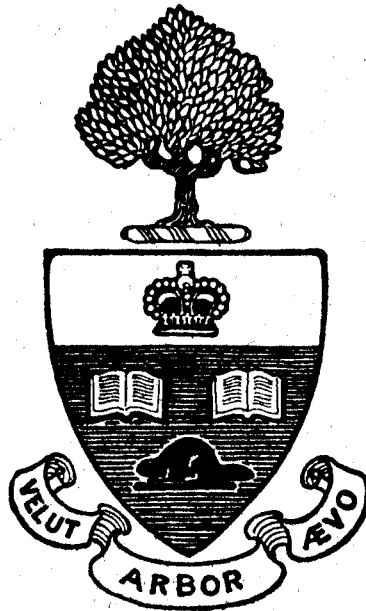


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THE PROPHET—ANCIENT AND MODERN.

By Professor J. F. McCurdy, Spadina Road.

“I OFTEN wonder,” says Xenophon, “how by any conceivable arguments the people of Athens could be persuaded by the prosecutors of Socrates that he was deserving of death at the hands of the State.” This mood of wonder in Xenophon has been amply justified. The judgment of Socrates has been one of the most instructive things in history, and that not merely on account of the worth and nobility of the victim and the obvious absurdity and injustice of the sentence. What makes it memorable is rather the fact that the deed was typical and in one form or another is being continually re-enacted. Every prophet and every genuinely prophetic sentiment has to face a like tribunal and be condemned. And every age furnishes as censors and prosecutors not only its unthinking and commonplace Anytus and Meletus, but its witty and accomplished Aristophanes. A nation and a community are, in fact, tested by their treatment of their prophets.

What was it, then, that distinguished Xenophon and Plato and the other companions of Socrates, along with the master himself, from the mass of citizens of the most enlightened state of antiquity? It was just this habit of mind and soul which it was the mission of Socrates to awaken, that sees the moral contradictions and inconsistencies of current dominant opinion, wonders at them and ponders over them. Probably no one ever helped in the least to broaden or deepen the reflectiveness of his people or to stimulate them to practical reform in life and manners, to whom the moral tone and temper of society had not become a paradox challenging attention and demanding explanation.

Thus it ought to be the most valuable of all historical studies to consider outstanding cases of popular infatuation and judicial folly, mixed or unmixed with official outrage. The chief drawback, as a rule, to such reflections is that the world has already made up its mind upon the moral questions at issue. The observer has, therefore, little or nothing of that spontaneous inward sentiment which is the necessary stimulus to energetic practical thinking. So much indignation at the death sentences of Socrates and Savonarola and Bruno and Servetus has been already given forth by our predecessors that we think it scarcely necessary to try the cases again. In fact, very little original sentiment is nowadays evoked by these or the like flagrant cases of injustice. Moreover, the issues involved are in a sense antiquated, or seem to us to be antiquated, which practically amounts to the same thing. Accordingly we dismiss them from our thoughts as irrelevant to present-day matters, perhaps at the same time relieving our

momentarily outraged sense of right by bestowing a contemptuous curse upon the intolerance and folly of the past.

Now, if this is to be the end of our study of antiquity, or of history generally, it is scarcely worth while to begin it. The study of history has no moral quickening in it unless it includes the study of “something far more deeply interfused,” which answers to the Hebrew conception of “Prophecy,” and which we may venture for the present to call by that greatly misunderstood name. It is characteristic of all true prophets, Hebrew, Hellenic or modern, that they stand in vital relation not merely to their own age and people, but to every age and every people. Their message is primarily for their own contemporaries. And yet, in a sense, all men are their contemporaries, for the very same message is for all times and for all peoples. It is they who give to human history its eternal significance. They have educed for us the element in history which is vital and permanent—the very soul of history—of which action and events are merely the body. “The prophet never dies.” That it to say, the interpreter of history has the immortality which belongs to his message. And his message is, in brief, a reiteration of the eternal principles of the moral world. These principles are ever the same. It is the mode of their applicability to the varying conditions of human society that gives them perpetual freshness and power. Plato and Amos, who knew nothing of electricity or radium or preferential tariffs, may for their saving counsel still be listened to with profit by the modern world.

The other more personal relation of the true prophets is equally worthy of attention. They are out of harmony with their time and people because they are so far in advance of them. They are necessarily misunderstood by most of their fellow citizens and condemned by popular opinion, though their fate is not always the outward stigma of a felon's doom. The mode of their despise and rejection varies with the manners and tastes of the ages in which they live in the body; but they are always under the ban of fashionable opinion. In this respect they are witnesses or martyrs to the truth in their own generation. It has always been hard for the prophet to get a proper hearing. The majority of us moderns would probably in the days of old have joined in the outcry against Socrates; and the modern Christian is usually found implicitly condemning the prophets of the Old Testament and the New. Not that we do not approve of the principles for which these prophets lived and died. Our method of disapproval is to prac-

tically to deny that these principles are to be applied to the concrete conditions of our own times, especially in national and most especially in international affairs. Thus we build the tombs of the prophets.

The word of the true prophet is of perpetual validity and urgency, because he sees things in their right relations and in the light of their essential moral qualities. He calls things by their right names, for he knows what they really are. He is a "seer." That is, he sees truth where and alone it is to be found—in the concrete. Any conventionalist or traditionalist or dogmatist can see it in the abstract. That is to say, he can not see it at all; for there is no such thing as abstract truth. There are only abstract statements of truth. What we call truth is a generalization of *truths* revealed in actual human conditions and verifiable by the recurrence of such conditions. The prophet's gift and vocation are shown in his power to realize what are the right normal relations of men, and to perceive how these may be secured and maintained. The formula that expresses these right relations is very simple, and the great prophets of the ancient nations agree in employing it. It is the one word "justice." Plato is at one with Amos and Isaiah that justice is the solution and injustice the ruin of the state. And the prophets have carried the multitude with them so far that the formula is a commonplace. All of us moderns applaud the sentiment that the sphere of justice is wider than the old tribalistic bounds, and that it should even operate beyond national limits. In unguarded moments even diplomats have been heard to declare that justice should embrace the whole world of nations.

But what distinguishes the true prophet from other very respectable and honorable people who say the same thing? It is, in the first place, the faculty of seeing or divining. The "seer" sees through the web of sophistries that would justify the doing of a certain evil in order to attain a doubtful good. He sees in militarism the barbaric hideousness that stalks behind the glitter of pomp and circumstance. And though he has "against him half the wise and all the great" he cannot stifle the voice of God within him, which must and will break out in prophecy. And when the utterance of the prophet follows upon the vision of the seer men refuse to listen to his voice only at their peril.

But why, when a true prophet speaks, are the listeners always so few? Let us take an example near at hand. Illustrative incidents occur every day, and a casual remark may suggest a widespread and deep-seated tendency of thought and sentiment. An eminent man, who has honored the city of Toronto by making it his residence, honored the University of Toronto also a few months ago by accepting an academic distinction at its hands. Among the pleasant things in connection with the occasion were some words to the effect that the public teachings of our guest were always pure and lofty, and that they would find acceptance in the *next generation*. Now just here the "wonder" of Xenophon may well be recalled. One has a right to wonder why, in the name of truth and goodness, such teachings, which are known of all Canadians and Englishmen, should not be deferred to by the present generation. The plea may be made that some of our friend's practical suggestions are of doubtful expediency, and that, therefore, he is an unsafe guide in matters of public duty and policy. But the plea is invalid. The prophet is not a politician. His chief function is that of critic and deterrent. Strange as it may seem, it is easier to be a

popular and successful politician than a genuine preacher of righteousness. A cynic might be heard to remark that to utter platitudes is the principal occupation of both. The difference between them is that what to the politician is a matter of profession is to the prophet a matter of faith and duty. And the pity of it is that a politician can do more mischief in a year than our prophets can undo in a generation. The one may, even in the very name of justice and righteousness, incite his own and other nations to irreparable injustice and folly. The others seem, for the present at least, to be merely voices crying in the wilderness.

Why this paradox exists and persists, and how, in spite thereof the word of the prophet never fails, can be learned only by those who have acquired the habit and disposition of "wondering." To one who has not begun to wonder at the anomaly no demonstration can make the solution or even the situation plain.

MODERN EXAMINATION PAPERS.

The following paper has recently been set at an Oxford College examination. The principles upon which it is drawn indicate that Oxford is becoming very modern.

I am given to understand that our own authorities are determined not to lag behind so ancient a seat of learning and that the papers of the coming May examination will be cast in a distinctively modern mould. As it would be unfair to take the undergraduate body by surprise, I have permitted myself to follow the Oxford paper by an example of the kind of papers that may be set in the general course at the ensuing examination in our own University.

In this course, as is well known, general intelligence is the principal desideratum, and the questions are devised in such a way as to bring this out.

GENERAL PAPER. (OXFORD.)

(Candidates need not attempt more than eight questions.)

1. Praise your favorite English prose writer.
2. Draw character sketches of Alcibiades, Tiberius and Sir Redvers Buller.
3. How ought a white man to treat a black man?
4. Why would you punish a criminal, and how would you choose to do it?
5. In what works do the following characters occur: Diana Vernon, Major Dobbin, Duke Hildebrand, the fair Cuban, John Silver, Doctor Slammer, Captain Bebadil, Fushos, Mistress Quickly, Mr. Greatheart, Mouraki Pasha, Mrs. Wadman?
6. Discuss the treatment of law and lawyers by the best English novelists.
7. "The ghost of the great Roman Empire sitting crowned and enthroned in state on the grave thereof." Whose are the words and to what do they refer?
9. "There is nothing new under the sun." Do you agree with this opinion?
11. "Malo esse quam videri." If you were accused of theft would you take this view of the position?
12. Can a man or woman be Happy though Ugly?
13. "Si quod esset esset esset esset haud quod esset." Translate and say if you agree.

(Ch. Ch. Scholarships, 1903.)

GENERAL PAPER. (TORONTO, MAY, 1904.)

1. Why are Mr. Gamey, Mr. Tarte and the Conservative Party?
2. Extenuate the principal misdeeds of the political party to which you belong.

3. "Honi soit qui mal y pense." Is this a sufficient reply to a charge of having voted four times at an election?

4. In what works of fiction do the following occur: Our Lady of the Snows, The Man of Wrath, The Shut-Eye Sentry, Mr. Stratton, Richard Yardington, Colonel MacDonell, Alix Duvarney, Tommie Doyle, Henry Maxwell, Wild Jo.

5. Where do the following lines occur:

(a) "Confound their politics."

(b) "The Crank throws give the double bass,
The feed-pump sobs and heaves,
And now the main eccentrics start
Their quarrel on the sheaves."

(c) "The ragged daisy starring all the fields
The buttercup abrim with pallid gold."

6. "Habes Capitem erinibus minimis." Translate and discuss the application of this expression in a football match, and its relation to football law.

7. What was McTurk's position on the penultimate day of the term; with whom was he bracketted and why?

8. To what official publication would you refer for information on the following subjects: The Rugby dance, the reception of the various classes, the date at which work in term begins.

9. Explain the following terms and distinguish their academical from their astronomical signification: Star, plough.

10. "Yoshida-Torajiro was the real instigator of the Russo-Japanese war." Examine this statement.

11. Account for the prejudice of dramatists and writers of fiction against mothers-in-law.

12. Give a short account of the following passages: Nanabazhu, Tacunyawatha, Amor di Cosmos, Michel Sarrazin, Almighty Voice, Mr. Hennessy.

13. Name the authors of the following works:

- (a) Le Pellerin de Sainte-Anne,
- (b) Pine, Rose and Fleurs-de-Lis,
- (c) The Epic of the Dawn,
- (d) The Loom of Destiny,
- (e) Trois Morts,
- (f) Old Spookse's Pass,
- (g) Feuilles Volantes.

14. In choosing a profession do you consider it fair to estimate the probable gains from practicing upon the credulity of the public?

15. "Crede quod habes, et habes." "Ignotum per ignotius."

Apply these maxims to the case of a candidate after writing the answers to this paper.

Note.—The number of questions to be attempted is left to the discretion of the candidates. The paper may be written anywhere and at any time. Books and persons may be consulted. The candidate who writes the best paper and who makes at least 50 per cent. will be awarded a prize (in books) of \$5.00. Papers must be delivered to the editor of VARSITY on or before Saturday, February 27, at noon. The competition is open to all members of the University, staff included. Principal Hutton may be good enough to act as examiner.

J. M.

Competition.

The race is won! As victor I am hailed
With deafening cheers from eager throats; and yet
Gladden the victory could I forget
The strained, white faces of the men who failed!

—Century.

"THE TRAGEDY IN THE VILLAGE CHURCH."

I had just completed my last year at Varsity, and was holidaying on the old farm in Huron. Being of a well-balanced character, I had survived the tempting flattery of the graduation valedictory without any moral catastrophe. This proves that Daniel is not the only man in history who, being "lionized," has kept his head. My humility was the source of great pride both to my parents and myself.

Four years at the feet of Varsity's Gamalies in classics had been pleasant years—but strenuous. I say strenuous advisedly, as will be apparent to anyone who has tried to cultivate the friendship of Plato and Tacitus. A man pays a high price for the beauties of the world's classics, for there are no pawn shops in the market of culture. Those years at College! Yes, they have left memories of prodigious toil; they have left the fragrance of midnight oil, for oft while my companions slept I labored on into the night.

Sylcock is a mild type of savage ferocity compared with those monsters of the lecture room. He, forsooth, was satisfied with one pound of flesh from his enemy, but they—well, they out-Jew the Jew, demanding from a student every pound of flesh he can possibly spare and yet pass for a unit in the land of the living. All honor to them, and may their days be pleasant in the house-boat! I confess, however, that I willingly bade farewell, and gladly emerged from the mystic atmosphere of classic lore into the pure, bright air of field and wood.

Liberty, thou art sweet! I was a child again, though I had put away childish things; with a mind enriched, a heart cultured and a body emaciated, I threw myself, with all the abandon of careless youth, upon the bosom of Nature, and felt the "mere joy of living."

Books were ignored, and out there in the magnificently equipped University of Nature I listened to the million-voiced staff of ungoggled teachers. For four years I had sacrificed my body on the altar of a Greek lexicon, and offered up the incense of cheap kerosene to the gods of the idealized past; but now the present was all in all. The birds poured their little hearts out so gaily, the trees breathed their benedictions so graciously, and the flowers pressed their friendship so modestly, that I would have been untrue to the instinct of gratitude had I failed to enter into the spirit of peace and gladness all about me. It was a day in June, one of those wonderful days when earth and sky are touched with a rich, divine softness, when everything is radiant with its sun-drenched glory.

Under an old apple tree I sat dreaming—lazily dreaming. I often wonder what kind of men and women we would be, or indeed if we would be worthy of the name, were it not for the fond visions of youth, those eager outreachings of a restless ambition, those familiar communings with the mystical and infinite. Surely it is a great power within us, by which we can scorn environment, laugh at space and time, do heroic things and surround ourselves with luxury—all in a quiet hour under a shady tree.

Optimistic and happy, I lay there, gazing into the inviting distances of space, when suddenly I became conscious of an approaching presence. I glanced down the lane, and saw a figure that was unmistakable, for although most highlanders are noted rather for size than Christian virtue, there was only one man in the neighborhood who could honestly claim lineal descent from Goliath, and that was Doctor MacPherson, the village minister.

He happily saw me not, but passed into the house. When I went in I was somewhat prepared for him, because my intuition seemed to whisper in my ear that he was looking for me. He evidently thought I had been in the fields, forgetting that ever since Adam ate the apple boys prefer dreaming on a summer day to toil. So, greeting me warmly, he said: "Well, Donald, I'm glad tae see ve have na' forgotten hoo toe work. Ye'll need muckle brawn as well as brain in the meenistry, and the farm offers a graun' post-graduate course for a classical man."

I felt under no obligation to disabuse his mind, as explanations are always odious, so he continued: "I hae just been thinking aboot ye, Donald; ye'll be going up tae the Seminary in the fall, and ye ken it's a law o' our kirk that each student preach a trial sermon before entering Theology, so I've just droppit in tae inform you to be prepared tae preach at the next meeting o' Presbytery."

I always felt bashful in the presence of the old Doctor, but at that moment I felt a combination of sensations that would bewilder the most expert psychologist. Science had told me that the world is to come to an end by a process of refrigeration, but at that moment I imagined I could see its finish in a much less scientific manner. The ride within me suggested a tirade against the injustice of Presbyterian popery, which to my mind contradicted the fundamental principles of Protestantism, but no—I stood there as speechless as though I had never learned a language.

There was a sort of psychic suggestion, however, which gave me to understand that to comply was inevitable. I had not been brought up in a Scotch home without realizing the hopelessness of argument. The Doctor was kindly, but stern, yes, stubborn, for was ever a Scotchman born without having woven into the curious but admirable complexity of his nature a large amount of "sheer obstinacy"? (I think it has added not a little to the glory of Scottish history.)

But to preach my first sermon in that old village church! Preposterous! I thought, and had I been asked my philosophy of life at that moment I would have answered likely, "A war of independence."

"But, Doctor," I ventured, meekly enough, "does the church expect me to preach a sermon before entering the Seminary? Is that not putting the cart before the horse?"

"Aye, my lad," he replied, "but we're supposed to ken hoo ye staun' in the doctrines o' the kirk. There's sae much heresy abroad these days that we hae till tak' every precaution. Besides, ye'r guid auld father has taught ye theology from your vera infancy, and ve need na' fear, we'll no be vera severe in oor erecticism."

That was final, and I knew it. But he had given me a hard task! Reflection, indeed, made it seem appalling. To preach my first sermon in that old church where as a boy I had eaten crackers, and where old and young would be filled with curiosity, was no sinecure. Besides, my familiarity with Scripture comfortingly suggested the words, "A prophet has no honor in his own country."

I went into dinner, but behold! no appetite. Had I been in love it could not have disappeared more mysteriously. There are great crises in one's life when barley soup is just as palatable as a dish of oysters—terrible moments those! Life had suddenly absorbed into its content an element of terrible seriousness.

After dinner I was out under by old tree again. The selection of a subject was a problem, too. My mind was

crowded with high-sounding topics, for during my last year in Arts I had kept my eye on the theological world a little. I had become interested also in Higher Criticism—I suppose a young mind enjoys the romance of adventure in theology as well as in love. Would I preach a brilliant discourse on the Pentateuch, and show those people that Moses had little to do with it? Would I play havoc with tradition by telling those lovers of the Psalms that David never even saw them, or would I bring upon the stage of their Biblical history two stalwart, brilliant, statesmanlike Isaiahs?

Self-preservation is the first law of life, and I had sufficient subtlety and political genius to avoid anything in the way of theological vagary in a Highland kirk. Ambition was teasing me: I wanted to mount upon eagle's wings and let the unsophisticated villagers realize that they had unconsciously given a genius to the world.

During the next few weeks I earned my bread by the the sweat of both brow and brain. Ideas were foreign. If it is true that character is built upon struggle, I must have been quite a respectable little saint by the end of those weeks. At last my sermon was finished, and as I read it over I was not altogether ashamed of it. Perhaps a thing can scarcely be ill-done when it costs one his life-blood, and what joy can be compared to that which comes to a man when he has been productive, creative?

It was a trying time, during which I learned that suspense had a meaning of which Webster never dreamed. Wherever I went I felt conscious of public interest. How awkward one gets when being tumbled about in the crucible of village gossip! It is said (I'll not discover the name, that he may die in peace) that a woman has reached meridian happiness when every eye is upon her, but a man loves to prowl about incognito. There seemed to be mere joints than I could manage properly, and I had great difficulty in walking as though I were an organized whole. But the worst was yet to come.

And it came! It was a day of no little excitement in the village church. There was an atmosphere of subdued interest and curiosity as the people filed slowly to their seats. The stillness was almost paralyzing; it was suggestive of things catastrophic; there was a strange, psychic prophecy of the final judgment. I'll never forget that first sermon. It was an hour of reminiscence. The past was conjured up with uncomfortable vividness, and before me flashed all my sins of commission (a boy has very few sins of omission), known to every one in that church. It would be attempting the impossible to give a description of my feelings as I faced that congregation. If their thoughts were following my sermon—which I doubt—mine were perambulating all over creation, indulging all sorts of imaginations and ardently courting memory. It is wonderful how many things one can think of at once, especially if they are disagreeable things.

In the course of the discourse I was saying that every man should look not on his own things, but on the things of others, when my eye lit on the face of old Elder Thompson. There was a smile upon it, but it was hard smile, such as rarely plays across the face of a friend. I tried to see sympathy in it, but my eyes were honest and would not flatter me. He was thinking of the foot-races through his orchard, with me in the lead and himself following, a good second. Many a chase had I given him, and I remember that once he used language that I have ever since searched for in the poets in vain. My favorite maxim during these escapades I remember was, "It is

better to give—a chase—than to receive your due reward" (unselfishness was always my strong point).

That face was not very inspirational, however, to a preacher making his debut, so I shifted my viewpoint, but lo! there was the young man who had always been the thorn in my flesh. I thought—I couldn't help it, somehow—of all the pulpitic encounters, the conflicts fierce and frequent, that darkened the pages of our early history. I felt sobered, too, by the thought that I was responsible to some extent for that profile which requires the utmost charity to forgive. Look where I would, there was some face that suggested a thousand distracting memories, and yet in the face of it all I was trying to preach my trial sermon.

When, however, I caught the eye of Jean McAlpine I was undone. I tried to avoid it, but could not. Truly, too, there was an ocean of sympathy in those eyes, and her face was lit with admiration for she was the guiding star of my life. But the heart is a treacherous thing, and whenever I looked into that face or felt conscious that those eyes (so hauntingly beautiful!) were watching me, I could not trust myself. I fixed my eyes on the manuscript immediately, confused, blushing, and finished my sermon without lifting them.

You may not be surprised, therefore, that I did not launch out on my clerical career with all the power and promise of a Beecher, for it was neither brilliant nor profound, neither impassioned nor eloquent. I never heard that anyone hearing that tragic effort predicted a meteoric future (unless perchance it was Jean, who understood and recognized my greatness), and I went home with no comfort save that of a stern philosophy that even the very bad has a possible worse, and the fact that a generous human nature granted me permission to enter the Seminary.

Beverley Ketchen.

A RIFLE CORPS.

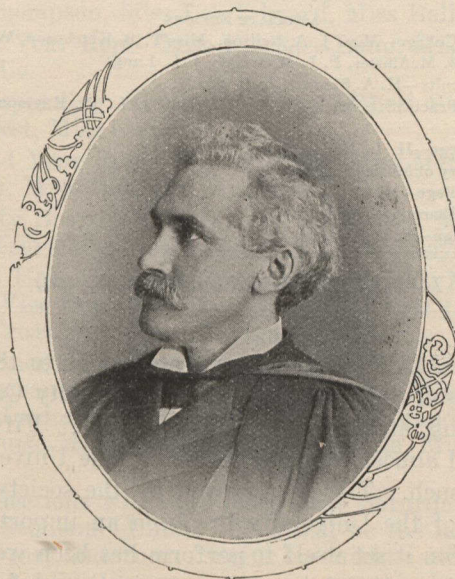
Announcement has been made of a meeting for the purpose of organizing a rifle corps in the University. This is a proposition which, we think, ought to receive the support of the student-body of all the faculties.

Some might object that it is not the function of a University whose purpose is a liberal culture to countenance and encourage anything which looks in the direction of militarism. But it can scarcely be said that we are in immediate danger of the spirit of militarism in Canada. Rather it is our duty, as long as international politics are what they are, to face the facts and be ready for any emergency. It is to the University, if anywhere, that we should look for the growth and manifestation of a strong, healthy public spirit, and no small step in this direction would be the institution of a rifle corps, which would also be a move toward the repair of one of the weaknesses of the Canadian militia—poor marksmanship.

Besides the public benefits which would be directly derived from such an institution there are many others which would accrue. The lessons of obedience, submission and respect for authority which result from military discipline are wholesome, and these qualities are often none too evident in Canadian character. It would further tend to some degree to supply the lack of physical culture which obtains among a large part of the student body, as, no doubt, many would be induced to enlist who take no interest in other sports. Such a move would, however, be agreeable to the Government, whose sympathies we are so anxious to win, and would constitute an additional claim for further support.

It might be mentioned that, in case such a corps were formed, access could probably be obtained to the short ranges at the Armouries for practice, as such a privilege is at present enjoyed by the cadet corps of the Collegiate Institutes of the city.

W. H. TACKABERRY, '04.



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The third of this term's University sermons will be delivered in Wycliffe Convocation Hall next Sunday, Feb. 28th, at 11 a.m. Chancellor Wallace, of McMaster, will speak, and Prof. Clark, of Trinity, will take the opening service. Tickets may be had from the representatives on the different colleges or from the secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Prof. Hume's address to the University College Association on "A Student's Aim and Its Attainment" was thoroughly enjoyed by the men present. Prof. Hume said it was the student's aim to become a leader, and he gave some very thoughtful and interesting suggestions as to the requisite qualities for a leader and methods of leadership. He emphasized the fact that the best leader was he who served best.

Mr. A. B. Williams, of the International Committee, will address the Association next Thursday at 5 p.m. Mr. Williams is a very strong speaker, and every man should turn out to hear him on that evening.

On Thursday night some of the young ladies of Westminster Presbyterian Church tendered our Boys' Club in the Ward a banquet. The boys turned out in full force, and did ample justice to the good things prepared for them. At the conclusion of the banquet a number of toasts were spoken to by men from the Association who are interested in this work, and replied to by the boys themselves. The replies were most interesting, and showed what splendid young fellows some of these less fortunate boys are.

On Saturday the old and new Cabinets of the Association had a joint meeting, when the committees for 1904-05 were chosen.

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THE VARSITY offers congratulations to the Literary and Scientific Society of University College on having attained its semi-centenary. Fifty years is a period almost equal to the life of the University existing as such. The part played by the society in the evolution of the University has been an important one. The function it set itself to perform has been well maintained. The multiplying of organizations of various kinds throughout the University suggests the possible necessity of a remodelling of its constitution, if its highest purposes are to be realized in the future. As the oldest society, it should be the one privileged to move in the matter of providing a great organization, in which all the faculties might meet as one body of undergraduates. Nothing of its rights would be sacrificed, and the increase of its influence would be incalculable. Some such organization is bound to follow the opening of the Convocation Hall. Let it be called what it may; it must be a University and not a college society. The Lit began as a University organization. The time may have arrived for it to enlarge itself to the sphere at first provided for it.

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PROFESSOR WRONG entertained the editors and business manager of THE VARSITY, together with several of his colleagues and representative students, at dinner on Wednesday evening. THE VARSITY was the subject of discussion. What is to be the fate of the publication? The news columns were noted to be frivolous and the literary articles decidedly amateur in form. Comparisons were made with the *Oxford Magazine* and others. One proposal was to unite the Monthly with THE VARSITY, making the latter more of a newspaper, and increasing the latter by undergraduate contributions and the like into a magazine of size and literary value. The discussion is bound to result in good, and Professor Wrong will yet see the result of his kindly interest in college journalism. He may have to wait for a few years, however. The University itself can hardly be said to have settled down to a permanent organiza-

tion. The University magazine is only two years of age. With the broadening of spirit that is now going on among the colleges the sphere of the students' publication must broaden also. What is needed is a permanence of organization in the editorial staff that will make it possible to keep in touch with the changing conditions in the University. This was the point most thoroughly dealt with on the evening in question. It was also felt that the Union should have more of a free hand in selecting the chief officers. A consideration given for the privileges retained by the Literary Society might be a long step towards reforming the Editorial Board in its organization.

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DR. SWEENEY addressed the Medical Society on Friday evening on the relation of the student to the University. His chief point was the power in the hands of the students to directly influence the governments of the province and of the Dominion. This power was, however, latent, and required a stimulation of some sort to make itself evident. Laval has three representatives in the Federal Parliament, and McGill has two. Toronto has not a direct representative in either house. This condition was explained by the lack of organization of the student body, by the want of a great University journal, and by the fact that the authorities took no note of undergraduate opinion. The discussion of problems of national import and public affairs generally would be productive of good even though party strife were introduced into University politics. With much of this we must agree. With some of it we cannot entirely accord. To begin with, the students do know, or ought to know, something of what can be done when they act unitedly. The Convocation Hall will stand for one result of a unanimous desire of the undergraduates expressed to the Government. The same unanimity would be equally effective if used again to emphasize the plain needs of the University as urged by the authorities at the present time. The great journal will come with the other great things. It cannot but achieve greatness when public sentiment begins to notice things that make for greatness.

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A MUTTER of discontent with the organization of the Athletic Directorate may be heard pretty constantly if one looks for it. A decided clamor may one day grow out of it. Just what is wanted the discontents do not seem to know. Down at the bottom of it all the desire to have control is the principal cause for protest. Certain reforms are, however, fast assuming the nature of necessities. One is the appointment of a permanent secretary. It would be economy to double the salary in order to make it worth a man's while to give up the necessary time to the work. Some one suggested the uniting of this office with that of secretary of the Union, and possibly also that of business manager of THE VARSITY. A fair salary could be derived from these, and all could be better done than by men who find their chief

work in the class rooms and laboratories. Another idea that is impressing itself strongly upon sister institutions is the advisability of requiring an academic standard from college athletes. In Yale the pass standing is forty per cent., but from the athletes forty-five percent, is exacted. This simply means an amendment of the definition of a bona fide student. At present this is taken to mean enrollment in one faculty and attendance at lectures. The reformers would have him stand well in his class besides this.

THE COLLEGE GIRL

MISS J. A. NIELSON, Superintending Editress.



The members of the University College Y. W. C. A. were fortunate enough to listen to an address from Prof. Wrong last Tuesday on "Investment of Influence." Prof. Wrong chose to speak not so much of the "investment" of influence, which being a rather businesslike term, seemed to carry the notion of expected dividends or profits, but more of the source of influence, which is character. Christian character is the development of two processes, the gradual conception of the personality of the Christ, and the daily self-adjustment to that ideal by means of continual purification of one's motives and ambitions. The Christian has to fight against the steady tendency in life to lower his standards, and must open his mind consciously and continually to God's ideals, and not only open the mind, but inform it by reading God's Word, which, we would find, speaks to us, beyond any other book, with an authority, an inspiration and a soothing power. The substance of the address was that that influence was most complete and most effectual for good which was the result of following Paul's counsel: "Let this mind be in you as it was in Christ Jesus."

Prof. Wrong spoke for a few minutes at the end of his address on the watchfulness and carefulness in regard to little things which is the result of education, and he very clearly and sympathetically indicated certain of our vulnerable points to which it would be well for us to apply some of that armor of which Paul speaks in his epistle to the Ephesians.

Many of the students of Italian and Spanish took advantage of the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Dickson to attend Prof. Fraser's enjoyable lecture on Raphael, which was given in St. Margaret's College, Friday evening last.

The College Girl extends congratulations to Miss Muntz, of St. Margaret's, whose merit is being recognized, not only at home, but in Pennsylvania and other States, where she has been asked to send exhibitions of her work.

The Missionary Study Class enjoyed an excellent paper from Miss Steele this week, and also a very interesting talk from Miss Carruthers on Japanese women.

The nominations for next year's Executive of the Women's Literary Society were held last Friday afternoon in Room 2, and resulted as follows:

Hon. President—Miss Grant Macdonald.
President—Miss Mabel Davis, Miss Margaret Strong.
Vice-President—Miss Margaret Scott, Miss Louise Carpenter.

Fourth Year Rep.—Miss Blanche Ketcheson, Miss Evelyn Warde.

Treasurer—Miss Lyon, Miss Adie.

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Residence Committee—Fourth Year, Miss Strong, Miss May Buchanan; Third Year, Miss Grace Edwards, Miss Daisy Macdonald; Second Year, Miss VanderSmussen, Miss Louise Murray, Miss Pearl Osborne, Miss Blanche Burt.

The elections will take place next Saturday night at 7:30 in Students' Union. This will be the last meeting of the year, and future Saturday nights will probably find us bidding someone "to tie up the knocker, say we're sick, or dead," but let no one disturb the Plug.

NOTICES

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

An organization meeting for the purpose of forming a University of Toronto Rifle Association will be held in University College on Friday next at 4:30 p.m. A number of the members of the faculty will be present. Students of all faculties are invited to attend the meeting.

The Classical Association will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, at 4:30 p.m., in Room 2, University College. Papers will be given on "Ancient and Modern Sea Power" by S. A. Cudmore, '05, and on "Imperialism in Greece and Rome," by W. S. Wallace, '06.

The Annual Senior Tournament of the U. of T. Fencing Club begins on Thursday, 25th inst., at 4:30 p.m., in the fencing room of the University Gymnasium, and will be continued on the following Saturday and Tuesday.

The last regular meeting of the Modern Language Club for the academic year will be held on the afternoon of Monday, 29th inst. The following papers will be read: "Paris," Miss C. Tuckett, '04; "Quietism," Miss P. A. Magee, '05; "Goethe's early life before, during and after the year treated of in 'Sesenheim,'" Miss J. C. Laing, '06. The election of officers for the following year will then be held.

The elections for the Undergraduates' Union are called for Tuesday, March 8th. Nominations must be handed in, signed by two members, at least one week before that date. Changes in the constitution must be proposed at least ten days before the annual meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

Sir,—Your columns contain frequent complaint of the lack of a "university spirit" among us, and also frequent expressions of a very natural and proper desire that the undergraduates and faculty should know more of each other. I believe that more frequent meetings of both bodies on a common ground would go far to foster the former and bring about the latter. The question is, how to do this without adding another to the many (too many) attractions and distractions which already fill the student's weekly programme to overflowing.

I venture to offer through your columns a suggestion for the promotion of this object, which occurred to me while attending the weekly luncheon on the Empire Club to-day, and it is this: That a day be set apart for a similar luncheon once a week in the University dining hall, at which a brief address should be given by some invited guest—either a member of the faculty or some well-known speaker outside the University. Any member of the University would be admissible on presentation of his lunch ticket. The lunch would begin at one o'clock sharp, the address twenty minutes later, allowing twenty minutes for the latter, and leaving fifteen or twenty minutes for a general discussion, if desired. The success of the Canadian Club is well known; the Empire Club, formed only a few weeks ago, has already filled up its membership, and has a long waiting-list. There is no reason why we here should not have the benefit of the same speakers that have addressed these down-town clubs, or of others quite as well worth hearing.

These lunches might be managed by a joint committee of the Faculty Union and of the Undergraduate's Union, which would secure the speakers and appoint a chairman for each meeting. Such a weekly luncheon will infringe on no one's time, since every man must have his midday hour for luncheon, and would, I believe, add a pleasure, not a distraction, to our academic life.

W. H. VanderSmisssen.

PROFESSOR WRIGHT'S LECTURE.

On Saturday afternoon Professor Ramsay Wright delivered one of the most entertaining and instructive lectures of the Saturday series.

Professor Wright humorously apologized for asking his audience to descend from the ethereal and poetic regions to which they had been wafted the week before on the wings of Mr. Yeats' convictions, in order to devote a short time to the study of the dumbest of dumb creatures, the oyster.

By means of a gigantic model, which had been constructed for him by his assistants in the Biological Department, and a number of lantern slides showing drawings and actual sections of the oyster, he explained the anatomy, physiology and development of the creature. The great enemy of the oyster is the starfish, which sometimes does damage to the oyster beds on the American coast to the extent of thousands of dollars. The manner in which a starfish attacks and opens an oyster was shown. Professor Wright described the method by which pearls are produced in the fresh water mussel. The formation is due to a parasite, a little distome, which infects a duck. The eggs pass from the duck into the water, where they get into a little shellfish, the tabes. There

they form cercaria, which escape and find their way into the mussel. If the mussel is eaten by the duck they develop into distomes again, but if the mussel escapes such a fate, it protects itself from the parasite by building a wall around it, thus forming the pearl. The government of Queensland are making investigations to ascertain what creatures are necessary for the formation of pearls in oysters on the north coast of Australia.

Canada had been awarded the first prize by the Paris Exhibition for her exhibit of oysters from Malpeque Bay, Prince Edward Island. At present about 15,000 barrels of oysters are shipped annually from Malpeque Bay, and these are worth from \$6 to \$7 per barrel. Much is heard of the danger of typhoid fever from eating oysters, but Malpeque Bay is so situated that there is no danger of such contamination, and Canadians should see that this branch of industry receives due encouragement.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

The meeting of the Literary Society on Friday night was one to which more than ordinary interest attached. The simple fact that he had with us such men as Justice Hodgins, Principal Manly, J. M. Clarke, K. C., and Dr. Harley Smith, all ex-presidents of the Literary Society, is noteworthy, but the circumstances leading to their presence added greatly to the interest.

It appears that on Feb. 22, 1854, just fifty years ago, the Literary and Scientific Society was organized. Justice Hodgins, who was one of the ten or fifteen organizers, told us in a most interesting manner of the founding of the society, and of the high purpose for which it was formed—that of preparing University men to play their part as leaders of thought and action in the building up of our country. He told us something of the development of the society during his undergraduate days, and during the time that he acted as its president. But he did not stop there. In a most eloquent and impressive manner he spoke of the marvellous opportunities that still lie ahead, and of the important part that University men must play in the development of this country.

In a most happy reminiscent vein Principal Manly, Mr. Clarke and Dr. Harley Smith spoke of battles fiercely fought "in the brave days of old."

It is greatly to be regretted that the semi-centenary of the Lit did not create a more widespread interest; the Students' Union was by no means filled to its utmost capacity. However, there seems yet to be hopes that the event may be more fittingly celebrated before the year 1904 shall come to a close. One way at least remains, and that is, to use President Hunter's words, "by holding the wildest, fiercest and wickedest election" ever contested in the Literary Society.

After such a meeting one almost involuntarily turns to the question, Has the Lit fulfilled the important function in University life marked out for it by its founders, or, more pertinently, is it performing that function now? Undoubtedly, as Justice Hodgins pointed out, it has, in the past, been no inconsiderable factor in the development of many of Canada's strongest public men. However, just at present there seems to me a failure on the part of undergraduates to appreciate fully the importance of this society.

Doubtless the Lit has been shorn of much of its strength by the formation of a University Union, and by the transfer of the control of Varsity to that body; also the formation of year debating societies may have had

something to do in withdrawing interest from the Lit. But these cannot be taken as the true reasons for the decline of its influence. Neither do I believe that such a decline can be attributed to the dominance of one political party in the Lit. The reason must lie deeper than any of these. Is it not due to the insidious effects of the examination prize list system acting on one class of students, and the over-fascinating influence of sports on another class. Present advantage in the way of success in examination or fame and the pleasure on the athletic field seems to overshadow future good. Hence we find, on the one hand, men who devote their leisure time almost entirely to sports, and, on the other, men who consider studies the all-important thing, and who are very rarely seen at a student gathering of any kind.

I should be very loath, indeed, to think that either or both of these categories include the majority of Arts students. Yet the fact remains that during any one year only some twenty men steadily take advantage of the opportunity afforded them of acquiring the art of speaking clearly and forcefully. It can hardly be believed that of the whole body of men in Arts, only that number require such a training. The miserably lame efforts made by many of our graduates when they are called upon to address audiences, contradict such an assumption.

But the Literary Society is not and should not be simply a training school for embryo orators. It is much more than this. More and more should it be made the common intellectual meeting ground for all the men in Arts. The lack of mental sympathy between men of different courses, the result of our specializing system, is something that has impressed me most strongly. It is really a little absurd to think how blind we are to the phases of truth and knowledge with which our course is not particularly concerned. Speak to a Political Science student, and he will probably tell you that his course is the only one calculated to fit a man for practical life. The Philosophy student will tell you in a rather confidential manner that outside of his course, no one can hope to obtain "a proper viewpoint," "a true mental grasp" of ideas and facts. A Classical student once remarked that he really could not understand how a certain fellow-student could waste his time in science, and more than once I have heard Science students express the same thought with regard to Classics, Moderns and other courses.

There seems, indeed, little hope for a community of interest in studies. That must come some fifteen or twenty years from now, when experience has somewhat broadened our minds and cooled our ardor for specialization. But to my mind the Lit should be a meeting point for men of all courses (possibly of all faculties), a place where a few of the rough edges may be rubbed off, a place allowing somewhat ampler breathing space than that afforded in the somewhat contracted if intense atmosphere of the class room and the study. That it does not serve this purpose to a greater extent is a matter of much regret; that it may serve it more in the future is my sincere hope.

L. C. Coleman.

Together they're floating onward,
Free from troubles and cares,
All is sunk in a perfect trust—
The whole wide world is theirs.
Have we a youth with a maiden shy?
No, hardly that, you see—
Merely some bloated billionaires
A-floating a company.

—Lampoon.

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE.

The Alliance Francaise held their regular fortnightly meeting on Saturday evening in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. Prof. Cameron, of University College, gave a most interesting review of the new book of Mr. Hughes Leroux, "Business and Love." Mr. Leroux, it will be remembered, lectured some two years ago at the University at the time of his American tour. This book contains a few of his impressions of American society. The cover design of the book, which is in dollar signs and fat little bags of coin is somewhat suggestive of the tone of the contents.

After a very enjoyable solo by Mme. Paek, the President, M. de Champ, spoke for a few moments on the class distinctions in France, which are the main cause of the difference in methods of business and love between France and America.

MUNCHHAUSEN UP TO DATE.

"I know some tribes beyond the seas,
Their home's so bad, it fricassees."

"How do they live?" the audience cried,
"Away from home," B. M. replied.

—Outlook.

S P O R T S

P. J. MONTAGUE, Superintending Editor.

THE FINAL HOCKEY STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.	Points.
Queen's	3	1	6
U. of T.	2	2	4
McGill	1	3	2

QUEEN'S 3, MCGILL 0.

As was expected, Queen's defeated McGill on Kingston ice last Friday night by a score of 3—0, and won the Intercollegiate hockey championship. The representatives of Old McGill put up a game struggle, and for twenty minutes there was no scoring done, but the work of Walsh and Richardson was too much for McGill, and when the time was up Queen's led with the above score. Queen's played their same team, but McGill had substituted Guard for McKenna. Wilkie Evans refereed the game, and had to send men off a couple of dozen times, as both teams were a little inclined to mix matters up some.

DENTALS 12, JUNIOR MEDS 0.

The Dentals got even with the Junior Meds. for getting the game re-played by defeating them Thursday afternoon with a score of 12—0. The Meds. were badly crippled by the loss of Jamieson, who was sick, and Lepatnikoff, who wouldn't play, but died as gamely as possible under the circumstances. The score at half-time was 5—0. Shortly after the start of the second half Bert Scott dislocated his knee and had to be carried off the ice. This weakened the Meds' defence considerably, and the Dentals scored seven more. Nethercott and Stewart put up the best game for the Dents, while Robertson played the best game for the Meds. The teams:

Dentals—Stewart, goal; point, Hogan; cover, Crawford; forwards, Hartley, Carruth, Nethercott and Martin.

Junior Meds—Goal, Robert; point, Morrison; cover, Scott; forwards, Lackner, Robertson, McArthur and Graham.

Referee—John Lash.

THE HOCKEY ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Intercollegiate Hockey Union was held last Saturday morning in Kingston. Wilkie Evans and Harry Chown represent U. of T. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Hon. President—W. T. Jennings, C.E.

President—Wilkie Evans, U. of T.

Vice-President—M. B. Baker, Queen's.

Secretary-Treasurer—C. Young, McGill.

The surplus in the treasury was shown to be \$57. The same eligibility rule as adopted by the C. I. R. F. U. was made to apply in hockey. The amateur rule was engaged so as to coincide with the O. H. A. definition. This will prevent the University teams playing against professionals where a gate is taken. It was decided to buy an intermediate challenge Cup.

THE C. I. R. F. U. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Intercollegiate Rugby Football Union was held last Friday night at Kingston. Those present were: President, Baldwin; Vice-President, Martin; Secretary, Macgillivray, of Queen's, and the following representatives: U. of T., Biggs and Davidson; McGill, Molson and MacDonald; Queen's, McInnes and Strachan; Trinity, Evans and Wilkinson; R. M. C. Cadets, Ross and Currie; McMaster, Mudie and Logie.

The following schedule for next fall was drawn up:

Senior Series.

Oct. 8—McGill at Varsity.

Oct. 15—Queen's at McGill.

Oct. 22—McGill at Queen's.

Oct. 29—Queen's at Varsity.

Nov. 5—Varsity at McGill.

Nov. 12—Varsity at Queen's.

Intermediate Series—Group A.

Oct. 8—Varsity at Trinity.

Oct. 15—Trinity at McMaster.

Oct. 22—Varsity at McMaster.

Group B.

Oct. 15—Royal Military College at Queen's.

Oct. 22—Queen's at Royal Military College.

Group C.

Oct. 22—Bishops at McGill.

Oct. 29—McGill at Bishops.

A new rule regarding possession of the ball was adopted. "No team shall be allowed possession of the ball for more than three successive scrimmages, unless it makes a net gain of ten yards, or a net loss of twenty yards." The eligibility rule was also dealt with as follows: "No person shall be eligible to play on any team of the Union who is not a bona fide student, regularly in attendance at classes in some faculty of the university or college he represents, and further, no one shall be eligible to play a succeeding year who in the previous year failed to write on his examinations, except by special permission."

It was also decided that hereafter Intermediate clubs should have two instead of three representatives to the Union.

Regarding the admission of Ottawa College to the Union, nothing was done.

THE ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

Preparations for the annual assault-at-arms are now going on in the Gymnasium. It has been decided to hold it on Friday, March 4th. The competition for places on the team is very keen, and all wishing to make good will have to start regular work in the Gym at once. Those wishing to enter the pick-a-back contest and teams desiring to try conclusions in the faculty tug-of-war should notify Mr. Brodie, the secretary-treasurer, of the Gymnasium Club. The students have never properly appreciated this event, and it is time that they turned out in full force, as it has always been a first-class exhibition by capable men.

FENCING TOURNAMENT.

The Senior Fencing Tournament, which begins on Thursday, 2th inst., is open to all undergraduates of the University, but a special Junior Tournament will be held later on for those who have only fenced one season. The competition will be conducted by three experienced fencers for each bout, one of whom shall be referee and the other two act as "spotters." Each contestant will fence a bout with every other contestant, unless the entry list is too large, and in this event the competitors will be divided into two series, and the winners of these will have a "sudden death" fight for the championship. If possible, this will come off at the assault-at-arms, March 4th. The judges will be selected from old fencers, among them Jack Falconbridge, Louis Gibson, Capt. Cartwright, Prof. Ellis, Bandmaster Slatter, Major Donald, Chace and Gague.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

President Hunter (at the Lit)—“Does any person know anything of the whereabouts of Sam Th—, I mean the Pin Committee?”

Mr. Cudmore, '05, has a movement on foot to organize a Rifle Association in connection with the University.

“Bob” Baird’s popularity as an entertainer is increasing. Bob aims at becoming a vocalist.

Having lost hope in a University pin, the class of '07 have decided to have one of their own.

The Unionist party has announced the Rev. D. Bruce McDonald as its candidate for president of the Literary Society for the next year. The candidate of the Old Lit party has not yet been selected.

A number of Varsity students, chiefly freshmen, attended the Whitby Ladies’ College conversat last Friday evening.

Monday, Feb. 22nd, was the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Literary Society, and a number of old members, all ex-presidents, were present at the meeting on Friday evening to commemorate the occasion. Mr.

J. M. Clark, K.C., the first speaker, recalled the days when he was president. He spoke of the advantage of University men taking part in public affairs and of having a Literary Society full of vigor. Prof. Manly said he looked back with pleasure to the days when he was president of the Literary Society, and especially to the election contests. He intimated that in the near future a Masonic lodge would be organized in connection with the University. Judge Hodgins, one of the founders of the Literary Society, made a pleasing and interesting address. He traced briefly the early history and work of the society, and said that when it was founded there were only twenty-seven men in all four years. He said that he was proud to be connected with the founding of a society which had grown to such importance, and he looked upon the members of this society as the moulders of Canada’s future. He dealt with the treaty-making power of Canada, and argued that this country has the treaty-making power. Dr. Harley Smith said a few words, and emphasized the importance of culture in University training. A vote of thanks was tendered to the speakers. The vote was made unanimous, and the appreciation of the students was shown by the hearty cheers for the visitors.

The Class of '07 held their oratory contest in West Hall on Friday afternoon. There was a large attendance of members of the year, a sprinkling of sophomores and even a few juniors and seniors were present to hear the freshmen’s eloquence. The contestants were Messrs. Tompkins, Richardson, Elliot and McEachern, and the judges were Messrs. E. H. Oliver, H. L. Kerr and W. A.

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Amos, recent graduates. Their decision was in favor of Mr. McEachern, whose subject was "Esprit de Corps." A recitation by Miss Glendenning was much appreciated. A principal officer another man is appointed to fill his place

APPLIED SCIENCE.

The much-looked-forward-to social event of the graduating class has come and gone, and there remains but the remembrances of a most enjoyable evening.

The initial dance of the School was a decided success; there was nothing to mar the enjoyment of the occasion. The third and fourth years were well represented. Thanks are due to the faculty and patronesses who contributed to the success of the function.

Judging by the expressions of approval on all sides, a graduating class dance, as a yearly function, has come to stay.

At the annual meeting of the University Track Club W. Worthington was elected vice-president, and W. Curry secretary-treasurer. Acton and Barber will be year representatives on the Executive.

F. N. Rutherford will represent the School at the O. L. S. dinner to-night.

Accidents will occur, and sometimes under the most trying circumstances. A genial miner of the fourth year had to miss most of the third extra owing to—well, he just had to miss it.

We are to be congratulated on having on the Athletic Directorate such a capable man as Mr. F. Baldwin, captain of next year's Rugby Football Club.

To-night at the Engineering Society, Mr. A. W. Campbell, Deputy Minister of Public Works, will give a paper dealing with culverts and bridges on country roads.

Since his trip to Hamilton Mr. J. C. Gardner has been in receipt of numerous letters bearing that ambitious city's postmark.

That the old adage of one thing at a time is not yet antiquated, was witnessed a week ago, when, trying to letter a diagrammatic sketch while discussing Antonio as seen in "The Merchant of Venice," Peter labelled the weighing tank Wooden Man.

"Is this a pig-sty or a carpenter shop?" was asked concerning the cage of the fourth year Civils. If the question is not complimentary, neither is it libellous, as any eye-witness is prepared to testify.

Spring is drawing near, and already S. P. S. men are beginning to look forward to work on survey, in draughting shops or on construction. Survey work in the back country has pleasures as well as some discomforts. The

latter include flies and rain; but to offset these there is the open-air life, the dependence upon one's own exertions and the delights of wood and stream.

The northwest lecture-room on the top floor at the School furnishes the architectural engineers with a practical example of the importance of ventilation in public buildings. It was not designed for a lecture-room, and no provision was made for ventilation; as a consequence the air in it becomes poisonous after an hour's lecture, and all the windows have to be opened for several minutes before the next lecture.

I am glad to see that the idea of welding the different faculties together into one grand harmonious whole, the University of Toronto, is being taken up by the students and pushed along enthusiastically. This movement can be increased in several ways and I would like to suggest a few.

One of the most important of these in connection with our University publications, VARSITY and *Torontonensis*, is that the different faculties interested should have a fairer representation and that the important offices be open to representations from all the faculties.

The representatives for Varsity Editorial Board are supposed to be chosen on the principle of "Rep by Pop." Looking over the actual representation we find that the Arts have eight representatives, the Meds three and the School three, so this is really "Rep by Pop"? Does it tend to foster a University spirit? I am glad to see that a Medical student was chosen as editor-in-chief this year. It is a step in the right direction and I hope a precursor of many to follow.

As far as I can ascertain the representation on the Torontonensis Committee is open to the same objection.

In this committee the only two important offices, the editorship and the business managership are held by Arts men, and any effort to open them up to the other faculties is strenuously opposed.

In my opinion the University spirit would be greatly advanced if inter-faculty fair play prevailed and there was not that constant feeling that one was trying to play the game of "grab" at the expense of the others.

S. S.

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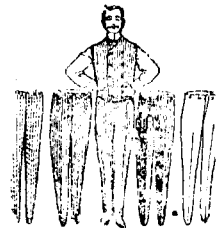
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MEDICAL FACULTY.

Two very young gentlemen of Class '07 a few days ago just for fun placed a humerus in the bed of two young lady Arts students. But things did not work out just right, and now they are mourning the loss of that particular adjunct to study.

At the recent concert given by the Normalites a couple of the gentlemen of '04 were overheard introducing themselves as "Doctor." How big they must have seemed in the eyes of those innocent girls at the Normal School. "Ye gods and little leeches."

Mr. Turner, '05, is about again, after an absence of a week. He has just recovered from an attack of appendicitis.

The Whitby Ladies' College held their annual At Home Friday evening. We understand a number of Medicals were present.

Mr. Coone was one of the principal beaux of the occasion. He succeeded in attending thirteen young ladies

in the course of ten promenades. With one on either arm he was a noticeable figure, to say the least.

Mr. Fitzgerald, '05, popularly known as "Fitz," has fallen a victim to tonsillitis, and will, as a consequence, be "not at home" for a few days.

Dr. Archibald, lecturer in bacteriology, being ill, has not been able to take his work this week.

Mr. Haigh was merely elected to the electing body from which the Athletic Directorate is chosen. Congratulations on his elevation to the office of director were a little premature last week.

The meeting of the Medical Society on Friday evening was at least the equal of its predecessors in point of interest. President Sheahan was in the chair and delivered his valedictory, as this will be the last meeting of the year. Dr. D. Sweeney, of St. Michael's Hospital, spoke on the relation of the student to the University, and gave the men something to think about at any rate. Professor Primrose showed a number of lantern slides, illustrating a running comment on things pathological, surgical and historical. Professor Fotheringham gave a very interesting paper on "Irregular Systems of Medicine." His points were well taken, and his illustrations clear. The cause of rational medicine was at least thoroughly expounded. Songs were sung by Mr.

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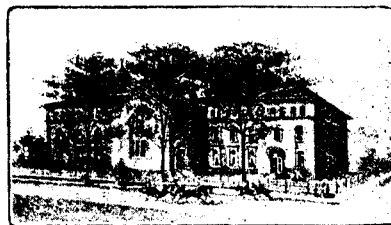
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The third year resent somewhat the allusion made to them by a member of the staff. Some of them believe themselves to be *compos mentis*, and a few have attained adolescence.

Mr. Paul Frind has a new system for rapidly studying such subjects as anatomy. He likens his process to that of digestion. His first reading is merely salivary digestion, the next gastric and the third pancreatic, after which perfect assimilation follows:

KNOX COLLEGE NOTES.

A nice ear-ly romance.

Tommy R—n was always a bright fellow, and his friends have long prophesied for him distinction in some sphere of life. Nature has been lavish in her gifts and has withheld none of these qualities which usually raise men to greatness. He has been richly endowed with originality—a rare gift, among mortals, especially those of an ab-original race. He has a certain genius for initiative, a reckless daring of imagination, a brilliant capacity for invention. In fact, he is just such a young man as will inevitably win conspicuous prominence, rising rapidly on the stepping-stones of fortune to higher things.

But we little expected that it would have been in the field of romance that he should first attract the attention of the world with a brilliant innovation. Neither did we expect such an ear-ly debut into the forefront of life, but it is the unexpected that happens.

By a decidedly fortunate co-operation of Nature's forces, he introduced a custom last Tuesday which will make his name a "skating rink" word among the lovers of generations yet unborn. Ever since Cupid invaded earth lovers have been in the habit of "holding hands" in the good old summer time. But the cold winter! What happy custom would make appropriate the electric touch that thrills and impassions the soul? Just think of the ecstatic joy in store for the lovers of the future, who, under the starry skies, or indulging in the fascinating sport of skating, can resort to the sublime pastime of rubbing ears!! We have read somewhere that in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, but in winter henceforth they will turn to frozen ears. ('Ear! 'Ear!)

On Wednesday of last week some of the Fourth Year Arts men were wasting their melodious voices on the desert air of the corridors to a distracting, excruciating extent. One of the professors, with a keen appreciation of sound and fine ear for music, exclaimed in the agony of despair. "There must be an army of cats out there." Truly it sounded like a "cat"-a-"strophe"!

The Anglicization of Billy McT— is a matter which is causing real concern in theological circles. It appears that the disciples of Wycliffe have been carrying on a subtle proselyting campaign for some time. Being ardent devotees to culture, it was but natural that they should bring all their skill into play to win the sympathies of the most "deeply-red" man in the College. He, however, successfully resisted the beguiling influences of our sister College until last Saturday, when, we are sorry to learn, that he deserted the sturdy ranks of Calvinism and launched out on a meteoric crusade for Anglicanism.

Investigation has revealed the fact that on Saturday last he was travelling northward in company with a brother from the Wycliffe order, who had such a dominating influence over Billy that the latter lost his "grip" on the "train" of thought, all of which leads us to believe that these gentlemen must have been travelling on the "Grand Drunk."

We have not been able to gather all the data for a conclusive settlement of the mystery, but it has leaked out that while Mr. McT. sat in his room that evening meditating on theological problems, he wavered in his faith. As he was "gown" to retire for the night a sudden impulse seized him to wear the "supplice" of the Anglican brethren. Without a di-"rector" he proceeded on the next morning to thunder forth his new message in "canon"-like tones, but on Monday morning he evidently returned to his senses, and finding that his theology had become diseased, concluded to "curate."

Mr. B. (translating Greek in class, falters.)

Professor—Well, what is the subject of the sentence? Your article, you perceive, is feminine, therefore read "the women" understood.

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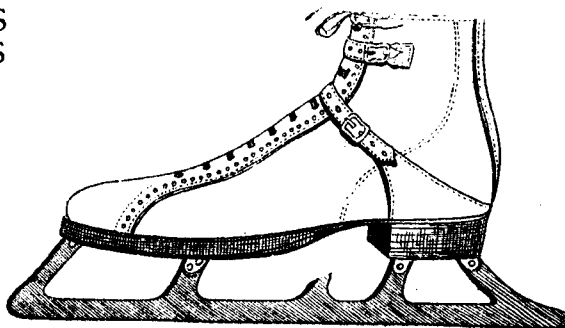
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Mr. B.—It is almost impossible to understand them.

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The O. C. P. hockey team is out of the running for the Jennings Cup, but the game with Senior S. P. S. was by no means as one-sided as the score (6-1) might indicate. For the greater part of the game things were very close, excepting about ten minutes in the latter part of the first half when the Pharmacy boys went up in the air. During this time their opponents did nearly all their scoring. On the second half only one goal was tallied.

On Saturday afternoon the Hockey Club ran a special car to Newmarket to play the team of that town.

Quite a large number of the students accompanied the players.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Nevill is again unable to attend lectures owing to illness.

A number of the students attended the Whitby Ladies' College Conversation Friday evening. Judging from the happy look on their faces as they entered the lecture room the next morning they had a very good time.

The question every one is asking everyone else at the present time is "Have you had your class photo taken yet?"

The weekly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. on Friday afternoon was addressed by Rev. Mr. Smith. The singing of the quartette was a new feature of the meeting and was very enjoyable.

WYCLIFFE NOTES.

The college has been quiet for the past week, except for a little noise caused by University politics. There are a few Unionists among the men, who were rather noisy until their yell was revised by one of the college poets in order to make it sound more musical. Since then, as they have not taken very well to the new version, their melodious voices are scarcely ever heard in the corridors.

Mr. Kilkey, M.P.V., is in training, intending to enter the political contest as a heavyweight. In order that he may accomplish this, his colleagues at table No. 2 are denying themselves so that he may have the share of several men. This seems to have had a bad result, as one morning he was reported dead, but he still hovers about the table in spirits.

We are pleased to see the laudable efforts of the janitor to awaken Mr. Hull an hour after the morning bell. "A friend in need is a friend indeed," for otherwise Mr. Hull would more often fail to break his fast.

The number of members of the Order of the Slipper, despite the privileges of that august order, seems to be decreasing. This is because these privileges are at present limited to two: wearing slippers at the breakfast hour and having them removed at its conclusion. By the way, a senior, whose name by request is kept silent, has been lately advanced to this order.

Mr. Raymond, '06, went out on Saturday for Sunday duty, expecting, he says, to return on Monday; but did not put in his appearance until Thursday. He explains that he was nowbound, but the fellows think that he was

held, not by the inclement weather, but in Clementine's arms.

Owing to the snow blockade on the northern railways, the "Bishop of Haliburton" intends visiting his diocese on snowshoes.

Sam went out on Thursday on the ice, but came back on the rocks. Since then he has been under Dr. Gibson's care, who takes him out daily into the corridors for a run and a dance to limber him up, but as yet he is unable to attend lectures.

The business meeting of the Literary Society on Friday evening was short. The only thing of importance was the introduction of a notice of motion by Mr. Vance. This proposes to divide the offices of the Executive so that certain offices will be held by each year.

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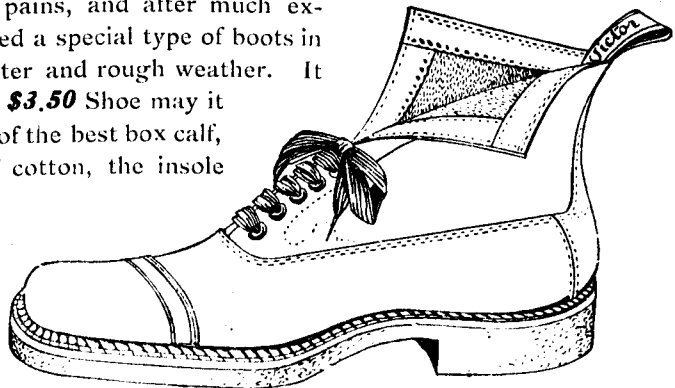
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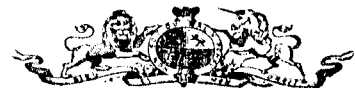
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The College is a Government institution, designed primarily for the purpose of giving the highest technical instructions in all branches of military science to cadets and officers of Canadian Militia. In fact, it is intended to take the place in Canada of the English Woolwich and Sandhurst and the American West Point.

The Commandant and military instructors are all officers on the active list of the Imperial army, lent for the purpose, and in addition there is a complete staff of professors for the civil subjects, which form such a vast proportion of the College course.

Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis, the cadets receive in addition to their military studies a thoroughly practical, scientific and sound training in all subjects that are essential to a high and general education.

The course in mathematics is very complete, and a thorough grounding is given in the subjects of Civil Engineering, Civil and Hydrographic Surveying, Physics, Chemistry, French and English.

The object of the College course is thus to give the cadets a training which shall thoroughly equip them for either a military or civil career.

The strict discipline maintained at the College is one of the most valuable features of the system. As a result of it young men acquire habits of obedience and self-control, and consequently of self-reliance and command, as well as experience in controlling and handling their fellows.

In addition to constant practice of gymnastics, drills and outdoor exercises of all kinds insure good health and fine physical condition.

An experienced medical officer is in attendance at the College daily.

Seven commissions in the Imperial regular army are annually awarded as prizes to the cadets.

The length of course is three years, in three terms of 9½ months' residence each.

The total cost of the three years' course, including board, uniforms, instructional material, and all extras, is from \$750 to \$800.

The annual competitive examination for admission to the College will take place at the headquarters of the several military districts in which candidates reside, May of each year.

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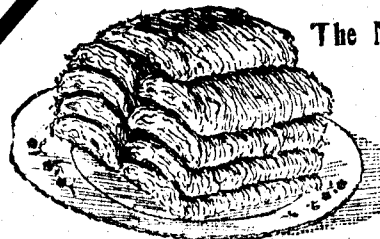
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