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# THE 'VARSITY:

A WEEKLY REVIEW OF  
EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY POLITICS AND EVENTS.

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## SALUTATORY.

With this issue the 'Varsity enters on its fifth year. Those who have carried on the journal during past years know the sad story of adverse balances and constant indifference and even hostility. Happily these difficulties, we believe, are in great part past. The ability of the staff of previous years and their devotion to the work have resulted in the permanent establishment of a University review second to none of its kind, that yearly gains a most gratifying increase in circulation and influence. The stock of the Company has been most widely distributed, and the elected staff is therefore a thoroughly representative one. The important topics to be considered during the present year will make it a significant one in the history of the 'Varsity.

The formation of an Alumni Association that will give force and meaning to the agitation for the maintenance of the Provincial University and non-denominational education will be advocated.

In the Curriculum of the University important changes are suggested, far-reaching in their effects, and before adoption demanding thorough discussion.

Nor, after the occurrences of last year, should the appointment of examiners and the mode of conducting examinations be passed over without an effort to remedy existing abuses.

The adoption of co-education as the system of University College is a serious step in the matter of social progress. We are in a better position, perhaps, than any one else to judge of its success or failure. When sufficient time has elapsed to render possible a reasonable decision, careful observation will make our judgment of some worth. At any rate we shall not let *a priori* considerations or present opinions stand in the way of an impartial verdict on the matter.

The project of the consolidation of the Colleges, to which the various College Presidents have already made allusion, is of national importance. The various schemes suggested will be most carefully considered. The opinions of our own graduates will from time to time appear in our columns, and the importance of the subject demands that these discussions should be in the hands of all friends of our University.

The establishment of a journal that will be an authority to all on our University affairs, in which each of us will make known his literary work to all his fellows, that will bear the imprint of a thorough *esprit-de-corps*, which shall have a circulation sufficiently large to make financial failure impossible—this is what we dream of in the editorial sanctum.

This year we may make some advance towards the realization of this conception.

For assistance and encouragement in past years we thank all who have helped us with pen and money. Can we not count on the same help this year, for are we not all co-workers for *alma mater*?

## THE PRIZE POEM.

As a general rule, it may be said that a prize poem carries on the face of it its own condemnation. A true poet cannot, even if he would, use his sacred feelings merely for the gratification of vanity or with the hope of pecuniary reward. Much poetry of genuine merit has, of course, been produced under the pressure of poverty, but the writer has been able to choose his own line of activity, and consequently to use his own inner experience—the first essential of good poetry. Prize poems, however, are, for the most part, of hotbed growth; far-fetched allusions and metaphor and elaborate phraseology has to take the place of natural imagery and diction, and forced enthusiasm, of genuine poetic impulse. The writer who is true to his art will beware of this habit of working up enthusiasm over subjects in which he has no especial interest, as tending to an insincerity of character fatal to good artistic work.

Compared with subjects allotted for prize-poetry at an English university, we believe our own have been chosen with much greater regard to the calling forth of a freer poetic spirit. We believe that the abolition of set subjects would be conducive to the production of a better class of poetry, in so much as it would enable each one to write according to his natural genius.

We congratulate Mr. Stewart on his having gained the laurel for the year.

If he has not succeeded, a thing almost impossible in the circumstances, in writing a poem that will live, upon a subject with which he had no deep sympathy and of which he had no inner experience, he has at least written the promises of future success.

From "internal evidence" alone we would decide that "*The New World*" is Mr. Stewart's first effort of any magnitude. Like all young writers he readily falls into the use of customary adjectival phrases, "*wide, mysterious waste,*" "*dark blue sea,*" "*vine-clad Spain,*" "*stately ships,*" &c., and makes many unnecessary classical allusions: "*Aurora fair,*" "*Tithon,*" "*Tempe,*" and "*garden of Hesperides.*" In addition to these weaknesses, his sentences are often involved in construction and unmusical in their flow.

But with all this, there are lines in the poem that have the true poetic ring, that are the prophecy of greater success than the author has yet attained.

There is a clear conception in

"And darkness settled on the lonely sea,  
Then whispered they with voices low and sad  
"Will they return to vine-clad Spain, their home  
Or perish in some far-off clime?"

And a musical repetition of the rythm, after several lines,

"And thought of home and friends and vine-clad Spain."

Much meaning, too, is compressed in the line—

"There is no land beyond

Our home is far away."

Reminding one of the close of the *Lotus-Eaters*—

"Our island home

Is far across the wave; we will no longer roam."

A beautiful picture is suggested in

"And over

"The restless sea stole silver smiles,"

The writer admirably expresses an admirable sentiment in

"All Pleasure's paths are far from Glory's gate,  
And many at the threshold fall away  
And are forgot."

Had the merit of the last lines of the third stanza been equal to the first there would have been an admirable close to the poem—

"O struggling souls  
Who live in poverty, and want, and woe  
From shadows dark come forth to light and hope.  
Across the boundless deep we stretch our hands  
To welcome you \* \* \* \*  
Unto a land where all is bright and pure,  
Where yellow cornfields wave—,

We wish our college poets to take notice of the lamentable barrenness in the department of college songs, and to do what they can to supply the deficiency. Anything of merit will be most welcome to circulation in the columns of the 'Varsity.

### Editorial Notes.

The 'Varsity owl, after flitting around for several years in Residence, has taken its departure, and is now perched in new quarters in Moss Hall. Through the kindness of Dr. Wilson, a room has been placed at the disposal of the Company, and a convenient, central, and permanent office and sanctum is thus secured. The furnishing of it is being actively proceeded with.

We desire to offer our respectful salutation and welcome to the lady students who come among us for the first time this year. Co-education is but tentative as yet with us, and the experiment should be tried honestly and fairly. Recognizing one of the departments in which woman has always won an unqualified success, we open our columns most freely to all lady contributors and shall be only too pleased to recognize them as co-workers in our Republic of Letters.

A casual glance at the paper will reveal the fact that our list of advertisers this year is much larger than that of last year. This fact speaks well for the enterprise displayed in the business department of the paper, and for the perception and far-seeing philosophy of those who advertise with us. We would ask students to patronize and encourage those merchants and tradesmen who support the paper, and thus give them an opportunity of securing a profit upon their outlay.

The Committee for the consolidation of the University Statutes, of which Messrs. Kingsford, Falconbridge, Houston, Oldright, King and O'Sullivan are the members, have been for some time at work. The last revision of statutes was made about 1871 and the present one is intended to contain new statutes and be a code of University legislation as complete as possible. The statutes subsequent to the last revision, we understand, have already been printed and distributed to the members of the Senate.

It is our intention, as far as possible, to secure a series of sketches of tours, and tramps, and camping expeditions, similar to that of last year. Some of our men have spent the summer in Germany, France, or Italy. Many of them have found opportunity for much interesting writing. It is to be hoped the friends of the 'Varsity will avail themselves of it and make liberal contributions to the series.

Our subscribers will, no doubt, be surprised at the change in "the 'Varsity's elaborate signboard." The friendly couple, who have stood so long with such monumental patience while he remarks, as our exchange hath it, "My dear, before all, I love Sophia," and she, with becoming bashfulness, listens, have at length wandered off and are seen no more. They have been

with us some four years; can it be that they have graduated and, hand in hand, have departed from these sacred precincts? Faithful were they to us; yea, and when "copy" ran short, even dear, for we knew they were always on hand to fill up a page. Yet, let us not speak with too great levity, for the frontispiece has been associated with our college paper in all its trials and struggles, and has acquired a deep meaning to us, that few can conceive. But the change has been a necessity, and we bid farewell to it with sorrow, aye, even with a tear.

### THE 'VARSITY ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the 'Varsity Publishing Company was held in Moss Hall on Thursday evening, October 16th. The attendance was large and enthusiastic. In the absence of Mr. R. A. Kingsford, M.A., LL.B., President, the chair was occupied by Mr. W. F. W. Creelman, B.A., Vice-President.

The Treasurer, Mr. J. F. Edgar, submitted the financial statement, which, upon the whole, was very satisfactory, the receipts having exceeded the expenditure. The Treasurer's Report was formally adopted, and the balance sheet ordered to be printed. It will appear in our next issue.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint an Associate Business Manager, as the work had become too arduous for one officer.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The following is the staff for the coming year:—

President, W. F. W. Creelman, B.A.; Vice-President, W. H. Blake, B.A.; Editor-in-Chief, F. H. Sykes; Associate Editors, A. Stevenson, B.A., F. B. Hodgins; Business Manager, W. H. Irving; Associate Business Manager, R. J. Duff; Secretary, G. Hunter; Treasurer, F. W. Hill. Directors.—4th year, H. E. Irwin, A. J. McLeod; 3rd year, A. D. Crooks, James Ross; 2nd year, W. H. Hunter, J. S. McLean; 1st year, J. E. Jones.

The retiring members of the Directorate received the hearty thanks of the meeting, expressed repeatedly, and by nearly every speaker. Only one representative of the first year was elected, for the simple reason that only one member of that year—Mr. Jones—was a stockholder.

Messrs. Cane, Lindsay, and G. S. Macdonald, members of the staff in bygone years, offered some valuable suggestions for the future conduct of the paper, and expressed their pleasure at its present satisfactory condition.

Afterwards a meeting of the Directors was held, at which various matters of interest and importance were discussed.

### University News.

#### LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The first meeting, for this session, of the Literary and Scientific Society was held in their rooms on Friday evening, 17th inst.

The Rev. Father Teefy, M.A., on taking the chair as President, received a warm greeting, to which he responded in a few well-chosen remarks. After thanking the Society for its kind reception, he expressed the hope that the best interests of the Society should be considered paramount to any party considerations, and that every member should do his best to render the meetings useful and interesting.

After routine business, nominations were made of candidates for the office of Secretary of Committees, vacant by the resignation of Mr. F. B. Hodgins after the elections in March. The nominations were: Messrs. F. B. Hodgins, G. A. Féré, W. H. Hunter, and J. C. Stuart. Mr. Hunter subsequently withdrew.

Readings were given by Mr. A. Henderson, B.A., and Mr. M. S. Mercer. The former gave a selection from "Marmion," and the latter rendered in an excellent manner Tennyson's "The Revenge."

The debate on the resolution that "Canada should elect her own Governors" was then proceeded with.

Mr. D. McKay spoke first, dwelling on the vastness of the Canadian Territory, the development of a national sentiment, and the immense resources of Canada, as reasons why she should be accorded a place as an independent nation. He contended that in the event of her becoming independent, her social customs

would cease to be imitations of those of England, while her trade would be more rapidly and easily developed, and especially by means of commercial treaties.

Mr. J. G. Holmes followed. He declared that he was a believer in the maxim "let well enough alone," and therefore opposed to any change in the relations existing between Canada and England. Mr. Holmes claimed that Canada has now as much liberty as she desires in the matter of the regulating of her own commerce and of the treaties affecting her commercial interests.

Mr. A. Hamilton spoke of the want of confidence in our Canadian tribunals as exhibited in frequent appeals from their decisions to the Privy Council.

Mr. J. McD. Duncan pointed out as objections to Independence the different racial elements in the population of Canada, and expressed the fear that these different elements were not yet well enough fused to remain in political union without the bond among them of allegiance to a common sovereign.

Mr. J. Ross spoke on behalf of the affirmative.

Mr. Bradford pointed out that Independence really means for Canada the adoption of a Republican system of Government.

The President summed up the arguments and gave his decision in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. J. A. McLeod read a report from the committee appointed to consider Mr. W. P. McKenzie's plans for the amalgamation of the minor societies. It contained a recommendation to continue in operation the scheme originated by Mr. Cosgrove last year. The report was, on motion, laid on the table for two months and notice was given of a motion to carry into effect the above recommendation of the committee. A recommendation was made to the House Committee to place the *Morning News* on file in the Reading Room.

The following were chosen to take part at the next Public Meeting of the Society: Essayist, the President (Inaugural Address); Reader, Mr. M. S. Mercer; Speakers, Mr. H. B. Witton, J. G. Holmes, A. Hamilton, J. McD. Duncan.

The second weekly meeting of the Society was held in Moss Hall last night, the President in the chair.

The usual routine business was transacted.

Mr. James Short read, amid tremendous applause, Addison's "Sir Roger at the Assizes." Mr. T. A. Rowan rendered very acceptably Will Carleton's "Over the hill to the Poor-House."

Mr. D. J. MacMurchy read his essay on "The Masters of the Italian School," which received the University prize. It was a thoughtful and accurate criticism of the three masters, Leonardo di Vinci, Michael Angelo, and Raphael.

The Debate was on the question of the abolition of the House of Lords.

Mr. S. A. Henderson led off in the affirmative. His chief argument was that the Lords cost too much.

Mr. D. McKay urged that the Lords checked hasty legislation.

Mr. J. G. Holmes said that we were too much governed; that the Lords were such not by reason of merit and worth, but by virtue of hereditary claims. As such, they were like a stagnant pool beside a rushing river.

Mr. A. Hamilton stated that as the Lords represented a class, they should not be abolished. The Peers were conservative, and their influence went far to check the present radical tendencies in English politics. Reconstruction might be advantageous.

Mr. J. A. Collins also spoke on behalf of the negative.

The President summed up, and decided in the affirmative.

The conduct of certain members who occupied the back portion of the hall was such, that if repeated, will render the meetings little more than a meaningless farce.

The following members were nominated for the position of Councillor of the General Committee, 1st year:

R. Johnston, T. A. Gibson, and — Hodges. Election next Friday night.

Mr. J. G. Holmes moved, seconded by J. S. McLean, to the effect that the question of the character of the Society's meetings in future be left to the General Committee. Carried.

A communication was received from Mr. J. Bayley, asking the Society to grant their patronage to a series of classical concerts to be held in Convocation Hall during the winter. Agreed to.

The Glee Club asked for a guarantee of money to enable them to give a cantata at the coming conversazione. On motion, \$350 was authorized to be spent.

Mr. J. C. Stuart was elected Secretary of Committees. The society then adjourned.

The subject for the Public Debate, Nov. 14th, will be: Resolved, That the experience of history does not show that a permanent Senate is a beneficial check on the proceedings of a representative legislature.

#### THE MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society of Toronto University was held in one of the Lecture rooms on Tuesday evening, the 21st inst. A large number of undergraduates of the Departments of Mathematics, Physics, and Engineering were present.

Prof. J. Galbraith, M.A., President of the Society, read an interesting paper on the 'Mechanical Theory of Heat.' The Professor based his lecture chiefly on the 'Two Great Laws of Thermodynamics,' and the 'Steam Engine,' illustrating his subject in a clear manner. Problems were then solved by Messrs. J. W. Reid, B.A.; T. Mulvey, B.A.; J. A. Duff, S. A. Henderson, A. C. McKay, and Wm. Sanderson.

#### NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of this Society the following officers were elected for the academic year 1884-85:

President, Prof. R. Ramsay Wright (acclamation); 1st Vice-President, Mr. George Acheson, M.A.; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. T. Walmsley; Secretary, Mr. C. H. Brent; Treasurer, Mr. J. J. Mackenzie; Curator, Mr. R. T. Laing; Fourth Year Representative, Mr. E. B. Kenrick; Third Year Representative and Secretary of Committees, Mr. F. J. Roche.

The first meeting of the present term will be held in the Society's rooms, in the School of Practical Science, next Tuesday evening, October 28th, at 8 p.m., at which it is hoped every member will be present. The President's inaugural address will be the special feature of the meeting, and all undergraduates interested in the Natural Sciences are cordially invited to come and hear it.

#### GYMNASIUM ASSOCIATION.

The semi-annual meeting of the Gymnasium Association was held Tuesday last. The following were elected to the vacancies in the Gymnasium Committee: Secretary, Thos. Marshall; 3rd Year Councillor, Ivan Martin; 1st Year Councillors, E. C. Senkler and J. S. Gale. The Committee has decided to raise the fee for lockers again to the old amount of 75c. per year. This has led to some growling, but the objections will be withdrawn when it is known that scarcely one improvement can be made or even a necessary procured without some such increase in the funds.

Last year when the fee was reduced many improvements and necessary appliances had to be foregone towards the end of the term when they were greatly needed.

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

The usual weekly prayer meeting of University College Y. M. C. A. was held on Thursday, 16th inst. The President of the Association presided, and after conducting the opening exercises, introduced Dr. Wilson. After some introductory remarks by way of kindly encouragement to the members of the Association, Dr. Wilson proceeded with his address on the Christian Life as presented by St. Paul under the figure of a race or contest. A number of passages from St. Paul were quoted as bearing upon this aspect of the Christian life, and those present were urged to practice the self-control and cultivate the vigor and earnestness necessary in order to succeed in this struggle.

A deep interest was manifested in the President's address, and the meeting throughout was characterised by a spirit that augurs well for the success of the Y. M. C. A. during this year. Every undergraduate is urged to attend this Thursday afternoon meeting.

The usual weekly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held on Thursday, 23rd inst. Mr. Howland presided and gave a short address. He was followed briefly by Messrs. Fraser, Owen, Russell, McMillan and McLeod. By all the speakers the justice of God in all his dealings with men and his mercy in Jesus Christ were clearly and forcibly presented. An admirable feature of the meeting was its spontaneity and freedom. The Association is un-



dertaking various kinds of Mission work in the city and hopes to make this a busy and successful year.

## VARSITY SPORT.

### FOOT-BALL.

The prospect in both Rugby and Association Foot-Ball for this season is very good. The energy and enthusiasm of the committee and players of the Rugby Club have gone a long way towards replacing such men as McLaren, Hughes, Wigle, etc., and we have every reason to expect that on the 8th prox., Captain MacDonald will muster on the Montreal ground, a team which, whether win or lose, will do credit to the University. The date of the McGill match has been fixed for the 8th of November, that date being considered preferable, two teams of the Toronto Rugby Club visiting Montreal that day, making reduced rates obtainable.

The Committee are at present engaged in collecting subscriptions towards defraying the expenses of the trip. There ought to be no difficulty in doing this, the cost is too heavy to be put entirely on the members of the team themselves and, it is not fair that, considering the general interest which is taken in this annual match, they should be asked to do so.

The time between now and the date fixed should not be lost. Matches have been arranged with Upper Canada for Tuesday next, and with Guelph for the 1st prox.; these will afford opportunities for experimenting in change as well as first class practice.

On the other side of the lawn matters are better than they have been for several seasons back. The old difficulty of want of opportunity for first-class practice has been to a great extent got over. The team will contain a majority of new men. J. M. Palmer who was one of the champion team of '81, has again a place on the forwards, Senkler, Ayles, Chrystal and Sliter, Western Association players and good ones, are among the new men. With C. C. Owen in his old place, the Association Club will have as good a team as can be found in the Province.

### THE TORONTO MATCH.

We are not going to attempt any apology for the severe defeat last Saturday of the 'Varsity Club by the Torontos. True, Smith was laid up and McDonald injured and out of all form, and the defence weak in consequence, but we are inclined to think that this had little to do with the result. The 'Varsity simply met in the Torontos a team who were their superiors at almost every point. They met the champion team of the Rugby Union, and what is probably the best Rugby team on the continent. To suffer defeat at their hands was certainly no disgrace. The 'Varsity, in our opinion, played a plucky game and a good game. Although their opponents were scoring point after point they showed no signs of weakening or disorganization; in fact, the larger the score against them became the better and more determined was their play, but with all this that play was not to the mind of the on-looker without its faults. In the scrimmages the play was good and comparatively even, but our players did not seem to break-up quickly enough, and at times when the scrimmage was broken appeared to lose track of the ball altogether. Another defect by which the 'Varsity repeatedly lost ground, was the uncertainty with which the ball was passed back—there was scarcely one good pass back made during the whole game, and there were fully half-a-dozen bad and costly ones. More attention ought to be given to this play in practice. But the team's weakest spot was in the quarters, or perhaps it would be more correct to say that the Torontos' strongest point was their quarters, and consequently here the 'Varsity play seemed weakest. Quarter-backs should be capable of giving, and should give as much attention to the opposing quarters as to the ball. Both Morphy and MacCallum should have been more closely watched. It is true that towards the end Senkler did this, tackling Morphy well, and spoiling nearly his every attempt, and to this is probably due the fact that the score was 24 and not 34. These to us were the defects; it is possible, we are glad to say, by practice and attention to correct them—and, corrected, we shall have little to fear for the McGill match.

### ASSOCIATION MATCH.

On the Jarvis Street Lacrosse Grounds on Tuesday last the college club met a team from the Toronto Foot Ball Association. In the first half the 'Varsity scored one goal, and in the second half two, defeating their opponents by a score of three to nil. The college forward play individually was good, especially in the centre and on the left. The passing, owing to the earliness of the season and to want of practice, was poor, the back and goal play

was first-class, but that at the half-backs was scarcely up to the mark. The new men on the team all played well, especially Chrystal, who showed himself a brilliant centre-forward taking two of the goals obtained in excellent style.

### FOOT-BALL, ETC., NOTES.

"Chicken" Murray, to whose exertions the 'Varsity Club attributed their defeat in the match of '82, is again a student of McGill, and a member of the team.

On Convocation Day the Association team defeated Knox by three to nothing.

The Toronto School "Meds" have organized an Association Club, and are billed to appear on the lawn at an early date.

On Thanksgiving Day the Rugby Club will probably send a team to Peterboro'. The Association team go to Galt that day.

There is nothing prophetic in the result of the 'Varsity v. Toronto match; it was about the same last year, and we remember that the effects following it were in no way bad.

Robert Donald, B.A., who had the misfortune to break his collarbone in the match with the Victoria Club some weeks ago, we are glad to say expects to be round in a few days. Donald played back for the 'Varsity team in the eleven of '81.

At the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada, held in Montreal on the 27th of last month, Mr. D. C. Little carried off the lion's share of the honors of the day, winning the gold medal for a first place in the pole-vaulting contest, the gold medal for first place in the running high jump, and the silver medal for second place in the running broad jump. At the annual games of the Montreal Athletic Association, held in the same city a week later, Mr. Little was similarly fortunate, the gold medals in the pole-vaulting and the running high jump contests falling to him.

Pete Wood, of the Clipper Base Ball Club, whose reputation as a pitcher is widespread, is one of this year's Freshmen.

## ROTTEN ROW.

Alex. Henderson, Jr. B. A., visited his old quarters convocation day. "Scotty" is studying law with McGee and Jones of Oshawa.

J. McG., Young B.A., our editor last year, arrived here for convocation laden with "boodle." He is in the office of Clute and Williams, Belleville.

J. F. Brown, B.A., was also here. He has secured the position of "Professor of Mathematics" in Norwood College.

Mr. T. P. B. Stewart, of the second year, was the lucky winner of the prize for English verse. Consequently he "set 'em up" for the boys Saturday night.

The Residence has brightened up considerably under the new Dean, Mr. Baker. So far he has shown himself the right man in the right place.

This year there is more than the usual supply of Freshman in Residence—thirteen all told with more to follow. They present an extraordinary array of ancient names including Gideon, Ephraim, and Nathan.

## DI-VARSITIES.

How can we initiate the girls?

Look out for our ladies' column next week?

"Gentlemen—I beg your pardon—ladies and gentlemen," is the customary salutation of the Professors.

Where, oh where were the Esquire Bedells on Convocation Day?

The Dr. thinks that "Noisy Boys" are coming out too strong. McKim coincides.

The knickerbockers have disappeared in the first year. McKim told it to go home and change its trousers.

Will Mr. Cronyn's amanuensis kindly explain what he means by "psuedo-fifteen"? The Freshmen might not understand.

Did Mr. Chambers doubt the genuineness of the Lansdowne Silver Medal that he let it fall on the dais?

One member of the first year rejoices in a pair of—whiskers. He had better remember that there is a shaving parlor in connection with the University, which does not advertise in the Varsity.

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Mr. F. B. Anderson, of the class of '86, has forsaken his *Alma Mater* for the lecture platform. He discoursed recently in Selkirk, Manitoba, on "Modern Science and Free Thought, Evolution, The Descent of Man, Matter and Mind." There is apparently no limit to what a second year man can do, though there is to capitals, and this item has about used up our stock.

Scene in lecture-room. Professor—"Will the student on the top seat who is throwing peas with spectacles on, please leave the room?"

Mr. John Baldwin has been appointed to the position of Senior Assistant in the Library. He is ably seconded by Mr. J. O. Miller. "Teddy" trusts that by strict attention to business he will merit the patronage hitherto extended so liberally to his predecessor.

The following are the standing committees of the Senate:—

**LIBRARY.**—The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the President, *ex-officio*; Rev. Principal Caven, Professor Loudon, Principal Buchan, Mr. Falconbridge.

**MUSEUM.**—The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the President, the Professor of Chemistry, the Professor of Natural Philosophy, the Professor of Natural History, the Professor of Mineralogy and Geology, the Professor of English Literature, *ex-officio*; Mr. King, Mr. Kingsford.

**UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.**—The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Justice Patterson, Col. Gzowski, Dr. Larratt Smith.

**APPLICATIONS AND MEMORIALS.**—The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Wilson, Mr. MacMurchy, Mr. Langton, Dr. Oldright.

**EXAMINATIONS.**—The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Wilson, Mr. Gibson, Dr. Fulton, Rev. Father Vincent, Professor Loudon, Dr. McFarlane.

**BOARDS OF STUDIES.**—*Legal*—The Vice Chancellor, *ex-officio*; Mr. Justice Patterson, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moss. *Medical*—The Vice Chancellor, *ex-officio*; Dr. Richardson, Dr. Fulton, Dr. Oldright. *Arts*—The Vice Chancellor, *ex-officio*; Dr. Wilson, Professor Loudon, Professor Galbraith, Mr. Houston, Dr. Pike, Principal Buchan.

### PERSONAL.

Dr. Mulvaney has an article in an English review on "The Decay of Genius."

A. MacMechan, B.A., '84, and H. R. Fairclough, B.A., '83, are both teaching in Brockville.

W. H. Smith, B.A., '84, is teaching moderns in Strathroy High School.

R. Balmer, B.A., '83, is studying in Paris, France.

J. B. Hammond, '85, is studying natural sciences in Berlin, Germany.

D. R. Keys, B.A., spent his summer vacation in study at Florence.

J. Squair, B.A., has been studying at Paris all summer.

E. Wigle, B.A., '84, is studying law in Windsor.

Mr. T. P. Hall, B.A., spent the summer working up his new "Element."

Mr. A. S. Johnston, B.A., has been married. "The unity of the complex and phenomenal" is now complete.

E. C. Milburn, '86, has followed Mr. Johnston's noble example. We shall soon expect to hear that a member of the class of '88 has been guilty of the same indiscretion.

W. A. Frost, B.A., '84, is now trying to reconcile politics and religion. He is posing as "devil" in the *Globe* office and saint at Wycliffe College.

H. J. Cosgrove, B.A., '84, was last seen in the vicinity of Montreal. Any particulars as to his present whereabouts will be thankfully received at this office.

J. H. Bowes, G. F. Cane, F. A. Drake, G. W. Holmes, G. H. Cowan, all of '84, are studying law in Toronto.

T. H. Halsted and W. E. Colquhoun, of '87, are at Toronto Medical School.

## College News.

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CONVOCATION.

The annual Convocation of University College was held on Friday, the 17th instant. It was in some respects a noteworthy one—if indeed any Convocation can be so distinguished. It signified the formal acknowledgment of the doctrine of co-education as a recognized fact in Toronto University, and the enrollment of the first batch of fair girl undergraduates. Also, as Dr. Wilson stated, the number of students admitted was the largest in the history of the College. The Convocation Hall was crowded, the fair sex, as usual, predominating.

Dr. Wilson addressed words of wisdom and encouragement to the Freshmen, who number one hundred and fourteen.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, presented the Lansdowne Medal, and the Hon. G. W. Ross, LL.B., Minister of Education, the Macdonald Scholarship. Mr. John Langton, ex-Vice-Chancellor of the University, Principal Sheraton, of Wycliffe College, and Principal Caven, of Knox College, occupied seats on the platform.

Dr. Wilson's closing address was a very practical and interesting one. After alluding to the present encouraging condition of the College, the visit of the British Science Association, and other topics, chiefly of local interest, he spoke at considerable length on the subject of co-education. Whilst assuring those present that he and his colleagues would loyally strive to carry out to the best of their ability the instructions of the Legislature in regard to co-education, and would earnestly strive to make it a success, yet he entered his protest against the system as calculated to retard the higher education of women. Dr. Wilson closed by making an appeal for the establishment of Colleges for women, similar to Girton and Newnham. The President's address was followed with close attention, and was frequently applauded.

Before, during, and after the proceedings of Convocation, the more musically inclined of the students favoured the audience with selections from "Old Grimes" and "Litoria." Some, however, disgraced themselves by continuous howling, horn-blowing, and cat-calling. If such shall be the features of our Convocation and Public Debates, we fear that few of the friends of the College will endure the torture of being present.

The following are the names of the prize-winners:—

**CLASSICS.**—4th Year, Homes, G. W.; 3rd Year, Walker, W. H.; 2nd Year, Mustard, W. P.; 1st Year, Stratton, A. W.

**LOGIC.**—2nd Year, Duncan, J. McD.

**CHEMISTRY.**—4th Year, Gamble, J.; 3rd Year, Shutt, F. T.; 2nd Year, Chambers, G.; 1st Year, Miller, W. L.

**MATHEMATICS.**—3rd Year, McGeary, J. H., McKay, A. C.; 2nd Year, Bowerman, L. H.; 1st Year, Duff, J. A.

**ENGLISH.**—4th Year, Bowes, J. H.; 3rd Year, Hamilton, H. J.; 2nd Year, Chamberlain, A. F.; 1st Year, Hardie, C. J.

**ETHNOLOGY.**—4th Year, Robinette, T. C.

**HISTORY.**—3rd Year, Hamilton, H. J.; 2nd Year, Young, A. H.

**MINERALOGY AND GEOLOGY.**—4th Year, Gamble, J., Wood, H. R.; 3rd Year, Shutt, F. T.; 2nd Year, Chambers, G., Nesbit, W. R.

**BIOLOGY.**—4th Year, Gamble, J.; 3rd Year, Shutt, F. T.; 2nd Year, Dewar, W.

**METAPHYSICS AND ETHICS.**—4th Year, Young, J. McG.; 3rd Year, Weir, A.; 2nd Year, Duncan J. McD., Reid, H. E. A.

**ORIENTAL LITERATURE.**—4th Year, McKay, W. J.; 3rd Year, McGillivray, J., McKenzie, D.; 2nd Year, Doherty, A. E.; 1st Year, McKay, R. R., Needham, G.

**FRENCH, GERMAN AND ITALIAN.**—4th Year, Smith, W. H.

**FRENCH AND GERMAN.**—2nd Year, Chamberlain, A. F.

**FRENCH.**—1st Year, Feré, G. A.

GERMAN.—1st Year, Kent, N.

ENGLISH VERSE.—T. B. P. Stewart.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

SPEAKERS.—1. Leslie, R. J. 2. Duff, L. P.

READERS.—1. MacMechan, A. M. 2. Duff, R. J.

ESSAYISTS.—1. MacMurchy, D. J. 2. Sykes, F. H.

LANSDOWNE MEDAL, 1884.—G. Chambers.

MACDONALD SCHOLARSHIP, 1884, W. J. Hunter.

MCMASTER HALL.

The College is this year filled to its utmost capacity.

The Football Club has been reorganized, and practices three days in the week.

We are sorry to say that Mr. D. J. McGillivray, B.A., who had hoped to be able to pursue his theological course here this year, has been obliged to return to California on account of ill health.

The Taddle, renowned in verse, has been buried out of sight, but the authorities have seen fit to leave, at our end of the stream, an opening crossed with iron bars, no doubt to keep imprisoned the evil spirit of its waters but to allow him to see through the bars those who still enjoy freedom. By this means, when the weather is favorable, the old Taddle can prove to men, through their olfactory organ, that it still exists even if it is underground. The fond lovers may still be seen as periodically as ever sitting on the stone parapet below which the turbid waters used to gush downward toward the lake.

KNOX COLLEGE NOTES.

The students have nearly all returned and appear to be settling down to work in a very business-like manner. The classes in theology are very large, upwards of fifty students being enrolled. Every room in the building is occupied, and some fifteen applicants for admission were obliged to seek accommodation elsewhere.

Yes, there can be no doubt of the mournful fact that the active interest of the students in football, our solitary College game, is on the decline. The great reason for this is the difficulty, increasing year by year, of securing a suitable ground for practice. We trust that some way will be found of overcoming this obstacle, but the present outlook is not hopeful.

The prospects of the Glee Club are unusually bright. Quite a number of new members have been received, and with steady practice the Club ought to prove a greater success than ever before.

The Literary Society has commenced operations. The first public debate will be held Nov. 7th.

Prof. Neff, of the Philadelphia School of Oratory, has arrived, and commenced a course of lectures on Elocution. His instruction appears to have excited a very lively interest among the students. It's a Neff-ort to be commended.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of this association was held in the College on Monday, 13th inst. The first part of the programme consisted of an afternoon session, at which a large number of the friends of the college were present. The President, Rev. Weston Jones, read the evening service, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Bernard Bryan. After the close of the service, three papers were read,—on "Thomas Cranmer," by Rev. W. J. Armitage; "John Wycliffe," by Mr. G. E. Lloyd; and "Laudism," by Rev. Dyson Hague, M. A. The papers were vigorous and incisive, and treated of their several subjects from a decidedly evangelical standpoint. After the addresses, refreshments were served, and the company broke up about six o'clock.

In the evening the annual dinner of the Alumni Association took place, at which nearly all the graduates and all the undergraduates were present. After dinner there was a long list of toasts, among which was that of "Sister Colleges," coupled with the name of Dr. O'Meara, sometime undergraduate in University College. The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and the Doctor replied very happily, dwelling particularly upon the good feeling which does exist and the still better feeling which ought to exist between University College and her sisters. Another toast of great interest was "The Ladies," responded to by Mr. Watson, who insisted on the claims of the C. U. being publicly and honourably recognized. If this were done, Mr. Watson, like every true celibate devoted to the fair sex, would have great pleasure in offering the toast. It was received amid great applause. Music and readings were furnished between the toasts, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

LECTURE BY DR. SHERATON.

The hall of Wycliffe College was crowded to the doors last Monday evening to hear Dr. Sheraton's lecture on the Christian Church and Christian Unity. Mr. Howland, the Treasurer, first made the financial statement, showing that the College is free from debt, that \$12,000 out of \$15,000 have been collected for an extension to be ready for occupation next year, and that a large sum has been voluntarily subscribed to the Library fund. He also stated that every room in the college is full, some students being unable to obtain admission, and that there is urgent need of more teaching power.

Of Dr. Shearton's lecture, we shall only say that it has appeared in the daily papers, and is a faithful exposition of the evangelical principles for which "Wycliffe" is so well known. The Principal's remarks on education, and especially as regards the relation of affiliated Colleges to University College, are worthy of attention.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The opening meeting of the Club was held in their rooms on Tuesday last. The President, Mr. Sykes, occupied the chair during the business proceedings.

The nominations for vacant offices were made and new members proposed.

The Hon. President, Mr. Keys, B.A., then took the chair and opened the literary part of the programme with an inaugural address. He spoke of the advantages all societies have for cultivating good fellowship, advocated the formation of an Alumni Association, and extended a welcome to all those who are going to avail themselves of the valuable help the Club affords to active members.

Mr. Hamilton read Tennyson's *Lotus-Eaters* in a very pleasing manner.

Mr. Logie made his first appearance with a well rendered selection from Shakespeare—the dialogue between *Wolsey* and *Cromwell*. The reader introduced his selection with a slight sketch of the preceding events of the play.

Mr. Chamberlain's essay was on Longfellow, and showed careful work. It was chiefly in external criticism of the poet, rather than an attempt to show the spirit of his poems. The essayist illustrated his subject with choice quotations.

General College Notes.

There is a debt of \$600 on the Lafayette College Journal.

Ten of the most advanced courses in Harvard College have but one man in each.

The average salary of all college professors in the United States is \$1,530.

The Harvard *Lampoon*, the humorous college paper *par excellence*, is to resume publication.

The Kingston (Ont.) Women's Medical College, have ap-



pointed their first graduate, Mrs. McGillivray, M.D. Professor of Anatomy.

A Harvard graduate has a salary of \$3,000 per annum. He is a base-ball pitcher.—*Ex.*

Positions on the *Acta Columbiana* board of editors are obtained by competition. All students may compete.

Harvard has adopted the liberal plan of giving its professors one year in every seven for private study.

The faculty of Dartmouth has suspended two of the editors of the college paper for too free expression of their sentiments.

Some of the freshmen classes are as follows: Harvard, 230; Cornell, 220; Institute of Technology, 200; Princeton, 130; Toronto, 114; Amherst, 102; Dartmouth, 88; and Williams, 55.

There is no Smith in the Freshman class at Yale. *Mirabile dictu!* Neither is there one with us. How passing strange.

It is estimated, by the Commissioner of Education that the total value of the grounds, buildings, and apparatus of the 375 colleges in the United States will reach \$43,500,000.—*Dartmouth.*

The faculty at Wellesley College, Boston, will not allow the students to publish a paper. This doubtless comes of having women exclusively for professors.

At the University of Virginia there is no regularly prescribed course of study, no entrance examinations, no vacations, except the summer one, and but six holidays.

There is only one paper published by German University Students—the *Allgemeine Deutsche Studentenzeitung*, a Berlin Monthly—and even this is not, strictly speaking an undergraduate paper.

Lehigh University will receive \$2,000,000 on the death of the late Asa Packer; and at the end of 20 years will receive \$3,000,000 more from the same estate.

It is a significant fact that the eastern colleges which favour scientific education instead of classical, have received the greatest gain in the number of pupils. The Institute of Technology and Cornell University are particular illustrations of this tendency, the former reporting one hundred more students than last year, and the entering class of the latter being larger than that at Yale, and, according to reports, equal to that at Harvard.—*Ex.*

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It is raining to-night, and a constant patter sounds on the window pane. It is not a wild, blustering rain that roars and swirls with the howling of wind in the eaves and creaking of shutters, until it makes one's mind run chaotic with it, but a steady down-pour, falling with a ceaseless, monotonous sound that breeds reveries and fantastic dreams filled with figures and scenes that are a moment bright, then float away dim and shadowy.

The fire in the grate burns fitfully, casting phantom forms on the floor and walls that flutter and dance and hurry away to hide in dark corners or in the shadows of the curtains. I put my coffee-pot on the coals, draw my easy chair beside the hearth, and having lighted my pipe, whose rich brownness is the essence of a thousand reveries, I sink into my cushioned seat in a dreamy satisfaction with everything.

I watch my coffee-pot.

What a faithful companion it has been! I well remember its silver brightness when I bought it, but now it is dented and bat-

tered, and stained with the smoke of innumerable fires. The handle, too, I fear, threatens to come off, and betake itself to the dust heap; the spout, however, keeps ever the same look, saucy as the nose of a veritable *gamin*.

I know not why, but as I look at my coffee-pot, the fire of coals is transformed into one of branches and logs, that crackle and sputter as they burn. I am sitting no longer in my easy-chair, but upon a moss-covered log. There is no longer a ceiling above, and the smoke circles up among the boughs of maple trees, and countless leaves illuminated by the fire, stand out bright against the general darkness. Turning half around, I can see the shadows playing upon the white walls of our tent. Yes! it is our old camp-ground, and thou, coffee-pot, went with me.

Ah! can it be? Yes, there also, beside the fire, sits she, whose laughter made such sweet music in my life. The tresses, escaped from her *Tam-'o-Shanter*, play over her forehead, and her face is lit up even with the same sweet smiles. I hear her voice singing the old sweet songs! Ah! 'tis but foolish thought—the lips of her who sang, sing no more, only in fancy, alas! do I hear those songs, so sweet and subduing. I have heard those songs sung since and fair lips have sung them, but there has something departed from them, I know not what. They are no more the same.

Nature never repeats herself; never again shall I hear them as I used to hear them, in the quiet of those summer nights, with the whisper of the trees and the far-off sound of the whippoor-will.

Yet, O death! let me not look on you as cruel and treacherous. Thou dost not come as thou art pictured, with cruel scythe, cutting down those dear to us at the dread command of an inexorable Lord; but rather, timid, shrinking, tearful, kissing them into a new life, to wander amid asphodel flowers, and pluck the white daisies that never fade.

My coffee-pot boils over but I mind it not.

I go to the window and find that the rain has ceased, and that the clouds are gone from the sky.

But the stars seem to shine never so sad and far away.

PAUL FLAMME.

## Our Wallet.

Professor in Astronomy.—“What constellation did you study last night?” Student.—“Virgo.”—*Lafayette.*

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A cheerful advertisement is this: Try our coffins. You will never use any other.

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It is carrying things a little too far when a student is so reticent that he won't even tell the professors what he knows about a lesson.—*Notre Dame Scholastique*

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Now doth the weary editor  
With mind insatiate,  
Fill up a half a column  
With gags on '88.—*Ex.*

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The *Arkansas Traveler* is treating the juniors to some “advanced

thoughts" on the "Promised Land." Some "advanced thoughts" on Hebrew and metaphysics are in order, and would be relished by the class.—*The Student.* Same here!

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Prof.—"Mention an oxide." Student.—"Leather." "Oxide of what?" Student.—"Oxide of beef." Exit professor.

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A Yankee woman recently married a Chinese laundryman, and three days thereafter the unhappy Celestial appeared at a barber's shop and ordered his pigtail to be cut off, saying, in explanation, "Too much Yank."—*Ex.*

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"Tell me this," he softly murmured,  
"Do you love me true?"  
And she answered, shyly blushing,  
"Love you? yes I do."

Turning then his glance upon her,  
Solemnly and slow,  
"Thanks," he answered, absently,  
"I only wished to know."—*The Polytechnic.*

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Some philanthropist sent a bible to a Milwaukee editor in hopes of doing him some good, and he thought it was a new publication, and wrote a review of it, in which he said the production was a failure. If it was intended for a novel it lacked plot, and if it was for a history it was full of improbable incidents. He couldn't recommend it.

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"I am not easily discouraged, and was very sensible throughout my entire literary career," remarked a man that was selling blotting pads. "Instead of labelling my manuscript 'Important' or 'Copy' in red ink, as most young writers do, I used to scribble modestly in one corner 'For the editorial wastepaper basket,' and —"

"Well," suggested a listener.

"They *always* went there," he said with a sigh, and the resignation in his tones made the crowd feel three years older.

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The following old-time Harvard regulations will be of interest: "No freshman shall wear his hat in the college yard, unless it rains, hails, or snows, provided he be on foot and have not both hands full. Freshmen are to consider all other classes as their seniors. No Freshman shall speak to a Senior with his hat on or have it on in a Senior's chamber or in his own if a Senior be there. All Freshmen shall be obliged to go on any errand for Seniors, graduates, or under graduates at any time except in studying hours or after studying hours in the evening. The scholars shall never use their mother tongue, except that in public exercises of oratory or such like, they be called to make them in English. They shall honor as their parents, magistrates, elders, tutors, and aged persons by being silent in their presence (except they be called upon to answer). None shall pragmatically intrude or intermeddle in other men's affairs. No scholar shall buy, sell, or exchange anything to the value of sixpence without the allowance of his parents, guardians, or tutors."—*Ex.*

## Poet's Corner.

### PRIZE POEM: THE NEW WORLD.

#### I.

Fair western world on which no white man gazed  
Till o'er the wide mysterious waste of waves  
Columbus sailed; and on the shore stood friends  
Who gazed upon the barque and little crew

Till all had faded in the golden west,  
And darkness settled on the lonely sea.  
Then whispered they with voices low and sad,  
"Will they return to vine-clad Spain, their home,  
Or perish in some far-off clime alone?"  
Far o'er the sea the little vessel passed  
Till all grew tired of the moaning waves;  
And at the dismal creaking of the masts,  
The hollow beating of the sails; they turned  
Their longing eyes far o'er the dark blue sea  
And thought of home, and friends, and vine-clad Spain.  
In dreams the tender voice of Philomel  
Their souls did soothe; and wandered 'neath the moon,  
With love-lit eyes, fair maids, whose silv'ry laugh  
Stole o'er their slumb'ring sense like music sweet.  
At last they said, "There is no land beyond.  
Our home is far away. There orange groves  
Shed perfume sweet, there roses bloom beneath  
A smiling sun, and grapes are blushing fair  
Upon their emerald vines. We will return  
To those we love. Undaunted still thou stoodst,  
Columbus, on the prow, divinely borne.  
Thy dreams and nobler grandeur far than theirs,  
Night's darkest shadows gather over thee  
Alone, with weary eye soon to behold  
Visions more grand than all thy wildest dreams.

#### II.

So God a torch doth wave; thy mighty heart  
Beats high, thy task is done; Aurora fair,  
From Love's soft couch in beauty rises up  
With Tithon's kisses blushing sweet, and over  
The restless sea stole silver smiles. Oh sea,  
Laugh on for ever! 'Tis a glorious deed.  
O noble man! thy name shall never die.  
All Pleasure's paths are far from Glory's gate,  
And many at the threshold fall away  
And are forgot; the wearer of the wreath  
Must watch and wait; most weary is the way  
Ere rests the head upon the lap of Fame.  
Sweet thought; to live in death. Now myriads,  
Columbus, bless thee for this heritage,  
Our home, oh tender thought, the happy scene  
Of childhood's days; O, holy land where sleep  
Our dearest loves, who toiled, and wept, and prayed  
For us, they held enshrined within their hearts.  
How clings the soul to old familiar spots!  
How sad the stranger's lot to roam alone,  
Far from his childhood home and native land;  
Oh God, we bless Thee for our glorious home,  
More fair than far-famed Tempe's greenest vale,  
Or garden of Hesperides, where dwelt  
The maids whose melody was borne on air,  
Perfumed with golden fruits and rarest flowers.  
But here no dragon tears the hungry soul,  
The fruit is ripe, the flower doth bloom for all.  
Here was a home for the oppressed who fled  
Far o'er the lonely sea for Freedom's sake.

#### III.

O noble sacrifice for truth and right!  
Here all may find a home. O struggling souls,  
Who live in poverty, and want, and woe  
From shadows dark come forth to light and hope.  
Across the boundless deep we stretch our hands  
To welcome you from the foul pestilence  
Unto the land where all is bright and pure.  
Here yellow cornfields wave, and millions dwell  
In cities, emulous of happy homes.  
Afar the prairies blaze with summer's bloom;  
Luxuriantly by noble rivers laved,  
Where sail the stately ships with treasure borne  
From the vast inland seas, the matchless lakes,  
Fountains of mighty rivers. Glorious land,  
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