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VARSITY MEETS TRINITY IN DEBATE

The First Intercollegiate Debate a Great Success

VARSITY ORATORS WIN

A Large Attendance of Students from both Colleges Present—Eloquent Speeches Made

The audience which gathered in the Convocation Hall of Trinity University last Friday evening, to listen to the opening debate of the Intercollegiate Debating Union of Toronto, gave every indication of a widespread interest in this new, vigorous and timely organization. The debate being between Trinity and University College, the larger half of the gathering was composed of the undergraduates of these famous institutions of learning. In the gallery at the back of the hall were seated the begowned students of Trinity, while Varsity's myrmidons occupied the back seats of the basement to the door. The latter, who turned out in large numbers, assembled at the Students' Union and marched in a body through the streets to the rendezvous singing College ditties and making night hideous with Varsity's slogan. There were a considerable number of ladies present, besides many members of the Faculties of both Colleges, among whom were Dean Rigby, Prof. Hume, Mr. Adam Carruthers and Dr. Wickett.

About 8.15 o'clock the chairman, the Rev. Provost Welch, opened the meeting by stating briefly the purposes and hopes of this Debating Union. He then called upon Mr. F. H. Kirkpatrick, of the Conservatory of Music, for a reading, who gave as his selection that most stirring scene in the days of Nicholas Nickleby—the revolution in Dotheboys' Hall. Mr. Kirkpatrick's clever reading was immediately followed by the debate, the proposition of which was: Resolved, that war is a necessary means to the advancement of civilization. For the affirmative the speakers were Messrs. D. T. Owen and R. O. McEwen, of Trinity College; for the negative, Messrs. W. H. Alexander and F. W. Anderson, of University College.

Mr. Owen, in opening the debate, stated that in his opinion the discussion of the proposition must be based upon the actual rather than the ideal—upon the traits of human nature as exemplified by the facts of history, and not upon a consideration of the ideal. He then proceeded to demonstrate the necessity of bellicose operations by prophesying as the inevitable result of the adoption of the Czar's peace proposition the utter annihilation of the Aryan races, the exponents of civilization, by the yellow and black tribes of the earth. War was, moreover, necessary to each nation as a means of preserving its civilization from the attacks of external foes. Mr. Owen then passed from the consideration of the national standpoint to the point of view of the individual. He thought that the practice of war was of great value in developing the noble and the manly qualities of endurance and courage. He contended that nations are at their greatest in periods of war, that in these periods arts and sciences arise, and that art never yet grew but from a nation of soldiers. It was, he thought, a mistake to believe that peace and civilization go hand in hand. On the contrary, the accompaniments of peace were, he said, sensuality, corruption and death. Rome, at war, spread the principles of the highest civilization, at peace she was a putrefying so e. War is a law of nature and progress. Spain had discovered the truth of this when she was given to understand that she must rule her colonies on nineteenth century principles or lose them. Mr. Owen's speech, which was a very eloquent one, came to a close with a very brilliant peroration in which he claimed that old England had in the past thirty years done more for the spread of civilization as well as more fighting, than any other nation in the world.

Mr. Alexander, for the negative, thought that the debate hinged upon the word "necessary." If he could disprove that war as an instrument of civilization was a necessity, the arguments of his opponents would fall through. Before proceeding to his argument proper he made a reference to the New Hebrides as proof positive that war is not a necessary factor in civilization. In true homiletical style, Mr. Alexander divided his argument into two divisions in which he contrasted the philosophy of civilization with that of warfare. He held that the comparison of these two would stamp the one as progress, the other as retrogression. Civilization has advanced along mental lines. The prevailing characteristic of savagery to the predominance of muscle over mind. The Court of Appeal for the savage is not reason but the fist. Might is right. Mr. Alexander claimed that the aim of civilization was to secure periods in which humanity might make progress in thought and in science.

War knocks such a possibility on the head. Modern, enlightened thought subscribes to the belief that might is not right, that life should be secure and that the rights of property owners should be respected. War asserts the right to wreck the passions deprecates the value of human life, and inculcates selfishness. The trend of social progress is toward the realization of the federation of man and the brotherhood of the world. Considered from an industrial point of view, war diminishes dividends, causes the rise of insurance rates and increases taxation. The appalling loss of human life is one of the prime evils of such methods of settling disputes, and deprives the State and civilization of invaluable material for its advancement.

Mr. McEwen, the second speaker for the affirmative, insisted that, notwithstanding the assertion of the last speaker that the key of the debate lay in the word necessary, this question must be argued on the basis of fact. The nature of man as he is, rather than as he might be, was, he contended, the proper method of approaching this momentous problem. The character of man, as of nations, must be diagnosed from his past history. Universal history has gone to show that war and progress go hand-in-hand, while stagnation is the hand-maid of peace. Man must have opposition to bring out his best qualities. War, therefore, always has been, ever is, and ever will be a necessity. He ridicules the idea that the New Hebrides could be cited as a case in point. The chances of their desiring to measure their strength with European nations were nil, while it could hardly be said that the calibre of their achievements was such as to entitle them to a high consideration among the peoples of the world. The main purpose of the speaker's endeavors was, he professed, to prove that war brings results which cannot be otherwise achieved. From disunion nations have passed through the fiery path of war to union, from stagnation to activity.

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COME TO DINNER

The old, old story of the University of Toronto Medical Dinner is to be proved true again on Thursday night. It has always been the best banquet of the winter, and this year has the advantage of being held at home. In order not to admit the least possible chance of failure, the Harry Webb Co. has been engaged to provide the luxuries, while the Committee are enthusiastically employed getting everything arranged so that the boys and Professors can not help but provide the necessary feeling of jolly good-fellowship.

The Faculty's kind and earnest interest in the arrangements for the dinner has been more marked than ever. The Committee feels as grateful to them for the trouble in attending the second meeting as for their financial assistance.

The Gymnasium is to be tastefully decorated as the dining hall, while the front room to the right on the same floor will be reserved for the Faculty and the guests. The remainder will be occupied by the caterer. The large Students' Union hall will serve as a waiting and reception room, and the cloak-checkers will have charge of the bowling alley.

Dinner will be served at 7.30, during which Glionna's orchestra will play accompaniments to the knives and forks.

Between some of the speeches Mr. Bert Harvey will interfere with the solemnity of the occasion, by the introduction of some of his tickle-you-half-to-death songs.

The following is a partial list of the invited guests: The Governor General of Canada, the Lieut. Governor, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Mr. Fielding, Maj.-General Hutton, Dr. William Osler, of Baltimore, Dr. Roddick, of Montreal, Dr. Roswell Park, of Buffalo, Surgeon Colonel Nielson, Hon. G. W. Ross, Mr. W. Gage, the president of the Board of Trade, Mr. Willison and the heads of the various colleges.

An interesting feature of this season is the presentation of a handsome prize by the Medical Society for the best College yell for the U. of T. Faculty of Medicine. The brawny originator has been attending the various Dental offices and railway stations last week.

DENTAL COLLEGE AT-HOME

The annual At Home of the Dental College will be held on the 9th of December, in the spacious hall of the institution, and will this year surpass all previous functions held under the hospitable roof of the college. The committee are working hard to make it a grand success and have procured good talent for a concert which will be held in the amphitheatre of the College prior to the dance, including the following: Miss Ethel Tyner, A.T.C.M., elocutionist; Miss Kerr, soprano; Miss McMicken, pianist; Miss M. DeGeer, soprano; Mr. Brownell, baritone; and Miss Chattoe, contralto.

Coke, the fashionable west end barber, is still at the old stand, 464 Spadina Ave. if

TRINITY MEDS' 21ST BIRTHDAY

The Occasion Celebrated in Royal Style at the Rossin House

PROMINENT MEN PRESENT

Thursday Evening Marks an Epoch in the History of the School

Twenty-one years old! Last Thursday evening the men of Trinity Medical College met *en masse* at the Rossin House to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of their alma mater. Birthdays from time immemorial have been occasions of joy and gladness to all participating, and every student does look back, now and again, to the happy evenings spent, when his lady friends passed out into society in all the gaiety and glee of the social dance; but all of the-e functions, merry though they were, must take a second place after the grand banquet the other night, which marked the *debut* of the old school.

Twenty-one years ago Trinity College received its charter and launched out into the world to fight its own way through life as an incorporate body. Look at it now as it passes into its majority, sturdy and strong, still engineered by the hand of the Dean, Dr. Geikie, who has so long been steering the old ship so well.

"Long to reign over us:
God save the Dean."

Everyone knew that the committee, headed by President Geo. W. McGibbon, had been working with might and main for weeks, determined to make the banquet a grand success and every man went down town that night expecting something very big, and not one was disappointed.

At half-past eight the large halls of the Rossin were studied with black-coated students chatting about things past, present and to come. The committee was there looking spic and span, guiding one here and one there; the delegates from other colleges were there, delighted at the prospect, and not a bit nervous—why should they have been among such a sympathetic lot?—and the boys were there two hundred strong to show their loyalty to their college, and to enjoy a good dinner. Early in the evening the faculty began to arrive and ripples of applause greeted the appearance of each of the popular professors; and then the guests who grace a dinner with their lordly presence, and who were on Thursday night all boys again, were royally greeted.

At about nine o'clock the large dining hall was thrown open. No room in the city can compare with this one for its purpose, and to the eyes of the boys it presented a gorgeous scene. Draped with the national flag, intertwined with Trinity's own *rouge et noir*, nothing could have been prettier. Then the arrangement of the tables was simply perfect: here the committee showed excellent judgment, for things were so ingeniously fixed that all men as they sat at dinner were almost equally near the president and speakers.

After taking in the general decorations and arrangement all eyes were turned towards the tables, which were very tastefully decorated with roses and caryophanths. Instinctively the boys picked up their menu cards and carefully examined them; they were very satisfactory, when judged by the pleased smiles and appreciative comments made on all sides.

When all were in their places, grace was said by Prof Baillanthe, and all set heartily to work. As dish followed dish and plates were exchanged, the pleased expression on all faces grew really rapturous, and the dinner proceeded pleasantly, digestion being aided by the sweet strains of the orchestra. Too much praise cannot be given to the waiters, who did their work admirably.

For an hour and a half the dishes clanged, then everybody being in a most amiable mood set himself to listen to the feast of reason which was to follow. The speeches were excellent. Pres. McGibbon led the van with a terse, pointed address, proposing the health of the Queen. The toast list included those to Canada and the Empire; Trinity Medical College and Grads; Undergraduates; Hospitals and Medical Council; Affiliated Universities; Learned Professions; Sister Institutions; the Press and the Ladies. Speeches were made by Dr. Bourinot, the Clerk of the House, who wore his monacle most gracefully, and delighted the students with his humor.

Chancellor Allen of Trinity University spoke at some length of other days, of Bishop Strachan, and the success of our University: Mr. Houston spoke for Senate of Toronto University, and was quite witty for a Senator. Dr. Briggs made the speech of the evening, overflowing with humor, describing our theological friends as those who earn their bread by the sweat of their jaws. Mr. Lount followed, vindicating the rights of law and causing much fun for the boys.

Several among our professoriate spoke. The Dean was very jolly warning all freshmen against the great dangers incident upon falling in love, and calling forth cheer after cheer as he showed up well-known failings of many of the present fourth year: so much so was this the case, that these very ones led in the spirited singing of "Just One Girl."

Dr. Sheard proposed the toast to "Canada and the Empire," in his usual oratorical way, quite nailing home the good impression he had made on all the boys in the afternoon. He's a winner. Dr. Fotheringham spoke well in proposing the toast to the learned professions, apparently playfully stroking Mr. Lount's fur the wrong way.

Dr. Anderson asked all to drink to the success of the Hospital and Medical Council, which all did, knowing it would bring some good stories from Dr. O'Reilly. He did not disappoint us—never does—and was seconded by Dr. Dwyer.

Drs. Ashton, '98, and Bethune, '98, spoke well also. The press representatives sloped before their time, but those of other colleges stayed and showed that they were made of royal stuff. We venture to say that never in the history of our banquets had we such a group of eloquent, gentlemanly representatives from friendly colleges, as we had last Thursday night. Without an exception their speeches were excellent, quite eclipsing those of many of their seniors—we are proud of them.

About 2.30 a.m. the banquet closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne"—every student feeling that the evening had been one of solid enjoyment, and a dinner over which was a credit to Old Trinity from every point of view.

The dinner of '98-'99 is over, and many who sat down to it will never again do so as students, but all will carry the memory of that glorious night with them for years to come, looking upon it as the brightest night in this College year.

'02 CLASS RECEPTION

The reception to be given by the Freshman Class at Varsity next Saturday afternoon promises to eclipse all previous functions of this kind held in recent years. A very interesting musical program has been arranged and several new features will be introduced to add to the pleasure of the occasion. As the Class is a large one the Committee has found it necessary to limit the number of invitations extended to students of other classes, in order to prevent any overcrowding. A number of representatives from seniors' years will be present, however, to lend dignity to the affair. The following program will be given:

- Violin Solo. (a) Le Cygne..... Saint Saëns
(b) Mazurka, Op. 19, No. 1, Wienawski
Miss Louise Fulton.
- Vocal Solo.—The Song of the Reaper—Edmund Hardy
Mr. W. Arthur Blight.
- Reading.—Mr. Traver's First Hunt.....
Richard Harding Davis
Miss Helen Collins, A.T.C.M.
- Vocal Solo.—"Ah, Moon of my Delight".....Lehmann
(Russian Garden).
Mr. Alexander M. Gorrie.
- Vocal Solo.—The Interfering Parrot.....Geisha
(With guitar accompaniment).
Miss Mae Dickenson.
Glionna Marsicano.

MEDS VERSUS ST. MICHAELS

In the second round of the Muloch Series the Senior Meds' team met and defeated the famed St. Michael's College fifteen on Friday last by the decisive score of 10-0. The St. Michael's men had played a number of matches this year, and by many were picked as winners of the series; but though they played a plucky and withal a gentlemanly game, they were outclassed in weight, strength and knowledge of the game by their opponents, who showed a very decided improvement when compared with the game they played against the Juniors. They had the best of the game all through, scoring a try, which was unconverted; and a safety touch in each half. Dean was out again with the Meds, and, though out of condition, showed much of the dash that has made him famous at outside wing; Blanchard, Tanner, Montizambert, Jones and Turnbull, and Staley, Snyder and McCarthy for St. Michael's deserve mention for the game they put up.

The teams were as follows: Third and Fourth Year Meds—Archibald, Blanchard, Kelly, Turnbull, MacDougall, Currie, Coutts, Keith, Montizambert, Tanner, Jones, Campbell, Cook, Dean, Mackenzie (Capt.). St. Michael's—Snyder, Pickett, Collins, Sheridan, Duffey, Hayes, L. Staley, A. Staley, McCarthy, Lapp, Rowan, McAllister, McKenna, Gibbons, Walsh.

Officials: Referee—W. H. Alexander; Umpire—Walter Foreman.

PUNTS

Aleck's decision—To challenge Ottawa City for the Canadian championship is certainly justifiable after Friday's game.

Collins' work was one of the great features of the game.

Dean, at outside wing, marked his man to a standstill. He was up against McCarthy, the sprinter.

W. H. Alexander, '99 Arts, showed another evidence of his versatility as a referee, a position he filled excellently.

MOCK PARLIAMENT AT STUDENTS' UNION

An Unusually Interesting Program Arranged for Friday Evening

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Some of the Important Political Issues to be Introduced

Next Friday's meeting of the Lit will for interest surpass any of the sessions that have been held this year. The members who have suffered an exile of three or four weeks from their weekly pow-wow will have a superabundance of animal spirits which will find an adequate vent only in the riotous proceedings of a mock Parliament. The leaders of the respective parties, Alex. MacDougall for the Government, H. Fisher for the Opposition, have, as becomes true politicians, all kinds of artful schemes up their sleeves. The Prime Minister, the Hon. Alexander MacDougall, has chosen a Cabinet the members of which surpass anything yet heard of in the way of cuteness. Eric Norman Armour, Hereditary Count of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha, as Minister of Finance, will out rival Russell Sage in the fostering care with which he will husband the mythical ducats. If the members will come supplied with their grandfathers' ear-trumpets, they will have the unique opportunity of hearing the funds accumulate.

Sir William Ha-Ha Alexander, as Minister of Public Works, has already won golden opinions for himself. No one who has heard the tale of his executive achievements will doubt, for one moment, his qualifications for the office. Thomas Astrachan Russell's appointment to the portfolio of Agriculture, is one which will meet with unusual approval. "Bucolic" is easily decipherable upon the sublime expanse of his noble brow. King Solomon will not be in it with the Hon. the Minister of Justice, John Jefferson Monds. What shall we say of Murray Cohen, the Minister of Trade and Commerce? Words are in his case a superfluity. The Minister of Railways and Canals, Sir Thomas Shanks, C.E., and the Hon. John Elliott, the Minister of the Interior, are the invaluable contributions of the S.P.S., which fact certifies to the excellence of their administrative ability. Under their regime elevators will be put in all the college buildings, trolley cars will run every five minutes between the different schools, and the "plunge" in the Gym will be extended into a canal through the ravine, to the delectation of the University Eight.

The Hon. Edward P. Flintoft, as Minister of Marine and Fisheries, will make it the aim of his political life to secure legislation for the stocking of the aforesaid canal with "monsters of the deep" (c.f. the Revised version), to whom may be cast the Jonah of the Athletic Sports in case of the unearthing of that obnoxious entity. Notwithstanding the victorious arguments urged by our representatives at the Varsity-Trinity debate last Friday night, it has been deemed advisable to have a War Minister to keep in order the unruly horde of freshmen. The Hon. John J. Gibson, whose deeds of derring-do upon the Rugby field have culminated in a fierce and warlike disposition worthy of Mavors, is the gentleman appointed to this position. It is his intention to promote the organization of a legion consisting of cavalry with horses manufactured at the S.P.S., infantry collected from the various clothing establishments in town, and a troop of the second-hand dromedaries of the Sirdar. With this formidable host he intends that the police force shall be effectively held at bay next Hallowe'en. Hon. Edward Kylie, as Postmaster General, will take under his serious consideration the possibility of securing to undergraduates the privilege of mailing five-ounce *billets doux* at the regular rate. Hon. Allan Featherstone Aylesworth will be thoroughly competent to cope with the arduous duties of the Secretary of State. He has recently invented and patented a lighting system of disposing of official documents, a hint of which method he obtained during his peregrinations through the editorial rooms of certain famous monthlies. The Speech from the throne will be moved by R. J. Hamilton, and J. W. Cunningham will second it. In it are contained the various planks of the policy of the Government.

On Monday afternoon of next week a joint meeting of the Modern Language Club and the Classical Association will be held in the Main Building. Miss G. O. Burgess, '99, will give an entertaining paper on "Quo Vadis," which will doubtless be warmly appreciated by those interested in that famous novel. The paper on the life and works of Jerome K. Jerome, which Mr. J. B. Hunter, '99, has selected as his subject, is one which should certainly find great favor with the admirers of this popular author.

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Heard in the Halls.

The Varsity Residence men intend to give a ball early next term.

Dr. Wallace Scott, '98, is practising at Courtwright, near Sarnia.

E. R. Heyland, formerly of '96, is taking his final year in Divinity at Knox College.

Miss J. McKnight, of Owen Sound, was one of the fair visitors at the Athletic Dance.

The annual meeting of the Rugby Club will be held next Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Students' Union.

Arthur Meighen, B.A., '96, is on the staff of the Winnipeg Business College, and is engaged in business in that city.

Dr. A. A. Sheppard, famous as "Shep" of the hockey team, is resident doctor at the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children.

"Banty" Laidlaw, B.A., '96, witnessed the game in Buffalo on Thanksgiving Day, and joined the celebration party afterwards.

Stoney Jackson was among the delegates to the recent O.H.A. meeting in this city. He spent the week end looking up old cronies.

Miss Constance Thompson, of Strathroy, who has been spending the Thanksgiving season with Miss J. M. Johnston, was present at the Rugby dance.

A meeting of the University of Toronto Baseball Club will be held Wednesday afternoon of this week in Students' Union. All baseball enthusiasts invited.

Dr. Alex. Stewart, who took the George Brown Memorial Scholarship last year, is engaged in original research at the Pathological Laboratory of the old school.

The "Cowgate" of Knox was entertained on Thursday afternoon of last week at a very pleasant tea given by J. L. Murray, M.A., in honor of his sister, Miss Murray, who was visiting the city.

Freddie Cleland, Count Armour, Rex King, Alec McDougall and Norman Montzamber, have just returned from a pleasant trip to Detroit. They report a splendid cherry crop in that locality.

Prof. Maurice Hutton has extended invitations to six undergraduate members of the Chess Club to meet six members of the Faculty in a friendly game of chess at his house next Wednesday evening.

Dr. W. J. O. Malloch, B.A., of the famous championship Rugby team of '95 and '96, and house-surgeon in '96-'97, at the Toronto General Hospital, has returned to Toronto, become a benedict, and will practice on College street.

At the weekly meeting of the Modern Language Club last Monday, Miss Marion Robinson, '99, read a very interesting and scholarly paper on "Hauptmann." Miss P. Lapatinoff, '99, gave a humorous reading in German, which afforded great amusement to those present.

Before marching out to Trinity-Varsity debate last Friday night the members of the Varsity Lit held a short business meeting. The docket consisted of the appointment of delegates to various College functions. The ballots resulted as follows: University Medical dinner, Alex. MacDougall; S.P.S. dinner, S. A. Dickson; Dental "At Home," J. J. Monds.

At the meeting of the Political Science Association on Wednesday afternoon of next week, Mr. Sandford Evans, of the *Mail and Empire*, will deliver a lecture on "Patriotism." The subject will be treated from a practical point of view rather than a sentimental. Mr. Evans' fame as a lecturer is too widespread to require comment, and there is no doubt that a large audience will be present to hear him.

Osgoode will place a purely student team on the ice this winter. At the annual meeting of the club the following officers were elected: President, G. Young; manager, C. F. W. Atkinson; secretary-treasurer, D'Arcy McGee. Messrs. Temple and

Atkinson will be the delegates to the O.H.A. The following players are available: Bradley, Myers, Senkler, McGee, Wilkie, Temple, Gleason and Nelligan.

A cordial invitation is extended to students of the city to attend the regular meetings of the Bond Street Congregational Church Outlook Club, which are held every Monday evening at eight o'clock. The Club Room, supplied with games and a choice variety of literature, is open daily until ten p.m., and students made heartily welcome. Coffee room in connection.

Last week's mail brought a packet from W. H. Standish (Quiller), who was reported some weeks ago as an inhabitant of the wilds of North Michigan. He is quite aggrieved at the conflicting reports of his marriage and death, and is extremely desirous of having matters "set straight." To refute the food-for-the-worms theory Le desires it to be known that he scales 166½. He is enjoying life, and foresees a very rosy prospect.

Sir John Bourinot, K.C.M.G., told a capital story at the Trinity Medical dinner, *abruptly* of the Toast to the Queen, which had been followed by the singing of the National Anthem. A certain professor on the staff of one of the famous Edinburgh schools of medicine had been honored by the appointment of Physician to Her Majesty. The appointment was chronicled upon the blackboard of one of the lecture rooms. A sad wag—this species is to be found even in Scotland—upon observing the announcement, walked up to the board, and, like a loyal Scot, wrote underneath: "God Save the Queen."

The appearance of *Sesame*, the Varsity ladies' annual magazine, is awaited this year with great expectation. It is said that the publication for '98-'99 will surpass anything of the kind ever accomplished by the students of that institution.

Among the articles will be: "Women or Girls," Miss Grant McDonald, B.A.; "The Tale of Two Ties," Miss M. E. Hunter, B.A.; "The Women's Residence," N.C., '99; "The Second Fall," Miss L. E. Mason; "A Sprig from the Christbaum," Miss E. M. Balmer, B.A.; "Nature's Gems," Miss W. H. Moore, B.A.; "The Backwoods," Anon.; "A Travelling Experience," I. L. T.; "A Retrospect," L. K. W., '99; "The Alumnae," Miss G. Lawler, B.A.; "A Lullaby," Miss M. Marshall; "Sketches," Carr, '98; "A Little Girl's Visit to Scotland," Anon.; "History of the Blood Root," W. H.; "The Coal Diamond," C. C. B., '99; "Nihil," Anon.; "The Sun Dial," Miss A. W. Patterson, '99; "The Poet," J. E. D., '02; "S. R. Crockett," '99; "Why go to College?" Senior; "Ninety Years Ago," Miss Grace Evans.

The Xmas number of *Acta Victoriana* promises to surpass anything hitherto attempted by a Canadian College journal, and, judging from the list of contributors, it will fully equal the Xmas number of any other Canadian magazine. Some of its special features will be: A Series of Canadian Literature for the year, by Prof. L. E. Horning, Ph.D.; articles on Art, Literature, Fiction, Travel, Education, &c., by Dr. Kirschman, Prof. Goldwin Smith, Prof. Reynolds, Prof. William Clark, Jean Blewett, R. H. Johnston, J. W. L. Foster, Sanford Evans, Hon. G. W. Ross, John W. Charlesworth, etc.; Replies of Prominent Canadians to Questions of Interest; Unpublished Poems from J. W. Bengough, C. G. D. Roberts, A. Lippman, W. W. Campbell, D. C. Scott, John Reade, Bernard McEvoy, Hon. David Mills, Helen Merrill, Ethelwyn Wetherald, Annie Campbell Huestis, Theodore Rand, Frank L. Pollock, W. T. Allison, &c. The number will be profusely illustrated throughout. The editors are to be congratulated upon their energy and the success which is attending their efforts. Single copies will be worth 25c, and ten copies may be secured for \$1 from any of the city newsdealers.

VICTORIA CONVERSAZIONE

A glorious success! A social success, a musical success, an aesthetic success, and a financial success—that is the popular verdict regarding Victoria's *Conversazione*, held in the College Building on Friday evening.

At four o'clock last Saturday morning the weary, but happy, Committee toddled home to bed proudly conscious of the fact that their untiring efforts had resulted in making the *Conversat* of 1898 the best one ever held in Victoria College. Fortune smiled on all their efforts, and as a result the six hundred people who attended the function had nothing but good words to say of every feature of the evening's enjoyment. Never has "Old Vic" looked gayer than she did last Friday night. The decorations had been placed in the charge of the lady patronesses, and nobly they did their work. The main halls were especially beautiful with their vari-colored bunting artistically arranged around the iron pillars, their lavish profusion of waving palms and nodding chrysanthemums and their gracefully draped alcoves, where, when the dazzled eye had grown weary of gazing on the brilliant corridors, innocently happy couples found for a few blissful moments an opportunity for "communion sweet and calm repose."

Add to these an ever-changing vista of sparkling eyes and glowing cheeks and bright smiles, accompanied by the sweet music of D'Alessandro's Orchestra mingling with the rippling laughter of the merry promenaders, and we have a scene for men and angels!

In the Library was displayed a rare collection of old curios gathered from Egypt, Palestine, Japan, China and the islands of the sea. Special mention must be made of Mr. C. G. James' valuable and interesting

collection of different books and illustrations connected with the life and work of Tennyson.

During the first part of the evening a delightful program was rendered in the Chapel. Mr. Harold Jarvis, Miss Jessie Alexander, and Miss Ella Ronan were all in exceptionally good voice, and have seldom been heard to better advantage. The College Glee Club, and the Mandolin and Guitar Club under the leadership of Prof. LeBarge also added materially to the pleasures of the evening.

The different numbers were as follows:

1. Chorus: (a) "Crossing the Harbor Bar" Geibel. (b) "Kentucky Babe" Geibel. Victoria University Glee Club.
 2. Vocal: "The Song of Thanksgiving" Ableton. Mr. Harold Jarvis.
 3. Recitation: "Song of the Market Place" James Buckham. (With solo by Mr. Jarvis.) Miss Jessie Alexander.
 4. Mandolin solo: "Serenade" Hadine. Gabriel Marie. Mr. LeBarge.
 5. Vocal duet: "Life's Dream is Over" Ascher. Miss Ella Ronan and Mr. Harold Jarvis.
- PART II.
1. Recitation: "Coaching in Scotland" Jessie Alexander. Miss Jessie Alexander.
 2. Vocal: "Fond Heart, Farewell" Hope Temple. Mr. LeBarge.
 3. Recitation: "King Henry's Address to His Soldiers" Shakespeare. Miss Jessie Alexander.
 4. Vocal: "The Valley by the Sea" Stephen Adams. Miss Ella Ronan.
 5. Mandolin, Guitar: "Tally Ho" LeBarge. Victoria University Mandolin and Guitar Club.

After the concert, promenading and cosy-corner tete-a-tetes, interspersed with visits to the refreshment booths in charge of the Harry Webb Co., occupied the rest of the evening.

The prominent guests were received in the Library by Chancellor Burwash and the members of the Faculty, assisted by the Lady Patronesses. The latter were the wives of the members of the Faculty, and Mesdames A. Corman, Ed. Gurney, J. M. Treble, John Potts, T. Eaton, L. M. Sweetnam, Geo. A. Cox, J. E. Graham, H. C. Cox, Chester Massey and R. C. Hamilton.

After the promenading the Committee banqueted the representatives from the different colleges. Toasts, songs, music, speeches and jokes filled in a happy couple of hours, and cemented together still more firmly the feeling of good-fellowship that exists between Victoria and sister colleges. The following gentlemen conveyed to the Vic. students the kindly greetings of their respective colleges: Varsity, D. MacDougall; McMaster, A. G. Campbell; Osgoode, Geo. Henwood; Wycliffe, Mr. Gibson; Toronto Medical College, J. R. Stanley; Trinity Medical College, C. W. Service; Normal College, Hamilton, J. W. Sifton; Queen's University, Kingston, R. B. Dargavel; Trinity University, R. Turley; Knox College, F. H. Barron; Dental College, Thos. F. Campbell.

The following gentlemen composed the committee in charge of all the preparations:—A. P. Addison, B.A., Chairman and Convener of Invitation Committee; W. B. Smith, Secretary; N. W. DeWitt, Treasurer and Convener Decoration Committee; R. H. Bell, B.A.; G. A. Winters, Convener of Refreshment Committee; A. J. Fraleigh, S. J. Courtice, Convener of the Programme Committee; C. B. Bingham, R. Stewart, A. D. Robb, Convener of Printing Committee; R. J. McCormick, H. E. Uren, C. E. Cragg, W. H. Wood, Convener of Advertising Committee; F. M. Bell-Smith, H. G. Martyn and W. J. Spence.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

On Thursday evening last the Rev. Mr. Waller, a returned missionary from Japan, gave an interesting address in the Chapel on "Mission Work in Japan."

The Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A., has been appointed Rector-assistant in the Church of the Redeemer and will enter upon his duties at the first of next month. Last Sunday he conducted the services at Christ Church Omemee.

The Wycliffe College Prayer Circle held its monthly meeting in the Chapel last Monday evening, and an appropriate address was given by Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Q.C., on the "Requirements of the Missionary."

Despite the sad state of gloom which was thrown over the College during Thanksgiving holiday, caused by the absence of some of the greater lights, there were many hearts gladdened by the appearance of a good-sized turkey on Saturday evening, Nov. 26, in the room of Mr. E. A. Langfeldt.

The Rev. Wilson McCann, B.A., B.D., paid the College a flying visit on Friday of last week.

An audacious freshman was seen parading the corridor of the upper flat last Thursday morning gathering cookery utensils, in order that he might make preparations for a "five-o'clock," to which he had invited a few of his city friends, among whom the fairer sex were very predominant. It is needless to say that at the appointed hour the host had everything ready, and as he had been practising upon his brother freshmen for some weeks past, he entertained his guests in a free-and-easy manner. It is rumored that the next reception of this kind will be for the graduating class, the military men and the Crokinole Club.

At the meeting of the Theological and Literary Society last Friday night, the following program was rendered:

Quartette, The Symphony Club; Reading, Mr. J. H. Gibson; Essay, Mr. G. A. Howland, B.A.; Debate, "Resolved that Wellington was superior to Napoleon as a Warrior and a Statesman."—Affirmative, Messrs. James and White; Negative, Messrs. Taylor and Simpson. Messrs. Howland, Wilson and Perkins acted as referees, and decided in favor of the affirmative. The last number on the program

was composed by R. N. A. Haslam, and sung by three students, and the Society joined in the chorus. The following are the words which were sung to the tune of Clementine:

1. In the College, to our knowledge
There are men of divers kinds,
Students, soldiers, crokinolers,
Amorous men, commercial minds.

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Wycliffe College holds her own,
That conclusion's no delusion
As can readily be shown.

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Throw their soul in Crokinole and
Have a cracking, jolly time.
5. Fruits in season, out of season,
Winter apples green last fall,
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6. We must mention Maurice Goodheart,
Langfeldt, Wilson and their kind,
They've acquired what all've desired,
Maid's whose charms can't be defined.

By the singing of the National Anthem one of the most successful regular meetings of the Society was brought to an end. After the meeting some made a rush to hear the result of the Varsity-Trinity Intercollegiate Debate, some rushed to their rooms to prepare for the Christmas examinations, being sorry for the time they had wasted, while others assembled in one of the rooms on the upper flat to devour some cake which remained over from Thursday's reception. On Saturday morning at five o'clock, one of the graduating class was found diligently at his work, being out late the night before, he was thus making up for lost time.

DENTALS DEFEAT VARSITY

There were grim whispers in the air that blood would be shed when the old-time rivals, Varsity and Dentals, met for the finals in the Senior College League. But, instead of the expected, the opposing teams devoted their energies to "getting even," by playing clean, fast football. Captain Dickson was unfortunate. After training his men hard all season with the final match especially in view, by an unlucky series of accidents his team was left in somewhat weak shape to face an aggregation like that of the tooth-pullers.

Whitely was unable to play at all, his leg having been injured in the match against the Western Association. Campbell was suffering from a sprained ankle, but bravely took his place, while Dan Sinclair was in a wrecked condition after a series of Rugby matches. Worst of all, Armstrong scarcely dared move on account of his weak knee, which had been twice thrown out. But, with the true instinct of sportsmen, the Varsity team lined up without a word of complaint, and narrowly missed winning in spite of their disabled condition. The ground was in bad condition from the covering of snow, and sloppy after the Dental II - Normal match.

The Dentals got the kick-off, and for ten minutes play was pretty even. The Dentals got a foul near the Varsity goal, but Armstrong relieved. Wren carried well up the field, but could not score for the slushy ground. Foul for Varsity, but it was badly placed, and Harrison spoiled the Dental rush that ensued. Wren again carried the ball down with Hogg's assistance, failing to pass the backs. Amy shone conspicuously at this stage, Dickson making a grand backward kick that saved a goal. The Dental halves were always sure, and gave Harrison and Campbell their feet full of work. Varsity had the best combination, and pressed hard, Dan Sinclair doing the work, ably aided by Hogg and Jack Wren. Then Dando, Amy and Gray made a determined rush, but Armstrong saved the citadel, throwing his knee out for the third time this fall in stopping the assault. Smillie in the absence of a regular goal-keeper was called in from the touch-line, and did well what little work he had during the remainder of the game.

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Play was even until half-time. In the second half the individual play was brilliant, but neither side could show much combination in the snow. Every player showed fine form, especially the Varsity halves and the Dental defence. During this half Varsity had the best of the play, but there was no especial feature beyond the usual corners and throws-in. The game ended in a tie, neither side having scored.

The Dentals have protested the game. The grounds of the protest arise from the fact that when Armstrong was disabled, Smillie was forced to go on, and as he has not played in enough senior games to be qualified, the Dentals objected to his playing. The matter will be decided before the League Committee.

Teams: Varsity—goal, Armstrong and Smillie; backs, Campbell, Harrison; halves, Dickson (Capt.), Biggs, Hogg; forwards, Clare, Bogart, Patterson, Wren. Sinclair. Dentals—goal, McKay; backs, Rudell, McDonald; halves, Doyle, Doering, Cerswell, F.; forwards, Dando, Ledermann, Amy, Sipes, Gray.
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PLAYED TO A STANDSTILL

Mulock Semi-Finals Between the Senior Meds and S.P.S.

Perhaps in all the annals of Canadian football, or those of any other country for that matter, there has never been a game recorded which was played in such extraordinary weather as that between big Alex. Mackenzie's sawbones and Billy Boyd's bridge-builders. On Monday morning it was remarked on all sides that the Mulock was off for the week, on account of the big snowstorm of Sunday night, and it certainly did seem impossible that thirty men could be found who would flounder around in the drifts which covered the campus, merely for the sake of glory. However, those who prophesied that the game would not be played turned out to be false prophets, for it certainly was played and played hard too.

About two o'clock in the afternoon Billy Alexander and Lorn Allan girded up their loins, and each shouldering a shovel waded out to the field where the tops of the goal posts could be seen protruding from the snow a few inches, and manfully they set to work to shovel out the lines. Since then both have been given opportunities of joining the snow-removing department of the city. By the time the lines were marked both teams were ready for the fray, and they pranced out to the gridiron followed by friends and admirers. The first difficulty that presented itself was how to place the ball for the kick-off, which belonged to the engineers. Men from "School" are full of resources, and they managed to get the snow beaten down before the kick, by a game of "ring around rosy," in which the procession was led by George Revell, Jack Davidson being musical director.

Captain Boyd kicked, Kelly caught, and ball and man went out of sight into the "beautiful" as the result of a hard tackle. Then for twenty-five minutes a series of scrimmages and free kicks, the ball being seldom outside of Meds' twenty-five. But the embryo doctors played a stubborn defence game, and prevented what seemed a sure thing for their husky opponents. When the ball was scrimmaged, several players would sink out of sight, and no decisions as to ownership of the sphere could be given till they were dug up and identified. Once Boyd got a free kick five yards out, and it looked like sudden death for the Meds, but Blanchard relieved nicely and the game started all over again. Alec Mackenzie claimed everything in sight, or out of sight, and got a lot, too, and when half time came it found him and his team holding the fort for all they were worth and contesting every inch of ground. In the first half the fleecy covering in the science territory was not disturbed behind the 25-yard line except where Archibald left the marks of his fairy feet. Both teams retired to the Gym for light refreshments when the whistle blew.

The second half commenced with a block of Davidson's return from the kick-off, followed by a scrimmage at the School of Science twenty-five. Billy Boyd cut himself loose right here and in two scrimmages the ball was transferred to the Meds' quarter, where once again the draughters became dangerous. Archibald relieved from a punt over the line and Frank Turnbull fell on the ball without going through the five-yard formality, and as a result S. P. S. were given a scrimmage five yards out. Here it was that the Meds played their game. Quarter-back McDougall and Turnbull bucked the line for splendid gains and finally worked right out to half way. Doodles and Jack Elliott cannoned on each other's craniums, and each will be on the shelf for a day or two undergoing repairs. Stubb Smith was promptly on hand to tie up the wounds of the unfortunates and expressed his satisfaction at not missing this outdoor clinic. Only a few minutes remained till time, and when the whistle blew the school was again pressing on the Meds' line. Score 0-0. S.P.S. certainly showed up as the stronger team in Monday's game, having their opponents on the defensive most of the time, but Toronto Meds are clear grit right through and a victory over their fifteen must be earned, for they showed themselves to be strongest when hardest pressed.

The heads of the following players were seen bobbing up above the snow-line before the game commenced:

S.P.S.—McDonald, Davidson, Boyd, Stovel, Foreman, Elliott, Hunt, Grant, Rose, Revell, McLennan, Wagner, Lytle, Clarke, Perry.

Meds—Archibald, Kelly, Blanchard, Turnbull, McDougall, MacKenzie, Montizambert, Jones, Campbell, Tanner, Gow, Fiath, Keith, Currie, Coult.

The officials were "Yank" Brown, referee, and Stoney Jackson, umpire.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

A good combination.—Monds and Barber. O, Walter, have your wits gone wool-gathering? Or, perhaps, you have not recovered from your Thanksgiving celebration.

It was demonstrated to the third year that the students of La Fayette College do not need to take a trip on the deep in order to experience the usual sensations. They have a bridge specially made so that when used, especially after dinner, it vibrates as a ship on the ocean. Some members of the third year would like to see a similar one erected here, as it would bring back pleasant recollections of a trip taken in the early part of November to Niagara. Also because they could come back another way without extra charge.

V. E. Neelands is with us again, and is looking very well.

'02 VANQUISHES '99

Gliding from bush to bush, from tree to tree, after the fashion of an Apache or a Kiowa, a score of strangely seeming creatures made their way up the Rosedale ravine in the shades of a December evening. A few stray maids whose homeward course had led them near that lonely route, fled shrieking from the sight. Chance citizens saw the host with vision distorted in the gathering dusk, and wildfire tidings spread abroad that Hobble-Gobble with his Onondaga braves had broken out from the Caledonian reserve to scalp the town. The small boy with more discernment than his elders, yelled at the shattered aggregation the shortest road to the hospital and the grave-yard. But any one of the 500 spectators whose great and grand "Amen" marked the passing of '99, could have told them that it was only Count Armour with his "Invincibles," the patriotic Billy Alexander and a spare man or two, making their way to the wiles of the Don flars, there to seek obscurity from the sarcasm of the world, to bury their heads in the soft clay and kick their heels regretfully in the air.

Meanwhile the doughty "Babes," headed by Biddy Darling, with a grin on the shape of a Florida banana, were cavorting around University property, entirely forgetful, in their newly-awakened arrogance, of the necessity of raising their hats to the seniors, and of spreading down their coats to assist the men of the earlier part of the next century over muddy places. But we nobly forgave the children this neglect as we thought of the phenomenal performance of the afternoon, and thought of the glory that would come to old Varsity in future days, when sports like these graced the lowest year. Poor old '99! Marching through season after season of undimmed victory she finds it is high time to graduate, before she drops completely into that most melancholy of classes—the "has-beens."

Beaten by freshmen! Wor e than that, by the very freshmen she had helped to hustle. But list to the tale of woe.

How Count Armour and Tommy Russel strove with mighty strivings, how Billy Ross, slow to anger, bucked the line, how Snell and Waldie ran and kicked, but all in vain! For what could they avail when the score stood 2 to 1, and Alex. McKenzie would boost the Babes five minutes nearer the end by punting the ball out of sight and ken.

Immediately after the kick-off, '99 scored a touch-in-goal on a kick by Snell, made after some neat running and passing by the halves. That was their first and last point, for after that things went hard with '99 for all the first half, and the play was most of the time pretty well down in their territory, their crack wings and scrimmage, seeming not at all superior to those of the freshmen. In fact, had not a free-kick relieved, a touch-down for the first year would have been inevitable, and the seniors were glad to hear the whistle blow after twenty-five minutes' hard play. During this half the scrimmaging and line bucking of '02 was of championship quality, and gained ground time after time, a rather remarkable fact considering the aggregation of cracks against them. Both Armour and Mullin had been very tricky in centre and McKenzie, the referee, had to warn them at half time.

McKenzie kicked off in the second half, and Waldie made a splendid return, but the freshmen again forced the sphere towards the '99 goal, Biggs making a fine run and a punt nearly all the way. Open play and good work by the halves shifted the scene of action to the centre. But '99 was doomed and a free kick by McKenzie went over the dead line and the score was 1 to 1. After that poor work by Fudger gave '99 considerable gains, but a free kick relieved, and when Pary made vile work of McKenzie's long high punt the '99 goal was again in sight. Another free kick to the freshmen and another gain. For some time play was even, but the good luck that has attended the stars of the senior year for the past three seasons had deserted them, and McKenzie got another off-side kick, punting again over the dead line. Score: 2 to 1.

After the line-up at 25 yards things began once more to look blue for '99, but some Association kicking by Snell relieved in fine style and the game was at an end. This was the last Rugby match for the class of '99, and they have had an exceptionally brilliant record. In their first year they won the opening match, but defaulted the second, having the modestly befitting the freshman class and not liking to beat their seniors too badly. Sad to say, '02 does not seem to have that modesty. In their second year they won the Arts Championship and were in the finals. In their third they won the Mulock Cup, although the Senior Meds were by a technicality admitted to equal honors. This year they were only vanquished by the small margin of one point for the Arts Championship.

DENTAL COLLEGE

"Now do be good."

Jones has joined the W. C. T. U., and is a regular attendant. He is the only pebble on the beach.

The class of '00 was very much in evidence at last week's meeting of the R. D. S. Both Bartham and Gallagher are to be complimented on the excellence of their make-up, while our irrepressible and only genuine Jimmy Kelsey certainly deserves credit for the way in which he worked against tremendous odds in the shape of R. C. Bain, '99. Foster and Campbell (K.C.) also contributed to the evening's entertainment in a 3-round bout, which was declared a draw by referee "Doc" Henderson. The evening was very pleasantly spent by all present.

PRIMARY AND SENIOR MEDS

They contest for the Mulock Cup—Seniors Triumph.—Notes from the School.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Primary and Senior Meds played off their scheduled game in the Mulock Cup series, and, as usual, the young fellows acted gallantly and fell down like little heroes before their older co-annihilators. The game was a close and well-contested one all the way through, yet neither side attempted any rough work, which proves what nice, good little boys we have attending our school. The end of the first half saw no score, but shortly after the second half began, one Grey, a big freshman, had the boldness to kick a drop on goal from a penalty at the forty-yard line, which caused much enthusiasm to pervade the camp of the primary years. After this discourteous act, our young brethren forgot their dignity so far as to really attempt to defeat us, but Montizambert, whom everyone knows, didn't relish their way of acting, and decided to make a try, which he successfully accomplished just as time was up. Rutherford had both tibia and fibula fractured above the knee, at least that is what he said after the game. His enforced retirement from the game was a great loss to his team.

A meeting of the Dinner Committee was held Tuesday afternoon of last week, and the following were appointed as the Reception Committee: Messrs. Knox, Brethour, Radcliffe, O'Brien, Doherty, Young, Holmes, Hutchison and Wright.

Well the Primary Meds didn't beat their Seniors in the Mulock series, but they came "near it, very near it." They feel that the referee's decision rather than the Seniors' play won the game for the latter. However that is neither here nor there, now. The Primary years feel justly proud of the hard game they put up, and are sorry they lost. But they are Varsity Meds, not first and second year men, and, as such, hope with the third and fourth years that before this is in print the present holders of the Cup will again have demonstrated the superiority of medical students and won the Cup.

Next to the Rugby games the dinner stands first in the thoughts of the students. There was some talk of dissatisfied members of the second and first years not going on account of its being held in the gym, but this report is without foundation. These two years will doubtless be present almost to a man. There are many whispers as to "dark secrets" on the menu, both in the provision list and in "hits." The affair promises to be a great success, a credit to the committee and to the students in general, a thing of beauty and a joy forever, or at least till the pleasure of dissecting the Christmas turkey on the old homestead obliterates all thoughts of other festive occasions.

Last week an expressman was heard enquiring at the west wing of the biological for Mr. Lynn. Many students were around, but none knew to whom reference was made, whether he was a freshman, sophomore or a new member of the faculty. But when the inquirer stated that the first name was "George," a look of intelligence appeared on the boys' faces, and the genial Irish janitor was summoned. We venture to say there are hundreds of medical men who have graduated from Toronto University and never guessed that George had another name.

E. A. Hill, '01, who has been in the General for a couple of weeks, having undergone a minor operation, is rapidly progressing, and will probably be with the second year men Thursday night.

The prize offered by the Medical Society for a new medical yell has brought out many competitors, and something good is sure to result. The idea is to do away with the old Toronto Medical School yell. We belong to Toronto University as much as does any other faculty of the University. The regulations required that all yells submitted should contain the words "Varsity Meds." The yellers presented their compositions Monday afternoon; and if the committee survive the ordeal we shall publish the new yell, as selected by them, next week.

TRINITY MEDS

The dinner is over and past but not forgotten. To those who were there it will always remain a very pleasant memory; those who were not there will never cease to regret it. It was successful beyond all expectation. The committee deserve great credit for the efforts they put forth to carry it through. May the dinner prove "a lubricant to business" and foster a deeper fellow-feeling among students of all years and the professors.

The second year is unique in many respects; one of them is the names its men bear. Here we meet Adam and Adamson (most likely Abel). Then comes Parsons to keep us right in theology and Wright to lead us by the way we should go. The good seed sown by the parson is made to spring up and yield fruit by Waters. Herod is probably descended from the governor of Judea and Levy belongs no doubt to the ancient order of priests. Having such an array of great names it is no wonder we flourish well, especially when we have a Marshall to look after our hosts. To bind us all together and give unity and strength there is no less a name than Hoops. And though the Wickett one goes in and out among us there is no sign of discord.

War may not be necessary to the furtherance of civilization, but that means real war and hasn't anything to do with the jolly College 'scrap' which our Trinity Meds enjoy so much. On Friday afternoon last the fun raged fast and furious for an hour, start-

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U.C.C. NOTES

The U.C.C. rifles are thoroughly reorganized this year. The uniform is similar to the Queen's Own, and of rifle-green color; instead of the usual tunic, however, the corps will have one of green serge ornamented with silver buttons, and the college crest. Mr. Agstin, the military tailor, has already measured some forty boys, and by Christmas time the company hopes to turn out in its new uniform.

Great regret is felt that foot-ball hair must now be shed, but short hair is now the order of the day.

The flat matches, which were to have been played immediately after the holidays, have been postponed in deference to winter weather.

The victorious foot-ball fifteen interviewed the photographer on Saturday, and expect to have something in College Fines to show their admiring friends at Christmas time.

Herr Ansbach gave an interesting exhibition of sleight-of-hand on Friday evening to the boys and their friends. The untying of a knotted handkerchief, the restoration of burnt and torn papers, clever card and egg tricks, were features of the entertainment. The humorous and witty remarks of the professor gave additional zest to the performance.

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Comment and Criticism

The Rugby Dance has again "come and gone," but it has not passed without failing to perpetuate itself in many delightful memoirs such as always gather round that event. The Gymnasium was a perfect blaze of glory on the evening of the auspicious event and the beautiful decorations were a subject of general comment. Again the working abilities of this year's directorate have been demonstrated, and to the executive as well as to the various sub-committees much credit is due. Everyone will be glad to know that this most popular dance, besides being the occasion of such general enjoyment, has materially assisted the committee in lifting the heavy incubus of debt resting upon them since the Annual Games.

Though the Rugby Dance officially ends the season for the pigskin game, yet it continues to be exhibited in all its stern realities in the series of games for the Mulock Cup. The series has as usual attracted quite a number of interested spectators, and it may be said quite truthfully, that almost every one of the games has been a really good sample of Rugby—that is, as good a sample as a ground covered by ice and snow will permit. The surprises so far have been the defeat of the Seniors by the presumptuous Naughty Twos, and the unexpected strength developed by the team representing the Final Meds. A hot game for the championship is a safe prophecy.

I never knew until the other day that a great English poet had described a Mulock Cup game—accidentally, no doubt, and yet accurately. Here's the passage; I leave it to the readers of TOPICS to locate it.

"Oaths, insult, filth, tremendous blasphemies,
Sweat, writhings, anguish, labouring of the lungs

In the close mist, and cryings for the light,
Moans of the dying and voices of the dead."

But another important series was commenced last week when the new Intercollegiate Debating Union commenced operations and brought off two of the contests in the first round. If one may judge by the attendance at these debates and the interest manifested in them, the League is not a mere ephemeral production, but has come to stay. And, indeed, there is every reason to hope that such is the case; for the spirit of friendly emulation such as arises between College and College will find in these Inter-Collegiate debates an opportunity for manifestation at once dignified and appropriate. We should be just as proud—nay far prouder—to see our own College triumph in the contest of brain as in the struggle of feet or hands. Apart from this the League is likely to serve two useful purposes: first, the establishment and maintenance of closer relations among the many colleges of the city, and secondly, the cultivation of a literary and oratorical spirit on a broad scale in the academic circles of Toronto. The oratorical feature is secured by that rule of the Union which assigns 25% for style in speaking. The officers are to be congratulated upon the evident interest centred in the two opening debates.

A feature of the "Lit" which last year was suffered to lapse into obscurity is to be revived on Friday evening next. I refer to the Mock Parliament. There could be no better training in impromptu speaking than that afforded in such a meeting provided it is properly conducted, and I understand that no effort will be spared to have it so. The Premier, Mr. A. Macdougall will bring before the country an interesting legislative programme, and a hot debate on the Address will undoubtedly characterize Friday evening's proceedings.

I take this opportunity of again bringing to the notice of the undergraduates the University Dinner which will be held in the Gymnasium on the 16th inst. The price has been made as low as possible, in order to meet the well-known financial stringency in the student pocket, but not too low to prevent the serving of a first-class dinner, such as will do honor to the University. It has been further decided not to insist on the dress-suit feature usually in vogue at such entertainments; the matter of dress will thus be left to the discretion of the individual undergraduate. It is hoped, however, that as many as possible will wear that peculiarly academic sartorial—the gown.

Dinners are now one of the recognized features of social life, and there is no place where they can be made more enjoyable than at a University, where we all know and are known so widely. If anyone doubts the truth of this let him come and see.

SPECTATOR.

The regular meeting of St. Charles Lit, which was to have taken place Dec. 4th, was postponed until Dec. 11th, when essays will be read by Messrs. Redmond, Murphy, Curtin and Simons. These are young men of extraordinary literary abilities, and a very interesting meeting may be expected.

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OSGOODE--McMASTER DEBATE

On Saturday evening last the beautiful Convocation Hall at Osgoode Hall was crowded to the doors with men and maidens who had assembled as the guests of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society, under whose auspices the second debate in the Inter-College Debating Union was being conducted. The contest was between representatives from Osgoode Hall and McMaster University. The McMaster students, adorned with College colors attended in a body to inspire their debaters, while the young lawyers scattered through the audience assisted their men in a similar way.

After the regular business of the society had been transacted, and Mr. Matchin had delighted the audience with a well-rendered solo, the president, Mr. W. D. McPherson, announced the subject of debate:—"Resolved, That the permanent retention of the Philippine Islands by the United States would be advantageous to both the United States and the Philippines."

Messrs. H. R. Smith and Anson Spotton, B.A., of Osgoode Hall, appeared for the affirmative, while the negative was supported by Messrs. A. B. Cohoe, B.A., and S. E. Grigg, of McMaster University.

The referees were Dr. Badgley, Provost Welch and Mr. Emerson Coatsworth, Jr. Mr. Smith opened the argument for the affirmative by showing that, historically, Britain had been the great colonizing power of modern times, and from this he argued that the United States were a parallel in that they were Anglo-Saxons. The Anglo-Saxons were above all others successful in colonizing. They also respected constitutional principles, which fitted them for the task. He then refuted several arguments which might be advanced against the retention of the Philippines, but remarked that he would not thus continue, lest he might be giving hints to his opponents.

In concluding, he showed the benefits which the United States would reap by their retention. The colonizing impulse of Anglo-Saxons is irresistible and now a last chance is given the United States to acquire colonies in the Eastern world. They would act as a basis of military supply, so necessary in modern times, and would also be a basis of commercial activity—a thing of the greatest importance to-day in the contest for commercial supremacy.

Mr. Cohoe mounted the rostrum, donned in his toga, and for twenty minutes held the attention of his hearers, while Ciceronian periods rolled from his lips amid the applause of his admirers. Having dealt with the arguments of Mr. Smith he proceeded to show how futile it was for the United States to try to control the Philippines. Seventy-five thousand men must be sent to subdue them, and then a standing army and large civil service would be necessary to control the islands. Disease, moreover, would play havoc with the soldiers. This added territory would be vulnerable, and thus a greatly increased armament would be necessary, entailing enormous expense and eventually an increased pension list. The natural resources of the islands were great, but an "open door" had to be kept, so that the United States merchants would lose rather than gain. By this retention cheap labor would be brought on the United States market which would be ruinous. Then if the United States mingles in European affairs she will never be free from war and its attendant evils. He concluded by summing up the evils, social and political, that would come upon the United States as a result of this step.

To Mr. Spotton fell the honor of making the most scholarly argument of the evening. He argued it was a moral duty for the United States to retain the islands and not to consider the expense. Armament is the product of modern times and shows superiority. It is the duty of the United States to equip herself and step out and help others. In this a navy will not be a disadvantage. He regarded "America for the Americans" as petty and selfish. She has as much interest in Asia as in S. America, where she applies the Monroe Doctrine. The rebels were fighting for justice and would be peaceful under American rule, while as independents they would be torn by internecine strife. The United States now being in control could alone colonize them. Since it was for the advantage of the Philippines to fall into the hands of the United States, there was a moral duty cast on the United States to retain them. He held it was a piece of national missionary work, and when his opponents from McMaster proved this would be a failure, they must admit their own missionary work was a failure. In concluding he argued that the Islands were at the back door of the United States, and by the retention of this strategic point the trade of China would be under their control.

Mr. Grigg argued that the United States would lose prestige among the nations by leaving her high station and becoming a land-grabbing power. The great powers are now camped around the China Sea, and by going in there the United States would be involved in European disturbances. The Monroe doctrine had been the bulwark to the United States and ought not now to be abandoned. By annexing the islands she would be more vulnerable and so more silent on international questions through fear of dismemberment. The baneful effects of annexation on the Constitution and Government of the United States would be great, while the moral and social life would be contaminated. Militarism, now a stranger to the new world, would follow increased armament. Mr. Grigg's argument was concluded by a reference to Alaska, where the United States had failed to justify the claims made by the affirmative as to their power to colonize.

Mr. Smith made a few remarks in reply. While the referees were preparing their judgment Mr. Matchin rendered two solos,

and Mr. Brophy, of University College, recited, to the amusement of all. Mr. McPherson then announced that the referees gave judgment in favor of the negative, one referee dissenting. The National Anthem was sung and the audience departed. The McMaster students lined up and proceeded towards Bloor street, while the Osgoode men went home content to let the Philipinos settle their own disputes.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

The second try for the Mulock Cup was made on Friday last against the Senior Meds, resulting in a victory for the Meds by a score of ten to nothing; and although our Rugby men felt somewhat sore over their defeat, they were loud in praise as to the way they were treated by their opponents. The medical men are gentlemen to a man, and although playing for a coveted trophy did not forget that sense of manliness and honor which is characteristic of the ideal football player of the Intercollegiate League. The referee, Mr. Alexander, by his impartiality at every stage of the game, has won a place in the hearts of our boys which time will not easily efface.

"We have only left to say" that we'll meet some other day, when we'll not need a sleigh to draw the men away.

The Rev. Fr. Provincial, who returned Tuesday last after a four months' sojourn abroad, left yesterday for L'Assumption College, Sandwich, where he will spend the rest of this week.

The sole topic under debate at present is the forming of an Alumni. In all probability the issue will be developed in the infancy of '99.

The first dance of the season took place Friday night in the Recreation hall. This is one of the many amusements in which the boys took special delight. The orchestra, under the leadership of L. Staley, promise to furnish the very latest music this year.

Mr. McGrath—He was sleeping like an angel about 5:30 a.m.

Frankie Martin—He struck him in self-defence.

Owney played his usual game Friday—downed his man.

Oysters were served on the upper flat on Saturday, room 4-11-44.

The Philosophers will henceforth indulge in weekly conferences. This is a new institution in the class and one which seems highly agreeable to its members.

Mr. Duffy, of the Philosophic Department, was under cover during the week owing to a severe cold. His friends were all smiles to see him about again on Monday.

Mr. Nugent is one of the late arrivals at this College, and has entered the commercial department.

St. Michael's Lit will convene again on Saturday next. On that evening a mock trial will come off. The prosecuting attorney is J. E. Lynott, while Chas. Duffy will take up the defence. K. Hart will assume the perilous situation of the prisoner. J. Noonan and Cunningham will constitute the chief witnesses. This should be a very spirited trial, since the attorneys are exceptionally clever and loquacious young gentlemen. The prisoner is indeed the soul of wit, and the witnesses possess a goodly share of common sense and cunning.

Mr. P. McCue has been appointed to succeed Mr. McPeak, who last year acted in capacity of assistant infirmaryman.

The regular meeting of St. Michael's Lit was held on Sunday, the 4th inst. The meeting was very largely attended owing to the interest which was taken by all in the coming debate. At 5 p.m. all the members had arrived and taken their usual seats. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the regular order of business had been carried on, the desks were cleared for action, and the battle royal began, in the form of a debate, the subject of which was: Resolved, "That the United States was justified in carrying armed intervention into Cuba." All concerned showed, by their eloquent and syllogistic speeches, that they had given the subject deep study. The affirmative put forth some very strong points, but they were not sufficiently strong to convince the judge that the United States were justified in armed intervention. The negative gave evidence of being old and forcible debaters, and by their flood of convincing points succeeded in carrying off the victory.

The Dramatic Association has decided to produce "Damon and Pythias," and the date set down is the 15th December. This play needs but little introduction more than the mere mention of its taking place, for the production is pronounced a good one and should draw a good house. The boys have hitherto proven themselves worthy of the public patronage in this line, and the coming event promises not only to equal but even to surpass all former productions. Many of the old students will figure in the prominent parts of this play, while E. Bradley, who is by no means a *novus homo* in histrionics, will be seen in the leading female role. His impersonation of the fair Calanthe in this production is highly commendable.

J. H.—What causes the explosion of gases? Dan. really believes he sees the clock.

Don't forget the evening of the 9th, for that's the time when Knox hopes to win the laurel from Vic. in the Intercollegiate debate.

Prof. McFayden delivered an address on Thursday evening last at the Normal Convocation. The address was a masterpiece on "The Use of Method in Study."

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VARSITY MEETS TRINITY IN DEBATE

He asserted that nations great in war will possess those qualities which will make it great in other activities. In proof of this claim he quoted the case of the children of Israel, who in their wars with Egypt had become a welded nation, whose unity at the present day, in spite of their scattered condition, is unparalleled in the annals of history. Egypt, also, who had laid the foundations of art and science, was a nation of warriors and was great only so long as she was warlike. Rome, again, the greatest example of all, to whom the modern world owes everything in the way of laws and institutions, was *par excellence* a warlike nation. And, still again, the Crusades might be quoted in support of his contention. They had put new life into Christianity, had opened the East to trade and commerce, and had brought the West into contact with the then civilized world. Coming down to more recent history, he instanced the beneficial effects of the Napoleonic wars in introducing in the place of the Feudal System a new order of things which resulted in a vigorous impetus to science and art, while Spain has in the recent Hispano-American war received a new lease of life from the trouncing she has just received from our neighbors. He subscribed to his opponent's objection that the expense incident to the maintenance of the army and navy was a serious drain upon the resources of the nation, but considered it more desirable to have the drain than to have no nation to draw upon. In regard to the effect of war upon the individual he reiterated his leader's sentiment that it brings out the noblest qualities of mankind. This world is no Utopia. Men will fight to the end of time, *per contra* the peace proposal of the Czar.

Mr. Anderson, in support of Varsity's fair name, expressed himself crushed under the weight of the seemingly formidable arguments of the Trinity orators. He declared his intention of following the line of argument pursued by his leader, and expressed his belief that the question was an ideal one, and ought to be decided upon principle. Specific cases could not prove the proposition. The question to be considered, he thought, was whether war as a general influence is beneficial. As a beneficial influence war could be reduced to but two possibilities, viz., that war is inherently good and necessary, and that it is good only when its ultimate purpose is the amelioration of civilization. Nations nowadays regard war as a calamity, as is shown by the striving of England and the United States for Anglo-Saxon unity, and the disinclination of Germany to go to war. The Czar's peace proposal is, moreover, an argument against war. War is not a necessary link in the chain of civilization, nor is it the best means of attaining the ideal to be found in beheading. The men who were the worthy exponents and the pioneers of civilization were the Livingstones, the Gordons and the Mackays, who were for quiet influence, and not for annihilation. The very construction of weapons of warfare was in favor of disarming war of its most characteristic features. By international agreement the use of grape shot and explosives had been relinquished. The reason for this manifest desire for peace lies in the fact that nations recognize the fearful havoc wrought by the woes and miseries of war. The Napoleonic wars had deprived civilization of the beneficial possibilities of three millions of human lives. Mr. Anderson claimed that there was honor and courage apart from war and denied most positively that the abolition of war would be followed by the ruin of national life and character. Let the money that is used for war be applied in the interests of education, art and science; let the idea of the Gospel have play and the swords be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks.

At the close of the debate, while the referees, Mr. Byron E. Walker, Mr. Emerson Coatsworth, jr., and Rev. Professor MacFadyen were arriving at a division, Mr. Kirkpatrick favored the assembly with another reading from Eugene Field. This was supplemented by a chorus rendered by the Trinity Glee Club. The judges, who had by this time made their reappearance, declared through Provost Welch that their unanimous verdict was that the debate be awarded to Varsity. This announcement was greeted with a volley of cheers, and the College yell of the Varsity contingent, who retired with elated hearts and trudged the distance from Trinity with light and airy footsteps.

Remember the S. P. S. dinner next Friday. The arrangements for a good time, are as usual, perfect.

KNOX COLLEGE

Several of the students attended the Normal School conversation last Thursday evening. George and Gillis have been smiling ever since.

What's the matter with our steward? He's all right! Who says so? Everybody! Why? He plays the bag-pipes.

Committee meetings for the "At Home" on December 10th are the order of the day. The liberality of the subscription list means the best that can be procured to make that meeting second to none.

Rev. J. McP. Scott addressed the conference on Saturday last.

Rev. T. Rogers, B.A., has resigned his charge in Georgetown, and is again spending a few days in his Alma Mater.

Mr. J. G. Cheyne has unfortunately been obliged at length to give up academic work for this year. He will take a year's rest before resuming work. *Nil desperandum.*, Jim.

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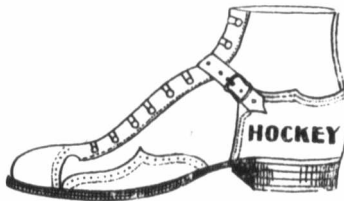
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