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SALUTATORY

With this initial number of the "Vox Wesleyana" the students inaugurate what they hope will become an institution of the college and a factor of no trivial importance in college life. That there is a field in Wesley for a journal has been felt for some years, but a variety of things have intervened up to the present to prevent the realization of the hopes that a college paper might speedily become a reality. A year ago the enterprise received considerable impetus when Prof. Riddell joined those who believed that a college paper had become a necessity. Under his guidance several meetings were held, committees were appointed, and a general canvass of the city merchants for advertising support instituted. The canvassers met with considerable success, and at a meeting held after the fall term of the session was fully under way, the various committees reported so very favorably that it was decided to commence publication at once. A mass meeting of the students was held and the decision of the committee announced. It met with

unanimous approval on the part of the students, and the committee, with renewed vigor, continued its work. A constitution was drawn up, officers elected, and finally the editor-in-chief, business manager and associate editors selected. From that time until the present those in whose charge the work of the affair was placed have been busy, and you have in this number of the "Vox Wesleyana" the results of their labors.

As to what we hope this journal will do and be. First, then, it will be a historical record. Men enter college; they spend four years under its protecting care; they pass out into the world, and all that remains is a name upon the graduation roll. What is of infinitely more importance, the victories they accomplish in the class room and on the floor of the college debating society, and the battles fought upon the football field are unrecorded and forgotten. In this way, too, the college journal will assist in developing a spirit of true patriotism among those so happy as to be Wesley college students. We are following in the footsteps of those who, under similar circumstances, developed characters that made them great men. We are highly honored in being permitted to carry on the work which they began, and to uphold the valor of arms which they achieved. We will do it. We will sustain the historic institutions of our college and ever continue to hold a proud position among our sister colleges.

To those who have finished their course and passed on to the sternest duties of life their college journal should perform a peculiar service. A young man leaves college imbued with high and lofty ideals of life. As he mixes with men of the world, though there are some exceptions, he comes in contact with so many who scorn all that is noble and uplifting, that a sense of utter helplessness seems to

sweep down upon him. Then it is that his re-entrance into the old scenes through the medium of his college paper inspires him with renewed hope.

It has been said with truthfulness that there are no friendships as lasting as those formed during college life. The unifying influences, which are so plentiful in college days, depend largely upon the college journal for maintenance in after years, when time and space intervene. When years of absence have shattered every tie; when even the freshmen, over whom you loved to lord, have passed from grave and reverend seniors to graduates, the college paper should not fail to awaken the old feelings and renew the old friendships.

As an educative factor it is hoped the

"Vox Wesleyana" will not be wanting. From month to month the management will present to its readers articles from men of learning on points of lively interest and usefulness. Many of these will be written by old students now in different spheres of life, and will thus add another link to the tie which binds all students of old Wesley together.

Lastly, the journal will have a direct and very practical influence upon those engaged in the actual work of its compilation. A college education is theoretical; the management of a college paper is an education altogether practical, and while perhaps most limited in extent of all, yet is more potent than any of the college papers' influences.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF WESLEY COLLEGE

THE INSTITUTION

In June of the year 1889 the first calendar of Wesley College, the youngest in the corporation of colleges forming the University of Manitoba, made its appearance. The opening paragraphs of its announcement indicated fully the scope of its work. These were as follows: "Wesley College, though established in the interests of and sustained by the Methodist church, is, in its Arts Department, of an entirely non-sectarian character, and, as such, welcomes to its advantages students of any denomination whatever, who are desirous of pursuing a course of higher education. The course of study in this department is that prescribed by the University of Manitoba for all students proceeding to a degree of Arts.

"The Theological Department, however, is entirely under the control of the Board of Directors of the College."

Although established as early as 1873, yet, owing to insufficient equipment and support, actual teaching had to be suspended, and it seemed as if the young college had received its deathblow. A few enthusiastic supporters, however, still cherished the idea that a Methodist in-

stitution was a necessity, and must prove a success if the hearty support of our people throughout the province could be enlisted. This feeling grew to such an extent that in June, 1888, the Manitoba and Northwest Conference placed itself in hearty co-operation with the Board of Directors to establish the college in an active and honorable position, and in October of the same year the college was affiliated with the University of Manitoba, a principal and staff of professors having in the meantime been secured, as well also as suitable accommodation, in order that such legal status might be obtained in accordance with the University Act.

As now constituted, Wesley College began its operations under, it is true, somewhat unfavorable circumstances. With scarcely any previous announcement, and with no further accommodation than two class-rooms in Grace church, together with a small, dimly-lighted room, used as a kitchen by the ladies of the church, the college began its career. The aforesaid kitchen served the purpose of a chemical laboratory for the solitary student taking this subject, and, with its reagents and apparatus of strange design, was in conse-

quence an object of dread to those whose duty it was to preside at the manufacture of the fragrant tea and coffee at social festivals.

Seven students was the sum total on the college register for the year. Not a very encouraging prospect, one might think, yet the staff of professors, at this time three in number, was by no means daunted, and the Board of Directors were as certain as ever that greater things were in store for the college.

A great leap was made at the beginning of the next year, when the college moved into a local habitation of its own. Insignificant as it appears now, yet to the few of those days this was a palace, a real college of our own. Many have no doubt seen the brown-painted clap-boarded building on Albert street, opposite the McIntyre rink, that is still standing, and which for a brief period was graced with the title of Wesley College. Well do I remember the time when the faculty in a body marched down Main street to the cheapest spot in town, where second-hand stores were to be obtained wherewith to heat the new abode. And more vividly still do I remember the effects of the first fire that was built in some of them. Huge cracks and gaping fissures revealed themselves in various places, where the putty, which the wily dealer had inserted in considerable quantities wherever necessary, and then carefully blackened over, fell out piece by piece as the heat increased. My, what a fall was that!

During the two years of sojourn here the number of students had increased seven-fold, thus rendering another flitting necessary, this time to the large brick building on the corner of Broadway and Edmonton streets, where, for four years, work was successfully continued, with a gradual increase of students, until even the increased accommodation here afforded was more inadequate than the former.

Realizing the fact that a building of our own was an absolute necessity, the College Board was now straining every nerve to provide such accommodation as would be a credit to the denomination and would be suitable for years to come. Ably assisted by warm-hearted and loyal friends,

and owing very largely to the determined efforts put forward by the Principal, the Rev. Dr. Sparling, such a building has finally been erected, and here at length, after a few months further sojourn in the parlors of Grace church, the students find themselves with every accommodation in a building admirably adapted to college work, and with a registration number which has arisen in this short time from seven up to the satisfactory number of one hundred and twenty-five, and a graduate list of forty-nine in Arts and two in Theology, a total of fifty-one. Vivat, floreat, crescat, Wesley.

THE NEW BUILDING

One of the very first edifices that attracts the attention of the sight-seer in visiting the enterprising capital of our fair western province is the recently erected structure which bears the name of Wesley College. As we approach it from Main street, by way of Portage avenue, we are impressed, not only by the massiveness of the pile, but also by the compact strength of its outline, which in each detail manifests beauty, combined with utility. The building is somewhat triangular in form, having two towers, the larger of which faces towards the southeast and rises to a height of one hundred and thirty feet, while the other, slightly smaller, faces towards the southwest. Between these, and fronting on the avenue, is a broad entrance. The exterior of the building is of Calgary sandstone, in rock-faced courses, with dressing of similar stone. We cannot but remark just here the fine extent of level campus, which affords every facility for college sports that could be desired. Here already have many football teams won well-earned victories, and prophetic vision discerns the throngs of stalwart forms which the future will bear hither to gain the muscle, might and promptitude, which will best fit them for the all-important battle of life.

We enter the building through a spacious and massive doorway and vestibule, which are reached by ascending a broad flight of solid stone steps. Just within these is a wide landing, from which a few steps lead to the main hall and corridors

on the ground floor. On the left a stair-case leads to the basement, the westerly portion of which contains a fine gymnasium and dressing-room, with shower baths, etc. The easterly portion is devoted to the janitor's departments, while the central is occupied by the fuel and boiler rooms, from which, extending up through the centre of the building, is carried a large smoke funnel and the ventilating shafts. The latter of these is of such capacity and force of current as to provide for the most thorough ventilation. The system of heating, by means of steam, is also most thorough in its operation.

On the ground floor the main hall and corridor are laid with encaustic tile. Off these opens the large and commodious chapel, with its piano and other furnishings; five good-sized class rooms, well-fitted with all the modern accessories; the gentlemen's parlor, and the offices of the principal, registrar and professors. The main stair-case extends from this floor, over the main entrance, is broad, well-lighted and built of solid oak. The rear stair-case extends over the side entrance from basement to attic. On the first floor are the tasteful and comfortable apartments of the resident tutor; the reading room, a spacious library, a lecture room, and museum. Here, too, we find the magnificent convocation hall, and the delightful parlor set apart for the use of the ladies.

The convocation hall occupies about one-third of the entire area, and extends two full stories in height, while the large circular gallery, supported by bronzed pillars, is reached from the corridor on the second floor. Four lofty, circular-topped windows, together with the three which form a semi-circle above the platform, afford ample light by day, as do the brilliant chandeliers by night. The most attractive feature of the whole, however, is the very beautifully panelled ceiling. It is entirely of whitest plaster, which has been heavily moulded with most artistic skill. The room affords seating accommodation for about five hundred adults.

The ladies' parlor, besides being a well-lighted and very comfortable room, is most tastefully and elegantly furnished,

for which the fair occupants have to thank two of our most highly respected citizens. Rich velvety Wilton carpet covers the floor, and fine lace curtains drape the windows. Here and there are gracefully arranged, polished oaken tables, heavily upholstered easy chairs, and inviting rockers. Here, too, is a luxuriant Turkish lounge, where, among the alluring pile of soft cushions, many a weary toiler surely finds repose. The beautifully tiled fireplace, with its oaken mantle-piece and heavily-plated mirror, completes the furnishing of this attractive retreat. Off the parlor opens the ladies' cloak and dressing room, with suitable equipments.

The second and third floors consist mainly of dormitories of various sizes, each of which has linen closet, and is thoroughly lighted, heated and ventilated. We cannot but notice, in passing through, the exceeding neatness and tastefulness which characterizes these apartments. The corridors are bright and spacious, and the roomy attic above has a large trunk room, which is intended to be reached by a freight elevator when desired. The entire building is thoroughly lighted by electricity.

Down the cheery halls, where happy students pass to and fro, we again make our way, and having complimented the worthy principal and his able faculty upon the completeness of the grand structure that has apparently sprung up beneath them, we again find ourselves in the open air, where, removed to a little distance, we linger for a last view of the imposing edifice. How noble it looks, while, as if proud in the consciousness of its grandeur and durability, it rears its head toward the skies. As we gaze, the scene suddenly changes, and in the strange new light we see the panorama of the future years. Youths and maidens in ever increasing throngs press up and down the broad steps we crossed but a few moments before. Gaily chattering, merrily laughing, do they enter, and with faces just as happy, but wearing a new expression of earnestness and purpose, do they return. "What have you learned since you entered?" we ask an eager youth, who has just emerged. "My Alma Mater has taught me many things," is the quiet re-

ply. "but most important of all, that in life I have a noble part to play. I have been learning how to fight, and am eager for the fray." He is gone, and with him has passed the scene of which he was a part.

Oh, Wesley, may you ever be the strong and tender Alma Mater, who, besides bestowing upon her children a wealth of knowledge and skill, lays for them sure foundations of character, and gives them noble ideals and sturdy strength for the ruling of the world, which is theirs to make or mar.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES

On the 29th day of October, 1891, a meeting, which was to prove of considerable importance to Wesley college students, was held in the Assembly Room of the large building situate on the corner of Broadway and Edmonton streets. The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing an address from Mr. J. R. Mott, International College Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. After that address had been delivered, a discussion took place as to the advisability of organizing a branch of the Association in Wesley College. The minutes of that meeting tell us the result of the discussion: "Moved by Mr. W. A. Lewis, seconded by Mr. J. Endicott, that we form an association to be known as the Y. M. C. A. of Wesley College"

In pursuance of this motion, we find that the Association was organized, and Rev. Prof. Stewart became the first president. Meetings were held every Wednesday for the development of the spiritual life among the students, and to further the interests of the Association. These meetings have continued without interruption to the present.

At first no effort, save the regular meeting each week, was put forth, but in the spring of 1892, after an address delivered by Mr. Copeland, Travelling Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., the society decided to send delegates to the Lake Geneva convention of College Associations. It is now a matter of history that Messrs. Endicott and Hetherington attended that convention, and came back fired with zeal for the work at home, and abroad. As one result of that visit Bible classes, such as

had been seen in operation, were formed; one for the study of the Bible by the inductive method, another for the practical training of personal workers.

But there was another, and perhaps greater, result of that convention. While at Geneva, Endicott had offered himself for work in the foreign field, and his burning desire to carry the message of love to the regions beyond was not without its effect upon his fellow-students. At a meeting, in which Endicott told the thought of his heart, he breathed this idea into the listeners, "Let us send him." The suggestion met with general approval, a committee was appointed to make a thorough canvass of the students and graduates of the college regarding the financial backing necessary; the Methodist ministers of the city were consulted, friends in the city promised to aid the boys for a year or two, until such time as their assistance would not be needed, and the Y.M.C.A. adopted a clause in its constitution declaring itself to be a "Collegiate Auxiliary Missionary Society," in accordance with the discipline of the church. The spirit of the boys was evoked by the following resolution: "Resolved. That we communicate with the general secretary of the missionary society, stating that we are prepared to guarantee \$800 per annum for seven years as salary for Mr. James Endicott in China; and ask the society to furnish the travelling expenses from Toronto, and all other necessaries, such as furniture, teacher, etc., for the first year, as supplied to the party sent out two years ago." On the 21st of April, 1893, came the reply from Dr. Sutherland, saying that the missionary committee had decided to send Rev. James Endicott to China, in accordance with the request of Wesley college students. Great was the rejoicing among that heroic band. The faith of that mere handful of students was indeed great. Realizing the need of China, and grasping their own golden opportunity, they undertook a task that many a larger body of men would have declared impossible. The results have justified their daring and their hopes. Their faith they have left to us as a sweet savor, their work they have handed down to the present generation of students as a glorious heritage to be cherished, augmented

and passed on to those who shall fill Wesley's halls in the future.

To-day the missionary spirit of these days lingers with us, increasing in depth and fervor as we settle down to the practical every-day work of keeping up what our predecessors have begun. Instead of one being willing to leave all to follow Christ in heathen lands, there are eleven, graduates and students, who have volunteered for the work in the distant places of the earth.

One beautiful circumstance in connection with the above event must not pass-unrecorded. The missionary committee were anxious to send two men to China, Dr. Hare and Mr. Endicott were the chosen ones. But the committee were forced to say, "We cannot, for we have not the means." A few days elapsed, and a communication was received from the Montreal Theological students, offering to pay the travelling expenses of a missionary to China; but still the question remained. How can we support him? Within a few mails the letter from Wesley college was opened by the general secretary, and the problem was solved. So the east and the west joined hands to benefit China's longing souls. In such a manner was the hand of God shown in this work.

At the present time the Y. M. C. A. continues its work in Wesley college. The two Bible classes meet each week, also a class for the study of missionary literature, and a class meeting on Sunday morning, led by Rev. Prof. Riddell. Members of the association supply All People's Mission with preaching services every Sunday; others visit the hospitals, and every evening small circles meet for prayer in one or other of the students' rooms. A missionary library of over 50 volumes helps to a fuller knowledge of missionary work and heathen needs, and with the increased convenience of our new home, greater things are being undertaken in the name of God.

We are glad to note that, in the fall of 1895, a Young Women's Christian Association was organized, which is doing faithful work among the lady students of the college. The two associations meet conjointly for the monthly missionary meeting, and the faith of the workers is exemplified by the text which adorns the

programme card of the Y. M. C. A.: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door."

THE FOOTBALL CLUB

The student who does not realize the value of vigorous physical exercise makes a great mistake. If he thinks that he can do without it, sooner or later during his college career he will almost inevitably break down and be compelled to discontinue his studies. How often we see a man not fulfilling the expectations of his fellows through ill-health during the examinations occasioned by not taking sufficient outdoor exercise.

Wesley, from its inception, evinced a lively interest in sport, especially in that sport of all sports, eminently suited to college students—football. Where can we find a game which so thoroughly accomplishes the end in view as football? It justly stands first in our arena.

Eight years ago the University league was organized. Dr. Chown, of the Medical college, generously donating the handsome trophy, which has been competed for ever since, and is still the goal of each team's ambition. Wesley, though but in the second year of her existence, and having only eighteen students in attendance, entered, and with Mr. T. J. McCrossan, who was probably the most finished player of the league, as captain, succeeded during the first two years in making a very creditable showing.

In 1891 and 1892. Wesley, out of ten matches, won five and played a tie with the Alumni, the holders of the cup for the season, being the only team to whom the champions lowered their colors. "Big Bob" Naismith was between the sticks, and with the Clement brothers as backs, formed a magnificent defence; while "Tommy" McCrossan, in his old position on the forward line, made things interesting in the attack.

Next year, although without the "Old War Horse," and their last year's backs, the boys again won half the matches played, and this, too, against singularly bad luck. Only once after Christmas was the full team in the field, and this time the Medicals, who had a splendid team, were

defeated. Heatherington (the captain of the present year) at back, held the forwards down, while the combination of the Wesley quintette, Whitt: Morgan, Graham, Cleveland and J. K. Sparling, was perfect.

The following year a most singular and unfortunate thing happened. Not one of the old team returned to college. This was a great blow to football. For a college to have to put an entirely new team in the field is without precedent in the history of the association. So, although St. John's were defeated, and the Alumni defaulted, the enthusiasm of the old timers was wanting: practices fell out of fashion, and football died a lingering death.

The evil effect, however, was felt most severely the following year, when, notwithstanding the great efforts put forth by Captain Woodhull, the team was defeated in every match, and for the first time in her history took the last place. St. John's, who had been defeated in every game for the past three years, won both their matches. To be the first team in Wesley to hold last place, woke the boys up. They were determined that it would not occur again, and started at once to work for the coming year. A series of matches between the classes was arranged and all the likely men were carefully trained. The result was very satisfactory. True, in the first game, a severe defeat was received at the hands of the Alumni, but this only spurred the boys on to greater efforts, and two weeks later the cup winners narrowly escaped defeat.

Then followed ties with Manitoba and St. John's, and finally a defeat to the Schools. In the second half of the series the team was equally successful, for although the stalwart form of Naismith was missed in goal, and able substitute was found in Carter, and now, when the young ladies wish to show their knowledge of the game they dilate on the excellencies of the man who watches the net.

So much for football in the past. The year 1896 has been the most successful in the records of Wesley's team. Every position well filled, not a weak spot in the team, every man in the right place at the right time: in short, a good team in good practice.

A good beginning was made by defeating the Medicals, the champions of last year. In the next match Manitoba, though aided by a strong wind, was unable to score in the first half. After the change, Wesley scored with a fine rush, and Manitoba was practically defeated until within ten minutes of time, when the Wesley left half-back, thinking the ball had gone behind, stopped playing, and Manitoba was thus enabled to score. And so, although they were outplayed, the match resulted in a draw. St. John's, always an uncertain team, won the next match, but Wesley retrieved herself by defeating the Schools, who had the week before practically defeated Manitoba. The second team, too, has had good success, coming through the season with but one defeat.

FRITZ W. SPARLING.

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PRINCIPAL SPARLING

Joseph Walter Sparling, M. A., D. D., Principal of Wesley College, Winnipeg, was born February 14th, 1843, in the Township of Blanchard, County of Perth, Ontario. His father was Lieut.-Col. John Sparling, who, for years, was chief magistrate of the town of St. Mary's, Ont. His mother was a descendant of Philip Guier. Both were of German descent, of that Palatine stock that was so intimately connected with the introduction of Methodism into the United States and Canada.

Dr. Sparling was educated at St. Mary's High School, under the principalship of Dr. McLellan; at Victoria University, Cobourg; and at Garrett Biblical Institute of the Northwestern Institute, Illinois. He received the degree of B. A. from Victoria University, in May, 1871, and the degree of B. D. in June following from Garrett Biblical Institute; M. A. three years later, and D. D. from his Alma Mater in 1889. In June, 1871, the Doctor was ordained as a Methodist minister, at Belleville, Ont., by the Rev. William Morley Punshon, LL. D. He has filled the following appointments, with much acceptance, viz.: Belmont, Lloydtown, Chicago (Ill.), Montreal (twice), Aylmer, (P. Q.), Ottawa, Quebec and Kingston.

In 1888, Dr. Sparling was selected to fill his present responsible position, and the remarkable progress, and brilliant success of the college, are at once a tribute to its principal, and to the wisdom of the choice. He possesses, in a marked degree, those qualities of head and heart, so necessary to the success of the prominent position he fills.

Dr. Sparling came to Manitoba in the summer of 1888, and began the work of the college in the class-rooms of Grace church. He then returned to Kingston to finish his pastorate there, and in the following year came back to Winnipeg.

In the interval between the opening of the college in the fall of 1888 and its removal from the building on Broadway avenue, Dr. Sparling had been working with his usual indomitable will and ten-

acity of purpose, going from circuit to circuit every Sunday from the first of September till the last of June, collecting funds, not only for current expenses, but for the more ambitious end—the building fund. In this, as in all the undertakings to which he has devoted himself, success has crowned his efforts, and Wesley College now possesses without doubt, the handsomest, best equipped and most substantial college building in the west.

Thanks to the Doctor's earnest and unremitting labor, Wesley College can say what no other Methodist College in Canada can say, that, with, as yet, no financial endowment, it has never been a dollar in debt on current expense account. To this end Dr. Sparling has worked faithfully, and, we are glad to say, successfully. He has worked for Wesley College with untiring energy, travelling, preaching, teaching, in fact, showing himself to be prepared to make any sacrifice or do any work conducive to the institution's best interests.

In his personal character the Doctor is highly qualified for the position which he holds. His unvarying cheerfulness and geniality have done much, coupled with his kind words of approbation and encouragement to inspire the despondent student to renewed efforts, or to fire with zeal the aspirant to University honors. The Doctor's judgment on all matters, whether of a business or personal nature, is one such as follows long experience and careful training. He is quick to recognize the student of ability, and to such a one any assistance within his power would not be wanting.

PROFESSOR LAIRD

G. J. Laird, M. A., Ph. D., professor of natural science, was born in 1859 in Thorold, Welland county, Ontario. His father is the Rev. J. G. Laird, a superannuated minister of the London conference, and when in the Toronto conference was elected to the president's chair. Like others of the itinerant ranks, Dr. Laird

received his early education in various schools of Western Ontario. He began his training in higher education in Victoria University, from which he graduated in 1881. Without delay he began his life's work, that of teaching. His ability as a teacher attracted the attention of Mount Allison University, New Brunswick, which called him in 1883 to the chair of physics and chemistry. With decided success he conducted this department until, in 1885, feeling the need of the most thorough training, he again entered the students' ranks. Taking his post-graduate course in natural science in Breslau, Germany, he obtained, in 1888, from this famous university, with honors, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In the fall of the same year Dr. Laird received the appointment to the chair of geology and experimental physics in Wesley college, which position he still holds with acceptance to the board of directors and profit to the students. Prof. Laird is one of Wesley's representatives on the University Council, also on the University Board of Studies, and is secretary of the faculty. From the days of "small things" in Wesley to the present in our more favorable situation in numbers and college halls, the students have ever been impressed with the fact, "the Dr. is our friend." He has been ready to assist the struggling student. He has the broad conception that a university course and a college training should prepare a student to engage in any honorable work in life. In the days of yore he has nobly defended Wesley's goal in the Intercollegiate football series, and in the new Wesley has been instrumental in introducing hand ball. For years Dr. Laird was president of the Literary society, and now holds the position of honorary president. He has devoted much of his time in directing and assisting the students, not only in the art of organizing, but of conducting this important department of college work. Dr. Laird early identified himself with the Manitoba Historical Society, of which he has been an energetic member. The society, wishing to express its appreciation of his services, has for the last two years elected him as their president, thereby having honored him and themselves.

PROFESSOR COCHRANE

Our mathematical professor, Robert Rutherford Cochrane, B. A., was engaged by the college authorities in 1888, the year in which the first active work of the college began. Professor Cochrane was born on August 9th, 1850, in Grey County, Ont. His parents, James and Susanna (Rutherford) Cochrane, emigrated from the North of Ireland about 1830. Mr. James Cochrane, a sturdy, honest Canadian pioneer, lent his best energies to the development of his new abode. When the community in which he had settled was sufficiently advanced to permit the establishment of a common school, it was on his farm, two acres of which were donated for the purpose, that the school was built. It was in this school that the Professor, together with his brother, now the well-known Rev. Dr. George Cochrane, the pioneer Methodist missionary in Japan, received their rudimentary education. By means of diligent home study, Professor Cochrane was enabled to qualify as a school teacher in 1866. Three years' teaching in Sullivan township furnished him with sufficient means to continue his studies for a term at Rockwood Academy, having completed which, he taught school in Wellington county for four years.

In 1875 he attended the Normal School at Ottawa, obtaining a first-class grade "A" certificate, after which he taught school in Ottawa for six years. He matriculated into Toronto University in 1879, graduating therefrom in 1885, taking first-class honors in mathematics and physics. In 1886 he was appointed principal of the Perth Collegiate Institute, which position he held until September, 1888, when he received his present appointment.

To the ability and energy of Professor Cochrane is due, in a large measure, the success of Wesley College. He is a born teacher and disciplinarian, with a love for his particular branch of learning, which makes his hardest work a pleasure. He is a man, whom but to know is to respect and honor. He is firmness itself, yet kind and painstaking with his students to the last degree. Although with little time at his command, he has published several valuable treatises on Mathematics and

Physics. Outside of his duties as Professor, he manifests the greatest interest in all matters pertaining to the success of the college, and is very popular with the students. He has been president of the football club for the last four years, and gives every encouragement to the wearers of the "blue and red" in their laudable efforts to reign as champions. When the School Act of 1890 came into force, Prof. Cochrane was appointed a member of the Advisory Board of Education for the Province, and in this capacity has done much for the educational system now in force in Manitoba. He has infused into the teaching institutions of the Province his theories of instruction, which have gone far to raise our Public School system to a position second to none.

PROFESSOR STEWART

Rev. Andrew Stewart, B. D., Professor of Systematic Theology, Hebrew and the Old Testament Exegesis in Wesley College, was born on June 18, 1852, in the township of Albion, Peel county, Ontario, his parents having emigrated from the North of Ireland to that county early in the present century. After taking his regular course in a high school, he taught for four years in the counties of Peel, Simcoe and York, his last school being that of the village of Schomberg in North York. Mr. Stewart then entered Victoria University, from which he graduated in 1879. He was ordained at Port Hope, and shortly afterwards went to Manitoba, and at once entered upon his chosen life work—the service of the church. For the next ten years he was engaged in organization work for the Methodist church, chiefly in Southern Manitoba, making Crystal City his headquarters. About the same time he received the appointment of Inspector of Public Schools in the counties of Turtle Mountain and Souris River. The majority of the schools in that district were organized by Professor Stewart. He was one of the first to advocate publicly a uniform system of public schools for Manitoba, and by special request of Premier Greenway, formed one of the committee that drafted the now celebrated school law. In 1889 he was invited to the

pastorate of Fort Rouge church, Winnipeg, which he accepted; during this year he discharged the double duty of pastor of his congregation and teacher in Wesley College. In 1890 he was asked to accept his present chair in Wesley College. Professor Stewart has been honored by his clerical brethren in Manitoba with the positions of chairman of his district, secretary, and president of the conference.

Personally Prof. Stewart is of reserved disposition, but he is possessed of a keen sense of humor, which enlivens his lectures, and rescues many a student from the uncertainty of some philosophic or theologic tangle. The Professor is a very deep thinker, and having at his disposal an immense wealth of theological learning is prepared to deal in a comprehensive way with the most obtuse questions and theories. This peculiar equipment puts him in demand by outside societies, where the discussion of any of the more extensive subjects in Biblical history and exegesis is desired. As a preacher, he is unostentatious, very logical and deeply spiritual. He has on several occasions delivered addresses before the Literary Society on literary topics, and has each time been listened to by a delighted audience.

PROFESSOR RIDDELL

Rev. J. H. Riddell, B. A., B. D., Lecturer in English and History, Biblical Theology and New Testament Exegesis, was born and reared on the farm. He received his primary education in the public schools of Ontario. After attending the Collingwood Collegiate Institute for some time, he obtained a second-class certificate, and having taught in the public schools for four years, returned to Collingwood for a winter's study. In the following July (1885) he matriculated with honors in English into Toronto University, and began in the same year his under-graduate course in Victoria University, taking honors in Classics and English, and receiving the Ryerson prize in Old Testament History. In his sophomore year he took honors in Classics and Mental and Moral Science, and won the Webster prize in English. In 1890 he graduated in Arts,

receiving the silver medal for general proficiency, and the gold medal in Mental and Moral Science. The same summer he entered the Manitoba and Northwest conference as a probationer, being stationed at Cartwright. Two years later he graduated in Theology, taking from Victoria University his degree of B. D. In 1892 the conference appointed him to the double work of pastor of Young church, a newly organized society in the city, and lecturer in Classics in Wesley College, which dual work he prosecuted with eminent success until last July, when the conference appointed him to his present position, an appointment which has been regarded with favor by the church, and with delight by the students.

In the class-room, and everywhere, Prof. Riddell exhibits those traits of character which make him the popular member of the faculty. Each student feels, as he sits before him, and looks into that open and kindly face, that whether he himself be good, bad, or indifferent, he has there a friend and sympathizer. Professor Riddell takes a personal interest in every boy in the college, and no trouble is too small or difficulty too trivial to enlist his service.

This popularity has been further increased by the active part he has taken in college sports. A few years ago he held the position of anchor on the college tug-of-war team in an able manner, and since that has been instrumental in establishing the game of hand-ball. He not only introduced it theoretically, but practically, by joining with the students and demonstrating the science of the game. Among a multitude of duties he found time to take part in the several tournaments, and won them, too.

Prof. Riddell is the representative of the faculty on the committee of management of Vox, and has given much assistance to the students in their new undertaking.

At the request of the College Y.M.C.A., Prof. Riddell conducts the Students' Sun-

day morning class, which, with his thoughtful and spiritual talks and timely counsels, has become a source of strength to the students.

PROFESSOR OSBORNE

The last appointment to a position on the teaching staff was made in the fall of 1893, when W. F. Osborne, B. A., lecturer in English and French, was called to his present position. Without the thought of comparison with any of the other chairs, it is the opinion among all concerned that Mr. Osborne is eminently qualified by his scholastic attainments, the elegance of his language, and the enthusiasm and love for his subjects to discharge the onerous duties which devolve upon him. Not only in the lecture room does Mr. Osborne assist the student, but at all hours he cheerfully guides the bewildered through the labyrinths of their dark and perplexing problems.

As critic of the Literary Society, his clear cut, high rate criticisms make "The Critic's Remarks" one of the main features of the regular programme, and his services to be considered as almost indispensable.

Mr. Osborne is the son of a Methodist minister, and consequently obtained his primary education in different schools. He attended Ottawa and Cobourg Collegiate Institutes. In 1889 he matriculated into Victoria University, attending for three years in Cobourg and the fourth in Toronto. He obtained first-class honors in Modern Languages throughout his course and first-class honors in Philosophy in his second and third years, Victoria College gold medal in French, German and English in his last year, and had first place in the general university in Teutonics.

During his last year at Victoria he was editor-in-chief of the college paper, in which capacity he discharged his duties with much credit to himself.

CONSTITUTION OF "VOX."

1. The magazine shall be known as "Vox Wesleyana."

2. There shall be eight monthly issues during the college term.

3. Object.—(a) To afford a means of communication between the students at college and alumni and friends.

(b) To represent and promote the interests of the various societies of Wesley College.

4. Each issue of the paper shall be published as near the beginning of the month as possible.

5. The paper shall have six departments, viz. : Editorial, Literary, Missionary and Religious, Athletic, Personals and Exchange, Locals.

6. The paper shall be under a board of management, consisting of thirteen members, together with the business manager, when not elected from the board, eight of whom shall form a quorum.

7. Composition of Board.—The board of management shall be composed of six members appointed by the Literary Society, two by the Y. M. C. A., two by the Y. W. C. A., and two by the Athletic Societies ; one professor to be appointed by the faculty, and the business manager, when not elected from the representatives of the various societies.

8. All members of the board of management shall be elected by ballot.

9. Method of nomination.—Nominations shall be made by the different executives of the respective societies. Twice the number required for election shall be nominated in every case.

10. The representatives from the athletic societies shall be elected at a mass meeting of said societies, called by the president of the Literary Society on or before the 15th day of April.

11. All other elections to the board of

management shall be at the last regular business meeting of the societies concerned.

12. (a) The editorial staff shall consist of an editor-in-chief and six associate editors.

(b) Each associate editor, under the supervision of the editor-in-chief, shall have charge of one department.

(c) All appointments to office shall be made by the board of management : they shall be by ballot without nomination, and the elections shall take place on or before the first day of May.

13. There shall be a business manager, who shall be appointed by the board of management, and who shall be ex-officio a member of the board. The duty of this official shall be to take charge of the general business not immediately connected with the publication of the paper.

14. In case of a vacancy on the board of management, such vacancy shall be filled at the next regular meeting of the society concerned.

15. In case of a vacancy on the editorial staff, such vacancy shall be filled by the board of management.

16. The editor-in-chief shall determine all questions as to the editorial management of the paper, and shall preside over all meetings of the editorial staff in the absence of the chairman of the board of management.

17. The board of management shall elect their own chairman, who shall also be chairman and convener of the editorial staff.

18. This constitution can be altered only by a two-thirds vote of a mass meeting of the members of the different societies under the direction and management of the Literary Society.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

The series of meetings held by our college Literary Society during the past term have been among the most successful in the history of Wesley. Not only have the students themselves taken a deep interest in the meetings, but the outside public have also favored us with their presence on many occasions. The average number of people in attendance from week to week has been larger than ever before.

A great deal of success is due, no doubt, to the high class of entertainment that has been offered by the executive committee, and for which they deserve very great praise.

It would be too much to review all the programmes that have been presented but a glance at one or two will suffice to show their quality :

The following programme was rendered on the evening of Nov. 13th :

1. Glee Glee Club
2. Recitation Miss K Crawford
3. Solo Miss Bull
4. Essay Mr. W. Halpenny
5. Quartette Misses Bull and Harris and Messrs. Halladay and Lipprell
6. Recitation.. Mr. A. E. Roberts
7. Recitation Mr. McCullough
8. Orchestra.
9. Essay Mr. Greenway
10. Glee Glee Club

In connection with this programme, while all the selections were excellent, still special mention might be made of the solo by Miss Bull. This lady sings with such sweetness and earnestness that she immediately captivates her audience.

Another programme worthy of special mention was that of Saturday evening, December 5th :

1. The Glee Club.
2. Speech Mr. M. M. Bennett
3. Essay Miss Sparling
4. The Glee Club.
5. Essay Mr. Brown
6. Recitation Miss Robinson
7. Speech Mr. W. A. Lipprell
8. Recitation Miss J. Stewart
9. Essay Miss Peacock
10. Critic's Remarks Mr. Osborne
11. Glee Club.

The special interest in this meeting gathered in the fact that it was the last of the "Competition Series" in oratory, elocution and essay writing. This idea of competi-

tion came into vogue in Wesley for the first time during the past term, and added very much to the interest taken in the meetings.

The three prize-winners appeared upon this programme, the speech of Mr. Bennett capturing the prize in oratory, while Miss Sparling and Miss Stewart secured the prizes in essay writing and elocution respectively.

THE OPEN MEETING

The open meeting of the Literary Society for the fall term came off on Friday evening, Dec. 11th. The large convocation hall was specially prepared for the occasion, and by 8 o'clock was well-filled with an expectant audience. Hon. President, Dr. Laird, was the chairman for the evening, and opened the entertainment by relating some of the experiences of days gone by, when Wesley occupied a private house on Albert street.

The following programme was then rendered :

1. Quartette club.
2. Recitation Mr. McCullough
3. Solo Miss Bull
4. Speech Mr. M. M. Bennett
5. Guitar Club.
6. Solo Mr. L. D. Post
7. Essay Miss Sparling
8. Instrumental Misses McCrossan
9. Address, "Shelley" Prof. Osborne
10. Solo Miss Fleming
11. Recitation Miss J. Stewart
12. Guitar Club.
13. Presentation of prizes awarded in oratory, essay writing and elocution.
14. Quartette Club.

This meeting brought to a close one of the most successful series of meetings that Wesley Literary has ever seen. All the meetings have been well attended, and the entertainment offered has been first-class on every occasion. Fully five hundred people assembled in the convocation hall on Friday evening and every one seemed to be delighted with the different numbers upon the programme.

ANNUAL COLLEGE DINNER

The eighth annual college dinner came off on Dec. 18th. The tables were spread in the new Convocation hall, and about 125 persons sat down to the repast. Dr. Sparling occupied the head of the table, and on his right there were seated J. A. M. Aikins, Q. C., chairman of the college board; Mr. Thos. Nixon, Mr. J. B. Somerset and Mrs. Sparling. On the left of Dr. Sparling, Dr. Laird, R. J. Whitla, J. H. Ashdown and Mrs. Riddell occupied seats. The catering was provided by Mrs. Hample, which is sufficient guarantee of excellence both in tasteful arrangement and quality of provision.

The intellectual part of the evening's entertainment was introduced by a selection from the Quartette club, and during the evening Miss Bull and Miss Pullar rendered solos, which were highly appreciated.

The following is the toast list, which gave occasion for some very fine efforts on the part of the boys, who are not so accustomed to be heard in public, especially so in the case of Mr. N. Carwell, who, in proposing the toast to the ladies, fairly excelled himself.

The Queen, proposed by the chairman; the University, by S. R. Brown, B. A.; response by J. H. Ashdown and J. B. Somerset; Our College, by H. Hull, response by J. A. M. Aikins, Q. C., and Thos. Nixon; The Faculty, by H. J. Kinley, response by Dr. Laird; The Grad-

uating Class, by A. E. Smith, response by J. W. Bruce; Our Graduates, by S. T. Robson, response by W. A. Cooke, B. A.; College Societies, by M. M. Bennett, B. A., response by A. E. Hatherington, B. A.; Vox Wesleyana, by E. Woodhull, B. A., response by W. A. Sipprell; The Ladies, by N. Carwell, response by R. W. Cummings; Our Guests, by G. J. Elliot, response by R. J. Whitla.

The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close one of the most enjoyable dinners yet given by the students to their friends.

In the course of his remarks Father Nixon said that in his travels through the province he had often attended church at the different towns, and he found that fully ninety per cent. of the preachers to whom he had listened were very poor readers. Mr. Nixon urged the necessity of instituting a professorship in the art of reading, especially for the young ministers who would soon be going out to occupy the pulpits of our church.

A very touching reference was made to the death of W. J. Graham, '93, by Rev. W. A. Cooke. The remarks of Mr. Cooke found a response in every one present, and the fitting tribute to the memory of the departed expressed the sentiment of every heart. The death of Mr. Graham is the first break in the ranks of Wesley's graduates.



Let him not boast who puts his armor on,
As he who puts it off, the battle done—
Study yourselves; and most of all note well
Wherein kind nature meant you to excell.

LOCAL NEWS

Word has been received by one of the students from J. Hostley Soady, B. A., '94. He is in Spokane, Wash., and is principal of one of the city schools.

The Y. M. C. A. found a new field of labor at the Keeley Institute. Service is conducted every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the club room of the institute. The boys have been well received so far, and enjoy the work very much.

We might say that if any friend of the college comes across any man exceptionally verdant in his looks, or arms, or manner of perambulation, then he might do us the favor of communicating with the authorities and secure the man lodgings among his own set.

Messrs. Sipprell and Hull had their overcoats stolen last month from the lecture room of Fort Rouge Methodist church. This was a misfortune for the boys in one way, and not so in another, for the congregation of that church came forward and made them each a present of a new coat, and now we wouldn't mind taking the same dose.

Judging from the rumors that are in the air, some of the boys were very much agitated over the college dinner. With some it was a question as to whether the lady should occupy the seat to the left or the right of her escort. Apparently some thought one way and some another. Then some of the boys had to go alone to the dinner, and that agitated them, and then—well, we all know what then after the thing was over. It is all settled now, but don't do it any more.

The Wesley College Students' Boarding club is one of the institutions of the college which very few people know anything about. This club was formed about a year ago as a joint stock company by some of the older students. Its numbers soon increased, until a large house was rented, and the club started business on a more extensive scale. This

year finds the number of shareholders increased to about 75, and everything working most successfully. By this means the boys are furnishing themselves with good board at the rate of about \$2 per week which means a great saving to the student.

Mr. M. C. Markle, the newly-elected president of the Literary Society, is one of the most popular men in Wesley College. Before coming to Manitoba, Mr. Markle attended school in his native town of Hespeler, Ont. He was afterwards numbered among the students at Berlin High School, and passed the entrance examination in Galt in 1892. Shortly after this he came to this western province, but returned in 1893 to Chatham to pursue a business course in the Business College of that city. Nearly three years ago Mr. Markle registered in Wesley, and is now in his junior year pursuing the Natural Science course. He has always been one of the foremost sportsmen of the college, and plays a star game of right wing forward on the football team.

Among other things, such as the honor of winning six medals out of eleven and taking a fair share of the scholarships, Wesley can boast this year quite a large collection of the greatest men who ever posed as college students. They belong to that race of men who think the day is surely half over at 6 o'clock in the morning; therefore, they get up at about 5 o'clock. They have concluded that meditation upon the shortness of life is the liveliest kind of recreation for them, and so, therefore, when classes are over they retire to the seclusion of their respective clothes closets, and, while they perambulate around its spacious corners, give full vent to their felings in the lines of some song. But the time when these men shine is on the football field. No one of them has ever been known to have kicked the ball within five yards of where he intended to, and sometimes both feet are utilized for the purpose of smiting the leather. But, never mind, dear boys, every part of this world, sooner or later, grows old, and

doubtless the verdure will fade from your brow, and you will take on the harder visage of a senior man, and frown down upon the freshly with all his wanted authority.

Rev. Leonard Gaetz, of Brandon, one of the foremost preachers in the province, preached on behalf of Wesley college in Young and Grace churches. Mr. Gaetz spoke in the morning from the words: "Thou fool, that which thou wert is not quickened except it die." The thought of expending our latent energy for the good and benefit of others was the theme of the discourse, which was listened to with rapt attention. In the evening the reverend gentleman took for his subject "Prayer," and based his remarks on the words in John 14:13. He dealt with his subject in a masterly fashion and to the profit of all who were privileged to hear him.

Rev. Principal Sparling occupied Grace church pulpit in the morning on behalf of the same fund.

The work in connection with the college Y. M. C. A. has been progressing nicely this year. President Thompson has been successful, so far, in carrying out his policy of opening and closing the meetings sharp on time announced, and this has had a beneficial effect in securing the attendance of some at the meetings. The leadership for the different evenings is distributed among the boys, and a glance at the printed programme will suffice to show that the exercises are varied in their character sufficiently to interest any one. The missionary committee and Bible study committee have had charge of two meetings every month, at which the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. unite their forces and frequently the ladies take part in the services.

The Y. W. C. A. hold their meetings every Monday afternoon. Miss McCrossan, '97, is president of this association, and under her guidance very good success has attended the efforts of the young ladies in promoting their own and other Christian lives.

The elections for the different offices in connection with the Literary society came off on Friday, 11th inst. Mr. E. B. Speer, treasurer; Mr. Markle, secretary, and Mr. Halliday and Miss Dowler, for councilors, were all elected by acclamation. This left the contest to be waged between the candidates in the field for the offices of president and vice-president. For the former office there were at first three candidates, Messrs. Markle, Carter and Smith. Later Mr. Carter retired from the fight, and this left but two candidates for the office. The contest for the vice-chair was between two of the most popular young ladies in Wesley, namely, Miss Penner and Miss White. A whole week was given to canvassing the student electors on the relative merits of these candidates, and on Friday, 11th inst., the vote was taken by secret ballot. The result of the poll revealed the fact that the contest for the presidency had been one of the closest ever known in Wesley, Mr. Markle receiving 36 votes to Mr. Smith's 35, thus being elected by a majority of one vote. Miss Penner was elected to the vice-presidency by a nice majority.

This number of the "Vox Wesleyana" is being sent to all the graduates and many of the friends of the institution and the receipt of the same can be considered an invitation to become a regular subscriber. The subscription price is one dollar per year, and all those sent in now will run until next January. Address the business manager.

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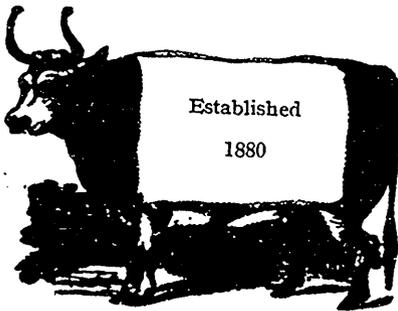
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