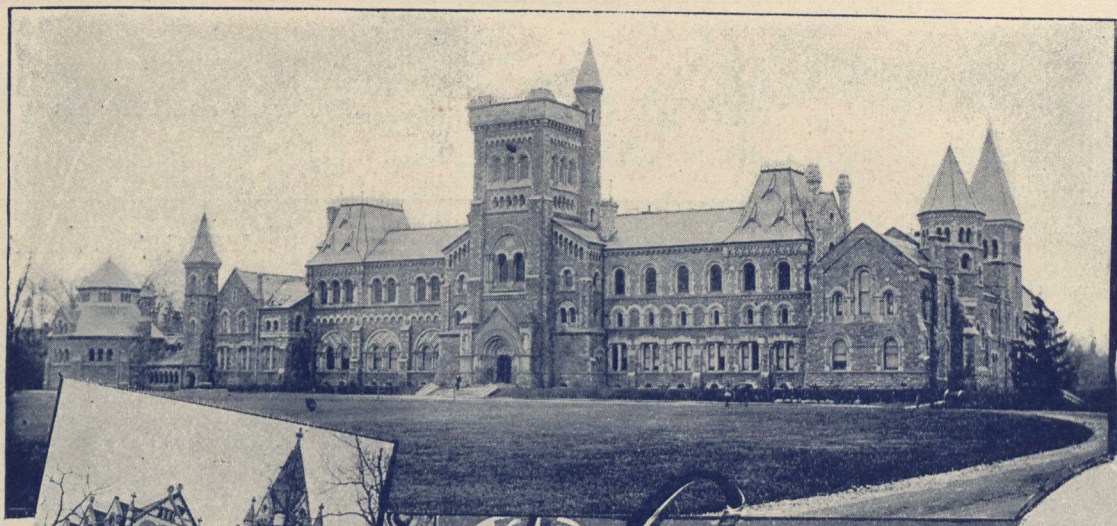


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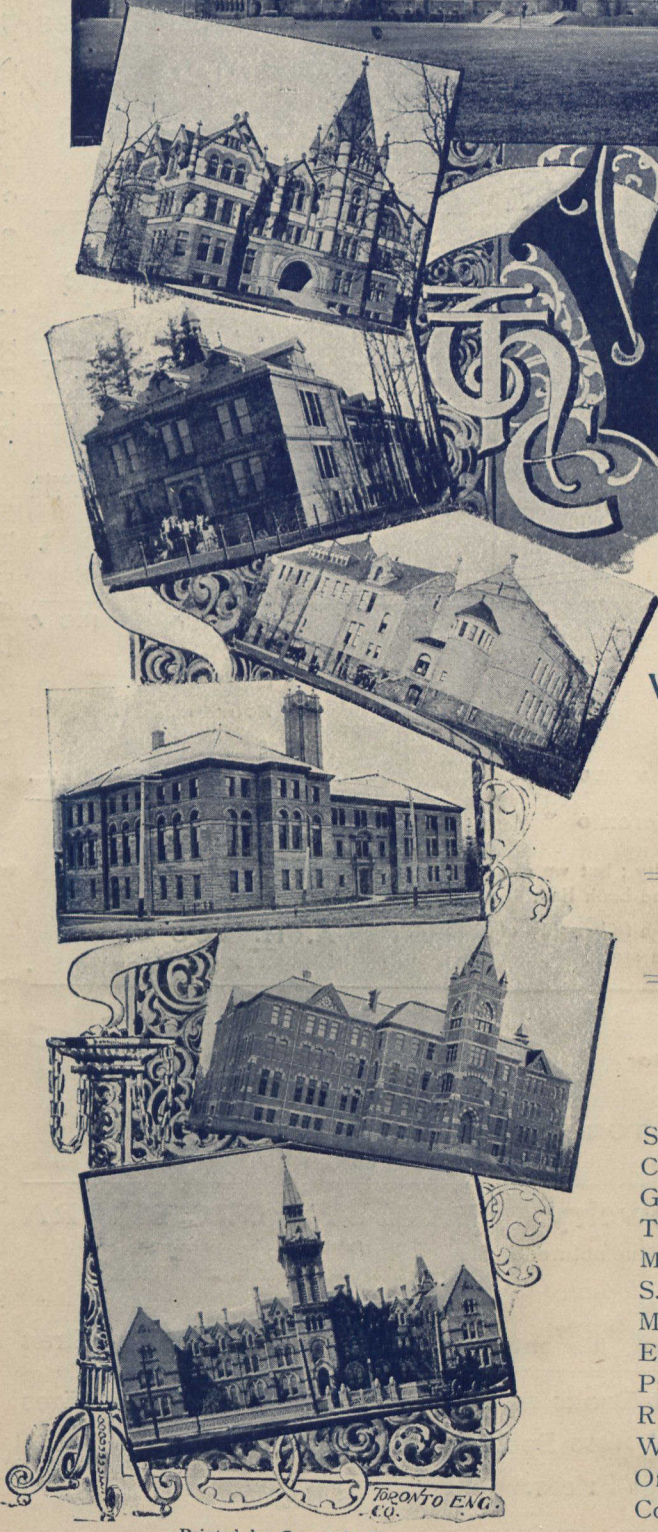
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Some Aspects of Life in the University of Pennsylvania.

"The University of Pennsylvania is noted for its Medicine, Geology, Semitic Languages and Football." So spake a Toronto graduate to me in the year of '95, when I was contemplating postgraduate work; but at the end of two years' residence in this University it seems to me that the four departments above mentioned are not the only strong points of which Pennsylvania can boast.

Someone has said somewhere, however, that one ought not to write one's impressions of a foreign country after one has lived in it longer than six weeks, and perhaps I have lived in old Penn too long to judge it with wholly unbiassed mind, for things which at first seem distinctive and peculiar are so apt, through familiarity, to assume an air of reason and to become mere every-day matters of course, that length of experience itself becomes a limitation upon descriptive powers. With this brief apology I shall try to tell something of student life in some of its phases in this, one of the largest and oldest seats of learning on the continent.

To begin with externals, this University has the advantage of being situated in a large and beautiful city, and a city which has been accused of provincialism in the way in which it always speaks of "the University" without the further designation of Pennsylvania; but it is only the envious allies of other universities who regard this token of appreciative affection as provincial.

Philadelphia, of all American cities, is said to be the most conservative and the proudest of its old families, and the University of Pennsylvania is consistently proud of its age and pedigree, never failing to announce in its catalogues, commencement programmes, etc., that it was founded in 1740, and can trace its genealogy back to the distinguished name of Benjamin Franklin, who was one of the prime movers in the founding of the school out of which the University grew.

"In days of old, as we are told,
There lived a man named Ben:
A friend was he—and so are we—
To Pennsylvania men.
B-e-n Ben!"

As the song book has it.

Apropos of this tendency towards the respecting of persons, might be mentioned a note which was appended to one of the sample examination papers found in last year's class *Record*. It ran thus:—

"N.B. Examinations oral. If Jackson taught your father, uncles, cousins or grandparents, you receive the same mark as they did. If you use the Jacksonian pronunciation of Latin you will receive the highest mark given, if the first-named conditions are fulfilled."

But although the institution itself is so venerable, and its store of traditions is encrusted with the blue mould of antiquity so revered in this historic city, none of the actual buildings date back further than some twenty years ago.

Of these buildings there are about thirty, occupying some fifty acres of ground in the western part of the city, for all the faculties of arts, science, law and medicine are crowded together in one locality—the University Hospital, the Blockley Almshouse and Insane Asylum and the Woodlands Cemetery being also in logical and convenient contiguity.

Of its museums, laboratories, greenhouses and botanical gardens Pennsylvania is justly proud. The archaeological collections are said to be the finest in America, and the laboratories the most perfectly equipped in the country. In the museums are to be seen most complete and wonderful collections of the remains and relics of the Cliff-dwellers of Mancos Canon in S.W. Colorado, while the Babylonian section, presided over by the celebrated Dr. Hermann V. Hilprecht, ranks immediately after that of the British Museum and the Louvre. The section of Glyptics also is of remarkable interest, containing as it does the large and extremely valuable collection of engraved gems and amulets deposited by Professor Maxwell Somerville.

Of its old and large library Pennsylvania is also proud, but recent sad experience of missing volumes, and inadequate cataloguing moves me irresistibly to quote a passage on the subject recently discovered in a class *Record*, a passage which has been as balm to my injured feelings, and which will also serve (though it is a very mild example) to illustrate the freedom of criticism indulged in by the students in these yearly publications.

"The University library is famous for three things: its unsurpassed collection of useless literature, its attendants, and the manner of procuring books. The literature consists chiefly of learned works on the Chinese and Arabic languages, written in German. It requires a practiced linguist even to read the card catalogue, which is written in Hebrew by one. Here can be found every book that you do not want, from the *New England Primer* for 1836, or odd copies of the *Sunday World* for 1887, up to an expurgated edition of Shakespeare and a badly damaged copy of the *Enclopædia Britannica* (volumes from M to Z are missing)." There is so much truth in all this, and in what follows of the article, that I frequently find myself sighing for the very much smaller, but carefully selected and well ordered, library of Toronto.

Among the more recently erected buildings are Houston Hall and the Dormitories. The first of these is a club-house where the social life of the students is centred. Within its grey stone walls are to be found in tasteful completeness all those things which are dearer to the heart of the average student than Greek or chemicals: a good gymnasium, a swimming pool, reading room, billiard room, rooms for the use of the various organizations about college. Here in the spacious reception halls, with their

dark polished floors, are held the college dances and balls, and here, in short, the undergraduate spends all the time he can spare from neglecting his duties in other directions.

The Dormitories were completed in the autumn of '96, and are very quaint and pretty buildings adorned with many a grinning gargoyle. Some three hundred and forty students reside within the walls, and from the tales which reach us from time to time one is inclined to think that there is much truth in the English schoolboy's definition of dormitories, "A place where you try to sleep but can't." Speaking of dormitories I must not omit mention of Bennett Hall, the residence for graduate women, which, although small in comparison, is older in establishment than the men's dormitories. It consists of two large houses thrown into one, the rooms being large and airy, and the whole atmosphere being very home-like. Here the women of the University, who live in distant parts of the city, congregate at lunch time, and in this building they give from time to time their informal teas. Here, also, is the chapter-room of KKT, which is the only women's fraternity at present existing in Pennsylvania. But if the women's residence is small, there is not much reason at present that it should be larger, for the University of Pennsylvania does not open its doors to women; it only leaves one little door ajar, and that is the back door. Women can slave away to their hearts' content among the pots and pans of the biological kitchens, but they must not dream of intruding into the drawing-room courses of College Hall, where they would doubtless contaminate, with their uncouth and ferocious presence, the gentle youths who, even as it is, strike terror into the hardened heart of the female "post" of two years standing, as they hurl themselves headlong down the break-neck staircase, while she, making herself as small as possible, crawls up against the wall. In other words, although women are admitted to all the graduate work upon the same footing as the men, there is, rather illogically, but one full undergraduate course open to them—that of biology—and women soon learn that they are one and all regarded as "biological specimens," which is, I take it, but one remove from psychological freaks.

However, let us hope that the scales of mediæval blindness may soon, through another bequest of money—that sovereign cure—fall from the eyes of the authorities.

Fraternity life is very strong in Pennsylvania, there being some twelve men's fraternities, several of which have chapter-houses in the neighborhood of the campus; and as the question of fraternities is so often discussed in connection with that of college spirit, it seems to me that this university affords a good proof of the possibility of the coexistence of the two conditions. Not that the University of Pennsylvania has escaped the accusation of want of college spirit; what large university on this continent has? But anyone who has ever heard the deafening shouts arising from the athletic field, the cries of "Play, Pennsy, play!" and the inspiriting yell, "Rah! rah! rah! Penn-sylvan-i a!" could never again think that college spirit was lacking. Not only the students themselves, but the Faculty and all Philadelphia go fairly wild over the football team, which this year has won the championship. Twenty thousand people were present at the Cornell game, while twenty-five thousand witnessed that game between Harvard and Pennsylvania, seats commanding various and varying prices, some single tickets finally being sold for not less than twelve dollars and a half. On the occasions of these games with the large universities the streets around Franklin Field are blocked with carriages waiting for the ladies who, fairly swathed in red and blue ribbons and carrying gay silken flags or huge bunches of red roses and blue violets, adorn the grand stands. The shopmen

even, enter into the spirit of the football season, and all the stores on Chestnut street are decorated with red and blue and with the colors of the contending university. Banners float across the streets and from private houses, and the whole city is simply given up to the University. But the University authorities rule the Athletic Association with a strict hand. Men are required to keep up to a certain standard in their work or else lose their place on the football team, and great was the excitement when a couple of years ago a strong player was "dropped" just on the eve of one of the big games.

Of the fame which George W. Orton has gained for Pennsylvania's track team I am sure nothing need be told to Torontonians, who still claim him for their own.

There are some time-honored customs among the undergraduates of this university, chief among which is the bowl fight, a contest which takes place between the sophomores and freshmen immediately after the results of the midyear examinations are announced, the bowl-man being, I believe, the third honor man of the freshman class. The bowl itself is a huge wooden receptacle elaborately carved and decorated, and the object of the "fight" is, from the sophomore's standpoint, to get the bowl-man into the bowl within a certain time, or, failing in this, to break the bowl; while the freshmen's object is to preserve (?) the bowl-man and the bowl. Pennsylvania claims that this is an entirely original custom. I might go on to describe the "cremation" which takes place in the spring, when the most unpopular professor is burnt in effigy with horrid orgies, the commencement exercises which in their solemnity form such a contrast to Toronto's function, the abandon of Class Day, and the festivities of Washington's birthday; but this article is, I fear, already too long and nothing has yet been said concerning the work done by the students and professors in the different departments. Details of curriculum, however, can always be learned by consulting the college catalogue, while some other things do not appear there.

The entrance requirements for Pennsylvania are the same as those for Harvard, and, as far as I have been able to observe, steady and thorough work is required of the students. As in most American colleges, strict attendance upon lectures is required, and absences (for a limited number of which excuses may be accepted) are reported in the Dean's office.

One of the results of this system is an alarming death rate among the grandmothers and aunts of the undergraduates, but the number of funerals he is obliged to attend does not perceptibly dampen the spirits of the average undergrad, who seems to bear up under the loss of his relatives with stoical fortitude.

The increasingly large number of students in attendance (the three thousand mark having been reached this year) is the best proof of the real excellence of the work done in Pennsylvania. With Columbia, Cornell, Princeton and Harvard all within reach, men of wealth would not send their sons to Pennsylvania were it not that they were convinced that they would here receive a broad and thorough university training.

Nor is this in any sense a provincial institution. There are students here from almost every state in the Union, while Canada, Australia, South America, Germany and Japan are all well represented in this great university, which while glorying in its antiquity, is not satisfied with past standards, but shows its true greatness by continuing to strive onward and upward towards the ideal.

EMMA FRASER, '95.

PHILADELPHIA, December 1st.

The College Girl

To-night the Ladies' Glee Club give their annual concert in Association Hall. The enterprise of the club in giving their concert down town instead of in the University Gymnasium as heretofore, deserves great encouragement, and of course every college girl will not only come to the concert, but will induce all her friends to do so also, so that this effort of a college girls' club may be a huge success. A very pleasing feature of the programme will be of unaccompanied part songs which the club will give, while the singing of Miss Beverley Robinson and Mr. Harold Jarvis is too well known to need any comment here. The complete programme will be found in another part of the paper.

The lecture on Rudyard^{* *} Kipling given last Saturday evening by Professor Morse Stephens, of Cornell, was exceedingly entertaining and enjoyable, the only thing to cause regret was the fact that Association Hall was not filled to the doors on this occasion. However, the audience was not small, and was exceedingly appreciative, and the Women's Residence Fund will doubtless be increased by a goodly sum.

Professor Stephens preferred to treat Rudyard Kipling subjectively. This made the lecture uncommonly interesting, as it enabled the audience to get a view of the personality of the lecturer, who has made his name a widely known one by his work in the field of history. Professor Stephens' view of the poet showed his development as marked by three stages—showed him as the apostle of the Gospel of work—of brave loyal work in steadfast silence, showed him as the preacher of British Imperialism—the exponent of the idea of Greater England. And most of us who listened felt our pulses quicken a little, and a wave of patriotic feeling sweep over us as Professor Stephens read two or three of the poems embodying his idea. The most enjoyable part of the evening, to me, at least, was the reading of some of Rudyard Kipling's poems. "The Royal Marines" brought forth a storm of applause, to which the lecturer graciously replied with his favorite, as he told us, of the "Barrack Room Ballads"—"Mandelay." The lecture was concluded by a brief commentary on, and the reading of "The Recessional."

The weekly meeting of the Y.W.C.A. was held on Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour. The attendance was not nearly so large as usual. Among the most regular attendants at our meetings, we are glad to welcome Mrs. Cameron, the honorary president of the society. Miss Pearce, '98, presided. The special feature of the meeting was the paper read by Miss Darling, '01, which had for its text Prov. 24: 11, 12. This paper was full of helpful suggestions, and proved very interesting. Miss Hurlburt also read a short but interesting paper on Prov. 14: 12. A discussion of this latter topic ensued. In spite of the meagre attendance the meeting proved very enjoyable.

A very brief and rather^{* *} informal meeting of the Women's Literary Society was held on Friday, at noon. The President, Miss Hunter, announced that the committee of the Knox Literary Society had invited our "Lit." to send two representatives to their Conversat to be held to-morrow evening. The Vice President, Miss Northway, and the Secretary, Miss Daisy Wright, were unanimously chosen to represent the Society upon this occasion.

The debate between the representatives of the Women's Literary Societies of Victoria and University Colleges will take place in Victoria College on Friday of next week, instead of Thursday as before decided on. The subject as finally agreed upon is: "Resolved, that the training received from the study of Natural Sciences is more beneficial than the training received from the study of literature." Misses Kerr and Fife will argue the negative side of the proposition for Victoria, and Misses Hughes and Stovel the affirmative for University College.

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The chief feature of the programme to be given at the Women's "Lit." next Saturday evening will be the dramatic presentation of some scenes from Addison's "Cato." The characters have been arranged for as follows:

- Cato..... Miss Thornton, '00.
- Juba..... Miss Watt, '01.
- Marcia..... Miss E. Fleming, '00.
- Lucia..... Miss Baird, '00.

In addition to this there will be a very interesting programme, which will include the following numbers: A piano duet, by the Misses Flavelle; a vocal solo by Miss Bagstry, '97; and a piano solo by Miss Hutchinson. This is the last meeting of the Society for 1897, so doubtless every college girl will make a special effort to be present, that we may finish out the year well. CARR, '78.

THE GIRLS WANT A SKATING RINK.

TO THE EDITOR OF VARSITY:

In last week's issue of VARSITY reference is made to the present indecision of the Athletic Directorate in the matter of a college rink. As last year's rink was much better patronized by the women students, proportionately, than by the men, it seems only fair that their opinion should now at least have expression. The girls want the rink most emphatically, and under certain conditions it will have their support. We think that last year we were rather unfairly treated. We were given to understand when the rink was opened that skaters had a monopoly of the ice in the afternoons. We were far from expecting, further from desiring, that in this case "skaters" was a word exclusively of the feminine gender, but could we not reasonably interpret the statement as meaning that between the hours of three and half-past six, at any rate, there would be no hockey-sticks to catch our heels and shock our nerves? As it was, however, we found occasionally a hockey match in progress; and almost every day there were two or three little side shows going on, in which hockey-sticks played a prominent part, and which seemed incidentally to require the whole area. Now we like a crowd on the rink—but we prefer a crowd without sticks. Another condition of the girls' support is, that the rink be ready at the beginning of the season, when we have more time, and, generally speaking, better ice. Otherwise our tickets will probably be already bought for another rink before the college rink has materialized. Some of the girls have suggested to me, too, that an occasional bench on the ice is desirable, as the fence is neither the most dignified nor the most comfortable of resting places. Perhaps when the rink is started the directorate may feel in a position to meet this extra expense. Under these conditions, then, the patronage of the women students is assured. The directorate can have no fault to find with their support of last year; I have every reason to believe that the same girls who patronized last season's rink will stand by it this season, and why should there not be also many more?

Yours very truly,
F. ETHEL KIRKWOOD, '98.

THE GIRLS' CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

To-night, at the Ladies' Glee Club Concert in Association Hall, there should be a fine student rally. Few undergraduates can extend their patronage to every social function connected with the college, but among the events which no student, be he never so studious, should miss, is the annual concert of the Ladies' Glee Club.

Last year was the first occasion on which this club gave a separate concert, and the success of that function was one of the chief features of the college year. It was a concert on a modest scale, being given in the University Gymnasium, without the assistance of any notable musical artists, yet an exceptionally large audience greeted the girls, and every one was delighted with the entertainment.

This year's energetic management resolved to make a bolder bid for patronage, and, in expectation of that patronage, Association Hall, at the corner of McGill and Yonge streets, was engaged. Mr. Harold Jarvis, who is probably the most popular vocalist that visits Toronto, will assist the club, and also Miss Beverley Robinson, the well-known Toronto soloist. Of the excellence of the programme there can be no doubt, and a glance at it will show that a rich musical treat is in store for those who are at Association Hall to-night.

PART I.

1. Chorus—"The Oars are Plashing Lightly"..... *Adam Geibel*
GLEE CLUB.
2. Part Song—(a) Nocturne *Otto Floersheim*
(b) Stephanie Gavotte *Czibulka*
GLEE CLUB.
3. Song—"Medge"..... *Gounoud*
HAROLD JARVIS.
4. Song—"Because of You"..... *Tosti*
MISS BEVERLEY ROBINSON.
5. Song (unaccompanied)—
(a) Ballad for ladies' voices *Max Vogrich*
(b) "Kathleen Mavourneen" *Max Vogrich*
6. Duett—"A Night in Venice"..... *Arditti*
MISS BEVERLEY ROBINSON AND MR. HAROLD JARVIS.

PART II.

1. Song—"Silent Above the Hills"..... *Denza*
GLEE CLUB.
2. Song—"The Dream Angel"..... *St. Quentin*
HAROLD JARVIS.
3. Part Song (unaccompanied)—
"Last Night"..... *Halfdan-Kgerulf*
GLEE CLUB.
4. Song—"The Lover's Lullaby"..... *Franco Leoni*
MISS BEVERLEY ROBINSON.
5. Part Song—"Hark to the Voices".... *Henry R. Bishop*
MR. HAROLD JARVIS AND LADIES' GLEE CLUB.
6. Part Song—(a) "Marching Song" *Franz Abt*
(b) "Robin Adair"..... *Bruno Ramann*
GLEE CLUB

For several weeks the club has been practising faithfully, earnestly and enthusiastically, until it has now reached a high degree of musical proficiency. The fact that their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen have graciously extended their patronage to the concert should make it a social as well as a musical success.

VARSITY SKATING RINK.

EDITOR VARSITY :

In the last issue of VARSITY I notice a paragraph referring to the subject of "Varsity's skating rink," and headed, "Do you want a skating rink?" Assuming that the question looks for an answer, I propose to try and show why the rink should be continued this winter.

I know that I voice the sentiments of every one who participated in the enjoyment of last winter's rink when I answer an emphatic Yes to the question, and be it known to the uninitiated that among those who did participate was a goodly number of the ladies of the college; and I am sure, Mr. Editor, that if the rink were continued this winter we should see a much larger number of the fair sex on the ice. Last winter, while yet the thing had not become a recognized institution in our college, many, especially of the junior years, naturally felt a little diffidence about starting out to help on a new project. But now that a start has been made surely there ought to be nothing to fear from that cause.

The fact that the Athletic Association lost money on last year's rink ought not to be a hindrance to our having one this year. How many of the thousand and one institutions we see about us *did* make money in the first year of their existence? Again, would you expect, Mr. Editor, that the management of your paper would be able to issue a surplus at the end of the year if they neglected to issue VARSITY now and again? Now, far be it from me to say one word against the executive of last year's Athletic Association. I think that they showed a commendable and progressive spirit in inaugurating the rink. But I do say this, that sometimes in the management of the rink there was just a little inclination to be too easy-going. I mean to say, that sometimes during "skating" hours hockey was allowed, and that the omnipresent small boy showed signs of becoming omnipotent also. These circumstances are quite sufficient to account for the limited patronage of the students and the consequent deficiency in receipts.

Looking at the question in the light of these circumstances, I cannot think that a rink this year could be otherwise than a financial success. By all means, then, let us have one. I see no reason why Varsity should be behind Victoria and McMaster in this respect. Skating is acknowledged to be the most healthy and enjoyable winter sport, and if we can play football to such an extent that winter overtakes us in the midst of it, it would certainly be very strange if Varsity could not support a rink of her own.

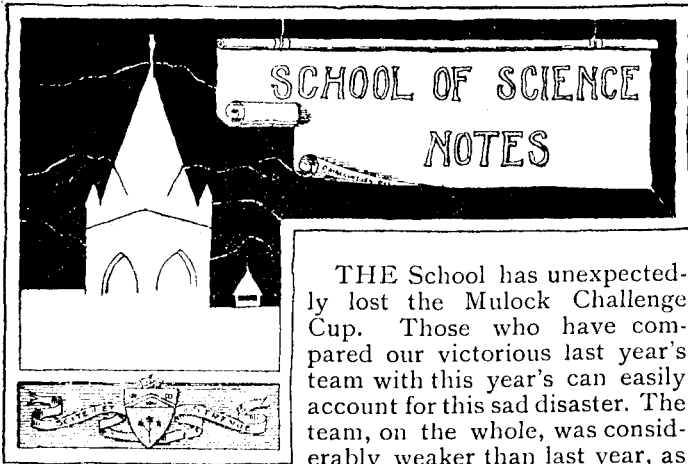
Yours truly,
W. A. GROVES.

MR. McFARLANE RISES TO EXPLAIN.

EDITOR VARSITY :

DEAR SIR,—As your lack of space will not permit you to publish my second letter in this issue, will you allow me to inform the readers of VARSITY of a certain circumstance which they may themselves comment upon? It is, that when I read the first article before the Board there was the wish expressed that it might be modified and rendered less harsh, that I did so when correcting the proof next morning, striking out the greater part of two paragraphs and making various emendations that the whole might be not a little softened, and that, after the printer had so set it up you had him change it back to its original reading, in which form it was eventually published.

Yours sincerely,
A. E. McFARLANE.



THE School has unexpectedly lost the Mulock Challenge Cup. Those who have compared our victorious last year's team with this year's can easily account for this sad disaster. The team, on the whole, was considerably weaker than last year, as five of our best players had to

have their positions filled with inferior and unseasoned material. "Willie" Boyd, who is always a tower of strength on the half-back line, had, on account of an injured nose, to play full back, a position in which he was not to perform his usual brilliant and effective work. Powers, at quarter, was uncertain; but that cannot altogether be blamed on him, as the support he got from the wings was wretched. The wings deserve to be severely censured for not holding their men in check better and following up faster. Perhaps the halves are to be blamed the most, as their fumbling was something terrible to behold. To their fumbling can the loss of the game be attributed. Still, with all their faults, they managed to make one brilliant run in the first, when Burnside got over for a try, which McArthur prettily converted. This play was something like last year's work, but unfortunately they were unable to repeat it. Revel played a good game, following up fast and tackling well. The team lined up as follows: Full back, Boyd; half-backs, McArthur, Burnside, MacDonald; quarter, Powers; scrumage, Clark, Perry, Smith; wings, Hunt, Hall, Elliot, Revel, Wagner, Beatty, Evans.

The treatment that the School has received at the hands of the executive of the Rugby Association has not been fair or just. When the Meds, after losing their protest, entered a request that they be allowed to play the winners of the final game, it was granted. We agree that they had no grounds for their protest, and also fail to see why they were granted the above-mentioned favor. For, even if the disputed drop-kick had not been allowed, the game was still rightly ours, because twice the ball was kicked behind dead ball line, but no points given by the referee, as he was too far away to see where the ball fell. So we have to ask why they were granted their request. But unlike the Meds, we had good grounds for our protest of last Wednesday's match, because the constitution states that no student shall officiate in the final game. Yet, in the face of this, the executive go and appoint Messrs. Hobbs and Hinch, both Arts men, to run the match, and give as their excuse that they were unable to secure the services of any outsiders. I wonder if they really tried very hard? It scarcely seems possible that in a city where there are so many Rugby clubs the committee could not get two good outside men to act as referee and umpire.

Roy Stovel has again left us, and on rather short notice. It is very disappointing to us at the School to hear this, for he had promised to attend our dinner, and of course to sing, and all who know him know that this would have been half the fun of the evening. His brother

had to go to Bermuda for his health and Roy has gone along to take care of him. He said we might expect him back in about a month.

The S. P. S. ninth annual dinner, to be held to-morrow night, is going to eclipse all previous functions of the kind ever held by the students. The grand saloon of the new Foresters' building has been engaged for the occasion and will be appropriately decorated. One of the leading city orchestras will supply music throughout the evening; also a programme of selections by the boys is being arranged, to which every man who can sing, play, or otherwise create amusement, ought to add his name. Every one must come—think of the time we will have. Let us show our guests and outsiders generally what numbers we can boast of, and how every man loyally turns out once a year to eat and drink to the advancement of his cause—Science!

MUSICAL CLUBS CONCERT IN MASSEY HALL.

Proud as the past records of the clubs have been, there is every reason to expect that the concert of the Glee, Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Clubs in Massey Music Hall, next Tuesday evening, will surpass all previous successes. Under the able leadership of Herr Rudolf Ruth the Glee Club has become a magnificent chorus, and Mr. George Smedley has brought the other clubs up to a high pitch of musical excellence.

The aim of the clubs has always been to cultivate a better, higher, musical taste among the undergraduates, and with this end in view well-known artistes are brought to Toronto each year. This year President Black and the other officers are to be congratulated on securing such a renowned soloist as Miss Marguerite Hall of New York. Her rich and delicate voice is famous in the musical circles of both America and Europe, and seldom does the public of Toronto have an opportunity of hearing one so widely and so favorably known. Miss Hall will appear three times and choose her selections from the programme published in last week's VARSITY. She will also assist the Glee Club in "Old Kentucky Home."

Miss Bessie Bonsall, who enjoys an enviable reputation in the concert halls of England, and in America too, will also assist the clubs, appearing twice on the programme.

The final programme of the concert has not yet been decided upon, but the following will be the numbers rendered by the clubs:

- By the Glee Club :
 - Wanderer's Song Schumann.
 - Elegy Cornelius.
 - Pilgrims' Choruses Wagner.
 - Varsity (New College Song) A. E. Wickens, '95.
 - Hurrah for the Blue and White } Elmer H. Smith, '99.
 - (New College Song) }

By the combined Glee, Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Clubs :

Sweet Kentucky Babe.

By the Glee Club, assisted by Miss Marguerite Hall :
Old Kentucky Home.

By the Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club :
Royal Courier March.

By the Mandolin and Guitar Club :
The Geisha Music.

From present indications a large house will greet the clubs next Tuesday evening. Already a large proportion of the seats have been sold and every one of the boxes has been engaged. In one will be a bevy of pretty college girls.

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VALEDICTORY.

THERE are few communities in which customs and traditions linger longer than in the society of the cap and gown. Be it the result of the inactivity to which the student type is apt to fall a prey, or the effect of a simple, poetic love for the antique, college men are undoubtedly of a very conservative temperament. The present, the here and now, of the campus and the quadrangle is married to a delightful past, and rare is the student who can find it in his heart to break that bond of union. The very buildings of old grey stone and discolored brick, in whose eyes a score of years is as a watch in the night, exert a subtle influence over the University man and make him cling to old customs with a remarkable fondness.

Although Toronto cannot lay claim to any very great antiquity (albeit this is really the centennial year of the University), this spirit of conservatism, common to all colleges, is strong here too. Against some customs the undergraduate would do well not to lift his voice in protest.

Among the least important of these college customs is the practice, followed by a long line of former editors of THE VARSITY, of writing a valedictory article as he is retiring from the editorial chair. Although he is strongly opposed to the introduction of such a personal element into the editorial columns of the college journal, the present editor has not a heart hard enough or brave enough to disregard a tradition that has been blindly followed for so many years.

In a few words, therefore, he desires heartily to thank the Business Manager, the Editorial Board, the numerous contributors and the students at large for the courtesy he has received at their hands. The task of editing THE VARSITY has not been light, but it has been an interesting, and withal a pleasant one; and it is with mingled feelings of sadness and joy that, after welcoming John McKay Gunn, his successor to the duties and delights, the pleasures and trials of the editorial chair, he withdraws with a farewell bow from the Sanctum Sanctorum to the quiet of his own study, which has been sadly deserted by him during the last few months.

THE RESIDENCE CONTROVERSY.

The inelastic nature of the columns of VARSITY made it impossible for the discussion of the Residence question to be continued in this issue. All the space in the paper, including the advertising columns, would have been required for the communications, *pro* and *con*, which have been received on the subject. To publish them all was out of the question, and to publish some and decline others would have been as unsatisfactory and as unfair as the former course was impossible.

Several friends of Residence, some of them graduates, some of them students in the University, have written at considerable length to repudiate the insinuations contained in the recent article on "The Present Spirit in Residence." Other students have written to endorse the position taken up by the writer of that article, and to oppose those who in last week's VARSITY objected to the tone in which the article was written. But to have published all these communications would have required a special twelve-page edition of VARSITY, and this the Business Manager sternly refuses to publish, claiming that the financial condition of the paper does not warrant him in indulging in any such expensive luxury.

No harm will be done by postponing further public discussion on the subject. Many of the letters received this week are violent in tone, and some of the writers on both sides have descended to personalities and cutting insinuations. It used to be an old rule given to quick-tempered children to count thirty before saying an angry word: VARSITY desires to give its correspondents on this subject a chance to count thirty; a month from now the paper will probably again have space at the disposal of its correspondents. In the meantime, it is hoped that the festivities of the holiday season will put all concerned in good humor again.

At present the case stands thus: A general attack has been made on the spirit at present actuating Residence men; the senior student in Residence has asked the author of that attack to explain the reason for his bitter tirade, and to make his charges "in language befitting a gentleman and a senior in this University"; a supporter of the attack writes this week to point out "that such a course would be sure to lead to personalities and personal animosities," adding, however, that "if they are willing to let the challenge stand we will be perfectly willing to satisfy their desire. And, moreover, no charges will be made by us except such as we are able to back up with most convincing proof." The senior in Residence, when seen by a representative of VARSITY, stated that the challenge had received careful consideration from the men in Residence before it was issued, and that they have since had no thought of receding from that position.

There the matter rests. As far as VARSITY is concerned the controversy is closed for this year. Those who enter upon the discussion, if the subject is broached again, must bear in mind that personalities, except as pertaining to office, should be avoided. Those on the one side

should be careful not to confuse the institution or the spirit of the institution with the individual, and those on the other should remember that slander or ridicule does not constitute argument.

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This is the last regular issue of VARSITY for this term. Next week the Christmas number will appear.

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The new constitution that will be proposed at the meeting of the Literary and Scientific Society to-morrow night, should receive the careful consideration of every member of the Society. If you wish to change the character of the Society it would be difficult to find a more suitable opportunity for making such a proposal.

HOCKEY NEXT.

In this rushing college life one attraction is always treading on the heels of another. The Rugby season extends far into winter, and Hockey is a subject for lively discussion before all the leaves have fallen.

The prospects for this season's Hockey team are exceedingly bright. There are several splendid puck-chasers in college, some of whom are freshmen whose names are yet unknown to any great extent in local sporting circles. A. J. Isbester, for instance, who played in the scrimmage of the III team, has captained a junior championship hockey team for two years, and put up a fast game with Ottawa's seniors last year. The Intermediate Rugby champions have also decided to form a hockey team, and expect to give some of the city teams a good rub for honors.

A change will probably be made in the arrangement of the games in the O. H. A. Instead of following the "tie" system, the three Toronto teams will play "home and home" games. By this arrangement Varsity will play two games each with Trinity and the T. A. C., and if a team loses the first, or the first two games of the season, it will not necessarily be out of the race for the championship.

"TORONTONENSIS."

The editors of the Senior Year Book, who have given this pretty and distinctive name to the publication, are busy with the printers now. They expect that the book will be ready for sale before the students go home for their holidays, but as there is a great deal of fine printing to be done, it may be that only a few copies will be ready before the 20th.

Elegant half-tone engravings of the University Buildings, and of the principal student groups have been prepared and will grace the pages of the publication. The name of every Arts man in the University will appear in the book, and a short sketch of each member of the senior year will be given. Every student society or organization will receive mention, and an account will be given of the different movements in the athletic, the social, the religious and the student life of the undergraduates. Besides this, a considerable section of the book will be devoted to literary matter, and some of the best stories and poems of the best writers in college will give the reader an idea of the literary activity among the undergraduates.

Altogether "*Torontonensis*" will be sure to be a handsome and a valuable souvenir, and it would be hard to imagine a more dainty or appropriate Christmas gift.

EVENING THOUGHTS.

Another day of my life is gone,
Another mile-stone past ;
But when shall I sight the final goal
Which I must reach at last ?

Another day,—just like the rest,
Filled up with toil and pain ;
Yet still I must keep on my way
In sunshine, mist, or rain.

Why I was on this journey sent
To fight my doubtful way
On, hour by hour, day in, day out,
While years roll on, I may

Not know as yet ; but then, when I
Have passed beyond the veil,
Then He who must have ordered all,
I know He will not fail.

For surely not till we are through
Death's cold and shadowy gate
Shall we have power to understand
The mysteries of Fate ?

KERRY.

MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society was held in Room 16, on Tuesday, Nov. 30th, at 4 p.m. Miss A. Lick, '99, gave an interesting paper on "Recent Science," reviewing in detail all late discoveries. Mr. N. R. Wilson, '99, gave a very appreciative paper on "How our Forefathers viewed Nature." A further feature of the meeting was the election of officers, Miss C. C. Benson, '99, being chosen representative from the Department of Physics and Chemistry ; Miss T. Wooster, '99, third year councillor ; and Mr. Stewart, '01, first year councillor.

CHALLENGE CLAUSE STRUCK OUT.

In order that the various Rugby players may be able to go home for their Christmas holidays hereafter, and not have to play perpetually for that much-coveted, much-fought-for Mulock Cup, the Rugby Club, at its meeting Monday night, abolished the clause in the constitution which allows any team claiming that it has a grievance to challenge the winners to play for the Cup.

SIGNOR SACCO ON SATURDAY.

Those who heard Signor Sacco's first lecture on Italian History and Literature, two weeks ago last Saturday, will be delighted to learn that on the Saturday of this week he will deliver the second lecture of the series in Room 4, at 11 o'clock. This time he will deal with the period from Julius Cæsar to the Crusades, and this is a very interesting period in both the history and the literature of Italy. A large number should go to hear the Signor on Saturday. The lecture will be delivered in Italian—a fact which will make it more interesting to students of the Modern Languages.

PUBLIC DEBATE.

The annual public debate, under the auspices of the Literary and Scientific Society, was held on Friday evening. From every point of view, except that of numbers, which may be accounted for by the counter-attraction at



Victoria, it was in no way inferior to any of its predecessors. The programme maintained its usual high standard of excellence, calling forth repeated manifestations of appreciation, especially from the gallery. It is to be regretted, however, that while some of the interruptions and remarks of the latter were witty, and at times even quite apropos, there were also occasions upon which they were neither the one nor the other.

Although announced for 7.30 the programme did not begin until after 8, through a misunderstanding for which no one in particular appeared to

be responsible. Mr. Justice Falconbridge was not present to take the chair. His place, however, was ably filled by the popular president of the "Lit.," Mr. McGregor Young. With business-like despatch he plunged *in medias res*, by calling on the Banjo, Guitar and Mandolin Club for a selection, which they rendered in excellent form, giving promise of a rich treat on the 14th. Although loudly applauded and repeatedly encored they refused to respond. Mr. Macfarlane, the essayist of the evening, followed. He chose as his subject the "True Romance," and, in his own pleasing style, rapidly sketched the chief features of the modern romance as usually found in the newspaper serial. His treatment of the subject was unique, and as evidenced by the splendid reception accorded him, highly interesting. We all felt that Mr. Macfarlane might have well made his paper a little longer. The Glee Club, under their new leader, Herr Ruth, followed. Their chorus was well received, obtaining an encore, to which they responded. The next number was a reading by Mr. Cleland. He chose a subject dealing with a scene from college life. Needless to say, he fully maintained his already high reputation as a pleasing reader.

Last, but by no means least, on the programme, came the debate, "Resolved, that a preferential tariff between Great Britain and her Colonies would best conserve the interests of the Empire." As was inevitable, statistics and trade returns were quoted in support of either party. These, however, were used sparingly, thanks to the consideration of the speakers.

Mr. Narraway opened the contest by drawing a very pessimistic picture of the present state of British industry. It was being rapidly depressed through the strong competition of other manufacturing centres, notably Germany and the United States. Free trade was responsible for this, having failed to maintain England's manufacturing supremacy. A preferential tariff would restore it, by opening up a wider field, causing the employment of more labor, and hence stimulating all trade. Then, too, political ties would be strengthened, a thing most necessary in view of Britain's present isolated state. Mr. Pringle, the leader of the negative, held that there was no need of this. The loyalty of the colonies was unquestioned. They, in turn, drew sufficient strength from the prestige of the mother-land, and that a system of preferential trade would result disastrously to both parties. Moreover, in any case, it would be merely an artificial bond, and, therefore, not effective. Too close union might lead to separation, as

was instanced in the case of the 13 colonies. Depression was not confined to Britain, but was general, and could not reasonably be imputed to free trade. Even now, Britain has the bulk of colonial trade in any case. Why sacrifice her great interests with foreign countries for the remaining fraction which she does not now get? Mr. Birmingham then followed in an able speech. He instanced the general desire in the colonies for closer relation with Britain. If she drew her food supply from them, which they could readily supply, it would develop their resources and divert to them the tide of immigration now flowing into the United States and other countries. Moreover, it would assure her of a certain base of supplies in case of war, and thereby free her from any dependence on foreign countries. Mr. McKay, the supporter of the negative, began by questioning his opponent's figures. He urged that there was no general enthusiasm for an Imperial Zollverein. The matter had not been entered upon seriously. Free trade was the natural condition of developed commerce, and could alone make England the market of the world. Preferential trade would at once abrogate all "favored nation" clauses in existing treaties, lead to commercial war, and seriously cripple Britain's great carrying trade. It was mere sentiment and an impracticable scheme. Mr. Narraway closed the debate in a neat little speech, maintaining that many of the arguments advanced by him and his colleague had not been refuted. Among the more important of these were those *re* immigration.

This brought the discussion to a close. The chairman, who acted as judge, rapidly summed up the chief arguments advanced. He found it very difficult to decide owing to several circumstances. He had not been able to hear everything. The subject was a live one, and in its treatment the speakers were hampered by lack of time. However, since the negative had treated it from a more practical standpoint, a mere inclination induced him to award the decision to them. This ended the programme and a most successful debate.

A. B.



RUGBY OFFICERS.

The football enthusiasts of the University gathered in the Students' Union Monday afternoon to elect officers for next season. John W. Hobbs was in the chair, and without any ado nominations were received and the elections held.

Hon. William Mulock, Postmaster General and Vice-Chancellor of the University, and Professor McCurdy were chosen honorary presidents, and R. S. Waldie president. The others elected to office were: First vice-president, S. P. McMordie; secretary-treasurer, W. H. Alexander; senior councillor, W. E. Douglas; junior councillor, R. Telford; sophomore councillor, E. P. Brown; representatives from the third and fourth year Meds., Art. Tanner; representative from the first and second year Meds., McCallum; representative from Knox, F. H. Barron; representative from S.P.S., C. McArthur; representative from Dental College, Sanderson; curator, F. A. Kilbourne; representatives to the O.R.F.U., Art. Tanner and A. V. McKenzie.

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WHERE THEY'LL SING.

The annual Christmas tour of the Musical Clubs will commence a week from to-morrow, Friday, December 17th. The first town visited will be Lindsay, and on Saturday the clubs will give their concert in Peterborough. A special train will take them from there to Belleville on Saturday night, and they will all attend the St. Andrews church in the evening, and render one of their sacred pieces. Monday night they will perform in Belleville, going to Bowmanville on Tuesday and Whitby on Wednesday. A happy and a tired lot they will be by that time, and doubtless they will all hasten to their respective homes straightway.

The tour may be a more extended one, as Oshawa, Barrie and Orillia are all desirous of having the clubs visit them. Nothing has been decided upon, however, with reference to these towns, though it is probable that a "supplemental" tour will be taken.

Already rumors have reached the men of receptions and dances being planned. At Lindsay there is to be a dance after the concert, and at Peterborough an afternoon reception will be rendered to the clubs. There are also promises of a dance at both Belleville and Bowmanville, and Whitby is yet to be heard from.

OFFICERS OF THE DINNER.

Judging from the personnel of the committee that has been given charge of the arrangements, the annual dinner of University College should prove a most pronounced success this year.

Thursday afternoon, a mass meeting was held in lecture room 3, and great enthusiasm was shown. The elections for most of the offices were keenly contested, and if the rush for tickets is as eager there will be no doubt about the financial or social success of the dinner.

John G. Inkster, to whom belongs the undisputed honor of having instituted this most important function last year, was the choice of the meeting for the 1st Vice Presidency. The other officers elected were: 2nd Vice-President, O. M. Biggar (Accl.); 3rd Vice-President, G. W. Ross; Secretary, W. M. Martin; Treasurer, N. E. Hinch (Accl.); 4th year Councillor, G. H. Black; 3rd year Councillors, J. R. Bone, W. F. McKay, W. H. Alexander; 2nd year Councillors, R. Telford, P. A. Greig, G. F. Kay; 1st year Councillors, F. A. Kilbourne, F. G. McFarland.

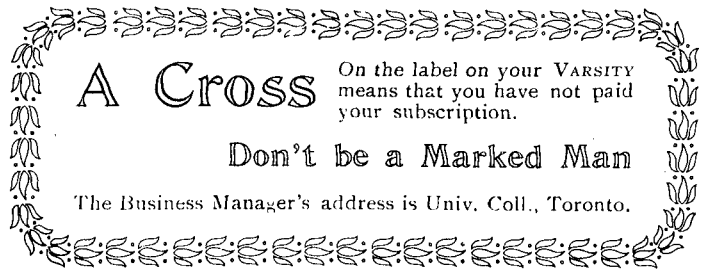
A meeting of this committee was held yesterday, Wednesday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, to discuss plans. It was decided not to hold the dinner till after Christmas, but guarantee lists will be circulated immediately.

Before further arrangements are made a list of 200 students' names will have to be obtained to be a guarantee against financial failure.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the Natural Science Association on Wednesday, December 1st, two papers of more than ordinary interest were read.

The first on "Prehistoric Man" was read by Mr. V. E. Henderson, '99. The importance of the knowledge to be derived from the remains found during the various geological periods which go to make up the "Stone" and the "Bronze" Age, was clearly shown. These remains are chiefly weapons and tools as well as bones (e.g., skulls) of the early representatives of our race. Their geological position is more fully determined by the fauna and flora of the period. The significance of the information from the five following sources was then dwelt upon: (1) Drift



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The second paper on "The Chemistry of Argon" was taken up by Mr. V. Kitto, '98. The present knowledge of this substance, which was unknown five years ago, is due largely to the work done since that time by Prof. Rayleigh and Lord Ramsay. Argon is found in the air to the extent of about one per cent., and was formerly considered to be a portion of the nitrogen, as it is like nitrogen in its properties, though the inertness of nitrogen is greatly intensified in argon. As far as is known it will not combine with any other substance. It was at first considered to be tri-atomic nitrogen, but has since been proved to be a non-atomic element.

FOR THOSE WHO TOUR.

President Black, of the Glee Club, is having a pretty pin made for those members of the University musical organizations who go on the annual tour. In principle, it will resemble the crests awarded by the Athletic Association to those who have played on the first and second Rugby teams. The Glee Club pin will be a very pretty one, and President Black hopes to have it ready by the end of next week.

GIRLS GO TO HAMILTON TO-MORROW.

Arrangements have been completed for the visit of the Ladies' Glee Club to Hamilton to-morrow. An afternoon train will carry the girls to the Ambitious City, and once there, a right royal reception is assured them. As they will sing under the auspices of the two chief musical organizations of the city, a large and appreciative audience will be sure to greet them. Many of the members of the club will stay with friends in the city, and the others have been billeted. They may be expected home on Saturday.

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The Dental students have chosen R. R. Elliott to represent them at the Varsity conversat.

W. M. Martin has announced his intention of writing on the examinations for the McCaul Gold Medal.

Professor Mavor was judge in the open debate at McMaster University last Friday evening.

It is estimated that one hundred thousand of America's undergraduates belong to Greek Letter Fraternities.

The Men's Glee Club concert in Massey Hall next Tuesday evening will be the musical event of the season.

"Papa" Donaldson, '00, applied the razor the other day, and is now being "cut" by his friends in consequence.

A special meeting of the Lit was held yesterday afternoon to appoint a representative to Queen's conversat.

If you want a copy of the Christmas *Saturday Night*—and you should want one—order it from Robert, the genial janitor.

Robert, the janitor, wishes it stated that if anyone wants a ticket for the Ladies' Glee Club to-night he will be glad to sell him one

Every man student in University College and the S.P.S. should attend to-morrow night's meeting of the "Lit"

"Eddie" Beatty is still at home nursing his sprained ankle and praying that some of the fellows will come to see him.

The end of this week should see every man in college carrying in his pocket a ticket or two for the Glee Club concert next Tuesday.

A large number of Varsity students visited Osgoode Hall last Thursday evening and found the debate and the dance very enjoyable, especially the latter.

W. G. Gilroy B.A., one of '97's favorites, both in Victoria College and University circles, is at present in charge of a mission at Dyer's Bay, Ontario.

Mr. J. McGregor Young, B.A., the President of the Literary and Scientific Society, has been chosen one of the officers of the Osgoode Hall Rugby Club.

Many of those who were in evening dress at the Public Debate on Friday night, repaired to the Victoria Conversat about 12 o'clock.

Yale has decided to confer a new degree—that of Master of Science. It is a general degree given to post-graduate students who do not wish to specialize.

Courtney Kingstone, who played on Varsity's half-back line last year, and captained Osgoode this year, has been unanimously chosen captain of next season's Hall team.

Genial "Pat" Johnston is coming to the front in the sporting society of Osgoode. The Rugby Club elected him treasurer the other day. An honest man it would be hard to find.

The Ladies' Glee Club held practices on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon of this week, and a full rehearsal yesterday. This morning another rehearsal is being held in Association Hall.

Robert Reynolds Glenn has surprised his numerous friends and admirers this year by developing into an all round sport. Besides playing on the wing line of Knox, he has shown himself to be an intellectual acrobat taking a triple course.

The subject and the lecturer should each attract a goodly number to the open meeting of the Modern Language Club next Monday, when Professor Vander Smissen will speak in his characteristic way on 'German Wit and Humor.'

At a meeting of the Editorial Board last week, J. M. Gunn was chosen editor in-chief of VARSITY for the spring term. He has long served on the Editorial Board of the paper and has been one of its most enthusiastic supporters during the four years of his course.

Tuesday afternoon the senior Rugby team met to elect a captain and manager for next year's fifteen. Captain Hobbs was in the chair and "Thrift" Burnside, of the S.P.S., was chosen to take up Jack's mantle for next season. "Jock" Inkster announced his willingness to act as manager again, and he was accordingly re-elected. Under the captaincy of Burnside and the manager-ship of Inkster next year's fifteen, considering the many other points in its favor, should prosper mightily.

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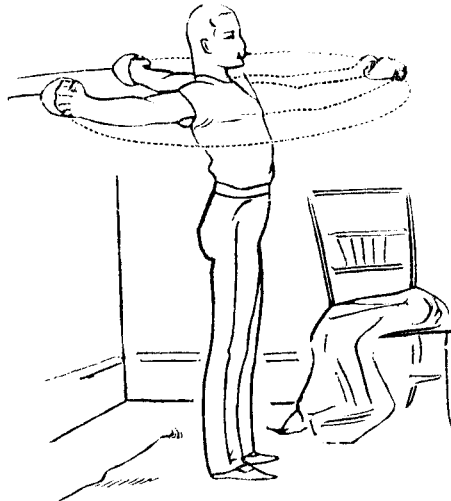


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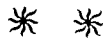
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