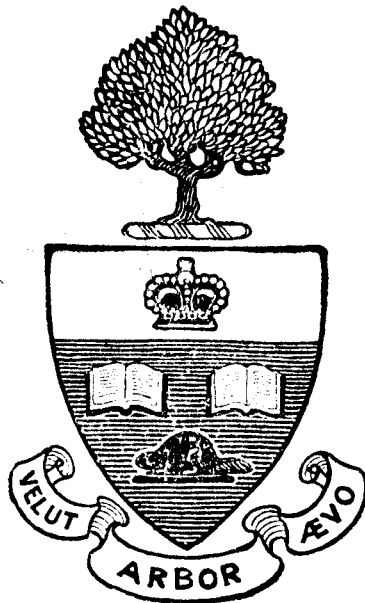


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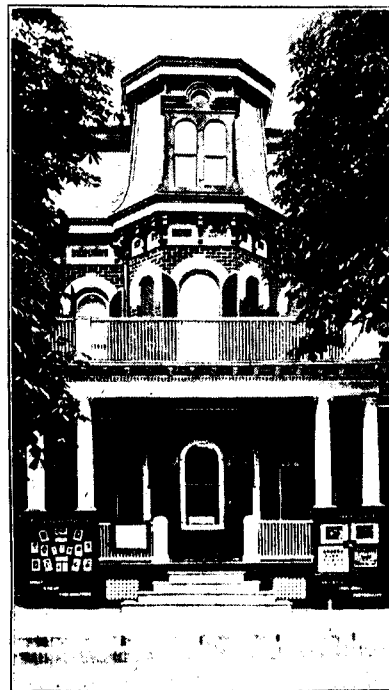
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President Falconer's
First Address to
Students

The University Spirit

In Convocation Hall,
Tuesday Afternoon,
October 1st.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the work of another session in the University of Toronto. Many of you already know the University well. Others begin your acquaintance this year as I also do. I earnestly hope that for us all the coming session will prove to be thoroughly satisfactory.

He would be devoid of imagination who could look upon such an assembly as this without being deeply impressed. Probably there is no place in our Dominion where there could be gathered together so large a body of youth with such promise. You have come from good homes; you have been in good schools; you have lived under stable government; you have received as good moral and religious training as any youth anywhere. And now you are bringing this inherited capital that you may learn to invest it to the best advantage. Nor will you require to bury your capital in the earth for lack of occasion to invest, because in our young nation there are opportunities large enough to satisfy the ambitions of the most eager of those whom I address. I welcome you especially because of this very time in our national life, and I rejoice that you have before you such vast possibilities lying ready for exploitation.

I will ask you to consider what the university may give you as you enter upon your career or look forward to its completion. The university can provide you with something which you cannot get anywhere else, and it may be summed up in this—the being imbued with the university spirit. This spirit is unique; it is different from what you knew at school; you will not find it when you go out afterwards into business or professional life. Nearly every university man looks upon the years he spent in college as the most formative period in his life. It was the new era of discovery—a veritable renaissance.

I wish to analyze this university spirit into some of its elements. It will not take you long to discover that the university stands for "Freedom." At matriculation you are approaching maturity and are presented with the fateful gift of freedom. You may prove unable to discern the worth of your gift, and may speedily squander it by exchanging it for its base counterfeit—licence. It rests with you to demonstrate whether you are competent to use this gift; whether now that the refining and restraining influences of home are more or less removed, you will master your new environment, or will yield to "the contagion of the world's slow stain." There are those who think that youth can be drilled into character by moral discipline, and it may be that some will get more from a military school than from the university. Every year unfortunates succumb to their privileges, but the university must take the risks of freedom in the conviction that under it there will be a greatly overbalancing development of self-directing manhood.

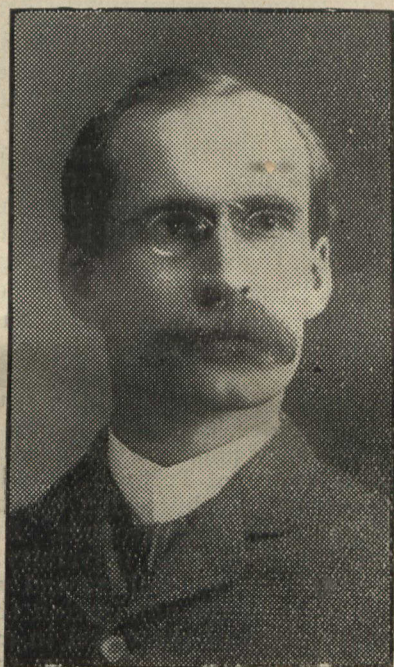
Freedom, however, always involves obligation, and another prevailing conviction of the university man is that there is a Reign of law. You learn in your scientific courses to investigate its workings in nature and in history; you discover that its reach is not narrow, nor its effects doubtful. In his recent address, as President of the British Association, Sir David Gill tells us that "accurate measurement and the spectroscope have revealed two majestic processions of stars travelling through space in opposite directions, and these stars of both streams—some of them suns possibly 100,000 times more luminous than our sun—are alike in design, alike in chemical constitution and alike in process of development." So wide in its sweep is the reign of law. Should you penetrate through the husk of your scientific teaching and assimilate the kernel which it contains, you will get much of the wisdom of life, learning that the sequence of cause and effect is relentless, and that when youths or young nations tamper with law and forget its reign they are courting disaster.

At your entrance into the university you are also ushered into the strong atmosphere of intellectual freedom. Under competent teachers you will attain to this liberty in almost every department of study. Accuracy in thought and expression is an element—and an immensely important element—in intellectual freedom. Much untruth is covered up in phrases and in sentences carelessly written or spoken, which if rigidly analyzed would be seen to be dishonest. The study of classical and other languages and literatures enables us to learn what words mean, to criticize our thoughts, to escape from meaningless repetitions of phrases, and to be delivered from slavery to the letter.

You will also enter into the arena of the philosophical disciplines, and this may seem to some of you—and those probably the best students—to issue for a time at least in your intellectual undoing. You will discover that there is nothing too sacred in your religious, social or moral beliefs to be submitted in the class-room to the clear, cold inspection of the severest scrutiny, and at certain stages you may perhaps wonder whether there is any such thing as established truth. You may find yourselves again and again breathing an atmosphere that seems too strong for you, and fear lest you may not survive. I shall not be surprised if for a period of your student life some of you may be "wandering between two worlds—the one dead, the other powerless to be born." And yet these mental processes are essential to intellectual growth and to the mastery of truth.

Intellectual freedom will also come to those who engage in scientific pursuits; for in the halls of science you are taught to search for facts and to observe things for yourselves. Under proper scientific training you gain independent knowledge won for yourselves. Scientific knowledge is based upon an accurate observation of facts. At first

sight you may seem to have a comparatively easy task, but the older you grow the clearer it will become to you that facts are elusive. Many a weary hour may be required to get at the facts of a case, but the truth cannot be known until the facts are known. To know just what facts mean is a proof of supreme ability; and the mark of a highly trained mind. To learn to distinguish between opinions and truth is to learn a very great lesson. You will not be so absolutely certain about some things as you were, but you will have received from the university an endowment more precious than gold if you have acquired the habit of penetrating to the fundamental facts of your problem. Any man who faces a large task in life to a great extent faces the unknown. It looms up before him, and his ability to master his future, his capacity for rising in his profession are based upon his power—first of gauging facts correctly, and then of applying to the facts which he has correctly gauged the underlying



DEAN PAKENHAM, OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION

principles of the profession which he has been studying in the university. The university should give the student a sense of freedom for the facing of his large problems and duties in a brave and heroic spirit.

There are, of course, dangers attendant upon the process of intellectual awakening. The expanding student is apt to be unduly aggressive in his consciousness of developing strength. He treats weakness or incompetency with scorn; he worships intellect, capacity and manifested power; his tender mercies are not so compassionate as they will be when he discovers that he too is finite. This discovery comes with age. I do not urge you to refrain from the use of intellectual freedom. I should rather urge you to rejoice in it, but also to seek to modify the defects of your virtues by the practice of as much humility as you deem to be consistent with your present dignity; and even when you have gone as far in this direction as your conscience will allow, to throw in as much more modesty as possible.

The next element in the university spirit to which I will refer is "Comradship." You will form here such friendships as you never formed before and will never form afterwards. It is true that students are individualistic, but they are also gregarious, and ideas rapidly infuse the common student mind. The university is the home of generous enthusiasms which are kindled and fed by rich and worthy friendships. College intimacies are more easily fostered in halls of residence, and partly through the generosity of our friends we shall be able to provide more adequately in the future for those who prefer this kind of life. But I believe that the great body of Toronto students will continue to live a more or less solitary life in rooms—along with one or only a few companions. In this university both types of student life will doubtless be found to suit the preferences and meet the requirements of various classes. One of our aims, however, must be to create as wide intercourse as possible among the students within the university. Students of retiring and studious disposition are tempted to withdraw themselves from the common life. Some few have a daily beat from their lodgings to the class-rooms and laboratories and back again, the rest of their time being filled in by study. Such men are missing a large part of a university education, forgetting that ability to live with others, capacity for friendship, knowledge of human nature, are immensely important factors of success in life. We face many of our hardest intellectual problems not in the class-room, but among our friends; they compel us to look squarely at issues which we might otherwise shirk. They also confront us with moral decisions. It is one thing to sit alone and deal theoretically with temptations; it is altogether another thing to face them as they confront us concretely, and to live among our fellows a life straight, honorable and pure, instead of merely dreaming about it in our rooms.

Unquestionably the college spirit grows more rapidly in the small college than in the large university where the life is concentrated in faculty units. I was a student in a university where there were 3,600 students, and I remember how the faculties were separated. In Arts the students were younger, but they were more varied in character, because men looking forward to almost every kind of professional activity were found together. The law student dwelt apart high and mighty. The medical man was housed in handsome buildings by himself and held little intercourse with the law man, regarding himself probably as more human if less aristocratic. In those days the engineering students were a feeble folk. But times have changed. I do not believe that this faculty spirit should be diminished; rather would I urge that each student be loyal to his faculty. This, however, is not inconsistent with the development of a larger university spirit in which each student should take pride, and which varsity colors should represent, loyalty to the faculty being completed in a larger loyalty to the university. I hope also that as time goes on some method may be devised of giving better expression to the common university spirit. If there were something like a students' parliament or representative council it would be an immense unifying power in the university, and it might

remove some of the asperities that are apt at times to occur between the different faculties.

This comradeship is also intensified through athletics, which serve to arouse the enthusiasm and satisfy the pride of a very large number of students. I know that I am touching upon a difficult subject. A large section of the community know little else with regard to the university than its record in the world of sport. But I do you the honor of believing that few among you place athletics first and the duties of the class-room second. You know that athletics should be engaged in for recreation, and that they cease to be recreation when they usurp a place as an absorbing interest. Educated men should be able to distinguish their use from their abuse. A student should engage in athletics not only for recreation, but that he may keep in such good bodily condition as will enable him to use all his powers to the best advantage.

While men broken down prematurely because of excessive bodily training are pitiful spectacles, even more so are students of high intellectual distinction who are physical wrecks, having disregarded the plain truth that if the mental strain is unrelieved the strength will be sapped and collapse follow. Athletics should not be left to the few; nor is their function served when a score or so of men do all the play and the great body of students simply stand by as interested and often excited spectators. Too few instead of too many are engaged in the athletic life of the University.

In a university the Greek conception of the athlete should prevail. At their best the Hellenes had a worthy ideal of physical training, for in spite of frequent lapses into fleshliness and occasional brutality the Greek athlete practised as one who was in training for service in the State. He was to do his share in upholding reason and beauty and truth in the conflict with barbarism, and he helped to save much for our western civilization. In Canada to-day we need the strong body and the sound mind along with moral control and buoyancy, that we too may go forth to uphold the university ideals. From the university a standard of clean sport should be shown forth; here above everywhere must be exhibited a true discernment of values; and honor be so supreme that a game won in any other way than by what is square and manly is not only no proof of worth, but is such a disgrace that we shall seek to forget that the game was ever won.

A third distinctive element in the university spirit is "Loyalty." There is indeed a fictitious loyalty which is in its last analysis a form of selfishness; but true loyalty is akin to gratitude for favors received; and assuredly the university should evoke such loyalty. You will occasionally hear a man speak indifferently of his college on the ground that his alma mater was to him a niggardly benefactress; but as a rule such men are passing an unfavourable judgment upon themselves, for we are all to some extent debtors to our university. There most of us have formed our closest friendships. There also we met professors who revealed to us the meaning of devotion to a high intellectual ideal, men whose consuming passion it was to further their department of knowledge, and in whose presence we were constrained to be modest because they were

so far beyond us. Such men are as a rule most generous of their intellectual and spiritual wealth, for knowledge unlike gold increases in value as it is communicated to others. The poet sings for the joy of finding harmonious utterance; the good man sacrifices himself for the joy of doing his duty; the scholar proclaims his truth for the joy of announcing his discovery and to quicken others to join with him in his search. Every true teacher knows the satisfaction of teaching. He is eager to be spent in the service of his subject and cannot fail to render his class debtors to him.

All university men can look back to some great teachers. I remember those who gave me impetus in any course. Certain days and weeks stand out in my memory, when under the guidance of men of outstanding personality and great learning I was pioneered into new worlds. As an old college man looks back over the past and turns to his university with affectionate regard it is not the material equipment of which he thinks; but in memory he crosses the grounds, enters the college gateway and passes along the cloister to some class-room, where he sees before him in dim outline, which however the years will never entirely efface, the features of the greatest teacher he has ever known. Others more famous he may have since met, men it may be of equal or even greater power, but for him that silent figure remains the greatest of all his teachers. A university is great according to the number of such teachers it possesses, and it will be fruitful in loyal students and alumni as it has enabled them to come within the range of such rich personalities.

During the summer, tourists drive round these grounds in multitudes, and their guides proclaim in loud tones as they point to the buildings, that this is the University of Toronto. Doubtless the tourists are moved to admiration by the beauty of the buildings and the grounds. But these tourists have not seen the university. A ship tied to the wharf, empty, sailless and without a crew arouses little of the admiration that is occasioned by the sight of the vessel in mid-ocean, speeding over the waves with every sail set to the breeze, with rich cargo and a full complement of men. It is the professors and students who really constitute the University of Toronto. Every student should regard himself as an integral part of this university, and remember that he shares in making or marring its reputation. Among students a careless individualism is often exhibited in forgetfulness of the fact that every deed which passes beyond the boundaries of fun into folly is damaging not only to the man but to the university. Are you industrious?; then the University is productive. Are you honorable?; then the University has a high standard: Are you gentlemen?; then the university becomes a home of true culture. Descent from a noble family is a powerful restraint on the recklessness of an individual member of the house. A worthy past is a partial guarantee of a worthy future. In a university also an honorable spirit is transmitted from year to year so that it becomes an atmosphere in which the life that comes to it anew with each session is tempered and fostered by its worthy ideals. If the University like a larger subliminal self con-

stantly surrounds you, it will so restrain you that while being true to yourself you will be loyal to your alma mater.

What is the prevailing tone of 'Varsity? Surely honour in all things and the gentlemanly instinct that is the surest remedy against cowardice, brutality or unfair treatment. Be certain of this that the average man will carry into his profession the standards which he formed for himself in college. I can conceive of no higher function of the University than the production of such a spirit that our graduates in medicine will have a high code of honor; in engineering will be thoroughly trustworthy; in law and politics unselfish and patriotic; in teaching kindly and cultured; in the church true and courageous. In the hands of such men scholarship and research will be safe.

Further, let me remind you that if this academic spirit is to be maintained the finer side of your manhood must assert itself. Should the standard of conduct be low it will not be due to lack of gentlemen in the university to give it the right tone, but it will be because they have allowed things to go by default. And this is a serious factor in our present day conditions. In the state, in municipal affairs, in co-operative schemes of business, in labour combinations the better element has too often been unwilling to do its duty and has capitulated to evil doers. The students have a duty to the university. You may make its good name or allow it to be marred. Begin to do your duty here and you will find your duties as citizens in the future all the easier.

Of the three thousand or more students of this university it will be impossible for me to know more than a comparatively small number. This I regret because in the past my students have been among my teachers. However I wish you to believe that if at any time you think that I am in a position to be of any special help to you, it will give me pleasure to meet you and to do all that my other duties and my judgment will permit.



ROBERT ELLIS CRINGAN

It will be long before the undergraduate body of the University of Toronto can even partially estimate the loss it has sustained by the sudden death of Robert Ellis Cringan. There was hardly a college society of any importance in which he was not an interested and important member. He was President of the Sophomore year at University College, Treasurer of the Literary and Scientific Society, Chairman of the new Song Book Committee, Secretary of the Bible Study Committee of the Y.M.C.A., and Vice-President of the Track Club. His business capacity, musical talents and noble personality will be sorely missed for many days.

From his earliest youth his life was crowded. When only eight years of age he began the study of music, and so steadily did he apply himself in this pursuit that at the time of his death he was reckoned to be among the first amateur violinists of Toronto. Graduating from Harbord Collegiate Institute at the age of seventeen he entered business life, spending five years in clerical work in various city firms. Every spare mo-

ment was utilized in mastering the violin and developing his musical gift.

Then he came to the University for a brief two years. Here he demonstrated his capacity for work and his indefatigable energy. One would have thought that his academic course—Biology and Physics—with its long afternoon hours of laboratory work would have been sufficient to engage his whole time, but not so with him. He soon identified himself with the numerous branches of student life—nor did he confine himself to these alone. Every week through the term he taught six students the violin, and was preparing for eight this year. He conducted an orchestra in one of the city churches and led a choir in another. He was a member of the Mendelssohn Choir and last Easter directed the Festival of the Lilies in Massey Hall. He also made many literary contributions to Canadian papers and magazines. How he made time for this is a question which puzzled all his friends and was the source of their constant admiration.

Above all, however, stood his character. He believed in God and Christ with all his heart but



ROBERT ELLIS CRINGAN

never paraded his religion,—simply lived it. He was a clean living fellow, and one of his desires was to help his companions to live clean, honest lives. His faith was simple, an almost child-like trust, combined with the vitality and energy of a true Christian manhood. The evening before he met with the fatal drowning accident, he played his violin very softly and sweetly, "I'm Wearin' Awa', Jean" and then "Nearer My God to Thee." The incident seems prophetic for God called him nearer the very next day. Why a life so promising, in which were crowded business talents, musical skill, literary tastes, scholarship, tact, commonsense, and Christian manliness, should be cut off so early is a question which can only be solved "behind the veil." Meanwhile we thank God for the few full years of upright and noble living.

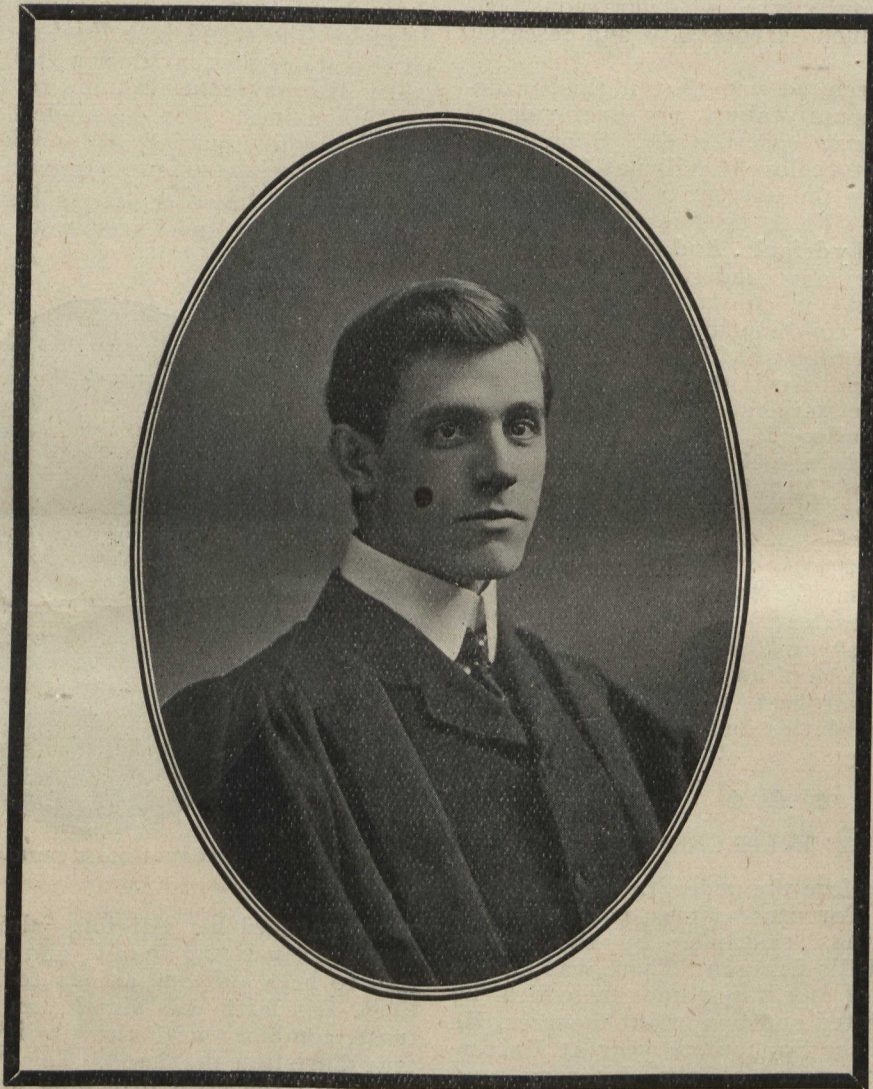
"Thrice blest whose lives are faithful prayers
Whose loves in higher love endure."

Reginald Jamieson

We saw the announcement of his death in the morning papers—telegraphed across a continent. Early as this event came to terminate his career, he was already an object of public interest. His work is well known in Toronto and throughout the Dominion wherever the University of Toronto or educational matters in general are observed. Those among the recent graduates of Toronto who are ambitious of careers of public usefulness will recognize that the greatest among themselves is gone. For though many may be destined

ested in them for themselves, but that he knew they were his only means of compelling a hearing. To establish the particular abuse was the best advertisement of general mismanagement.

The report of the Commissioners who heard his cases was a general acquittal. The charges were dismissed, but he was declared justified in bringing them. But this inconsistency made little difference; his work was done effectually. Out of the trial Commission grew the Commission of Reorganization, by which such great alterations



to accomplish great things and win reputation, he alone has already done so.

To Jamieson is due the credit for the reorganization of the University of Toronto. The merits of his case before the Commission set to try it may be obscure in most minds, but the result of his agitation is conspicuous. He was a public-spirited man, holding an undergraduate office of responsibility. He believed he saw abuses. With purpose, forethought and discretion, he set about his campaign of reformation. With courage, tenacity and immense ability he carried it out. Jamieson brought individual cases and personal charges before the public. Not that he was inter-

ested in the University constitution, that if any abuses arise they must be new ones.

Jamieson was a true reformer. He was disinterested. He incurred considerable monetary responsibility and wrecked his University course gratuitously. He was happily successful, for what he desired has come to pass through his efforts. And the scope of his accomplishment is by no means contemptible, being the entire reorganization of the largest University in Canada.

Of Jamieson personally, I could not say too much. He was a great speculator, and has gone to study at first hand that condition he was so fond of contemplating. His loss to his friends is

irredeemable, yet transcending the poignant regret of personal friendship is the reverent awe and interrogation with which one regards cataclysm in nature and the deaths of great men. A mole-hill may be built or a common man die and the great processes of the universe seem far away. But when a city is destroyed by earth-

quake or a great man dies, Providence seems to have drawn near, the Universal mind to be imminent, and personal feelings sink into insignificance before the apparent vastness of the purposes of God.

L. Owen.

Vancouver, Sept., 1907.

REGINALD JAMIESON

By Edmund Sheppard, in Saturday Night

May I be permitted to weave the warp of words and the woof of affection into some little fabric to wrap about the name of Cyril Reginald Jamieson before we put it away in the casket of our farewells? Some of the leave-takings that we see there are crumpled as with the heart-break of the good-bye or the frantic embrace of farewell. Some are stained as with kisses or tears, yet others are folded smoothly as if placed away in almost unappreciative surprise, or in that peaceful suddenness which comes like a jolt to a company journeying down to the sea, after which they notice that a companion is missing and hold hands in silent appreciation of the one who has disappeared. It is better thus, for the sum of sorrow is but a recollection, either of a terrible leave-taking or a long-lasting wonder as to when the agony would be over. Jamieson's unburied body may yet be tossed about by the fierce northern waters in which he was drowned, yet the memory of the young man and his work will mostly rest upon the nobility of the unconfessed degree of our University, against whose narrow chicanery he fought and whose shallow smuggerly he detested. The University authorities, with the cold arm of French River that wound about his neck and dragged him down, have the honor of competing for the early loss of one of the noblest souls and gentlest spirits with which man was ever endowed. He toiled as a missionary, without the slightest impulse of the traditional parson or the priest. He burned to make the world better, and was willing to sorrow to make others glad. I feel it incumbent upon me at this unhappy moment to make it clear that his letters as "Junius, Jr." were not prompted by any journalistic impulse of finding new matter or disturbing material, but were solely the outcome of a gentle and justice-loving heart. He knew at that time, and convinced me afterwards, that journalism was not his vocation.

A clergyman's son, he was born in dreamland, and as a son of the Most High, he toiled to make better the world he lived in. The wilds called him, and it was in the wilds he died because of his wife and another. After two days of strenuous heart-shrieking that could find no relief, he sought the mainland by swimming, and found it not. May we hope in that larger sphere, that was so large to him, he may find that shore hitherto undiscovered.

We may not pass rudely or unthinkingly through the graveyard of the recent past, for when we think of Cyril Reginald Jamieson and his dark gentle face, it would be inconsiderate of us to forget the face of another leader of a previous University revolt. As we loiter down to the sea, it would be unkind not to take a glance at the gravestone of the late James A. Tucker, journalist, poet, and enthusiastic student in the world's school of making people gentler and better. On the surface it may seem strange that these gentle souls should have led the two revolts which, it is to be hoped, at some time, in some way and somewhere, will make our University better. The self-centred and insincere, as the strong usually are, would rather be on the jury and decide with the lords of education, than be on the right side and suffer for it. Fellow students know that the world is better that Tucker and Jamieson lived. Early death such as theirs is a tragedy, marking the release from earth of a soul unfit to contend with the materialistic and self-seeking conditions where the fine suffer that the coarse may gloat. As between the deaths of the two, I would take that of Jamieson for what is more beautiful than the death of a man who gives up his life for another? And what does it all matter when all our pitiful little camp fires are so near the tideless sea, the eternal blackness of which has never been broken by the laugh or song of returning crew!

FROM PRINCIPAL HUTTON'S ADDRESS TO THE CLASS OF 1911

The most conspicuous life of recent graduates of this College which has been taken from earth since this time last year is the life of the Rev C. R. Jamieson.

Some of us lean constitutionally to the leading of forlorn hope, to crusading, to Quixotry of all sorts; and constitutionally reject the trivial round of common task. The Abana and Pharphar, the great wild rivers of the unknown world, call us with an insistent call, and take us from the tame banks and tamer tasks of Jordan. Mr. Jamieson was a man, I think, of this stamp.

He was a man, too, of generous impulses, who helped with his purse needier students. He was not really ungenerous in intention, I think, or insincere in other and more controversial and more controverted activities.

He was drowned in the waters of the "Bad" river, attempting to bring help to companions in misfortune. It is the style of death I fancy he would have chosen, could he have been given a deliberate choice. He died—as one of my colleagues aptly said—even as he lived, swimming hard against the stream.

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Cyril Reginald Jamieson

Before even the greetings of this new college year are said Varsity's first duty is to the memory of Reginald Jamieson. Probably everyone who will read these words knows the story of his death. Marooned by the loss of a gasoline launch on an islet near Georgian Bay along with his wife and one other lady, fifty hours passed without sign of rescue. Then Jamieson tried to reach some fishermen on a neighboring island. He crossed on a boom of logs to one island, and then made the next two gaps of 60 and 70 feet, by swimming. Then, weakened by exposure, lack of food, and his previous exertions, he had two hundred feet of wild water to cross, where the Bad River runs through Devil's Gap. Here he died. Had he crossed the gap, only sixty feet of water would have separated him from his destination, the island on which are situated some fishermen's huts. A few hours after he had set out his wife and her companion were rescued by a search party, for all French River had become alarmed at the disappearance of their young clergyman. The loss of the launch occurred on Saturday, September the seventh, and Jamieson's death took place the following Monday morning.

A few words will tell it, but it is a story, that for our own good, should live in our memories. But not for this alone has Reginald Jamieson to be placed among the heroes of the University community. The University owes its present constitution to him, for it was he who precipitated the investigation of long standing abuses, which led to the passing of the present University Act. In his fourth year as an undergraduate, he made certain charges in letters written to "Saturday Night" and signed "Junius, Jr." In an endeavor to substantiate these charges he sacrificed his course at the University, giving up his whole time to the work he felt called to do. The justification for his course would not have come with the proving of the charges he pressed. The Commission of Investigation found against him there. His work was done when public attention had been called to the fact that something was wrong. It was sufficient to establish the need for changes; the changes are now made.

It was a great thing for an undergraduate to accomplish this for the University. It is still greater that he carried through his work in a spirit of pure service, so that none who knew him, could find aught of self-seeking to set against his sacrifice.

"Your whole task in life," said President Falconer on Sunday, "is to find the will of God and to follow it." Well lived, then, was the life in which Jamieson was able to set two great public examples of following the light he found. Of the countless private ones he must have given, let who will judge from the writings on another page of those qualified to speak intimately of Reginald Jamieson.

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A Time of Congratulation

It would be pleasant to be able to put into words the universal spirit of congratulation that has prevailed since the opening of the college year, as the University has begun to get acquainted with President Falconer. So high are the responsibilities that now attach to the office of President of the University of Toronto, and so great the opportunities for useful service, that, for a year, the University world almost held its breath lest the deliberations of the Governors should be disturbed. When the announcement of the selection of Doctor Falconer as President was made, all who knew him were delighted. As Toronto heard more about him the satisfaction grew, and since he has come among us the University is well content. It is safe to say that not for a long time has such a spirit of unanimity prevailed in the University as has been evident since the new Act went into force and since President Falconer has taken up his work. The expression that the University is entering upon a new era is heard everywhere, and it is one that seems to be fully justified. Only public sympathy with the work carried on in Toronto can justify the increasing expenditure for the financial needs of the University are bound to increase with every year. That sympathy we are well assured of with a man like President Falconer to represent the University before the public.

The long delay in the selection of a President was well justified when it resulted as it did, particularly because, during the interregnum, Principal Hutton was at the head of the University. In his year of temporary office he became better known to the University at large, which is to say that he became even more than ever esteemed. University College had to give up her pleasing sense of proprietorship in Principal Hutton for a time, but the pride she took in the way the duties of his office were discharged compensated her. The Principal was probably right in his view that he could best serve the University in his present office, but he might derive some satisfaction at least from the hopes that were continually expressed that he might be permanently made President. They came in part, of course, from his own college, but they also came from every faculty and college in the University. They came too from a source, which to put it mildly, the Principal has never stooped to flatter, the Press. It is a happy outcome that gives us both a Hutton and a Falconer.



Edited by Miss C. M. Knight.

The College Girl extends a very sincere welcome to all the women students of University College at this, the beginning of a new college year. Before this message greets you, more than a week of the term will have passed into the "Eternity which lies behind us"—a short period of time, absolutely speaking, yet by no means unimportant if measured by the standard of absorbing interest. The Senior has been renewing old acquaintances—with persons and with studies—and already, in the present intense reality of college activities, the long months of vacation seem like the mere fragments of a dream. Very similar is the experience of the Junior. The Sophomore is renewing her more vivid experiences of the preceding year, and finds some difficulty in fixing her attention upon her accustomed academic duties. Unlike any of these is the Freshman, to whom all is still a delightful experiment.

To her we would especially speak words of welcome. We hope that no member of the class of nineteen hundred and eleven will find aught of disappointment cloud her most sanguine hopes in reference to her Freshman year in our College. It is right that every Freshman should be optimistic. A rosy-spectacled view of anything—even of a first year at college—may be criticized as crude; but it is so with a crudeness at once natural and charming—preferable certainly to that equally incomplete view which persists in regarding everything in its most dismal aspect. Therefore we say to you, as Freshmen,—enjoy. Appreciate to its fullest extent the charm of your first college year; for its pleasures and its opportunities are yours but once. Enjoy everything—the beauty of the college building, as it appears to you in its greatest beauty in these lovely October days,—the new experiences which await you within those ivy-clustered walls,—the new and bewildering "gift of freedom" which is now yours,—the new

friendships you are forming, the new studies which fascinate your imagination. In a word, enjoy your citizenship in a new, a student, world.

It is not necessary for us at this time to do more than mention briefly the various student organizations which will claim your attention in the opening weeks of the college term. The Woman's Literary Society, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Athletic Club, each of these will present its claims for your consideration. These organizations are worthy of the best assistance you can give them. They can do much for you; they will not necessarily do anything. As is natural, the measure of your giving and receiving will be proportional. It is for each of you to decide what part these influences shall have in your college life, and to weigh for yourselves their relative importance. One caution we may give, however, and that is this,—none of these things must in any way usurp the place of importance which should be occupied by strictly academic pursuits. As loyal students of University College, we should be first of all conscientious in our studies. To remember this is often to cause other matters, important too in their way, to fall into their true position, as secondary considerations.

In conclusion, we wish to express the sincere hope that this Freshman year may be the most successful which has ever entered University College, that its ideals may be the highest, and its realization of them the most complete. To this end, it is well to remember even now one fact, which, although it may seem almost a commonplace, is yet worthy of careful consideration; that is, that the golden gate of opportunity opens directly into the realm of responsibility.

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On the afternoon of Friday, October the fourth, the Y.W.C.A., of University College, held its annual reception for the members of the first year. This is always one of the most delightfully informal and enjoyable of the social events which greet the Freshman class, and we are glad to say that this occasion was no exception to the rule.

The guests were received by Mrs. Eakin and Miss Thomson, the Honorary President and the President of the Society. Some moments were devoted to introductions and general conversation, after which the President briefly addressed the first year students. Very ably the extent and aims of the Y.W.C.A. were presented; the various departments of work in the Society, and the opportunities to be found therein, were clearly set forth. The key-note of Miss Thomson's remarks was the idea of patriotism. In our preparation for our life work we should keep in mind Canada and its needs. Special phases of the work of the Association were very briefly presented by Miss McNeely, Convener of the Mission Study Committee, and Miss Knight, Convener of the Bible Study Committee. We were glad to have with us Mrs. Falconer, who addressed us in a few earnest and well chosen words.

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Students of all the years are cordially invited to be present at the regular meetings of the Y.W.C.A., which are held every Tuesday, from five to six o'clock, in the Y.M.C.A. Building. The subject for discussion in the next meeting, October fifteenth, is "Mission Study."



DR. BARTON

The Athletic Association has been fortunate in obtaining Dr. Barton for the newly created position of permanent Secretary-Treasurer. He is a Toronto man, and from early youth has exhibited strong athletic tendencies.

In 1892, he took four firsts in the intercollegiate meet, making the highest aggregate of points and winning the championship for Jamieson Collegiate Institute. In 1893-94, he was assistant physical director at the West End Y.M.C.A. In 1894, he received a call to the Baltimore Y.M.C.A.

In 1897, while in charge of the Y. M. C. A. in Kingston, he decided to enter the medical course



at Queen's, from whence he graduated in 1901, gold medalist, and winner of a general proficiency prize.

In the last ten years Dr. Barton has handled nearly every kind of athletic team, and has been especially successful at track, basketball and gymnastic meets.

His idea is that every Varsity undergraduate should go in for some form of athletics. His experience of university life has shown him that the men who do not need so much exercise are, as a rule, the enthusiastic athletes, while the men that regular exercises would most benefit neglect it entirely. It is this latter class that Dr. Barton expects to spend some time on.

Mr. John Sherry, the retiring Secretary-Treas-

urer, deserves a hearty vote of thanks from the students. It was largely due to his efforts that the splendid financial showing of last year was made. Much success to him in his future career!

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All students wishing to participate in athletics of any kind must first be examined by Dr. Barton. This rule will be rigidly enforced, so get it over without delay.



TENNIS

The tennis tournament is proceeding apace. The entry list this year was tremendous, and Secretary Hodgson has had his hands full running off the various events on the limited space. It is a pity that the ground to the south could not be levelled. Four courts are altogether too few for a university of 3,500 students, some 300 of whom are tennis enthusiasts. However, Mr. Hodgson has done his work to the satisfaction of all, and the semi-finals in four events have now been reached.

The final in the men's open was won by McEachern, who defeated Bartlett in four sets, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3. The handicap from an entry of thirty-eight is narrowed down to eight, Robertson, Shepherd, Harris, McEachern, Keith, Cameron, McFarland, and Hooper still being in the running. The novice is down to seven, Phair, Casselman, Whyte, Brecken, Keith, Hodgson, and Cumming. The upper half of the Undergrad. has narrowed down to Lambert, Finlayson, who played first man in St. Matthew's Senior city team, and Bartlet, Undergrad. champion of 1905. In the lower half, Cameron, Hodgson, Galley, Sanders, Phair, and Greene are still tie. The men's doubles entry list numbers 17, including Ernie Patterson, of '02, Ontario champion, who won the Undergrad. championship a few years ago.

The ladies' open was captured by Miss Moyes, who defeated Mrs. Cooper last Thursday.

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The Interscholastic games, which were run off last Friday, ought to be interesting to Varsity men, as future material for the University track team usually shows up there. White, of Parkdale, and Dandent, of Galt, are two of whom more should be heard in the track events. The championship went to Galt this year. Manager Acton and Secretary Sprague, of the Varsity Club, ran off the events without any vexatious delays.



FOOTBALL

Hard practices have been taking place for the last two weeks, and a good team is fast shaping itself out of the forty or more that daily turn out. Of last year's team Murray Kennedy, this year's captain, will play centre half; Chad Toms and "Moon" Lee will be found on the wing line, while Nasmith and Shaw are back in the scrimmage. Parks, "Mike" Kennedy, and Eakins have all played at least one senior game, and of last year's seconds O'Grady, Ryerson, Henderson, Fortier, and Cory are back.

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Cory will again captain the intermediates.

Around the Halls

N. P. LAMBERT, SUPERINTENDING EDITOR

Coming Events

(Notices for this column should reach the Editor not later than Monday)

To-night, Y.W.C.A.—V.M.C.A. reception.

Friday, Oct. 11—Open meeting Literary Society.

Saturday, Oct. 12—Varsity vs. McGill, in Montreal.

Saturday, Oct. 12—Varsity II. vs. Trinity, Athletic field, 10.30 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 18—Annual track meet.

Royal Alexandra—This week, "The Other Girl." Next week, "Soldiers of Fortune."

The Princess—This week, "The Rich Mr. Hoggenheimer." Next week, "The Right of Way."

University College

LAST YEAR'S CLASS.

L. J. Ladner has entered law in Vancouver, B.C.

W. D. Cruikshank is with the Canadian Lumber Co. in Gaspé.

George B. Contes has taken a position with the Canada Law Book Co. Toronto.

A. C. Cridland is situated with the Canadian Kodak Co., Toronto.

J. McBeth is in the freight department of the C.P.R. offices in this city.

R. J. and Chas. Smith are doing journalistic work in the McLean Publishing Co., Toronto.

Gordon Southam, after spending the summer in Europe, has gone into business in Hamilton.

Ernie Moore is on the staff of chemists for the Hamilton Steel and Iron Co.

A. J. Pyke is working for the Imperial Trusts & Guarantee Co., Toronto.

G. W. Robertson has found the atmosphere of Calgary congenial and will go into business there.

Herb. Baird has entered the Bank of Commerce and is stationed at Blenheim.

C. D. H. McAlpine has chosen Winnipeg as the scene of his labors in the profession of law. We hope that Mac. will find western politics as invigorating as the system in vogue at University College.

H. H. Davis, who was given the Mackenzie fellowship in Political Science, is spending this year in work of research under Professor Mavor.

Messrs. Harold Cook, McTaggart, Johns, Roberts, and Stuart have also

continued their connections with University College for another year by securing demonstratorships in various departments.

Naught-seven's representation at Osgoode Hall will be Messrs. Wylie Hart, O. H. King, H. S. Murton, C. F. Ritchie, Garnet Anderson, J. J. McCarthy, J. C. McDonald, I. Sherwood and S. W. Field.

Between ten and twenty Arts men returned from Northern Ontario last week, looking rather unshorn and a trifle hungry after a season of fire-rangin' on the Government forest reserves.

The many friends of Harry Hindmarsh are glad to note the presence of his stalwart figure and stentorian voice around the halls once more.

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during the past summer, in capturing the Rhodes Scholarship from British Columbia.

The Senior Rugby team will be minus the services of Bickford, the big wing man of 1910. He has decided to spend this year in working some mining claims which were staked by himself in Northern Ontario this summer.

George Urquhart of '08 is wearing a fashionable coat of tan as the result of four months with a C. P. R. survey party in the vicinity of Durham.

W. L. McDonald of '08, as dagomaster during the greater part of his vacation, made a great impression upon the gang of Italians whom he so ably directed in the process of railroad construction near Alliston. So popular did the young boss become with his co-workers from sunny Italy, that before he left for Toronto he was presented with a brand new pair of patent leather boots.

Mac now wears them on Sundays, and proudly relates the brief history connected therewith, much to the entertainment and admiration of his friends.

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Faculty of Applied Science

Knowing the material of '08 it is natural to conclude that all spent an interesting and profitable summer vacation, but even to a stranger passing through our halls during the early part of last week this would have been evident, for here and there were gathered groups of eager listeners as one of their number told of experience gained in mine, field or shop.

From the north came tales of strange adventure and stories of treasure found that only school men could hear without fear of catching the prospecting fever. The knowing ones grew quite confidential and serious as they vaguely hinted at the possibilities of next year.

Aside from rich claims staked out, it is freely said that the prospectors returned with a wealth of health expressed in sparkling eye and ruddy check.

The men of the transit and level told of travels in parts little known, of how portages were made and mountains climbed. Then at night when the day's duties were over, how they sought refuge about a smudge fire from their winged tormentors, the skits and flies, or how the ever-industrious in a tent all alone solved problems that recalled those labelled, "just a simple application, gentlemen."

From the centre of industrial activity was heard the echo of factory and mill. Some found much to engage their attention in this growing country of ours, while others studied the manufacturing methods of bustling Uncle Sam. Those who benefited by American experience, told us of great plants with their armies of workers, guided and controlled in a wonderful way. Chicago, Schenectady and Pittsburg were all much spoken of, each place having its loyal supporters, and in spite of the dust and dirt endured, feel happy over experience gained. Many are the little stories of life from these busy cities, but enough for now—we will doubtless all hear echoes of this again.

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Wycliffe Notes

Once again the halls of dear old Wycliffe resound with the voices of her loyal sons.

It is a source of deep thankfulness that such an increase in numbers has been realized, eighty-three names being registered for this year. We welcome the men of one-ty-one and trust that this, the beginning of their course, may be of great blessing to them, and we feel sure that they will co-operate with us in making this year a record year in every sense of the term.

Knox College

Lectures began this year promptly at the opening of term without any of the usual preliminary skirmishing. The rooms were not allocated until Thursday, with the result that few have yet been able to bring order out of chaos in their domestic arrangements.

To add to the ordinary confusion incident on the opening of College, the students have been compelled to scurry hither and thither to find a place to eat. It is a matter of general regret among the student body, that to the Board of Management the only way of redressing the grievances that existed last year, owing to the quality of the meals served, was by closing the dining-hall. It is to be hoped that the Board will re-consider their action and that soon the dining-hall will be re-opened. Without it, residence life is robbed of one of its best features.

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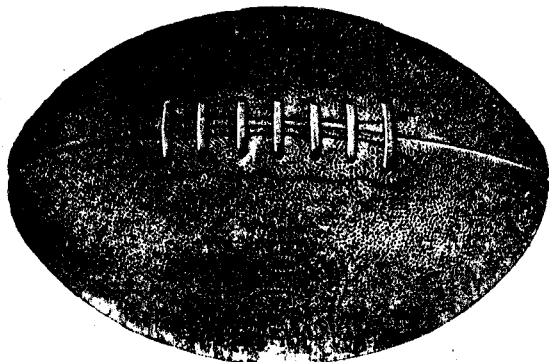
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