole question as to why some men inspire and some do not; and why some students can be inspired and others remain unmoved. Bovell was a living flame that kindled a youthful Osler

into a like flame; but others were not even roused from their lethargy. To understand this subject one would need to look beyond the present—to go back possibly a hundred years and make enquiries as to ancestry. Some are born inflammable material, and some are very green wood indeed. But when we consider how few students are enthusiastic in their work it may be well to look more carefully into the subject.

It is not given to all teachers to be a consuming fire, but even if they were they would, as in the case of Bovell, fail to rouse many. The spoiling process often begins with the elementary school. One gets the idea that he does not study a subject for the sake of it, but to pass examinations, "be promoted," prepare to take a place, or to go on to the University to carry on a like preparation for promotion, entering a profession or in some manner advancing himself in a way to end chiefly in material good.

So Bovell's students could not understand why they should be mightily interested in wonderful theories of life and life processes when the lecturer was not to have any opportunity to examine them, and some one else would seek to gather where Bovell had strayed. Was not passing the examination and getting into "the finals" the great object—those finals which were realities, because they led to bread and butter.

I must testify that so far as my observation went, very few of the students that sat on the rude benches of the old Toronto school had any great love for what they studied, regarded as an unfolding of nature's laws, hence Bovell might almost as well have been talking to the seats themselves in the case of a very large sprinkling, to say the very least. A system that gives a teacher no part whatever in the examination of his students has serious drawbacks.

The idea that the professor is first and last an instructor—an advanced instructor, and nothing more—still lingers, and does much harm. Hence one finds to the present day, in highly respectable colleges, the professor day after day dictating "notes" or "lecturing" in a manner which gives the students the idea that all he says is to be taken down, the nearer verbatim the better. Such teaching never inspired a single man, and it is impossible in the nature of the case that it should. For what purpose are books if a professor is to be no more than a speaking volume? How is it possible for any man by such a method to show that he is a man and not a mere talking machine? One of the bitterest recollections of a part of my college life (not at Toronto) is that of having been obliged to go through the slavery of writing daily against time, as if I were engaged in stenographic competition—while I was all the while wasting my energies in penning sentences not as valuable as those in many accessible text-books.

In not a few instances it would be a very good thing if the students could be prepared for the ripened professor by men whose educational value is much less, but who are quite able to give elementary or preliminary instruction or to "grind" on a certain portion of a good text-book. This would be economical from every point of view, and there would then be a far better chance for the really superior man to do the higher work, as professor, of guiding, inspiring, broadening, and in other ways developing the plastic individualities before him into higher types of men. In college how often is it that the letter killeth while the spirit gets no chance to quicken?

No doubt some will believe that this is beautiful ideal-

ism, but impracticable as things are constituted in this world. Yes—and just as long as people continue to believe this and to so express themselves, so long will it remain thus. I would remind those who speak in this manner that there is a faith that moves mountains, and until we get more teachers of the stamp of Bovell we must expect to turn out very few high-class men from our colleges. Indeed the same may be said of our schools. Of all our teachers, how few do we remember with pleasure or respect—how few do we remember with any distinctness at all! They may have instructed us fairly, but they inspired us not at all. If I could, I would immortalize the names of three of my school teachers: Arnoldus Miller, William Carlyle and John Buchan. Each was much more than an instructor—he was a man. But I am reminded that the limitations of space set me have been reached or exceeded.

One cannot exhaust a subject like this, but merely give utterance to a few thoughts that may find a response with some readers. In closing, I would emphasize the man rather than the instructor. It is the man that inspires. He inflames others into a love of himself and what he pursues; and better that one Crozier or one Osler be quickened than that ninety and nine human units be prepared to pass some examination. Better still if every one of this ninety and nine could be roused to be a better man than he otherwise would have been. Inspiration is inflammation.

THE UNDERGRADUATES' UNION.

What is the future of the Undergraduates' Union? This is a question frequently asked by many who are or have been closely associated with the Union. It may be coupled with another which is no doubt often asked by those who have expended time or money in the original undertaking, many of whom have since left the University. What is the work which the Union is doing now after an existence of three years? Is it the success that was hoped for or is it the failure that was feared?

The answer given by those who see every day the usefulness and the necessity of such an institution will probably be different from that by those who know the difficulties of keeping a club always alive and paying its way. The Union never did, and under present conditions perhaps never will, pay its way. During the three years since its institution it has been supported by drawing for its expenses upon subscriptions that were given for furnishing and improvements, and it is now for the first time that the problem is arising of how to make it a success when it is resting solely upon its own resources.

In its first years the membership fee was low and the returns was found to be insufficient; for the present year an attempt was made to remedy this by raising the fee, and what is the result? The appeal to the faculties outside of University College has not met with the response that was expected; even in University College itself the membership is comparatively low and fully one-half of the service rendered by the Union is to non-members.

This is not intended to convey the impression that the use of the house is jealously guarded by the members; on the contrary, the members are not only willing but anxious that the Union should be at the service of every student, whether he is a member or not. It is not expected that a man should be required to pay a

membership fee for an occasional use of the reading room or the telephone, but when this occasional service is extended over a few hundred men the result is that fully one-half of the usefulness of the Union is enjoyed not by members or contributors, but by the University as a whole, and the question which confronts us is how is this general field of usefulness which extends over all the faculties to be covered when the books of the Union are to be balanced?

The rooms of the Union have always been at the disposal of students for committee meetings and musical practices. They are much more comfortable and convenient during the day, and in the evening they are the only part of the University buildings which is regularly open. The service rendered in this way is seldom an inconvenience to any member and is never objected to, but it adds its argument to show that the Union is a real adjunct to the University and is by no means a club which is limited to a few members.

The statement made above that the Union does not pay its way may lead to the question Is it then to be another club failure? The answer is an emphatic "No." The fact that several thousand dollars were expended in fitting and furnishing will not make it a permanent affair, but the fact that it is indispensable not only to a few but to the general body of University men must undoubtedly make it so. It might be added that from personal observations we may justify ourselves in saying that the success of the University dining hall depends largely upon its having the rooms of the Union at the disposal of those who board there.

This article must not be read as an appeal for a weak institution. It is simply an attempt to give an answer to those who ask: What is the Union doing or to others, not now connected with the University, who ask What came of our work of 1900-01?

R. B.

THE ARTS DINNER.

Tuesday of last week members of the faculty and guests to the number of about twenty-five, and perhaps a hundred undergrads., sat down to the Annual Dinner of the Faculty of Arts. It was the first dinner held under the joint supervision of Victoria and University Colleges, and President Loudon occupied the seat of honor as honorary chairman. The tables were laid in the East Hall, which was decorated with flags, blue and white bunting, and class banners. Upon an improvised shelf stood the historic Mulock Cup, and other faculty trophies. Ample justice having been done to the courses placed before them, the guests pushed back their chairs and awaited the pleasure of the chairman. The toast to "The King" was given by President Loudon, and was drunk to the accompaniment of the National Anthem. Professor Baker proposed the toast to "The Empire." In the course of his remarks he touched on the proposals of Mr. Chamberlain, and gave it as his opinion that ultimately they would be adopted. He likened America to a fraction, with numerator Canada and denominator U. S. A., that was steadily increasing. Mr. Harcourt, who replied, advocated the exercise of caution with regard to the proposals. These had not as yet been given in great detail, and it was the part of careful men not to pass judgment too hastily. Rev. Prof. F. H. Wallace, in proposing the toast to "Alma Mater," compared the U. of T. of 1873 with the one of to-day—seventy-three students then, two thousand now. He rather questioned

whether the Government has reached the limits of generosity, and suggested that a series of post-graduate courses should be established at the same time as the School of Forestry. Rev. Dr. Teefy replied. He spoke of the University's need for affection of graduates, not forgetting the necessity of monetary assistance from the Legislature. Prof. Ramsay Wright, who proposed the toast to "Our Guests," expressed his regret that he was unable to welcome Premier Ross, Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. A. B. Aylesworth and Chancellor Wallace. He asked the company to drink to the health of those guests who were present. Principal Auden, of U. C. C., and Principal Macdonald, of St. Andrew's, replied. "Our Undergraduate Guests," said Chairman O'Leary. To this replied Messrs. Chandler, Marshall, Warner, Adams and Currie, representing respectively McGill, Queen's and McMaster Arts, Toronto Medicine and Toronto Science.

In the absence of Mr. A. T. Hunter, Prof. McGregor Young proposed the toast to the "Undergraduate Press," to which Mr. W. H. Vance responded. "Bob" Pearson, in proposing the toast to "Athletics," dwelt at some length on the success of "Toronto's" teams during the past autumn. Messrs. L. Gilchrist and A. G. Ross replied. "The Ladies" were looked after by Messrs. E. F. Burton, B.A., Hewitt and Elliott.

THE MEDICAL DINNER.

The seventeenth annual banquet of the Faculty of Medicine was held in the Gymnasium on Thursday evening. In every point it proved to be the most successful in the history of the faculty. Over four hundred students were seated at the tables, with guests and members of the staff numbering a hundred more. The catering was excellent, and the courses were announced upon a menu card that will long be preserved as a souvenir of the feast. The front cover was designed by Mr. Blake Lancaster, '04. It shows an arch built of blocks of stone, each of which bears the name of a professor on the staff. The keystone is engraved with the name of Dean Reeve, and the heads of the pillars with those of Secretary Primrose and President Loudon. The colors of old Trinity are entwined with those of the Medical Faculty in the drapery falling from the arch, through which may be seen engravings of the University buildings. On the broad path leading to these is inscribed the graduating years of the six classes in Medicine now enrolled from '04 to '09. Bright quotations from the classics or from student speeches, with a dozen fine cartoons by Mr. W. E. McKinley, '05, illustrating foibles or odd expressions of professors and students alike, intersperse the names of the dishes, and the subjects of the toasts. The back is taken up with a group photograph of the committee in charge, and the whole is bound with bows of ribbon in the royal blue and white of the University.

The toast list was introduced by the president of the dinner, Mr. George M. Shaw, '04, who proposed "The King" in a capital speech, in which he reviewed the progress of medical education in Toronto since he attended his first dinner. Professor Bruce, honorary president of the committee, proposed "The Empire" in a brilliant appeal for Imperial Federation in the matter of degrees in medicine in the universities of Great Britain and the colonies. To this, J. M. Clark, K.C., president of the United Empire League, made a most patriotic reply. "The University and the Faculty of Medicine" was

given by the Hon. Richard Harecourt, Minister of Education. To this the vice-president of the University, R. Ramsay Wright, and Dr. Temple responded. "The Learned Professions" was offered by Provost Macklem, and was responded to by Hon. Dr. Montague, for Medicine; Rev. Professor Robertson, for Divinity, and K. C. Patterson, K.C., for Law. This toast elicited the finest examples of oratory given during the evening, in which every speaker showed himself an orator.

Mr. Durnyn, '04, in a series of felicitous remarks, proposed "Sister Institutions," and if THE VARSITY were large enough it would be a pleasure to report verbatim the best lot of undergraduate speeches ever heard at a Medical dinner. These were given by Messrs. Nagle, of McGill; McCullough, of Queen's; Donley, of Bishops; McMillan, of London; Kerr, of Trinity; Pierson, of Victoria; McDonald, of Osgoode; Gilechrist, of University College; McKay, of Knox; Clarkson, of the Dental College, and Gillespie, of the S. P. S. It was nearly two in the morning when Dr. Marlowe proposed the "Ladies," and Mr. McMillan, '06, made reply in a well delivered oration. Dr. Wishart was greeted with enthusiasm as he rose to propose a toast to the Freshmen. The sentiment was responded to by Mr. Kerswell, '07. Dean Reeve then toasted the president of the committee, and Mr. Shaw replied in a modest acknowledgment of the assistance given him by his colleagues, every man of whom had worked faithfully in bringing about the successful issue to which they would all look back with pride.

Early in the evening Mr. Watt, '04, sang a topical song, and the National Anthem, led by Mr. Freyling, '04, brought the banquet to a close.

THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE DINNER.

The fifteenth annual dinner of the School of Practical Science was held last Friday evening in the American dining-room of the King Edward Hotel, and was most successful. With the exception of the guests' table, the room was set with small tables, or six covers each, an arrangement much lauded. The menu cards were very daintily gotten up, and the menu itself was all that could be desired. The president, Mr. J. F. Hamilton, was the chairman of the evening, and on either side of him stretched a long line of prominent guests. Regrets of inability to be present were read from the Premier and Mr. Whitney, Chancellor Meredith and Vice-Chancellor Moss, Messrs. Wm. Mackenzie, T. K. Thompson and many others. The Toronto Engineers were present in uniform, and made a very brilliant showing. The musical programme was quite a feature of the evening, of which numbers might be mentioned a solo by Major Lang, assisted by the Engineers, and a song, "He Rambled," by Mr. Smither.

The toast to the King, proposed by the chairman, was heartily received. Mr. Ben Patten, in proposing the toast, "Canada and the Empire," dwelt upon the greatness of our heritage. Vice-President J. F. Ellis, of the Board of Trade, in a most patriotic reply, mentioned the fact that no longer in the old land does a Canadian receive a less hearty welcome than a foreigner. Mr. W. A. Campbell, of the Department of Public Works, was confident that the School will play her part in the marvellous development of Canada, and, dwelling on the railway development of our country, incidentally mentioned that the chief and all the assistant engineers on the Temiskaming Railway are graduates of S. P. S.

Mr. E. A. James, in proposing the toast to the Ontario Legislature, appealed for the Department of Forestry to be added to the School. The Minister of Education, in reply, stated the Government's intention of thoroughly equipping the new Science Building, and told his hearers that in his long connection with the Legislature no deputation to the Government ever made a greater effect than the S. P. S. undergraduates three years ago. Mr. T. W. Gibson, of the Bureau of Mines, dwelt on the relations of capital and labor and the great power of the engineer in influencing this relation for the better.

In reply to the toast to the University of Toronto, by Mr. Treadgold, Dr. Coleman and Prof. Miller, provincial mineralogist, spoke briefly. The latter recalled the time when Drs. Galbraith and Ellis and two assistants constituted the whole faculty of the School.

To the toast of "The Profession," by Mr. J. C. Gardner, replies were heard from Messrs. J. T. Jennings, C.E., and R. F. Tait, C.E., and Mr. Simons, of the Ontario Architects' Association. Mr. McArce, a graduate of '82 gave a very interesting account of his first day at the School.

Mr. W. Gibson, '04, proposed "The Faculty," and in reply Dr. Galbraith deplored the smallness of the staff in comparison with the number of students, and hinted that another deputation to the Government might remedy this. He announced that Mr. Harecourt had authorized him to state that a telephone would be installed for the use of the students. Dr. Ellis, in conclusion of a witty speech, assured the students success lay in keeping their instruments and faculties "just so."

"The Engineers" was proposed by Mr. W. F. Wright, '04, and Major Lang, in reply, traced the history of Royal Engineering from the time of Noah to the present.

Mr. P. Gillespie, '03, proposed "Sister Institutions," to which replied Messrs. Willis, of McGill; Wilson, of Queen's; Harrison, of University College; Cruikshank, of Toronto Meds.; Aikens, of Victoria, and Ellis, of Dentals.

Mr. N. D. Wilson, '03, proposed the toast to "The Press;" Mr. A. Gray, '04, that to "Athletics," to which Mr. Rutherford, '04, replied. Mr. W. M. Currie proposed the health of "The Ladies," in whose behalf Mr. Sam. Trees, '03, most efficiently responded.

Messrs. D. Sinclair and W. H. Munroe replied to the toast by Mr. R. S. Smith to the "Graduates and Graduating Class." "The Freshmen," proposed by the President, responded to from the lips of Messrs. James Gray and C. W. Hamilton.

The gathering broke up about 2 a.m., with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Queen strode on the burning deck,
A royal flush upon her face.
"Queen's up," the sailors cried, and straight
She passed; within her hand she held
Two pears, and with them dealt the King
A crushing blow. "The deuce," he cried,
And wiped the two spots from his robe,
"The game is up, alas!"

—*Yale Record.*

"Victor—Why was Eve created?"
Mac—"Don't know, give it up."
Victor—"For Adam's Express Company."
—*University of Ottawa Review.*

NAUGHTY SEVEN ARTS RECEPTION.

Outside the snowflakes were falling fast, covering the tall, gaunt trees and the ground with a thick white mantle. A high wind, no respecter of either personage or special gala days, made walking with great celerity well-nigh impossible. It was Saturday afternoon, the twelfth of December. The long-looked-for day had come, the day set aside by the Freshman Class of Varsity Arts '07 to receive with open arms the elite of University College. Happy was he to whom the dainty bit of pasteboard gave the entree to this exclusive function! Envious and sorrowful was he to whom the glad hand of friendship, in the shape of these precious open-sesame, had not been extended! True, the weather was far from propitious, but who would not have braved the perils of elements tenfold worse rather than have afforded to his neighbor the opportunity of indulging in the luxury of that expressive shrug of the shoulder and elevation of the eyebrow indicative of higher social attainments?

For each and all who entered the portal of the College and wended his way in the direction whence emanated that peculiar "hum hum" of human chatter, a pleasant surprise was in store. For there, near the foot of the massive stairway leading to the drawing room above, was the honored head of the College, ably assisted by his Bedel who imperturbably received the coveted square of white with its embossed coat-of-arms in red, of University College. Stream after stream of happy, budding Freshettes in festal array; of shy and timid Freshmen; of demure Sophettes; of sedate Juniorites and staid Seniorites; then shoals of innocent Sophomores following in the wake of their friends the Juniors and Seniors, all on the executives of their respective years; of such as these there seemed no end. It is said that after awhile the Bedel absent-mindedly took to fingering the embossed designs of the cards and even turned several of them to the light. The rest of the whisper was lost in the gay noises about; but it is also said that for a short time several of the "invited few" had to remain below, until a slight mistake on their invitations had been rectified.

Of the scene in there, words are too inadequate to delineate the varied beauty. Each guest was greeted in the most delightful manner by the kind and amiable hostess, whose efforts to make the event one long to be remembered were seconded by the genial and affable host. After one, in an amazingly short time (from the ladies' point of view) had succeeded in having filled the programme, also finished in red and white, one had time to notice that there was a vastly superior number of the sterner sex represented—and in the course of the evening one espied many wall-flowers here and there. They were not the ladies.

One had time, also, to notice the very effective blending of the red and white lights. A little more time than usual was given to the ordinary reception half-hour, owing to another slight mistake on the part of the orchestra. However, a telephone message speedily brought the wielders of the bow and string, and to the strains of entrancing music the various couples sought out the best vantage ground for "sitting out." As usual the two flights of stairs were the most eagerly intrigued for, "far from the maddening crowd"; every available chair was occupied. Many strolled along the even tenor of

their ways around the hall. Even the platform, ordinarily usurped by the sheltering palms, lent effective aid.

In the early part of the evening, when the crush was at its height, one maiden was desirous of finding an appropriate epithet to apply to the assemblage. With his gaze focused on the radiant faces of the Freshettes and probably of her elder sisters, too, her partner returned "Heavenly!"

A new departure and one that lent not a little dignity to the scene was the presence of quite a number of the professors accompanied by their kindly wives. Surely they were well repaid for their coming by the universally cordial reception tendered them. They came, they saw, and were conquered, especially by the petite Freshette. Did you see how proudly she led her escort to that most-sought-for-of-all places, the refreshment room, and beamed down on her less fortunate elder sister content with a mere undergraduate or perchance a graduate, while he who on ordinary occasions requests her to explain to the rest of the class some very vexing idiom of a foreign tongue, kindly inquires whether she will have an ice or an ice-cream!

Quite suddenly the electric lights along one entire side of the hall went out, but as the lights in this hall have been defective for some time, no one attached undue significance to the event. All too soon how forcibly was borne home to that gay company the truth of that time-honored adage: "Art is long and time is fleeting." The last promenade, the final wailing chord of the violin, the flurry in the cloak room to don wraps and fascinator, and

"The lights are out, and gone are all the guests
Who thronging came, with merriment and jest—
Without exception
To celebrate '07 Freshman Arts' reception."

NOTICES

All matter for this department must be handed
in, signed, before Monday at 9 a. m.

Owing to the date for the open meeting of the Modern Language Club being set for January 20th, the meeting scheduled for January 18th will be cancelled and its papers distributed through the following meetings of the term.

The open meeting of the Modern Language Club will be held in the Chemical Amphitheatre on the evening of Wednesday, January 20th, when Professor Horning, of Victoria College, will deliver an interesting lecture on Rudyard Kipling. All those interested are cordially invited to attend.

The Arts Dance will be held this year on Friday, Feb. 5th. The committee is at work, and this will be one of the most successful dances of the year. The tickets will be on sale in the near future. Keep the date open—Friday, Feb. 5th.

The regular meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society will be held next Thursday, Jan. 14th, at 4 p.m. Papers will be presented by Mr. S. W. Eakins, '04, and Mr. T. O. Phillips, '05. A good attendance is requested.

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TORONTO, JANUARY 13th, 1904

THE VARSITY greets its readers at the opening of the year with every good wish for their prosperity. We know that the compliment will be returned, and so are encouraged in taking up the work of editing the University magazine. It is no light matter to succeed in office the long line of men who have occupied the position. So many of them have been gifted with exceptional ability, and have done such good work that it would be the height of presumption to declare any intention of improving upon what they have done. The duties of the office have been assumed with pleasure—the honor and responsibility are taken up with diffidence. The kind commendation of the retiring chief and the assurance of the loyal support of the Editorial Board have already gone a long way in establishing confidence in the result of the labor which will ungrudgingly be given to THE VARSITY during the next few months.

ON another page we publish an article on the late Jas. A. Tucker, B.A., with a cut made from a recent photograph. There are but few of his classmates now in the University, but the story of his eventful connection with THE VARSITY in '95 is known to every one. On the action taken on his outspoken criticisms of certain University matters while he was editor-in-chief of this journal, we have nothing to say. We merely desire to offer a tribute of respect to the man. If he was wrong he paid the penalty, and if he was right he found his vindication in the support given him by his fellow-students. Ten years have surely healed the old wounds, and no one will resent a reference to his memory. His years were few, but he lived them actively and earnestly. His loss is mourned by many friends, of

whom those who knew him in his college days are not the least numerous.

IN our High School days we were told of a young man who spent a holiday in a rural district in Quebec.

His descriptive writings dealing with what he saw and heard and published in this magazine won him a fellowship in an American university as soon as he had graduated. We cannot promise fellowships to all who will send us their compositions, but a whole list of benefits is bound to accrue from every bright and original article published in THE VARSITY. These benefits would be gained not only by the paper, but by the University, and particularly by the writers. THE VARSITY Office is open from twelve to one o'clock every day, and the post-box at the door receives any manuscripts left in it after office hours. Contributions may therefore be left at any time, and will always be welcome.

THE question of what should be done with the hockey team in view of their holiday trip to the "Soo," is a burning one just at present. The action of the O. H. A. in disqualifying them as amateurs is quite approved as within the rights of that organization. The standing of the club in the Intercollegiate League is, however, the matter of most supreme importance, and this will be determined in good time. We could wish that the occasion for putting the hockey team on trial had not arisen. The management might have squared themselves by declaring their intentions before undertaking their tour. As it now stands we await the decision of the Athletic Directorate as settling the affair satisfactorily.

THE *News* of January 8th contained a two-column article upon the question of College Fraternities, which demands certain comment. The discussion arises out of a meeting of the Board of Trustees held last week to consider the advisability of granting three of the fraternities aid and privileges similar to those granted the Kappa Alpha Society about two years ago. These privileges include permission to build a residence upon University property, the same to be exempt from rent and taxes, and the aid was in money at a low rate of interest, equal to half the cost of the building. Since these advantages were granted to one society it might seem nothing but fair that others should receive the same treatment. At the same time we cannot understand why small sections of the undergraduate body should be so materially assisted in the erection of comparatively luxurious quarters while the students as a whole are crying out for a suitable University residence. Against the proposed grants of free building sites and of financial aid we beg to protest. The land is required for the larger residence scheme, and the money is needed more than

the land. The membership of the Greek Letter Fraternities as per *Torontonensis*, 1903, is about one hundred, with fully twenty of that number having homes in the city. It is a manifest injustice to think of granting exemptions to eighty students which are not granted to the remaining sixteen or seventeen hundred. The time has surely become ripe for the promoters of the University Residence scheme to force their claims for recognition.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Blessed as our University undeniably is in respect of grounds on which the students of her many colleges may indulge their fondness for sport, yet even much greater space could easily be occupied by football teams any afternoon during the autumn term. There is hardly a college connected with the University that has not a senior and an intermediate team competing in the series of the Inter-College Football Association, and even the preparatory schools are granted the use of our lawn and campus. Surely the object and the expectations of the original promoters of the Association have been realized, and Association football must flourish in our midst.

It is an indisputable fact that the game is very much alive in most of the colleges, and that the existence of the Association provides a means of healthy competition, free from some unpleasant features that might creep in if our teams were entered in an outside association. It must be admitted, however, that the quality of football generally seen in our college games is not of the highest order. Few of the colleges are able to put on the field a team that is better than intermediate. Some teams have degenerated greatly, notably those of McMaster University and of the Dental College, and at the present time not more than three of the teams are first rate. The interest in the contests, therefore, has been too little due to the expectation of an exhibition of fast, scientific play and of good judgment and resourcefulness, and too largely due to a desire to see "our college" or "our faculty" out-score "our" opponents.

It is rarely that more than one or two first-class games are seen in one season; that just ended provided perhaps but one. Even this seemed in danger of being only second-rate owing to the fact that one of the competing teams had for some time to use two disabled players, and for the remainder of the game a left wing drawn from the intermediates, and playing out of position. But the play of both teams, certainly of many members of both, was almost, if not quite, first-class. It seems a pity that either, or both, should not have been able to offer to the enthusiasts and to the public generally more opportunities of enjoying exhibitions of the game that were at least up to the standard of this single match. This is what is needed in order to win for "the grand old game" the general recognition which it deserves, and which would readily be accorded it. Yet one ought not to forget that at present the clubs in the city, of which there are not a few, are represented by teams that are not better than second-rate, and that probably not more than two teams in the whole province are of the first flight.

For several years the writer has believed that the conditions could be so greatly improved as to secure more skilful exhibitions, and as a consequence a largely increased interest in and enthusiasm for the game. He

would suggest (1) that a University of Toronto team be entered in the spring series of the Ontario Union; (2) that an effort be made to arrange an autumn series in the same union, one district being made up of teams from the colleges; (3) that the best, and only the best, college teams be entered in this competition, the winners to play off with the winners of other districts; (4) that the Inter-College Association continue to offer a Senior and an Intermediate series—and possibly a Junior series for the preparatory schools. The matches between the teams competing for provincial honors would be more generally advertised and of interest to a larger number than is the case at present, and the presence of these teams in the Union would assure an autumn series, which, it may be added, should begin not later than Oct. 15th, and conclude about Nov. 20th.

But a scheme proposed some years ago by the writer has always seemed to him to possess features which would more certainly win greater respect and a higher status for the game. It was proposed that an attempt be made to form a union with Queen's and McGill, in which each University would enter a team drawn from all its faculties. The contests would be arranged so as not to occur on the same days as the Rugby games.

The Inter-College Association would not go out of existence; indeed, it would be benefited by the fact that the members of the several teams would all be anxious to "make" the Varsity team, an achievement which might be recognized in some special manner, if the mere honor itself were not deemed sufficient. The matter of expense would have to be considered very carefully, but it is believed that wise management and the enthusiastic support of the colleges would make such a union a grand success.

And is not the present the time to act? It is the fashion to long for the days and the men that have been, to speak of the game as having lost all its glory. But at the present moment there are two (or three) teams in the University quite as good as any that represented the University, as a whole, in the middle eighties, and quite as good as the stalwarts of Knox College, who four times met Varsity in the finals, and, after four drawn games, in the end won by default. And these teams were not inferior to those of Queen's and McGill, as was made clear by the result of their meetings on the field, although they were, perhaps, not quite equal to the "Rangers" of Berlin, who were at that time at the height of their glory. Moreover, the University can now pick a team from its colleges which would have pressed hard the most famous University team ever captained by that player of imperishable renown, "Watty" Thompson. Shall we longer permit this brilliancy to flash out in isolated places, on this and the other faculty or college team, and make no attempt to gather it into a constellation again to shed great splendor upon a UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB?
G. W. Johnston.

"Sam had spirits nought could check,
And to-day at breakfast he
Broke his baby sister's neck,
So he shan't have jam for tea!"

"Little Willie, in the best of sashes,
Fell in the fire and was burned to ashes.
By and by the room grew chilly,
But no one liked to poke up Willie."

—*Ex.*

THE COLLEGE GIRL

MISS J. A. NIELSON, Superintending Editress.



It is wonderful how easy we can take life when we see the immense amount of work before us, that has to be done. It is then that loafing is really enjoyable, for no matter how dastardly a deed we know we are committing, or how much we shrivel up before the contempt of ourselves, we can sit down and thoroughly enjoy a novel when we know we should be looking up material for a thesis, or at least thinking of what our thesis will be about.

It is the night before the day our essay must be in that we feel extraordinarily sleepy, and after we are brought back into consciousness by our head bumping on the table, we say, "Well here, this won't do. I'll take forty winks and will feel so refreshed after I will be able to collect my thoughts properly." We throw ourselves on the bed, and sleep soundly until half-past eleven. We rise in horror, look at two lines of writing on a page of foolscap, and decide that we are not in the mood for writing essays. We go to bed in all haste, lest our consciences set us to work again, and we sleep the sleep of the righteous.

Now this is all on the line of Christmas resolutions and the college girl. Almost every one of us, except the very, very wise, carts home note-books in order to have our notes all written up to date when we start back to work, and two or three texts, just to go over the passages we missed when we were unavoidably detained from attending lectures. It is likely that when, in the glorious month of May, certain questions occur on exam. papers that somehow do not seem to have very definite answers to us, we find out that they refer to the work we should have gone over in the holidays.

However, Christmas comes but once a year, and who, after partaking of Christmas turkey and all its adherents—not to mention plum pudding—could refuse the after-cher of nuts and raisins and a grate fire, and conscientiously went upstairs, away from the "madding crowd" to plod through books in which our interest is considerably decreased by the necessary frequent halts to look up words in a dictionary? It is a dreadful thing to confess that we would pore over Henry Kingsley, munching bonbons with our feet in the oven, so contented that we can scarcely tear ourselves away to go to the rink, and yet we shudder to think of sitting down and reading Carlyle's Miscellaneous Essays.

But if we do enjoy the holidays and do not rise strictly at five o'clock, one has only to look into the library to see that we have determined to start the new year well. It is a little hard to get into the way of working yet. We can't help letting our thoughts and eyes wander, and we will persist in getting sleepy at half-past ten in the evenings—an unheard-of thing in the holidays. However, we have a hazy idea of being "an honor to our par-

ents and the school" all along, and would be horrified if anyone suggested our being plucked.

The University has not been exactly agog with news this week. Mrs. White has resumed her lessons in physical culture, and Mrs. Scott Raff gave a series of splendid exercises in voice training. The young women will soon be regular Amazons and Pattis.

IN MEMORIAM.

James A. Tucker. Born Dec. 22nd, 1871. Died Dec. 19th, 1903.

To the tributes paid Mr. James A. Tucker, a distinguished alumnus of the University, to whom death came in December, THE VARSITY wishes to add its work of appreciation.

Mr. Tucker was prepared for the University at the Owen Sound Collegiate Institute and entered with the



class of 1895. As an undergraduate he was a good student, and took a very active part in what is called college life, particularly in the work of the Literary Society. He was held in very high esteem by his fellows, and as a result of their confidence in his ability and integrity he was chosen editor of THE VARSITY in his final year. As editor he came into conflict with the authorities, in consequence of which he took his degree at another university.

Mr. Tucker then entered upon journalistic work, first at Owen Sound, then in Montreal, and later as a member of the staff of *Saturday Night*, of which he was assistant editor at the time of his death. By his fellow-journalists he was regarded as a man of great promise, displaying marked ability and versatility, not only as an editorial writer, but also as a poet and cartoonist.

After severing his connection with the University Mr. Tucker continued a deep interest in THE VARSITY, frequently contributing valued articles in both prose and verse, and had kindly promised a sketch for this year's Christmas number.

To the widow, to his sister, Miss Alice Tucker, B.A., '96, and to the other members of his family THE VARSITY wishes to express its sympathy in the sorrow that has come upon them.

THE IDEAL RESIDENCE.

It is assuredly a much more agreeable task to talk of one's theories than to admit the difficulties there are in translating theories and ideals into practical realities; yet, without some model of perfection before one, there is little chance of high attainment.

It is rather incredible, when one comes to think of it, that we should have been so long without proper homes for our University students. Our educational system boasts of continuity from Kindergarten to University, but the order of things should be reversed, and we should say from the University to the Kindergarten. The University is the foundation and inspiration of the schools. The teachers of the teachers are University men and women, and upon their character depends that of those whom they send out from our secondary schools. Hence, the lack of wisdom, culture and scholarship is at once reflected in the students, so many of whom soon become instructors. It is in the University where reform in education must begin, when it is required.

While it is true that the early age of a child is its most impressionable one, it is also true that the years from fifteen to twenty-three are those in which, if one may so speak, most new windows are opened in the soul, and the natural inclinations are moulded into fixed purpose. This is the age when one's outlook will become broad or narrow, when the decision is made and established, whether the trend of life shall be toward what is ideal, or what is material. It is essential, therefore, that at this age the student should be surrounded by the best the country can produce or procure in character, high moral purpose, culture, intellectual grasp and personality, and that those who stand for these things should not be too far removed from close contact with the student himself. It is to give the student these advantages that residences exist.

When Thring of Uppingham took upon himself his great public school, he laid down some principles which no educators can afford to ignore. No residence was to contain more than thirty boys, for then individual attention was possible for each, and no system of instruction was worthy the name which did not deal with the individual student. Residences for thirty students only are perhaps too much to ask for yet, but what can be done is to so construct the building as to divide it into sections for thirties, and for every thirty have a responsible person in authority. It is quite impossible to enter into the lives of sixty different persons at once and know them as well as one should know them, to be able to understand their needs and seek to meet them. The majority of American residences for women accommodate sixty students. The English residences accommodate usually about thirty. This would justify the remark of a beautiful Southern girl, a graduate of Chicago, afterwards a student at Newnham, and in Oxford, who said: "My character was more influenced in three months at Newnham than in three years at Chicago."

That the building itself should be built with careful attention to sanitation and ventilation, and with regard to the needs of those for whom it is erected, goes without saying. There should be no double rooms, and, if wealth permit the student a library as well as bedroom, this, too, should be for one student only.

So much then for the outside shell. The inside spirit is the main point. Thring says: "Every boy who leaves home ought to go to a better than home place."

If a residence is to meet its reason for existence, it must be, in its tone and principles, in the influence it exerts on all sides of character, in culture and scholarship, equal to the best home in the land. This is rendered possible by the fact that around a residence can be gathered forces unobtainable in ordinary private life. There is the same opportunity in residence for the cultivation of the spiritual nature that there is in the home. There can be brought into touch with those in residence some of the finest and choicest spirits of the nation, and to meet great people is in itself an education. There is also the mutual rubbing off of rough corners. There is the practice in the principles of living, in being a member of a small community, where one may show public spirit or not, as one will, and meet the reward or neglect the conduct calls forth, where one may learn the valuable art of seeing another's point of view, giving it due value, and doing justice to the holder of it. The atmosphere must be one of truth and sincerity, of freedom properly used, of unselfishness and consideration for others, of courtesy and kindness—in short, that of the best home.

The end of education is all-round development, the enlarging of one's capacity. In the women's residences we must exact the highest type of woman to which our race can rise. She must be a Christian woman, with whom principle, truthfulness, honor and duty are first; she must be strong, tender, sympathetic and unselfish; she must be cultured, gentle and tactful; her outlook in life must be broad, her experiences deep, that she may learn to put real things first; she must be a seeker after truth, and withal the possessor of the grace and charm which come from true womanhood—a woman to whom home is the dearest spot on earth, and whose presence brings an atmosphere of rest, repose and peace.

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ABITTIBI CANOE SONG.

The portage is past,
And the daylight fast
Wells over the bounding earth;
So paddle her, lad,
And put her, my lad,
My strong and my sturdy and straight camarade,
Well over the bounding earth.

The sun he lies stark
On the prevalent dark,
All over the bounding earth;
And the stars are out, lad,
And the dark moon, my lad,
My strong and my sturdy and straight camarade,
Well over the bounding earth;

But the fire of the camp
Gleams out like a lamp,
At the end of the bounding earth,—
So paddle her, lad,
And put her, my lad,
My strong and my sturdy and straight camarade,
To the end of the bounding earth.

—W.



WEEK BY WEEK

Where is our specialization leading us? Are we following a very will-o'-the-wisp into a tangled, pathless wilderness of thought and life? Is our specialization giving us educated men of culture whose training makes them easily and readily adaptable to the varying conditions of life? At the present time there exists a passion for the practical man, and in a country like ours he is a necessity; he is more, he is essential to its growth and well-being. It seems, however, that the apparently obvious and easy method of obtaining such a man by putting him to work for four years at one or two subjects may not after all be entirely satisfactory. Life is complex, and the life of the individual is complex. Make a man a thorough-going specialist, and you make him at the same time a highly sensitive and but slightly adaptable tool. His degree of usefulness in his own particular branch is high or intense, but generally it is low. It is a comparatively easy matter to put him out of touch with the rest of his fellows: he himself frequently loses his appreciation of the other elements of life. Specialization in this University, as elsewhere, is year by year giving us men who are not cultured men, nor yet educated men, if a distinction between these two terms is possible. It is giving us men who know more or less about their specialty and little or nothing about other things. This is, of course, inevitable to a certain extent in any case; but it seems unreasonable to suppose that a man can make the best use of his specialized knowledge if he is unable to co-ordinate it, at least roughly, with other subjects.

One great fault of this over-specialization lies in the fact that men are made specialists who are not fitted to be such, and are, as it were, doomed to mediocrity, when, if the specialization had been less intense, they would have attained much better results. These are the very men, too, who, when tarred with the "stick" of specialization, find it most difficult to make the necessary rearrangements of thought and methods to be successful.

Let us beware of too much specialization. Let us not be afraid of general culture. The specialist is valuable when he is thoroughly competent, but general speaking a man of broad learning and refinement is quite as valuable, and his class is quite as useful. Our University will do well to see to it that she turns out educated men, neither mere business hacks nor mere accessories of

the factory or the manufacturing establishment. The genuine practical man has his place, but the so-called practical man, who is without a setting of culture, may be actually unpractical.

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The color question in University College has been to some extent faced, and we see more of the red and white than formerly. University College as yet has no distinctive yell. The word "Toronto" has been rather persistently substituted for "Varsity" in the University yell of late. The effect is not altogether a success. It doesn't make by any means as good a yell. The word "Toronto" is not as readily heard as is the word "Varsity." The Rhodes scholarships will doubtless be awarded in the manner announced by the trustees in July, but I predict that they will arouse little interest among the great body of the students under this arrangement. The students are still required to make deposits for the use of the library seminaries. The deposit is to offset theft. I still believe that the students are honest, and that this is an unnecessary and vexatious inconvenience. There has been no change announced regarding the awarding of the Governor-General's medal, and it will probably remain an unrepresentative award for one year more at least. We have seen ludicrous substitutes for the old "hustles." The "hustle" is largely a thing of the past, and Freshmen will henceforth be required upon enrollment to show a silk hat with which they will be able to properly salute the Sophomores. THE VARSITY has had occasional spasms of original verse, but the editor has been forced to depend far too much upon his exchanges for poetry. Let me exhort all undergraduates to do more writing of this and other kinds for THE VARSITY. The "knocker" has been "knocked," and I hope will still be knocked. Prof. Van Dyke has told us nice things of the ladies, and we have concluded that, no matter what may be said against Canadian women in general, none of it applies to Canadian college women. As yet we have no guide to show people about our buildings.

Truly, the lot of the reformer is hard. He must look on, while cold, staid, conservatism refuses an adequate answer, or even an answer at all, to his criticisms. However, I had the pleasure of criticising. While my words have not been enforced by the vitriolic bitterness and the fire-eating fervor that command attention, still I hope that they may in some cases at least bear fruit in the future. My successor will doubtless accomplish more than it has been possible for me to do.

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I hope the men in all the colleges are taking the University pin matter seriously. We have not heard much of it in the last few weeks, but doubtless the committees are at work. The idea is good: we should have a general University pin; it should be beautiful and valuable—something of which we may be proud. Agitate, my friends, until we have it. These things don't come of themselves.

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What a strange creature is that perennially funny thing the "Freshman"! How persistently self-conscious he will be! It is almost a sin to laugh at the tender, innocent, unsophisticated thing, but, indeed, he should know that, if he but minds his own business and does not make too much fuss about doing it, no one will ever notice him.

Stroller.

U. OF T. ATHLETICS.

When athletics became prominent fifteen years ago, the Athletic Association came into being, and governed University athletics until 1899. The idea of those who drew up the old constitution was to bind all forms of athletics in a common union for the common good. This Athletic Association was governed by a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and representatives from the different colleges, which made up a body of about

twenty members. This body was too unwieldy, and it gave way to the "Athletic Board," which was composed of the President of the University, two other members of the faculty and the president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the Athletic Association.

Now this was a great advance in the management of powers assigned to it. But it had no control over the University athletics. It had the much-wanted faculty and student representation, and it had great supervisory finances of the different clubs, and it became a well known fact that unless the receiving and disbursing of the moneys of the different clubs was in its hands, the Athletic Association could not exercise its theoretical control. There was a keen feeling that a new central power was needed, and T. A. Russell, Arts '99, submitted a scheme, which was adopted at a special meeting of the Athletic Association. This plan of Mr. Russell's was the Athletic Directorate of the present time. The members of the association are undergraduates and graduates of the different faculties and colleges, and also the professors and lecturers of all the colleges. The executive of this body is chosen according to the following extract from the constitution: "The electing body shall be chosen as follows: The athletic director of each year in Arts; two representatives from each of the following colleges: Medicine, S. P. S., Dental College, Victoria College, Knox and Wycliffe; five representatives elected by each of the Executive Committees of the following clubs: Rugby, Lacrosse, Baseball, Hockey, Ten-

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Young Lady (on introduction committee)—"Is your card filled, Mr. —?"

Mr. — (Freshman)—"Yes; I'm sorry, Miss, but I know another nice fellow, and I'll introduce you to him."—*Dalhousie Gazette.*

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THE UNIVERSITY RINKS.

Tommy Hare has been working overtime lately with the result that three of the finest outdoor rinks in the province have been erected on the Athletic Field. The rinks this year are up at the northern end of the field, and this will make it much easier to keep the rinks in skating condition, as the snow when it melts will go south and not flood the rinks. A large new dressing-room, properly heated and equipped, is being erected, and will no doubt be greatly appreciated, as there has been some crowding in previous years. Another new feature is the track, which is being made around the rinks. It is likely that there will be quite a lot of speed

skating there this winter. Over thirty clubs have applied for practice hours, and although the Athletic Directorate has gone to great expense in equipping the rinks it is likely that the season will be a financial success. The rink fee is a very small one, and it is the duty of every undergraduate to join, and thus support University athletics as well as to incidentally build up a strong constitution which stand the hard grinding of the spring term.

INTER-COLLEGIATE HOCKEY FRIDAY NIGHT.

On Friday night at the Mutual Street Rink, McGill and U. of T. will meet and open the Intercollegiate hockey season. McGill won the championship last year, and claim to be stronger than ever. Rumor has it that they have five or six ex-Stanley Cuppers on their line-up. Billy Gilmour, the Ottawa crack, is playing with the red and white this year, and as he is a star of about the same shining power as Captain Gilbert of U. of T., some fast hockey may be counted on. Jakey Brown, the heavy-weight, will be on the right boards, Housser will be at centre, and Captain Gilbert will play rover. The left is still in doubt. McIntyre played this position on the trip, but Dilliabaugh and Dutch Heyd are very strong candidates for the position. The defence will be Beck, cover; Evans, point, and McLaren, goal. Last year the students did not support the team by turning out in large numbers, but this year it is hoped and expected they will do much better. Any student who goes to the match Friday night will see first-class hockey played by first-class men. Turn out and yell.

THE HOCKEY ROW.

Most of the Toronto newspapers for the last ten days have been having a fine time. They have been falling all over themselves with joy to think that one of our teams has got into a little mix-up. They have a great admiration for us, and they are generally fair, but they can't get over the fact that for some years our Rugby team has been piling up scores on the city pets and making them look like a lot of four flushes, and also the fact that last year our supposedly despicable hockey team put the far-famed and muchly swell-headed Wellington hockey team, thrice champions, etc., etc., down and out. These were wounds they still feel, hence when they got the slightest chance to throw mud and make copy they took it. In their merry ha-ha's they were led by the bumptious specimen who writes the sporting columns of the Toronto *Evening Telegram*. That paper had bet-

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ter stick to printing advertisements for kitchen mechanics. That is more in its line.

The U. of T. Hockey Club arranged games with the American and Canadian "Soo" teams, and carried out their contract by going up and playing the games during the holidays. Before they had returned, the players and their manager were placed under the ban by the Ontario Hockey Association. This association began immediately to give columns of orders and advice to our Directorate as to the "penalizing," etc., of our senior hockey team. The Directorate, seeing that action had to be taken, called a meeting and hurriedly investigated the matter, and in a meeting held last Saturday they went right at the trouble and have almost settled it. It was decided that Manager Chown had shown clearly, first, that the secretary of the Directorate knew unofficially that he was going to take a team up to the "Soo;" second, that clubs had gone on trips before without the consent of the Directorate under similar conditions, namely, the holidays being on hand the members of the board scattered and the secretary out of town, and since he could not get a meeting of the Directorate for the purpose of gaining their sanction, he had followed the

precedent of previous years, expecting to get the directorate's subsequent approval.

Playing against professional teams is not at variance with the rules of our Athletic Association or of the Inter-collegiate Hockey Association, so the Directorate have officially stated that the senior hockey team of the University of Toronto, together with its manager, is composed of amateurs. Not the O. H. A. amateurs; not the kind of men who go to the O. H. A. annual meeting and vote against all amateur infringements, and after the meeting make arrangements to change their residences for a money consideration; but clean amateurs. We honestly can say that we have a strictly amateur team, and that is more than fifty percent. of the O. H. A. teams can say.

It will be, perhaps, interesting to the student body of old Varsity to know that the creature who played the part of "Hawkshaw, the Detective," and followed our team to the "Soo," and who has practically caused all the trouble, is one of our extremely loyal and clever graduates. His name is J. P. Fitzgerald. He graduated in '95, and is at present on the staff of the "unbiased" *Telegram*.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

The Literary Society will hold its annual At-home and Dance on the evening of Friday, Feb. 5th, and has appointed the following committee:

Fourth Year—Messrs. Sharrard, Baird, O'Leary, McQuesten, McAllister, Vanston.

Third Year—Messrs. Sherry, Hopkins, Mason, H. U. Thomson.

Second Year—Messrs. Scully, J. J. Gray, French.

First Year—Messrs. Sherwood, Southam.

Remember the date and keep it open. Arts Dance, Friday, Feb. 5th.

S. P. S.

The annual meeting of the S. P. S. Hockey Club was held last Thursday. The following officers were elected:

Hon. President—Dr. Ellis.

President—S. Trees.

Vice-President—Nerith.

Secretary-Treasurer—Ingles.

Manager Senior Team—Jackson.

Manager Junior Team—Hausser.

J. F. Hamilton has been appointed secretary of the "University Pin Committee."

A meeting of the Engineering Society will be held Wednesday, Jan. 13th. Mr. Hamilton Monroe, '04, will read a paper on "Turbines." Some changes in the constitution of the Engineering Society recently proposed by the vice-president, Mr. O'Sullivan, will be discussed.

J. P. Gordon, who has been absent from the School on account of ill-health for a year, is able to resume his studies.

"Bill" Curry was very apparent in Port Perry society circles during the holiday season.

Bob Bryce spent a delightful vacation in the neighboring metropolis, Dunnville.

Bessie Bonnell "slept all night and rested all day" in the enterprising city of Bobcaygeon.

Bill Smithers in his successful western tour visited Walkerville and St. Thomas.

Sam Hill's adornment shows us that even School men are not exempt from leap year pleasantries. The third year unite in their congratulations.

Two candidates for the Bisley team will in all probability be chosen from the S. P. S., Thomas Dalton Brown and John Paris being the likely ones. During the Xmas vacation both made records for themselves. Thomas Dalton won first prize in a tournament at Barrie, shooting thirteen pigeons in twelve shots. John Paris, at the annual shooting match at White Lake, made ten bull's-eyes in ten shots. He was also successful in other contests, winning first prize, a goose. In view of the fact that the "Method of least squares, or how to hit the bull's-eye" was an unknown quantity previous to the recent vacation, John's record was a remarkable one.

"Gardy" Alison was home for Christmas, and wished to be remembered to the boys and Andy Gray.

Breslove was back for New Year's. He said he was looking well, but he couldn't be seen for smoke.

At the instigation of Mr. Gillespie, who wished to "see some fun" before the Christmas term broke up, Wm. Olivier and McFairlen indulged in an argument which ended in a wet sponge throwing contest and finally in the upsetting of a fire-pail and Jack's disappearance. "Mack's" remarks as he swabbed up the dampness are worth repeating, but space forbids.

Last Wednesday afternoon Mr. Angus and fourteen of the members of the fourth year paid a visit to the Davenport works of the Canada Foundry Co. Nearly three hours were spent inspecting the machine shop, structural shop, boltmaking department and foundry. The trip was full of interest and value.

Friday afternoon a similar trip was made through the Consumers' Gas Co.'s works, the Taylor Safe Works and the Toronto Electric Light Co.'s power-house. Mr. McVean was with the party of seventeen. A general knowledge of the mode of manufacture and purification of gas was obtained, and some interesting points on fire-proof and burglar-proof safes. Mr. Sam Trees deserves the credit of planning and managing the expedition.

"Students, I guess," said the man on the car platform as we got off. "Students!" repeated Charlie Williams, when on the boulevard, "how did he know we

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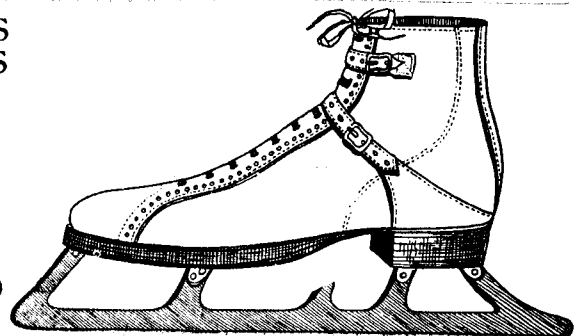
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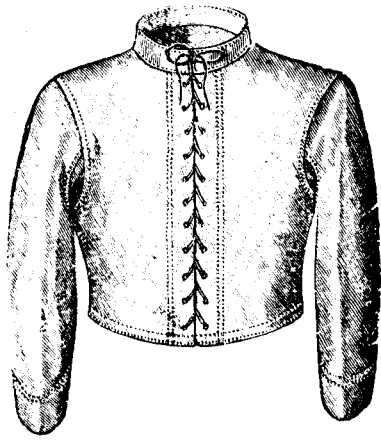
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were students?" A voice from the rear: "No; they don't seem to recognize the faculty."

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The holidays are over. Nearly all the students have returned to college. Each one has his quota of information regarding the interesting way in which he spent the season of rest and recuperation. The old spirit of hum and bustle is again in evidence in the laboratories and lecture-rooms.

Now it's work! work! work!

Mr. Traynor, '05, who was successfully operated on about a month ago, left the hospital during the holidays to spend a couple of weeks at his home in resting. He returned to work a few days ago.

Everyone is sorry that Mr. Toll's Christmas was not more pleasant. He is laid up in the hospital with a very bad attack of typhoid. May he soon be around again.

Mr. Harry Burgess, '05, McGill, medicine, spent the vacation in the Queen City. He called on his old friend, the editor of this column, by whom he was shown through the college and hospitals. He was greatly delighted with the Children's Hospital, the like of which they have not elsewhere.

Things imponderable sometimes have weight.—Professor.

Mr. MacKay, '05, was suddenly called home just before Christmas by the sad news of the death of his mother at Morden, Manitoba. Mr. MacKay returned a few days ago.

It is reported that Mr. McNally, '04, another of the

numerous victims of typhoid this year, has decided to drop out for the present session. We are sorry.

It is reported that Dr. Bright, '04, went a-Gunn-ing in the wilds of Western Ontario during Christmas vacation.

The boys of Naughty five are extending congratulations to Mr. Coone, who, it is reported, was married during the holidays. At all events he has that far-away look in his eye which portends so much.

"Thou, Julia, thou hast metamorphos'd me;
Made me neglect my studies, lose my time."

—Milly, '04: The Lady of Towns End. Act 1, Sc. 1.

If the member for Kilsyth could only have spared the time for his colt-breaking to give the Hon. Geo. W. a hand in North Renfrew, things might have been different.

The nominations for the Medical Society take place on the 15th, and elections a week later. For a time now little bunches of whispering electors and would-be candidates will be seen everywhere. The next question will be: "Where is the money to come from?"

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

The College Y. M. C. A. held a general meeting Thursday, Jan. 7th, when it was decided to arrange for a series of four special addresses to be given at the evening chapel services on Jan. 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th. The Rev. Mr. De Barres, Mr. Wilkie, Rev. Professor O'Meara and Dr. Taylor have kindly consented to give these addresses.

The regular business meeting of the Literary Society was held Friday evening, Jan. 8th. Much lively discus-

sion took place on a motion to change the constitution so as to permit members to pay their fees at any time during the college term. Owing to a number of serious objections being raised, the motion was withdrawn by permission of the meeting.

The College intends giving their annual student function Friday evening, Jan. 22nd. It is to take the form of a dinner this year.

The four librarians returned to College some time before the opening of the term, in order to rearrange the books of the library. They have completed their arduous labors, so that now the students will find the library of very much more service to them in their studies.

Mr. Jones, who was a student of the College up to the close of last term, was married in Winnipeg, Dec. 24th. The men feel that their sympathies for him on leaving the College were largely wasted.

We are glad to announce the return to the College of

Mr. H. L. Haslam, who was forced to discontinue his studies a year ago because of ill-health.

The story goes that Mr. Vance was seen at chapel twice during the first week of the term. It is supposed that he is carrying out a New Year's resolution.

Mr. L. Davis received for a Christmas present a pair of spats. He asks that the fellows say nothing about it, especially that it not be mentioned in THE VARSITY.

The North Renfrew turnover is no longer a mystery. Mr. Briscoe spent his vacation in that constituency, stumping for the Grits.

Wycliffe students are taking quite an interest in skating this year. About thirty tickets have been secured by them for the excellent Varsity rink.

Mr. Burdie looks fresh and bright after his ten days' sojourn in Massachusetts' capital. It is to be hoped that no complications have arisen, as the photos which he brings back with him would lead us to suppose.

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