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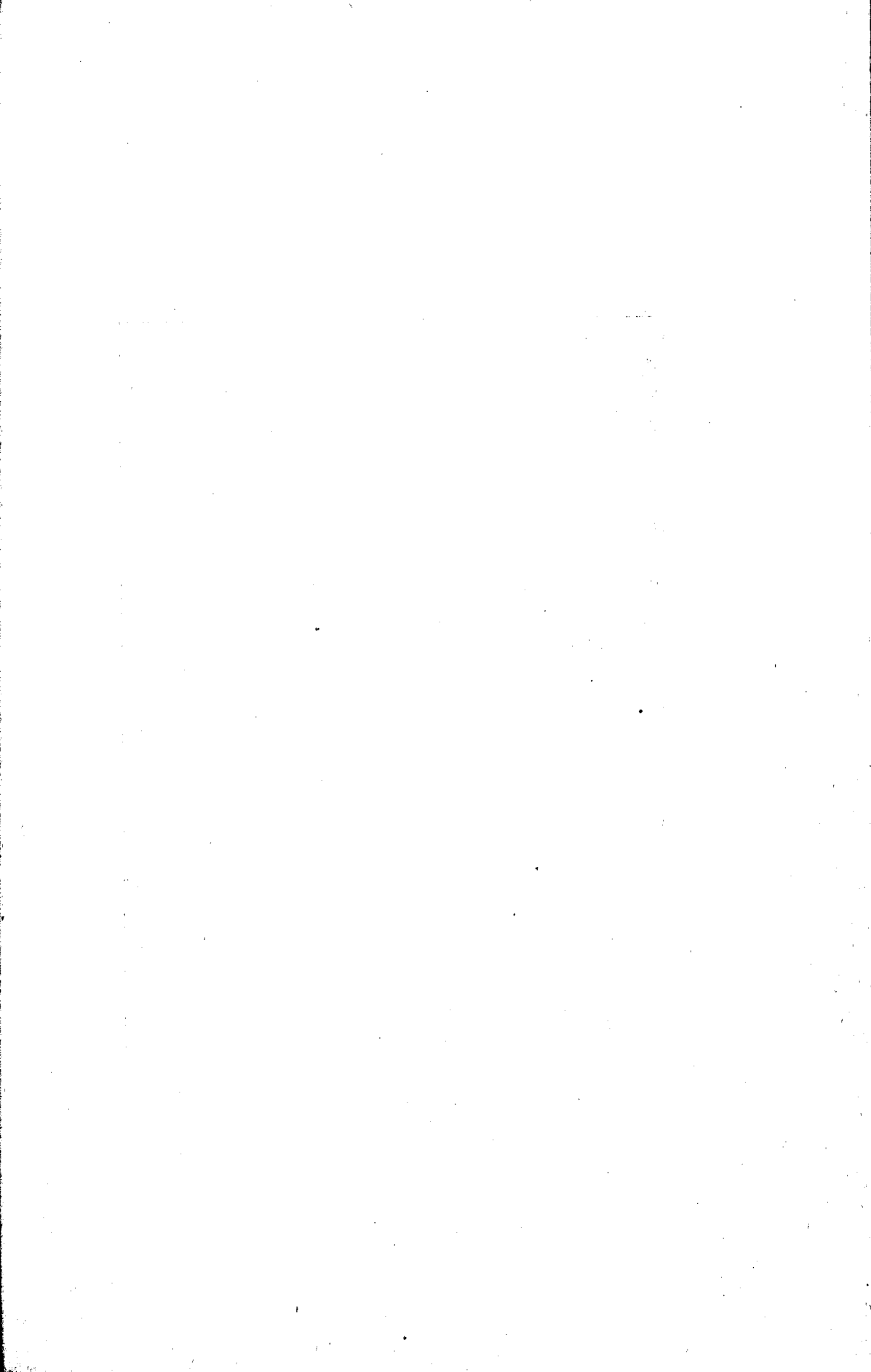
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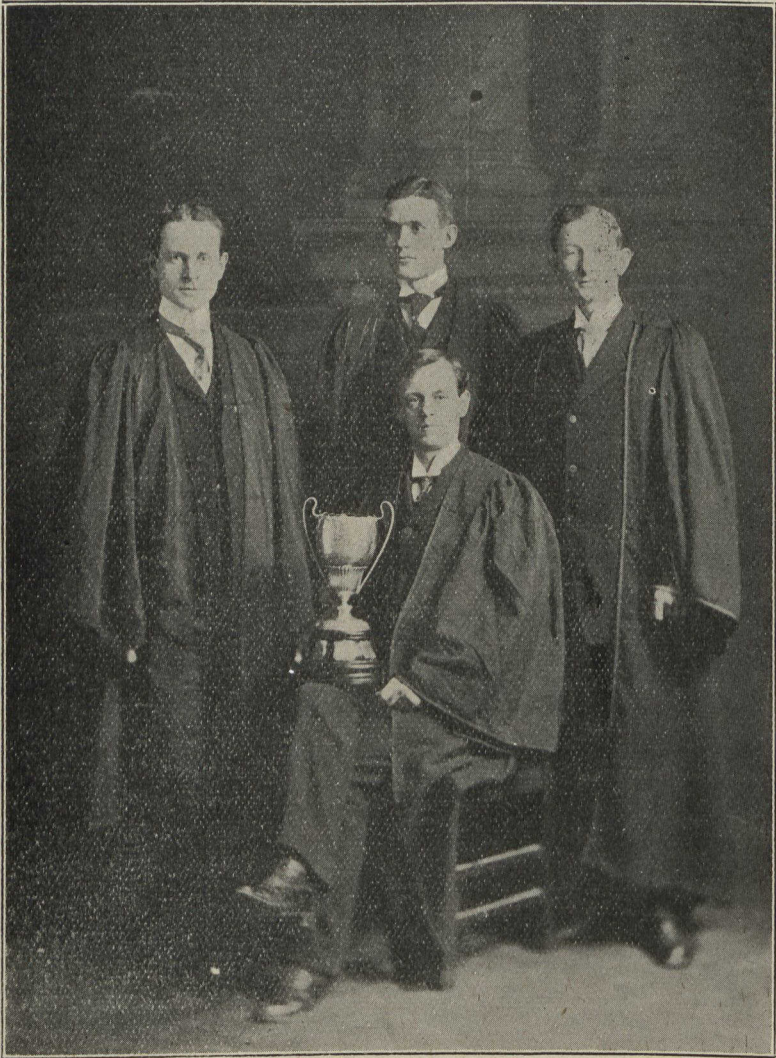
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A Short Conversation with a Ghost.

IT must have been a ghost, for it was two o'clock in the morning, and in my bed-room, which I had just entered, darkness weighed on my eyes like a heavy pall. And yet I could see the object, black itself as the blackness around it, and still mysteriously visible, from certain lights, certain impossible reflections which formed eight shining lines on its cylindrical shape. And with it all there was something wretched about it, something astray, something thoroughly out of fashion. A ghost I tell you. And the Thing said—naturally in a sepulchral voice—"I am going. In a little while you will see me no more. No one in the world will see me any more. Did you ever see a god die? And I thought that I was almost a god, since I supposed that I was immortal." "I have never seen a god die," I answered, "but I know that it is very sad. Flaubert has said so in the "Tentation de St. Antoine," and I also remember some verses by Lord Lytton, who was a crazy man of letters, and sometimes too, almost a great artist, which tell how in Olympus, Aphrodite was seen who had become a very old woman, a horrible, horrible old woman, and Zeus too, turned into a regular scarecrow, and all the rest who were shrivelling up, and becoming dwarfs like polar plants. But Love remained, and he took his flight, and nailed himself to a cross, on top of a rock, somewhere in the East."

"Such," said the phantom, sighing, "are the beautiful legends which were invented in the time of my glory, fifty years ago. But I shall never have these poetic obsequies.—I am dying like a beggar, and no one is at all concerned about me, except a few self-interested servants. They are beginning, yes they are actually beginning to make fun of me. And yet, for a century, I ruled the globe."

"Who are you then?" said I, somewhat moved.

"Stretch out your hand," said the Thing, "and put me on your head."

I did what It asked me, and recognized with horror, that article which is no longer worn, a tall hat! It made me shudder. One might as well wear a helmet, or the feather headdress of a Polynesian sorcerer. I laid it on a table, and through politeness refrained from giving expression to the sentiments with which it inspired me. It was depressed enough in all conscience. "And yet you cannot imagine M. de Chateaubriand carrying anything else on his head," It said bitterly.

"Alas," I answered, "it is impossible for me to flatter myself that I resemble M. de Chateaubriand. And I regret it deeply, not because of his renown, to

which I have no claim, but because all the ladies adored him. And really the truth is that I am afraid that were I to imitate this detail of his toilet, as many succeeding generations have done, I should look like,—not M. de Chateaubriand,—but the Lyons Courier, or a strange species of coachman. Perhaps though, you were calling to mind, in the spirit of our ancestors, the busbies and shakos of the brave heroes of the First Empire. At that time every civilian had but one ambition: to have as far as possible a military look, while in our days we are all so obstinately pacific.”

“That is not the reason at all,” It said, “why I am disappearing.”

“Really?” said I.

“No,” It answered, “I am going because I can no longer make head against this competition.”

“These straw things which come from America?” I asked.

“No, no,” It cried indignantly, “the women’s hats! You know by my height I represented the superiority of the masculine element over the feminine in society. Side by side with the simple little bonnets, the small tufts of flowers which con-



tented the women of that period, I could make my possessor pose as the master of the situation, as the only being who had a cranium worthy of the name,—a cranium so powerful and imaginative that it was necessary to leave a large space above it, where the too abundant supply of visions could be elaborated. I, as the high hat, was a symbol of the masculine intellect. But little by little woman has thrust you out of all your strongholds. And that is why she now makes a point of wearing the outward signs of her victory.”

I may remark that this hat always had a most familiar manner in speaking to me. That is the way with ghosts, they are so insolent, and this is easily un-

derstood—they are not of our world, they belong to another sphere. But I on the contrary was most respectful. I felt a sort of fear, and I had that feeling of respect which is due to everything which is about to disappear. So I answered it politely,—

“Really! do you think that it is for this profound and sociological reason that large hats are getting larger, and after coming into full bloom, they are, if I may so express it, running to seed? You surprise me, I always imagined that there was no other reason for it than coquetry.”

“You thought that,” said this authoritative and disagreeable ghost, “because you are nothing but a frivolous creature yourself. The men of the present day have become most despicably insignificant, and if the women have usurped their place they have done quite right.”

“Do you think so?” I said.

“It is self-evident. Who writes the novels now, the really romantic novels, where the subject is the eternal right to love and happiness, as in the time of the tall top hats of fifty years ago? The women! And it is perfectly clear that you men know nothing at all about it. And who writes all the beautiful poems too, full of delicious romance? The women!! They leave you nothing but the tiresome subjects, such as politics, for they have taste, I am bound to admit. And so it is that they have taken possession of your place at the moment that you begin to cast me off, and they choose to wear on their haughty heads, the sumptuous and positive proof of their rule.”

“Oh, well,” I said, “perhaps after all there is no need for you to be so discouraged.”

“Ah,” It said, “I have struggled with all my might, but insensibly I have seen the distance diminish. What stature can I attain, at the most? About ten inches! How can I preserve my influence at the present day? I have seen feathers more than two feet long, my dear friend, on shapes more than a yard round. I have seen aigrettes which—I am not exaggerating—are like the jets of water which spurt on a fete day at Versailles. And at this very time I am told,—and I am convinced they are not deceiving me; people have begun, at the botanical gardens at Kew in London, to copy the Victoria Regina, the water lily which grows in a pond as large as the one of Tuileries, in gummed taffeta. That is the limit, I am conquered. My past forbids me to accept an inferior position. I can do nothing but disappear.”

“Personally,” I said, “it is impossible for me to regret it. But perhaps you exaggerate the depth of your humiliation. This terrible growth which you deplore so much in your rivals of the other sex, will surely stop some day. It seems to me impossible on reflection that it should not stop. There are limits to everything.”

“I dare not hope it,” It answered with a melancholy expression. “Do you know what has hindered me from ever getting beyond six or seven inches? The feeling for proportion, which men possess to a large extent, and also the fear of discomfort, to which their astonishing laziness renders them particularly sensitive. You have limited the height of your hats to the height of your cabs, while

a woman never draws back before a physical discomfort or a material difficulty. Hats will not cease to increase in size, but the roofs of the carriages will be raised. Unfortunately there is no doubt whatever about this."

This was a point of view which I had not taken into consideration. But, contrary to the expectation of my companion, the idea rather pleased me. Two years after my first communion I had not been able to get into a cab without bending my head, and I should really feel happy if my martyrdom were about to cease. And then the effect might be very pretty. I foresaw carriages built with roofs like the dome of the Pantheon, and others, no doubt made in imitation, resembling those enormous hood bonnets with plumes, which give such a pleasing view of the lovely contents; and others again with a telescopic cover, which could



be drawn back indefinitely. Bridges of a new shape and raised doors overtopped these carriages in my vision, and a dream of wonderful hats and a completely new school of architecture created by the genius of the milliner arose. My face breathed satisfaction.

But, at this unexpected result of its eloquence, the poor ghost of the high top hat began to weep. It is easy to imagine the horror of such a spectacle: one has only to recall the lamentable appearance of a high hat at a funeral when it is raining. It is the most harrowing sight in the world.

"Oh well," I said overcome with pity, so terrible was its despair, "you must not take the situation so tragically. There will always be some in the political world who will be faithful to you. Do you think that even when inaugurating a statue, or in order to give strikers a mark of his benevolent partiality, a minister would consent to deprive himself of your lustre? Such an act would require a

revolution which we have no grounds for anticipating. Socialists have been known to relinquish the black coat,—the tall hat never."

"Oh yes," It said, "yes! I shall live on as the appendage of politicians, just as the three-cornered hat has long endured as the sign of office of the gendarmes, and the plug hat as that of the polytechnicians. In the same way, in certain wild forests in the heart of Africa, have been found as exceptions, or as witnesses to a bygone geological period animals which have elsewhere disappeared. But do you suppose that this can satisfy my legitimate pride? Noblesse oblige,—and I have played too important a part in social life to be contented with so poor a consolation."

I was going to leave the unfortunate thing to its incurable sadness, when an idea suddenly struck me.—

"But," said I, "you have still one resource. On the head of Man, it is true you can no longer fight with success, you look too small, too mean, too ridiculous and insignificant. Well what if you went over to the other camp?"

It cast a strange impassioned glance at me, in which I distinguished a gleam of hope.

"It is quite simple," I continued. "Ladies who are given to riding do not despise your charms. But what if you offered yourself as a support for all these feathers, beasts, flowers and trees which they are putting on their heads? Your height is, after all an advantage, these ladies' hats would be so much the larger."

"You are right," It cried with enthusiasm, "I am saved." And It disappeared to my great satisfaction. Ghosts ought only to frequent psychological societies. In private life they are oppressive.—PIERRE MILLE,

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Chats by the Way.

THE sun rose glinting over wild mountain scenery, valley and peak, gorge and emerald green mountain stream, while our train followed along a water course gradually climbing to "Summit" Station, on the Rocky Mountain Divide in Northern Montana. Soon the stream widened and the country flattened out, forest taking the place of rocks. At one place a few stray ducks were enjoying their morning swim and then all at once, startled by the sound of the train, two Virginia deer bounded away from the far side of the river, their white "flags" finally disappearing among the undergrowth.

The day wore on: we passed the divide and started down-grade along another stream, which this time flows eastwards, following after us. Coming back from our breakfast in the dining car a number of changes were made in seats and I sat down with an elderly gentleman who was Western from head to toe. Though, as I found out later, he was over eighty, he was straight as an arrow and stood about six feet.

The country still suggested game and I remarked to my companion that I had seen two deer early in the morning. With a hunter's jealousy of being outdone in observation, he asked me where I saw them and said he had been looking for deer but had failed to see any. Conversation followed. I found my new friend was guide and fisherman Merritt, of Wenatchee Lake, Washington State. He had fought in the American Civil War, had hunted and trapped in Wisconsin in the early days, had moved west as civilization followed on the track of the adventurer and would have gone to Alaska in order to keep on the frontier had not age prevented him. He was one of those whom Robt. W. Service tells us of when he says,—

"There's a race of men that don't fit in,
A race that can't stay still,
So they break the hearts of kith and kin
And they roam the world at will.
And they range the fields and they row the floods,
And they climb the mountain's crest,
Theirs is the curse of the gipsy-blood
And they don't know how to rest."

Overtaken by age in Washington State, for a time he had guided hunters into the mountains, but had finally settled down, contented to row tourists to the best trout grounds on Lake Wenatchee. After the tourist season was over he fished for the hotel tables. Thus nature had dealt kindly with him and he explained that Fisherman Merritt was known to many a tourist who sought sport and a change in Northern Washington.

Still, Mr. Merritt had a cousin living in Wisconsin, where he used to trap and hunt, and though they had not seen each other in fifty years, he was going "east" to visit him. Of course, as he said, he wouldn't know his cousin or the country either.

Retrospection came easy to my acquaintance and all that was needed was a suggestion to obtain from him an account of some of his experiences. I will relate but two.

I asked him about his experiences with cougars or mountain lions and he told the following:—

“The first early snow had fallen on the mountains. We were short of meat and I set out to hunt for deer. During the forenoon I saw nothing. After eating my lunch I tramped on and soon came upon fresh tracks of a large deer. I followed on over the mountains and along the gentle slopes, where the deer had been feeding on the dried grass, and at last started down into a valley. This valley contained the bed of a dried up stream and down over this rough gravel, beneath the overhanging trees the tracks led. This at once aroused my curiosity for it was entirely unnatural for a deer to leave the open mountain side for a dark rough path like that. I followed on. All at once the tracks became confused, they staggered; a little farther and the snow was all beaten down and hair lay scattered around. Then the tracks continued but in a scuffling, uncertain way, and here and there were blood stains on the snow. Eighty yards or so farther and there lay a magnificent buck, still warm, but stone dead.

“On going up to him I found his back torn open and his neck bitten through—the certain evidence of the work of a mountain lion. He was a five-point buck, but the big cat was too much for him. I then turned to track the cougar. I followed him up over rough broken ground till his tracks were lost on a rocky ledge where the sun had thawed the snow. There I lost the trail. Returning to the carcass of the deer, I opened it and thoroughly poisoned the inside with strychnine.

“On my way home I looked about near the place where the snow was trampled down and found that the lion had been crouched on a flat rock and evidently sprung upon the deer's back as it passed. The cougar had been following the deer for some time and it was a knowledge of this which evidently had caused the deer to go deep into the valley. Then the cat had stolen ahead and waited for his prey to pass.

“Next day on returning, I found several dead coyotes in the vicinity of the carcass but the mountain lion had not been back so far as I could discover.”

I asked Mr. Merritt about his experiences with mountain goats.

He said: “A number of years ago Mr. A—, a taxidermist from New York city, came to Wenatchee to get some specimens of mountain goats. I went as his guide. One day while hunting, we discovered a flock of fifteen goats high upon the mountain. Now to hunt goats, you must get above them, for when frightened they always try to climb higher. So we worked carefully upwards till we got somewhat above them. Mr. A— was on one side of a rocky prominence while I was on the other. Suddenly something startled the goats and they came right for Mr. A—. I could not see them but soon I heard shot after shot from the other side of the knoll, and then all at once several came towards me, from around an angle of rocks. I fired three shots as they passed and killed as many goats.

"Before I got to them, however, I heard Mr. A—— shouting and turned to see him running towards me. He had used up all his cartridges and wanted my rifle. With rather poor grace, I exchanged guns telling him not to use up all my cartridges or we would be on the mountain without protection. I followed him back and found he had killed or wounded five goats. With a few more shots he got them all. Eight goats in a quarter of an hour was not bad."

Mr. Merritt, however, in his modest way gave the credit to the goats, saying that "When the taxidermist came to prepare them for specimens he found their brains were very small—this accounting for their easy capture."—M. Y. W.

The Trip to Gananoque.

THE "Musical Club" came down, and were received with delight.
 Regarding "the class of the music,"

I'm sure you're quite right.

"Trovatore" has been "Il" since last Friday night.

And I don't wonder at it, he got such a fright.

The "Orchestra" toiled with all their might,

Trying so hard to do it right.

The Cornets were "sometimes" in tune with the rest,

But I won't criticize too strongly,

"They did their best."

The "Glee Club" voices were beautifully trained,

But most of them seemed to be suffering pain.

They sang a song called, "In a Year"—

But unless they improve—

I greatly fear—

The Mandolins and Guitars were ever so fine,

"I think they did it by beating time."

The leader was good, while others were twisted,

"But "Bate" played well,

'Cause he knew he existed."—*Contributed.*

Are You A Goop?

THE Goops they wet their fingers
 To turn the leaves of books,

And then they turn the corners down

And think that no one looks.

They leave the marks of dirty hands,

Of lollipops and gum,

On borrowed book and libr'ry book,

As often as they come. —*Contributed.*

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Editorials.

THE LOSS OF THE "REPUBLIC."

SOME weeks ago, an accident occurred on the broad expanse of the Atlantic Ocean, which demonstrated, among other things, the efficiency and real importance of the wireless telegraphy equipment on board ocean liners. The steamship "Republic" of the White Star Line, was steaming through a dense fog when she was suddenly rammed amidships by the Italian liner, "Florida." A few lives were immediately lost and several hundred others were in extreme jeopardy. The operator in charge of the wireless equipment on the "Republic" was at once the man on whom, perhaps, the greatest anxiety and nervous tension settled. He was the man at the post, and probably only through his efforts was a hope of safety entertained. In an instant there shot out in all directions through the fog, the signal "C. Q. D.," accompanied by the bearings of the wrecked ship. This was the call for help; and almost at the same instant the message was received and reported by operators on several other liners, some at great distances from the scene of the accident. The "Republic" was, for them, a cynosure, so to speak, and the Atlantic witnessed a scene, which, it is believed, is evidence of an epoch-making change in the conditions and safety of trans-oceanic travel. The steamships that received the distress signal turned from their courses and pointed in the direction of the accident, and by means of horns and whistles endeavoured to locate the "Republic." The "Baltic," a sister ship of the White Star Line, was the first to arrive with aid. A transfer of passengers was then made in mid-ocean, and the damaged liner was taken in tow. She sank in thirty fathoms of water before a harbor was reached.

This incident has given the world a practical proof of the real service that may be rendered to humanity in the future through the instrumentality of wire-

less telegraphy. Its immediate installment on all ocean liners should be assured. Although on the occasion of the above incident, the passengers from the "Republic" might have been safely carried to shore on board the "Florida," owing to the calmness of the water, yet had a sea been rolling, nothing but the wireless could have saved them. By its thus ensuring the safety of passage from one country to another a far greater service may be done mankind, than by its much-talked-of use in times of war.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AT QUEEN'S.

One of the features in which Queen's College is unique is in the self-government which the students enjoy. The students' courts are sanctioned and backed by the Senate, and not only are the authorities relieved of a great deal of responsibility and trouble by them, but they are a means of benefiting the students themselves. Self-government, means that the behavior of the students is thrown back upon themselves and thus makes them responsible for the conduct of the individual students to a great extent. This tends to create a public opinion and a consciousness of unity among the students which is of infinite value, both in maintaining the college spirit and in preparing them for citizenship.

Now the chief expression of this public opinion of the students in promoting gentlemanly conduct among them is found in the 'Concursuses' of the different faculties. These courts are not created by, or under the control of a clique, but they are the organs of the student body, of which their officers are elective members. It is this which gives to them their dignity and their importance. It is not the fine or punishment that is imposed that makes the courts feared and respected, but it is the fact that they are representative of the general opinion of the students.

Thus, although there are three different courts in the University, it is obvious, they all are of the same nature and have the same purpose. And for this reason there ought not to be any conflict between them. For it is quite evident that any such conflict would certainly result in the destruction of the courts and the taking from the students of the privilege of self-government. The friendly rivalry that existed between two of the courts, last year, was discontinued this year; for it was recognized that although the mutual interference with court proceedings began in a friendly way, it was dangerous, and might end disastrously for the institutions and for the relation of the faculties concerned.

Evidently a few individuals, who did not care for the dignity of the Concursus, thought that last year's performances were good enough to be perpetuated, and so attempted to block the business of the Science court by kidnapping one of its chief officials. Every one is quite certain that this was the work of certain individuals, and if this can be proved we believe they deserve the severest penalty the court under whose jurisdiction they come, can impose. For it is only by each court respecting and standing by the other, that the dignity and effectiveness of each can be maintained.

Instead of there being any opposition between the court of one faculty and that of another, there ought to be, we believe, a central court such as was estab-

lished by the Alma Mater Society, to deal with certain cases which affect the whole student body alike. But whatever we do, let us maintain that regard for self-government, that we have here, and put down every attempt at interference in the administration of justice by the respective 'Concursuses.'

Editorial Notes.

The following is the list of speakers who will give the remaining Sunday afternoon addresses in Convocation Hall:—

Feb. 21st—Prof. H. A. Kennedy, D.Sc., Knox College, Toronto.

Feb. 28th—Rev. Dr. Milligan, Toronto.

April 25th—Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. Dr. Drummond, B.D., Hamilton.

A syllabus of the System of Canadian Government Annuities has been received at the Sanctum. Lack of space alone prevents the publication of a review of the same. However, a few points may be noted. All that it is necessary to do is to deposit from time to time in a Post Office, Savings Bank or Money Order Office, or to send direct to the Department at Ottawa, whatever amounts the sender may set aside for this purpose, and these will be placed to his credit with compound interest thereon at four per cent. per annum, and will be paid to him as an annuity at a date thereafter to be fixed.

The purchaser cannot be deprived of his annuity by any process of law; neither can it be alienated, nor seized for debt of any kind. The only annuities contracted for are within the limits of \$50 and \$600 a year. Payments may be made in almost all conceivable ways according to the convenience of the sender. The annuities will be paid quarterly unless otherwise expressly provided. Several illustrations are also given in the pamphlet, showing the security of the investment and the cheapness of the rates.

On Wednesday, Feb. 4th, Dr. Moore, professor of Archaeology in Harvard University, well-known as an authority on Archaeological questions gave a very interesting address before the American Archaeological Society of Kingston. The lecturer outlined in a general way the great discoveries that had been made within the century resulting from extensive excavations in Babylonia, Assyria, Persia, Asia Minor, Egypt, and the Islands of the Mediterranean. These excavations had been very fruitful in revealing to us the Ancient East. They had shown that civilization was very old, and that in the old world there was very extensive intercourse between the different nations. The discoveries made in Assyria were very important, Dr. Moore said, from a Biblical point of view; for from the inscriptions on the monuments, that were found, a number of certain historical dates were obtained which were much needed in Bibliology. Through knowledge gained of the History of Palestine, some light had also been thrown upon the history of Israel. Although there are no inscriptions on the relics found in Palestine, yet from them much has been learned of the customs and re-

ligious beliefs of the Canaanites, who were the predecessors of the Israelites in Palestine. The lecture was illustrated by sketches and photographs of plans of buried cities, of the places of worship of the Canaanites and of caves of the neolithic cave-dwellers who preceded the Canaanites. The lecture was very much enjoyed by the large number present.

The annual meeting of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance will be held in Toronto on March 3rd, this year. The Journal received a communication from the Executive committee of this Alliance, desiring its work to be noted. It is somewhat akin to the Anti bar-room League of United States, which has done so much to clean up many places in that country. It has already met with success in this province and it certainly deserves the moral support at least, of every right thinking man.

Ladies.

M'GILL UNIVERSITY.



THE University buildings are for the most part situated around a campus which is on an incline. At the head of the avenue stands the dear old Arts building with Molson Hall adjoining it on the one side and the Registrar's and Bursar's offices on the other. Then there is the Redpath Museum and the Redpath Library, both of which are open to students. The Library especially is a very popular spot for studying and reading, both between lectures and after them. The Engineering building which has been rebuilt since the fire, the Chemistry and the Physics buildings make up the others within the grounds. The Medical building was recently destroyed by fire, too, but has since been reconstructed. Outside the grounds are Strathcona Hall, the only residential building for men, and the McGill Union which contains dining-room, reading-room, billiard-rooms and dance hall. Besides these there is the Conservatorium of Music from which one may now graduate in music and take a degree just as in the other faculties. Last, but not least, comes the Royal Victoria College for Women. McGill is partly co-educational, that is, in the first and second years most of the classes are separate, but in the third and fourth years particularly, all the lectures are held together. In the first two years the girls take their lectures in the Royal Victoria College and these lectures are in general the same as for the men and both take the same examinations.

A COLLEGE GIRL'S LIFE AT THE ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE.

The Royal Victoria is a beautiful building and very dear to all who have ever had anything to do with it. It contains on the ground floor the dining hall, common room, warden's office, secretary's office, faculty room, waiting room,

cloak rooms, and several class rooms. The second floor is made up of the Convocation Hall, library, reading-room, drawing-room, one large class room and a number of bedrooms. The third and fourth floors are given over entirely to bedrooms and on the fifth floor are the maids' rooms. In the basement are the gymnasium, practice rooms for the music students, lockers for the day students, kitchen, laundry, etc.

The R. V. C. is presided over by the Warden and in her absence by the Vice-Warden, both in residence of course. The resident students also have a president chosen from the seniors and she is assisted by a house-committee. The number of undergraduates is about ninety, about forty being residents at R. V. C.

The life of a college girl at McGill is a very busy one but at the same time very enjoyable, for in addition to the daily lectures, studying and reading, there are a number of societies where one may keep in touch with the other girls and pass a very pleasant and profitable hour. Our societies are five in number:—the Undergraduate Society, the Delta Sigma, the Y.W.C.A., the Athletic Association and La Société Française.

To the Undergraduates Society, as the name implies, belong all the undergraduates, the president being the senior president and the secretary-treasurer being elected from the third year. This Society discusses any business common to the whole undergraduate body. The Delta Sigma is our literary society and is ruled by a cabinet consisting of a president, chosen from the fourth year, a vice-president from the third, a secretary-treasurer from the second, representatives from each of these three years, and a reporter. We meet every fortnight and have a literary programme for each meeting. Each year the society gives a 'Tea,' the chief feature of which is a lecture delivered by one of the professors on some interesting topic, after which refreshments are served. Three meetings are given over to the inter-year debates for which there is a trophy in the shape of a large shield; the winning year being rewarded by having its name engraved on the shield. Besides the debates there is the "public-speaking contest," for which there may be any number of entries from each year. The girl who wins may feel justly proud of herself for she carries off the honor for her year as well as for herself and it means a point for the year and a cup for herself.

The Y.W.C.A. is presided over by a cabinet consisting of an honorary president, a president chosen from the fourth year, a vice-president from the third, a recording-secretary, a corresponding-secretary and a treasurer from the second, a reporter and five conveners for the following committees all from the fourth year:—Bible Study, Mission Study, Devotional, Membership and Intercollegiate. Each convener chooses her own committee and these committees hold regular fortnightly meetings. Bible Study and Mission Study Classes are formed as early as possible to meet once a week and some practical work is done in the city missions. The Association holds fortnightly meetings, some being under outside leadership, some under student leadership. At the opening of each college year, the Y.W.C.A. holds a 'Tea' for the freshettes in order to give all a chance to become acquainted. This is the first entertainment of the session and is always

very well attended in addition to being one of the most delightful functions of the kind. It is very informal, all the students wearing academic dress and their names written on cards.

The Athletic Association is run by a committee made up of an honorary president, honorary vice-president, president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and managers of the hockey, basketball and tennis teams. First in the session comes the tennis tournament for which there is a cup held by the year winning the highest number of points, and also an individual trophy. After the games have all been played off, a "Tennis Tea" is held, at which the trophies are presented. Then basketball occupies the attention of all and for this too there is a cup. When winter comes, hockey is all-important and the contest between the different years for the cup is as a rule very keen. Usually we have a college team as well, composed of the best players from the four years, and this team plays any outside teams that challenge it. Last, but by no means least, come our "indoor sports," which is a great day for all. Some of the items on the programme are:—Running hop, step and jump, walking race, flying high jump, throwing the basketball, running high jump, vaulting, running broad jump, relay race, etc., etc. This competition is held in the gymnasium and there are two trophies, one for the year winning the highest number of points and one for an individual trophy. Then there is a prize of a pair of skates awarded to the best fancy figure skater. In addition, large and small R. V. C's are presented to those who are successful in the different sports.

The year gaining the highest number of points in all contests attains to the great honor of having her name worked on a large silk banner which hangs in the common room.

As for going to the College sports, games, etc., when a girl is invited by a man she goes with him, and the less unfortunate ones go in bunches.

The Gymnasium is compulsory for students of the *first*, *second* and *third* years and voluntary for those of the fourth year. Many prizes are awarded in the second and fourth years and for these prizes regular competitions are arranged. Sometimes fencing classes are held in addition to gymnastics.

La Société Française is a French society and is held for the purpose of giving those who wish it, a chance to practice French. The meetings are very interesting, consisting of papers given by students, impromptu speeches and debates, a musical programme and sometimes a lecture by someone interested in the Society. The committee is composed of an hon. president, president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, reporter and representatives from each of the years.

We have no sororities at McGill. Each year has its own officers, the men and women being quite separate. The first vice-president, however, of the whole year, men and women together, is chosen from the R. V. C., but it is merely an honorary position for the women are never present at the men's meetings and both carry on their own business by themselves.

As for entertainments, in addition to the various teas already mentioned it is of course the duty of the Sophomores to initiate the Freshettes. This is done

at a Tea, the form of which is as a rule original. One year each girl was given a nursery rhyme to act out, another year the party took the form of "Progressive Games" and each Freshette was given a tiny doll dressed in green. Again each Freshette was given a summons to appear in the "Sophomore Court," the entertainment taking the form of a fortune-telling party, each girl being told her fortune by a gypsy who presented her with a necklace of green beads from which hung a tiny green silk bag of salt. Of course at some stage of the entertainment the Freshettes are initiated by being forced to kneel to the Sophomore president and take the oath "to obey the noble Sophomores." One year the oath was made more forcible by the kissing of the Euclid Book.

As a general rule the seniors give a "Senior Play" to the three sister years and in return for this, as well as a farewell function, the three years give a luncheon to the seniors, some time during Convocation week. At this luncheon there are speeches and the seniors are presented with souvenirs.

Of course we have several dances—perhaps the most important one being the "Junior Dance" given by the junior year. Then there are the Arts and Science dances, given in alternating years, the Union Dance and Class Day dance which takes place during Convocation week. These are the usual dances but some years we have an extra one or two.

The rink is, in the eyes of a certain number of the students, the most important part of the College. It is assuredly a very popular and delightful feature of College life at McGill for it is open for skating every afternoon from five to seven o'clock, (weather permitting, for it is an open air rink), and is as a rule crowded with students even on the coldest days. At least twice during the season the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. co-operate in giving a skating-party. These are held Saturday nights and all meet in Strathcona Hall to fill programmes, then proceed to the rink where they skate till ten to the tune of a hurdy-gurdy, when all retire again to Strathcona Hall for a good cup of hot coffee, etc. These parties are one of the most pleasant memories of the McGill student.

The "McGill Annual" is a very important feature in the life of a junior. It is a volume published by the junior year, men and women jointly, and contains a general history of the University for the year, together with the photos of the students of the different faculties and the committees of the different societies.

In Convocation week one afternoon is taken up with the Senior's Luncheon, another afternoon with the tree planting, for each graduating year plants a tree in the McGill grounds, after which the class history and class prophesy are delivered in the Union, and a reception held. In the evening the valedictories are delivered by students representing the graduating classes of R. V. C., Arts, Science and Law. Class-day dance has been mentioned before, and last, but not by any means least, is the all-important, never-to-be-forgotten afternoon on which the graduating students are capped and receive their degree.

E. E. ELLIOT, McGill, '09.

A while ago, as far as time goes, but still very much present in the minds of the girls, a very pleasant tea was given by Mrs. Gordon to the College girls. This

is always very much looked forward to by the girls and never fails to leave behind it a very pleasant memory.

Mrs. Gordon also entertained at a very enjoyable luncheon for the Executives of the Levana and the Y.W.C.A.

Prof. P—"Miss P—— will you recite the first verse of "Der Erlkönig."
Miss P—e—"Oh no, I prepared that for to-morrow!"

Honor French Class—Enter Prof. by one door, Miss J. C. by another.
Class—"The Campbells are coming, hurrah, hurrah!"

Mr. Boyes—"Is that your father out there with the '11 Arts Executive?"
Miss M.—"Yes."
Mr. Boyes—"Hum—I though you seemed awfully quiet to-day!"

Seniors, discussing "The Merry Widow."

First Senior—"And say girls, they're going to have an eighteen piece orchestra of Savages!"

At the regular meeting of the Levana Society, Jan. 27th, quite a lot of business was transacted. Among other things, a sum not to exceed \$70, was granted to purchase chairs, dishes, a new china cabinet and curtains for the Levana Room. A motion was also passed that in future the Levana cushions are not to be included in the Levana furnishings lent to dance committees—as there is always considerable difficulty in getting them back again. Another motion which caused some feeling and excitement among the girls was according to notice given at the last meeting,—“That in future, debaters appearing before the Levana Society shall not receive assistance from year debating societies with gentlemen members.” After considerable discussion the motion carried by a very small majority.

The programme consisted of the final inter-year debate between the years '09 and '11. Miss R. Holmes and Miss V. Blakeley for '11, upheld the affirmative; Miss W. Girdler and Miss B. Lauder for '09, the negative of "Resolved, that the present system of Local Option fulfils its purpose."

The judges were Mrs. Prof. Skelton, Miss I. MacInnes, M.A., and Miss M. MacKay, B.A., who after a very lengthy consideration gave the decision in favor of the negative.

During the recent discussion of the debate question in Levana a tendency came to light among the girls which will utterly destroy the real meaning and purpose of Levana if it grows. This is a tendency to regard Levana and the year society as capable of being compared,—of being looked at in the same light, and so comes an attempt to place one before the other. The sooner this is checked the better for Levana and for the year society. The two things are not the same, and cannot be compared so neither can be placed before the other. In Levana

the question of year standing seldom carries weight except in so far as those who have been longer in college are naturally and justly supposed to be more fitted to judge of the best for the girls in general than those who have had less experience of college life. Each and every girl has a right to vote on any question as seems best to her, but it is always presupposed that she will consider the question carefully and sanely, and not merely be carried by the crowd. We are not children, but should be capable of forming our own opinion, influenced only by our own consideration of the question at issue. The spirit of blocking together merely because girls belong to the same year will be ruinous to the interests of Levana and of the girls as a whole. We all know what an important part the year society plays in college life, but it is an entirely different thing, and fills an entirely different place to Levana. The year society serves to bind together students of the same class standing, but Levana binds together all the girls of Queen's, irrespective of any class standing. It is ridiculous to say we get greater good out of the year than out of Levana, just as ridiculous to say we get greater good out of Levana than out of the year; the two cannot be compared. We are all very ready to enjoy the little comforts of our Levana room; its comfortable corners, its tea-cups, its magazines, but some utterly fail to take their share of work and interest in the society which secures all these things for us. Let us never fail in our loyalty to Levana, for just so surely as we begin to do so, the close bond between the girls will begin to loosen until it will be a case of each for herself with no thought of the best interests of the girls as a whole. Without this spirit of thought for the girls as a whole we cannot enter into the real University spirit, and so our university education will fail in one of its most vital points.—*Contributed.*

We would like to call the attention of some of the girls to the fact that the attitude taken by Ottawa College after the last debate was regarded as neither honorable nor exemplary.

Arts.

AT the regular meeting of the Arts Society on Tuesday, February 2nd, several matters of first-rate importance were discussed, and the meeting was, on the whole, deserving of a more representative attendance. The question of securing a number of pictures of exceptionally high quality, which are available to the Arts Society through the kindness of Miss Saunders, was discussed, and there seems little doubt that a certain number will be secured for the purpose of decorating the Arts Building and especially the new Club Room. Certainly there is no better way in which the Society could spend any funds it happens to have at its disposal, than in collecting such works of art. In other universities one of the most interesting features of the building, is the collection of pictures hung on the walls of class-rooms, libraries and corridors, and there is no reason why even such a humble beginning should not be made in Queen's.

Another rather important matter discussed was that of the relations between the Science Vigilance Committee and the Arts Concurus. It seems that some

irresponsible members of the Arts Faculty took it on themselves to capture the senior prosecuting attorney of the Vigilance Committee, thus interfering to a greater or less extent with the administration of justice by that court. The Arts Society very properly took the view that such a proceeding ought to receive some attention from the Society of which the offenders were members. Accordingly a letter was sent to the Engineering Society expressing regret at the unfortunate occurrence mentioned, and assuring the Science organization that steps would be taken to fix the blame and deal with the guilty parties as they deserved. It is certainly to be regretted that anything has been done that may possibly detract from the efficiency and prestige of the different college courts. Though not recognized by the faculties nominally, they are virtually carrying on their work with the sanction of the authorities and there is no doubt that they take a great deal of trouble off the hands of the faculties; that being so it is of considerable importance that the students themselves should not do anything to weaken their own hands, or show themselves incapable of self-government. For, undoubtedly, if the different College courts became discredited, the self-government of the students would be seriously affected. It is to be hoped then that the present trouble will be settled without any unpleasant developments.

The Divinity members of the Arts Society have given substantial proof lately that they are not by any means devoid of a practical business instinct. On the occasion of their retirement from the Arts Society and the organization of their own Theological Society, a motion was put and carried that the Arts Society should pay over to the Theological Society the sum of \$25, in view of the fact that the Arts Society funds, contributed to by the Theological members of the Society, were all laid out in the Arts Building. The Arts Society seemed to approve entirely of undertaking this bit of foreign missionary work, for the motion was carried without a dissenting voice. It is to be hoped that the Theological Society will do credit to the Society that has set it on its feet and given it its start in life.

At the regular meeting of the Senior Year on Feb. 3rd, Prof. Skelton, the honorary president, gave an address on "The Universities of Canada," after describing briefly the chief circumstances of the founding of our more important universities, Prof. Skelton went on to discuss the question of what the ideal of Canadian university education was to be, illustrating his remarks by references to the English and French universities and the ideas and ideals that characterize them. Needless to say, Prof. Skelton's discussion of the question was very interesting.

Science.



MR. GOODWIN'S address to the members of the Engineering Society on "Alcohol and the Human Race," on Friday, January 5th, was very much appreciated. In brief it was as follows,—

The whole civilized world is busy with the problem of alcohol and its effect upon the human race. During the last ten years a great many scientific investigations of the effects of alcohol have been made. Every man should be in possession of the information thus obtained, so that he may judge for himself whether it is wise to use alcohol as a drink. This information may be summed up as follows:—

1. Alcohol cannot in any true sense be classed among foods, and it is unscientific to describe it as a food. It is a narcotic poison like ether, chloroform, or morphia.

2. Alcohol does not increase the power of doing work, either physical or mental. This has been proved by very numerous experiments and observations of a most rigorous character. For example, four typesetters worked on alternate days with and without small doses of alcohol in the form of wine. On the "wine" days their work was ten per cent. less in quantity and not so accurate as it was on the "dry" days. The curious thing is that they themselves thought they worked faster and better on the "wine" days. Four healthy students were tested in a similar way as to the quickness and accuracy of their response to simple mental tests. In every case the response was slower and less accurate after small doses of alcohol, with the exception that for a few minutes, immediately after the dose, the response was slightly quicker, although less accurate. For purely muscular work the evidence is quite as clear. Scientific investigators, engineers, military men, explorers, and mountain climbers, all tell the same tale, summed up by Sir Victor Horsley, as follows:—"It is beyond question that alcohol, even in so-called dietetic quantities, diminishes the output of muscular work both in quantity and quality, and that the best physical results are obtained under total abstinence from its use."

3. While alcohol is undoubtedly in part oxidized in the body and thereby produces heat, the loss of heat due to the rush of blood to the skin (this is what causes the *feeling* of warmth), more than counter-balances the gain. Alcohol is no protection from cold, but the contrary.

4. In the hands of an up-to-date physician, alcohol is useful as a medicine in some cases, but its indiscriminate use as a panacea is both unscientific and dangerous. Its use is constantly narrowing. For example, in the London Metro-

politan Asylums the expenditure on alcoholic liquors *decreased* from £1,388 in 1894 to £515 in 1905, although the number of patients largely increased. The expenditure for milk *increased* in about the same ratio.

5. The continued presence of alcohol in the body sets up degenerative changes which result in the replacement by fat and other inactive tissues of the muscular, nervous, and other tissues upon which vital activities immediately depend. The scientific verdict is then decisive on this point,—the steady drinker, even when he is moderate, is injuring his body and his brain.

5. The connection of alcoholism with crime, insanity, and imbecility is equally well established. It has been shown that alcohol is often the direct cause of epilepsy, and the children of those who use alcohol contribute more than their share to the ranks of idiocy, epilepsy, and crime. This is not remarkable when we remember the destructive effects of alcohol upon every bodily tissue. The tone of health and vitality is lowered in the parents, and the effect upon the children is inevitable. In the minds of many men there is a feeling which is all the time becoming more general, that even the moderate drinker is not a safe man. The finer qualities of judgment and perception are being dulled, and by the constant repetition of the peculiar subjective condition which alcohol brings on,—the lack of self-control and the over-estimate of one's ability,—this condition becomes at last chronic in some respects,—particularly on the moral side. The result is similar to the inevitable moral break-down of the opium user.

The situation is summed up by Dr. Williams, a well-known authority, as follows:—

"I am bound to believe, on the evidence, that if you take alcohol habitually in any quantity whatever, it is a menace to you. I am bound to believe in the light of what science has revealed: (1) That you are tangibly threatening the physical structure of your stomach, your liver, your kidneys, your heart, your blood vessels, your nerves, your brain; (2) that you are unequivocally decreasing your capacity for work in any field, be it physical, intellectual, or artistic; (3) that you are in some measure lowering the grade of your mind, dulling your higher esthetic sense, and taking the finer edge off your morals; (4) that you are distinctly lessening your chances of maintaining health and of attaining longevity, and (5) that you may be entailing upon your descendants yet unborn a bond of incalculable misery."

Principal Grant once gave a powerful address upon this subject, and prefaced it by the following passage from the Book of Proverbs:—"It is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes strong drink; lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more." The great Principal thought that every healthy young man should be a "king" or a "prince," and not one "ready to perish."

On Monday, February 8th, Prof. Palache, head of the Mineralogy Department of Harvard University, gave a very interesting address before the Engineer-

ing Society. His subject was "The Ore Deposits of Franklin Furnace, New Jersey," among which he himself has done considerable research work. He treated particularly the nature of their occurrence, and the methods employed in the extraction of the different metals. His address was much appreciated by a large audience.

Pres. E. L. Bruce of the Engineering Society has about completed arrangements with the following gentlemen to address the Society during the coming two months. All of these men are prominent in their respective lines of work and it is expected that as many as possible of the members will turn out to hear them. Outside of the instructive value to each individual, there is the good opinion formed by these men, from the size of their audiences of the interest in their work felt by the Engineering students here. Notices will appear on the bulletin boards from time to time. The speakers will be H. Holgate, C.E., of Montreal; J. B. Tyrrell, M.E., of Toronto; C. H. Mitchell, C.E., Pres. of the Toronto Branch of the C.S.C.E.

R. L. Squires, '04, of Ottawa, and F. McArthur, '07, city engineer of Guelph, paid Kingston and Queen's a flying visit last week—incidentally taking in the Science Dance.

And, speaking of graduates, do we here do as much as we might towards making our graduates, who visit our halls, feel at home? At American universities graduates who have made good, are men to be looked up to and respected. Here a graduate has to go to considerable trouble and annoyance, to even purchase a ticket for a college dance.

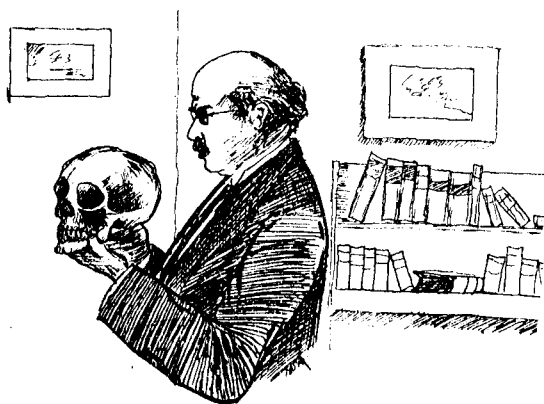
It may be, and probably is, thoughtlessness, or it may be a mistaken idea of independence, but in either case, something should be done towards making visiting graduates feel that they are not completely "on the shelf" so far as our College life is concerned. We all hope to be grads. some day ourselves.

SONG OF A P. M.

With apologies to Robt. W. Service.

It's great to go out every night, on fun or pleasure bent,
 To wear our glad rags always and to never save a cent,
 To drift along regardless, have a good time every trip,
 To take our lectures, sometimes, and to let our lab. work slip,
 To know we're acting foolish, yet to go on fooling still,
 Till the Professors call a slow-down and,—
 We're with you still.

Medicine.



IN a recent issue of the "Standard" there appeared an article from the special correspondent for Medicine stating that on January the 29th, there was a meeting of the Aesculapian Society, and that this meeting was characterized by a very small attendance. The correspondent went on to state that some minor affairs were disposed

of, etc. The truth of the matter is that no meeting was held at all on that date, but that it was postponed for some reason or other. It quite often happens that some of our college representatives on the city dailies make these mistakes, and they sometimes sin by saying too much. The only remedy is for these gentlemen to keep their eyes and ears wide open and to get into closer touch with the facts before sending in their copy.

Dr. J. C. Connell, Dean of the Faculty, is giving the members of the Final Year a dinner at the British-American on Thursday, the 11th inst. This means a good time for '09.

The members of the Final Year are sitting for their class photo, this week at Henderson's.

C. J. McP-e-s-n, '09, has accepted a house surgery at Rockwood Hospital.

Dr. Bo-e—What is the rate of respiration in a very young child, Mr. Q-i-n?
 J. S. Qut-n, (suddenly aroused by Jim H-tt-n)—One hundred and twenty per minute!

We are pleased to see that C. W. Burns, has completely recovered from injuries received in the railway wreck.

Dr. A. P. Kn-g-t (to group of 3rd year Medicals smoking in the lobby of the New Medical Building)—Now, gentlemen, you must not smoke in this building. There are signs up to that effect.

J. M. Ca-ndu-f, '10 (aside to J. N. Ga-d-ner)—Do you believe in signs?

The Board of Governors has forbidden social calls at the K. G. H. later than midnight. Messrs. Da-s-n and Ca-e-on please note.

J. H. St-ad, '09, claims to have had an attack of bashfulness lately. Who would have thought it?

Divinity.

THE FUTURE OF THE Q. T. S.

NEXT year will be the testing time of the Theological Society. Its organization is too recent to make its influence fully felt this session or to test its powers. But the session of '09-'10 will probably show whether it is going to fulfil the function for which it is intended. Will this Society be a living organization commanding the enthusiastic loyalty and active support of the Theological students? Or will its fate be that of some other societies—dragging on a weary sort of existence, directed by a few burdened officers, and its meetings attended in a desultory fashion or merely from an irksome sense of duty. The next college year will decide which alternative shall prevail.

But next year's work will be, or should be, largely decided before the present term closes—so far at least as the programme for meetings is concerned. When men return to college in the fall they have to plunge at once into their academic work; social duties and sports take up part of their time, and so it is impossible for them to give the necessary thought and time to preparing papers for the meetings of the Society. But now the long summer vacation is before them. If a man decides this spring to address a meeting of the Society on a certain topic sometime next term, he can be preparing for this occasion during the summer. He may not be able to do much reading upon it, still as he rides over the prairie of the West, or tramps over the trails of New Ontario, he can think about it occasionally, consider his subject from different aspects and gradually a satisfactory treatment will evolve itself and his paper will be all the more effective in that it is the result of his own effort and reflection and not culled from the writings of others. It is essential therefore, if the Society is to be successful next fall and winter, that the executive shall do its work thoroughly this spring, in mapping out a suitable programme—suitable as regards subjects and as regards men. But the burden is not wholly upon the executive. All the members must be prepared to do their part. Too often in student societies there is a tendency to hold back and let the work of preparing papers fall upon a very few. But those who do this are not fair to the society, to the few who do the work, nor to themselves. The success of a society depends upon the loyal interest and help of every member; each can contribute something. The few upon whom the burden falls are overtaxed and consequently must either come before the society half-prepared, or neglect their academic work. And the diffident ones who refuse to become responsible for one meeting's programme, or part of it, are doing themselves an injustice, in depriving themselves of a training that may be of no small value to them. And besides, though it may seem to them that they can give the other members nothing of value, it may well be that they are under-estimating their own resources. The Theological Society, for instance, exists largely to discuss topics of interest to Theological students; in other words, to those about to enter the Christian ministry. What wider sphere of labor can one think of? What a variety of problems it presents! There is no student possessing average ability and having had some experience of life who is not able by earnest reflection

through, say, a summer vacation, to prepare a paper presenting and dealing with some one of these numerous problems in a way that will help the other members. Are we, as men entering upon this noblest of life-works, going to be true to our fellow students and to ourselves? Then let us each assist the executive in preparing to make the work of the Theological Society during the second year of its existence a living and inspiring force among the present and prospective students in Theology. Let each meeting give something worth while, then we will be prepared to say to those contemplating Theology, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good," and perhaps by our efforts some strong men may be secured for the work of the Church.

The third meeting of the Theological Society was held on Friday afternoon, Feb. 5th, at which Mr. H. T. Wallace gave an able and instructive paper on "The Books of the Maccabees." The time of the Maccabean revolt and rule is one of the most interesting in Jewish history, and yet the average Bible student knows practically nothing about it; largely, no doubt, because its events are not recorded in any of the canonical books. Mr. Wallace first dealt with the setting of the two books, explained the purpose of each, and then briefly sketched their contents. Selections were read from each book, showing the graphic, vigorous style and the characteristic ideas. It is to be hoped that Mr. Wallace's paper will lead many of us to take a deeper interest in the history of the Maccabean struggle for independence, the most glorious period of Jewish history.

The next regular meeting of the Theological Society will be held on Friday, February 19th, at 4 o'clock. At this meeting Mr. R. J. McDonald, M.A., will read a paper on "The Teaching of the O. T. Concerning Sacrifice." All members of the Society should be present.

Whatever may be said about the Q.U.M.A. meetings no fair-minded person will find any fault with the programme that is being presented this session. The papers and addresses have been sufficiently varied to cover the sphere of work in which the Society is interested. On Saturday the 6th inst., Rev. S. Childerhose, Superintendent of Missions for Northern Ontario, addressed the Society giving an account of the work in the North and claims that it has upon us. The kind of work up there is not uniform, in fact every kind of mission field is represented. There is work among the lumbermen, which calls for a missionary of a certain stamp. Then there are the miners, among whom are to be found people of all grades of society. There is the man who can do nothing higher than handle a shovel or pick and there is the university graduate and the millionaire. Here is scope for the most versatile missionary. The problem is how can he appeal to this crowd and keep each steadfast to the best he has known. Then we have the railway camps where there are great numbers of foreigners who cannot speak our language nor understand our laws and ideals. Another class which is rapidly growing in numbers is the farming community. A mission among them would correspond very much to similar fields in the older parts of the province.

Mr. Childerhose, speaking from his wide experience, showed the necessity of the Church's looking after all these people. If we do not look after them in the formative period of our country our national ideals will suffer. He pointed out that there is work for every kind of man who will give himself to the task. He spoke in the highest terms of the good results which are being obtained from efforts of some of our graduates, Pitts, Donnell, Byrnes, McDonald, Brown and others. There is still room for many more and Mr. Childerhose was trying to round them up.

SEPARATION OF THEOLOGY FROM ARTS.

For some time the feeling has been growing in Theology that a distinctive Theological Society should be formed. Unfortunately (for the Arts Society) this necessitated a separation from that body of students who hold their meetings in the annex to Grant Hall. Nevertheless the command "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate" seemed inexorable. Accordingly with that obedience which is so characteristic of the students in Theology the separation was made. In the words of our illustrious contemporaries we know that "it was the right thing to do." So we did it. The "Hall," however, has discovered that it could not dwell "in the world" so long and not carry away with it some slight "touch" of Mammon. In this case we "touched up" the Arts Society for twenty-five dollars. As a matter of fact, with a grace which is all their own, they granted us this amount as a slight testimony of the regard which they have for the students who comprise the Theological Society. Of course we recognize this is tainted money ('taint the Arts Society's any longer) but we suppressed our opposition and complied with the request of the Arts Society to accept this as a parting token. We will endeavour to spend it in a becoming manner, possibly to decorate our walls so that more students from Arts will be encouraged to cast in their lot with us.

Education.

THE regular meeting of the Literary Society held on Feb. 1st, was an unusually interesting one. Not much business was transacted, but the programme was one which everyone present enjoyed. The musical part of it consisted of a vocal solo by Miss McKenzie and a piano solo by Miss Carruthers. That these numbers were highly appreciated was evidenced by the applause.

Prof. Swanson of the Political Science Department in Arts gave us an inspiring address on the subject of "English Composition." He emphasized the need of paying greater attention to the teaching of English Composition in our schools. The schools of the present day are sending out the men who, in a few years, will be manning the press of the country, and who must, therefore, have much to do in moulding the character of the people. Newspapers, journals, magazines, are more and more coming to be among the most important forms of current literature. They supply almost all that most of the people read. Through them the average man gets most of his knowledge of the arts and sciences and of

the great questions of the day. They are, in fact, the university of the common people. Upon the ability, then, of the journalist to present his material to his readers in a clear, cultured style will depend to a great extent the value of such knowledge to the average individual. Up to the present time, the subject of English composition has been sadly neglected in the schools of America, and the result is that the substance of much of our current writing is poorly presented. Writing is now attracting as many of our best people as the other professions are, and it should continue to do so. Much, therefore, of the future shaping of our nation depends upon the work done by the teacher.

The following is another contribution by one of the ladies in the faculty.

O MISERE ME!

Oh, dear me! it is half-past seven!
 I thought it was only three;
 I was dreaming just now I was in heaven,
 But I'm still on earth, I see.

Eight o'clock class! and it's Mr. B-le,
 (Oh, why does my hair thus tangle?)
 With this early rising I'm growing pale;
 I feel as if I'd been through a mangle.

Alas! I've no time for any more toast,
 There goes the 7.50 car,—
 I've only five minutes to eat, at most,
 My health I shall surely mar.

Up to the Collegiate we hastily flock,
 Students both great and small;
 We are just one minute past eight o'clock,
 Too late to hear the roll call!

But on Saturday, sweet day of rest,
 We dream 'neath skies of blue,
 We have slept till the sun is in the West,
 And awake,—to find it's true.

We are glad to see H. G. McFarlane again in class. For the month of January he was "holding forth" on the teaching staff of Ridgeway school.

TALES OUT OF SCHOOL.

C. P—1:—"Dr. Stevenson says we must draw from our resource of common sense in these exams. Gee! that goes hard with me."

J. B-k-r:—"February always seems to me to be the shortest month in the year."

One of the ladies:—"I walked up to the College this morning behind two men who were "Walkin'" and "Buntin'" all the way."

Athletics.

SENIOR I.C.H.U. QUEEN'S 8, VARSITY 7.

THE Covered Rink was packed to its limit at what was expected to be the fastest game of the season here. The first half was in a measure disappointing to the spectators, both in the quality of hockey and in the score. Both sides seemed to be fagged after fifteen minutes and only occasionally would one or the other spurt. The second half was considerably different. Queen's forwards got over their nervousness at Rankin's size and tied the score in five minutes. From that on the game was very close, first one leading, then the other. Queen's were ahead by one goal when the whistle blew and a great sigh of relief went up before the cheers for the victors and vanquished.

The game as a whole was fairly clean, Varsity serving four penalties to Queen's one. The referee was very strict on offsides, but watched the puck so closely that he failed to see much of the dirty work for which Clarke bids fair to outrival the famous Pulford. It would be a wise move on the part of the I.C.H.U. to introduce the system of refereeing in vogue in football and professional hockey, *i.e.*, to have a referee to watch the play and an umpire to watch the players.

The game started at 8.25 and Daniels was called on to defend his nets almost at once. Clarke went to the fence for tripping and no sooner had he returned than Evans visited the penalty bench. Varsity was guilty of much offside work, none of which escaped the referee. Frith tallied the first score from a scramble in front of the nets, then Crawford kept Thomas busy for a while, but not quite busy enough. Rankin was the next offender, going off for tripping. Campbell got a couple of bad tumbles and seemed all in, but recovered enough to take the puck down and pass to Crawford who scored, Varsity 1, Queen's 1. Pennock went off for tripping Rankin, and Frith loafed a good deal round Queen's nets waiting for a chance, McSloy made the tally, however, scoring from a face off at the side, and Frith followed with another, half a minute later, drawing from centre and shooting outside Pennock. Varsity 3, Queen's 1. Varsity was playing a much better game than Queen's, but both teams were fagged. Crawford sent a hot one to Thomas, and Clarke in his anxiety to get it out, poked it across the line for Queen's second score. Evans got the last score in the first half, from a scramble in front of goal. Half time score, Varsity 4, Queen's 2.

The second half started out very fast. Dobson who had not been putting up his usual game recovered form and scored unaided. Crawford almost immediately added another from Campbell's pass and the teams were tied at four all. George tried a hand at scoring, but Thomas blocked and the puck came to Queen's end, McSloy scoring from the side. Pennock got the next on a spectacular lone rush and again the score was even. Clarke tripped Campbell after Curley missed a shot and the latter crashed into the goal posts, being laid out for some time. Referee Gray was watching the puck and did not see the incident. Daniels was called on for some good work and George transferred the play to Varsity's headquarters, putting Queen's in the lead for the first time. McSloy collided with

Campbell and both went down; the latter was laid out. After a few minutes he resumed, but was dazed, not being nearly as effective as before. Frith secured the next score, the puck glancing off Daniel's pad into the nets. Thomas was more successful in blocking Macdonnell's shot after a splendid rush, but Dobson finally found the nets on a side shot. Thomas was kept very busy for a while, stopping shot after shot from all the forwards, but he did it. Crawford was hurt and Evans went off to even up, George going to centre. Campbell was working in magnificent rushes but Thomas stopped them all; Frith, however, succeeded in fooling Daniels and the score was again a tie at seven all. Crawford returned to the game and received Dobson's pass from a scramble at the side and notched the winning goal. Some minutes were left to play, and Crawford was forced to retire once more, but in spite of tremendous efforts on both sides the score remained Queen's 8, Varsity 7. The teams were:

Varsity—Thomas, goal; Clarke, point; Rankin, cover; Evans, rover; Frith, centre; McSloy, left wing; Wickson, right wing.

Queen's—Daniels, goal; Macdonnell, point; Pennock, cover; George, rover; Crawford, centre; Campbell, left wing; Dobson, right wing.

Referee, Bobbie Grey, Brockville.

Individually Queen's forwards are better, but Varsity's team work is much superior. Pennock played the game of his life, while Dobson and George particularly seemed over-trained. Campbell appeared much fagged, partly due to the heavy falls he got. Crawford played a better game than last year, but does not play in as close to the nets as Frith. We would call the attention of Queen's centres to this point. Walsh, centre of the Ottawa's, leads the league in scoring, and most of his scores have resulted from shots after the puck rebounded from the goalkeeper. Several scores might have been secured for Queen's had either of the centres been there with the timely poke after Thomas had stopped the first.

Referee Gray was the most satisfactory official seen here for a long time.

QUEEN'S II. 8—R. M. C. 9.

The return game between Queen's II. and R.M.C. went to the latter by one point, but Queen's having obtained a lead of three in the previous match, win the round by two points. Both teams were slightly changed, Meikle replacing Trimble and Wheeler taking Wright's place. The game was fast in spots, and at other times lagged very much. In the first fifteen minutes Queen's had the better of it, Devine netting the first one and Meikle the second after Devine's shot had been stopped. Smith secured the first score for the Cadets from a face-off in front of Queen's goal and McAvity, the next on a nice rush. They were shooting better now and called on Donahue for some fancy work. MacKenzie batted one past Powell after Devine's shot had been blocked, but for one that got past him, Powell stopped three or four. A pretty three man rush enabled George to make Queen's, four. Queen's forwards evidently considered they had a safe lead and lagged a good deal, allowing the cadets four goals straight, of

which McAvity got three and Parr one. The checking back of Queen's forwards was dismal, none of them making any determined attempt to break up the Cadet's rushes.

In the second half Queen's play was better, MacKenzie checking back very hard. He made the first tally from the side after a nice rush. Here Queen's had much the better of the game but their poor shooting combined with Powell's excellent work left them without anything to show for it. Smith tallied two straight for Cadets, thus tying with Queen's on the round but it didn't last long, George securing a long side shot. MacKenzie worked in another pretty rush and made Queen's tally seven. McAvity was the next and one more would have tied the round, but Cadets forwards were very selfish and lost a number of opportunities in this way. Meikle got the last one from George's pass, with about five minutes to play. Cadets made desperate efforts to draw even again but Lockett's good work at this stage prevented. The teams lined up:—

R. M. C. I.—goal, Powell; point, Holt; cover, Parr; rover, Smith; centre, McAvity; right wing, Wheeler; left wing, M. K. Greene.—9.

Queen's II.—goal, Donahue; point, Hazlett; cover, Lockett; rover, Devine; centre, Meikle; right wing, MacKenzie; left wing, B. George.—8.

Referee, Noble Steacy.

Bert MacKenzie was the most useful man on Queen's forward line, the only one who checked back consistently. Lockett and Hazlett did good work, but circled round too much in their rushes, allowing the opposing forwards time to get back to defend. Hazlett also has a dangerous habit of crossing close in front of his own goal.

It has been pretty freely stated that there were men on the second team better than on the first. If the play in this game was any criterion of their ability, that statement won't hold for a minute.

The members of last season's Senior Rugby Team held a special meeting last night and presented the deservedly popular manager, Mr. D. R. Cameron, with a handsome signet ring. The Captain, Mr. A. B. Turner, made the presentation, referring briefly to the pleasant relations which had existed between the members of the team and Mr. Cameron.

CADETS II. VS. QUEEN'S III.

The second junior game between Cadets II. and Queen's III. was a fair game of shinny, with about fifty Cadets and ten Queen's students present to watch. Little team play was attempted by either side, and offsidcs were frequent. Elliott was responsible for the first three goals, two on passes to Forgie, the other unaided. Then the Cadets got over their scare at his size and intercepted his passes. Anglin, who played a steady, hard game throughout secured the fourth. While not spectacular at any point, his consistent checking back was a noticeable feature. With four goals to their credit Queen's took a rest and Archibald, Reid and Baker all tallied for Cadets. Forgie received Chown's pass and made it 5-3 for Queen's just before half time.

In the second half Forgie opened the ball to make Queen's sixth, but the lead didn't last long; for Cadets ran in five straight, Baker securing two and each of the other forwards one. Not to be outdone each of Queen's forwards had to have one and the score stood 10-8 for Queen's.

They had shot their bolt, however, and Archibald, Goodeve and Baker scored in succession, winning the game by one point but losing the round by three.

Teams:

R. M. C. II.—goal, Hanson; point, Reid; cover, E. A. Greene; rover, Goodeve; centre, Baker; left wing, White; right wing, Archibald.—11.

Queen's III.—goal, Mills; point, Elliott; cover, Calvin; rover, Anglin; centre, Forgie; left wing, Chown; right wing, Gravelle.—10.

Referee, W. Dobson.

I.C.B.U. VARSITY 26, QUEEN'S, 24.

After a very exciting and closely fought game, Varsity won over Queen's by the narrow margin of two points. The game was played on Friday afternoon, Jan. 29th, before a goodly crowd. Queen's took the lead early, but Varsity soon closed up and after the first five minutes play, were in the lead all the time. Of the Varsity team McNabb was the most conspicuous for his scoring ability, Menzies occupying the premier place for Queen's. Cormack played a strong game throughout, but was too closely checked to be as effective in scoring as usual. The teams were:

Varsity (26)—White (Capt.), McNabb, forwards; Gage, centre; Wood, Nixon, defence.

Queen's (24)—Cormack (Capt.), Menzies, forwards; Gallaher, centre; VanSickle, Fleming, defence.

Referee, Charles Moxley.

QUEEN'S I. VS. M'GILL I.

As was confidently expected, Queen's had no difficulty in disposing of McGill seniors in Montreal on Friday, Feb. 5th. A large excursion went down with the team, but even at that the attendance was small. McGill started out well in the first half, tying the score after it was 3-1 for Queen's, but the half ended 5-3 in our favor. In the second half Ramsay made McGill's end 4 right at the start, but it was a dying effort, Queen's scored from that on almost at will and the game ended 12-4. Johnson played a splendid game for McGill in goal and had a weaker man been there, Queen's score would have been much larger.

Dobson and Campbell were the stars of Queen's forwards, "Dobbie" having four goals to his credit and "Curly" three. For McGill, Raphael and Ramsay were the best. Teams:—

Queen's—Daniels, goal; Macdonnell, point; Pennock, cover; George, G., rover; Crawford, centre; Campbell, left wing; Dobson, right wing.

McGill—Johnson, goal; Moreley, point; Roberts, cover; Raphael, rover; Drummond, centre; Sargent, left wing; Ramsay, right wing.

Referee, Mr. Rod Kennedy, Montreal Victoria's.

QUEEN'S III. VS. K. C. I.

Queen's juniors afforded the boys from the Collegiate a fair practice at the rink here on Friday. The Collegiate team were stronger than Queen's in every department, more particularly on the defence. The ice was wet and soft so that team play on either side was not much in evidence. Mills played a useful game in goal, but received little protection. Gravelle was the only one of the forwards who could hold his own. The line up was:

K. C. I. (8)—goal, Sliter; point, Twigg; cover, McCammon; rover, K. Reid; centre, Goodearle; right wing, Williams; left wing, G. Reid.

Queen's III. (1)—goal, Mills; point, Elliott; cover, Calvin; rover, Anglin, centre, Forgie; right wing, McCausland; left wing, Gravelle.

Referee, Mr. H. McCartney.

 QUEEN'S II. VS. M'GILL II.

Before the senior game in Montreal the intermediates from both colleges had clashed and McGill came out on top. The teams were pretty evenly matched and should play a close game here, though McGill led all the way in Montreal. Lockett, who is counted on for a useful game at cover, was out with a bad knee and was replaced by Goodwin. With his assistance Queen's should win here and have a fair chance of overcoming the lead of three.

Queen's (6)—Donahue, goal; Hazlett, point; Goodwin, cover; Devine, rover; Meikle, centre; George, B., left wing; McKenzie, right wing.

McGill (9)—Woodyatt, goal; Lynch, point; Spafford, cover; Wilson, rover; Masson, centre; Pebbly, left wing; Hilburn, right wing.

Referee, Mr. Rod Kennedy.

 BASKETBALL—M'GILL 20, QUEEN'S 18.

Queen's Basketball team was defeated at McGill, but by a very narrow margin. The game was closely contested and exciting, but very clean. Mr. McGuire, of the Montreal Y.M.C.A., made an excellent referee. The teams were:

McGill—J. Menzie, Douglas, forwards; Duff, centre; Forbes, Fortier, defence.

Queen's—P. Menzie, Cormack, forwards; *Gallaher, centre; Meyer, Van Sickle, defence. *Black replaced Gallaher at half time.

Music and Drama.

THE Students' German Club are at present practising for their dramatic entertainment to be given on the 16th inst. Two light comedies by Benedix will be presented. "Unerschütterlich" is the story of how two young lovers overcome the objections to their marriage by a parent who has devoted himself to the study of philosophy. It is immensely amusing to follow the plan of the young suitor as he forces from the father his unwilling consent.

"Ansreden Lassen" shows how a talkative Fräulein manages an angry brother and an anxious suitor in order to ensure the happiness of her niece. Miss Girdler will recite Schiller's "Das Lied von der Gloche," which will be illustrated by lantern slides. Instrumental and vocal music will go to complete the programme, including a selection from "Lohengrin," by Miss Mona Knight. An instructive and entertaining evening is in store for those who attend.

The proceeds go to the La Salle Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, to aid in building a hospital for tuberculosis patients.

The Musical Committee are making efforts to have Miss Marie Hall, violinist, in Grant Hall on Saturday evening, Feb. 27th. Miss Hall needs no recommendation from the Musical Committee and it is hoped that if the committee are successful in getting her on that date Grant Hall will be well filled.



MEN'S GLEE CLUB OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

The Ladies' and Men's Glee Clubs made the gathering at Principal Gordon's, after the annual concert, the occasion for an expression of their appreciation of Miss Singleton's services as conductor. Mr. MacRostie, President of the Men's Club, voiced the opinions of all, when he said that it was to her ability and patience that the Clubs owe their present efficiency. It is with the deepest regret that they have learned that she will not be with them another year. Her withdrawal from the directorship is a serious loss to the musical interests of the College for which she has done so much during the past few years. Her careful work and genial personality alike will be greatly missed.

As a mark of the esteem in which she is held, Miss Singleton was presented, by the Ladies' Club, with a handsome entrée dish, and by the men, with a sterling silver cream and sugar set.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

THE annual Inter-Collegiate Y.M.C.A. Conference for Ontario and Quebec, met at Queen's on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 30th and 31st. About twenty representatives were present from the other colleges and universities and were entertained by members of the Queen's Association.

The reports of the work being done in the Canadian colleges were very encouraging, and showed that the Associations are grappling with their problems seriously and with considerable success. The great effort is being made in the direction of systematic Bible Study. At Toronto University nearly 1,000 men have been enrolled in group classes during this term.

The special feature of the conference was the visit of Professor Shailer Matthews, Dean of the Divinity School, Chicago University, who delivered three addresses to the students. On Saturday night he spoke on "The Adventure of Faith." Dr. Matthews' intimate knowledge of the student's life and problems, enabled him to analyse clearly the causes of his doubts and to suggest reasonable solutions for them.

On Sunday afternoon Dr. Matthews spoke to an audience of about 1,500 in Grant Hall. His remarks were based on Paul's words: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Conditions in Rome at the time of Paul find a parallel in our own civilization at the present day: and it is for the young man of to-day to apply the principles of Christianity as courageously to our modern life as Paul did to the Rome of his day.

The Ladies' and Men's Glee Clubs combined to form the choir for the occasion and gave a splendid rendering of Mozart's "Gloria from the Twelfth Mass." Mr. Murray G. Brooks, general secretary of the McGill Association, sang "Lead Kindly Light," with great sympathy.

Dr. Matthews' evening subject was "The Vital Reason for Bible Study." Many good reasons are advanced for the careful study of the Bible, but they are of minor importance beside the great, the vital reason which is that Bible study "evokes the Spiritual Life."

The Committee desires to express its thanks to those who took part in the programme and to those who entertained delegates.

The annual meeting of the Queen's Association took place on February 4th. Reports were presented by the various officers and conveners of committees, showing progress along all lines.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, J. V. Dobson; vice-president, G. E. Kidd, B.A.; recording-secretary, G. B. Kendrick; financial-secretary, J. A. McLeish; librarian, A. Macdonald. Conveners of committees:—Religious Work, P. L. Jull; Bible Study, W. Dobson; Membership, Geo. Telford; Handbook, C. R. Graham, B.A.; Finance, J. A. McLeish; Programme, W. A. Dobson; Musical, J. B. Stirling.

Alumni.

J. W. Gibson, M.A., '08, is at the head of the Nature Study Department in Ottawa Normal School. Mr. Gibson was a brilliant student at Queen's, and will doubtless make a success of the line of work he has chosen.

"Marty" Walsh of the Ottawa Pro. Hockey Team is in town after his hard game with the Wanderers in Montreal. The students are always glad to see "Marty" for they found him "a good sport" in the best sense, when at Queen's. When it came to getting into condition for a game, he always subordinated his own likes and dislikes, and went into the game whole heartedly.

Jas. Froats, M.A., a graduate of the class of '08, is Inspector of Public Schools for Stormont.

Rev. W. M. Hay, B.A., '08, was married recently to Miss Eleanor Ford, of Glen Ford, Que. Mr. Hay is stationed at Billing's Bridge, Ont.

G. D. Ralston, B.A., one of last year's graduates in Mathematics, is on the teaching staff of the Brantford Collegiate Institute, as assistant in Mathematics and Science.

Rev. D. M. Solandt, M.A., B.D., who for the past year has been assistant to Dr. Duval in Winnipeg, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Kenora.

F. T. McArthur, B.Sc., '07, was in the city for the Science Dance. Mr. McArthur is city engineer at Guelph.

Dr. Bruce Galloway, '08, was in the city during the Kingston Curling Club's Bonspiel. Dr. Galloway is in one of the New York hospitals.

Dr. Eric Sutherland, B.A., of the Eastern Hospital, Brockville, was here for the bonspiel. His rink, skipped by W. Stewart, won the consolation prize.

Exchanges.

BOTH "The Argosy" and "The Fordham Monthly" for January contain lengthy and interesting articles on the life and work of Edgar Allan Poe, the centenary of whose birth was celebrated last month. This custom of celebrating centenials that is so much in vogue nowadays is rather a striking characteristic of the age, and is a form of hero-worship that has much to commend it. For the time being men set aside what was unfortunate in the life of their hero, and seek to emulate what is true and lasting in his work. This is a healthy sign, and goes to prove that after all, men are unwilling to let what is of real value in

the work of a former time pass from remembrance. Such celebrations tend to cast a glamour over the achievements of great men in the past, thus helping to inspire men to-day to have more "noble aspirations and definite resolves." The Poe centenary is a good illustration of this. Poe's private life was dark and unhappy, yet already we are forgetting his eccentricities, and coming to more and more fully recognize his really excellent work as poet, literary critic and short-story writer.

TO EDGAR ALLAN POE.

A humble tomb beneath the Southern skies,
 A lowly grave wherein a poet lies
 Unwept. Does Nation deem her duty done
 When Genius dies, and when his course is run,
 Him to deny the bronze she gives to brave,
 And grant him naught but that which serf and knave
 May claim by right? 'Tis true a sweet refrain
 Like Seraph voice oft shuns his vast domain,
 Where demons hiss, and angels fear to tread;
 Where phantoms move like spirits of the dead,
 And Haunted Palace thrills the captive heart
 That fearing, enters, and is loath to part
 From mystic realm. But yet like May-day rain,
 Descends the melody of Tamerlane;
 With varied tones the Bells their story tell,
 And grandly sings the Angel Israfil.
 On towering tomb beneath the Southern skies,
 In every land wherein the Raven flies,
 In every heart inscribed the Poet's name,
 The human breast shall be his Hall of Fame

Forever-evermore.

Fordham Monthly.

O DREAMER, BEWARE!

O Dreamer, beware!
 Lest your dream prove a trance,
 From which, ne'er awaking,
 You check all advance.
 No food ever comes
 To the wolf in his lair;
 He must hunt, or he dies.
 O Dreamer, beware!

O Dreamer, beware!
 Though your dreams they entrance,
 They may trample you under,
 Or lead you a dance.
 Dreams ne'er move the world,
 Nor its ravage repair;
 You must act! you must act!
 O Dreamer, beware!

The Student.

Dinah came in to ask her mistress to write a letter. Name and address being furnished, Mrs. Ross waited for dictation, which was not forthcoming.

Dinah, being urged, insisted that she didn't care what went in the letter—she "jess wanted a letter writ to him."

"But," said Mrs. Ross, "you must tell me what to say."

"Well," answered Dinah, after a long pause, "I allus did think "nevertheless" was a mighty putty word."—*Ex.*

Of 1,087 graduates in Arts of Victoria University, Toronto, up to the present year 370, or one-third, have entered the ministry in Canada and the United States.—*East and West.*

We have striven hard to bring out a University magazine about a University whose activities could have been recorded on the back of an ordinary visiting-card; and—well, just try to recollect what you said yourself after your last penny worth. We had serious thoughts of bringing out a Special Note-book Number. Twenty-eight pages of beautiful blank paper, suitable for any purpose you like to name.—*G. U. M.*

College Y.M.C.A. work is rapidly becoming a more important part of university life than it has been heretofore. The numerous conventions and conferences held every year throughout the United States and Canada is proof that the work is attracting almost general attention. Frequently the best students in the universities give earnest thought to making this branch of college work more efficient. In referring to the work of the association at Washington and Lee University, the "Southern Collegian" says:—"Some of the best athletes, the highest type of literary men, class presidents, and the leaders in social life hold positions of leadership in the Y.M.C.A. work."—Similar statements come from other colleges. Surely a work that so attracts our best college men is worth while, and is worthy of at least the moral support of every thoughtful student.

In his report for 1907-08, President Schurman, of Cornell, dwells upon the necessity of higher professorial salaries for the purpose of maintaining the dignity, importance and attractiveness of the teaching profession. This is but another phase of the problem everywhere manifesting itself, of how to induce men

of brains and training to devote their energies to the instruction of youth rather than to the accumulation of wealth. The time is rapidly passing when devotion to "the cause" will ensure the retention of those best qualified to teach. If our colleges are to keep the best minds of the country, they must pay for it.

Collegian.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

In the rural district a Scottish minister was out taking an evening walk, when he came upon one of his parishioners lying in a ditch.

"Where have you been the night, Andrews?"

"Well, I dinna richly ken," answered the prostrate sinner, "Where it was a wadding or a funeral, but whatever it was, it has been a most extraordinary success."—*Exchange.*

"AS OTHERS SEE US."

About the finest Canadian exchange upon the desk is *Queen's University Journal*, a bi-monthly publication of no mean merit.—*Acta Victoriana.*

We gratefully acknowledge the following exchanges:—Vox Wesleyana, The Anchor, The Martlet, Vox Collegii, Western Canada College Review, Collegiate Echoes, University of Ottawa Review, The Xaverian, The Collegian, The Varsity, The Dalhousie Gazette, The Courant, The Solanian, McMaster University Monthly, The Theologue, Glasgow University Magazine, Trinity Review, Acta Victoriana, The Dial, The Fordham Monthly, St. John's College Magazine, St. Ignatius Collegian, The Fleur-de-lis, The University of New Brunswick Monthly, The Victorian, The Buff and Blue, The Collegiate Outlook, Notre Dame Scholastic, The Argosy, The Student, The Niagara Index, Hya Yaka, St. Andrews' College Review, The Southern Collegian, The B.B.C. Magazine, T.C.D. Oxford Magazine, O.A.C. Review, University Monthly, The News, Intercollegian Western University Gazette, College Argus, The News-Letter, Acadia Athenaeum, The Mitre.

We wish also to acknowledge the kindness of Mr. W. Dobson in taking charge of this column for Journal No. 7.—*Exchange Ed.*

"At the Varsity Hockey Match."

We've a little tale to tell
 (And we hope that 'twill sound well),
 Of the Doings of some of our Seniors gay
 On that well-remembered night
 At that grand and close-fought fight,
 When from 'Varsity we stole the game away—

In the Western Gallerie
 (Where you'd scarce expect to see
 Such doings as went on there at half-time,)
 Were two of our Seniors brave
 Closely wrapped about with plaids,
 Who, with their escorts, do provoke this rhyme.

From the farther distance we
 Could very plainly see
 That things not altogether quiet seemed—
 We saw a bottle—black,
 (Was it really marked cognac?)
 First, in a muff, then by a banner screened.

“Ladies First”—’twas quite correct,
 Then the escorts had a ‘wet’
 And the bottle quickly passed from hand to hand,
 Until they, and others too,
 We could see this, so ’tis true,
 And ’twas heard remarked “Its well they are on land.”

Of our stand we’re not *quite* sure,
 Tho’ it would be very poor
 To imagine that that bottle contained scent.
 And the cheering for our team,
 In that gallery *did* seem,
 To be *spirited* enough to cause comment.

And tho’ ’twas a Noble Game,
 Yet it did seem such a shame,
 That this very bad example had been set;
 And tho’ of that thirsty crowd
 We have reason to be proud,
 We deplore the influence on the young Freshette.

When this tale you call to mind,
 No doubt you’ll feel inclined
 To remember that at the next hockey game
 Perhaps ’twould be as well
 For the *Government* to sell
 Everything that might bring students such a name.

Contributed.

Editorial Note:—We consider this contribution too valuable to forego publication; but we hope, and feel assured, that, for the sake of the parties involved, the black bottle was a misnomer. Something tells us that it was a *Thermos bottle!*

De Nobis.

Scene—Queen's-Varsity hockey match.

Time—7.45 p.m.

Enter Mr. Kinnear with a fair lady.

Shout from the west side of the rink: Chirp her a song, Canary (Kinnear-y).

Miss M. S-ua-t, at house-party:—My! I am too hot to dance the next number.

D. G. A-gl-n:—Whom have you got it with?

Miss M. S-ua-t:—Mr. Burnett.

After the Queen's-Varsity match, someone remarked that a certain lady student ought to be *courted* for wearing Varsity colors at the game.

W. G. St-w-rt:—I wouldn't mind the job.

At the same match, the following shout echoed across the rink to E. R. W-gl-:—Did you wire Belleville, "Wag.?"

Of course it is not known for certain; still it is whispered around the rink that, since the hockey season opened, 'W-r-' N-wl-nds goes down to see her Daley.

The "Mysterious Mr. R——s" was captured by a Queen's student. This is only another proof of the sagacity of the college man, and of the gap in the social structure which he is well able to fill. Congrats!

It is reported that the Junior Prosecuting Attorney of the Arts Concurus has just put \$2,000 insurance on his life. Evidently he wishes to be on the safe side, during the next two weeks. Who says a course in Philosophy doesn't pay?

First lady student:—Kingston must be a very wicked place!

Second lady student:—"Shame! Why do you say so?"

First lady student:—Because there are so many *crooks* in the streets.

R. M. F-rg-s-n, having gotten into the wrong house—*quite by accident of course*—where a party was in progress:—"I have forgotten my dancing shoes, but will be back in a few minutes.

At a recent house party, a small dog came into the parlor and barked at M. S. C-lq-h-n.

M. S. C-lq-ho-n (imitating a dog's bark almost perfectly)—"Bow-wow!"

Miss H., noticing the surprised expression on the dog's face,—“Oh, Mal! the poor dog doesn't know which is himself.”

We understand that T-d M-ll-ch our *authority on agriculture* from O. A. C. predicts that the severe cold weather and lack of snow will be very disastrous to *fall wheat this year.*

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February:

3. First meeting of High School Boards and Boards of Education. [I. S. Act, sec. 13 (1)]. *(1st Wednesday in February).*

March:

1. Inspectors' Annual Reports to Department, due. [P. S. Act, sec. 87 (5)]. *(On or before 1st March).*
 Annual Reports from High School Boards, to Department, due. (This includes the Financial Statement). [I. S. Act, sec. 16 (10)]. *(On or before 1st March).*
 Financial Statement of Teachers' Associations to Department, due. *(On or before 1st March).*
 Separate School supporters to notify Municipal Clerks. [S. S. Act, sec. 42 (1)]. *(On or before 1st March).*
31. Night Schools close (Session 1908-1909). Reg. 16. *(Close 31st March).*

April:

1. Returns by Clerks of counties, cities, etc., of population, to Department, due. [P. S. Act, sec. 73]. *(On or before 1st April).*
8. High Schools, second term, and Public and Separate Schools close. [I. S. Act, sec. 45; P. S. Act, sec. 96; Sep. Sch. Act, sec. 81]. *(Thursday before Easter Sunday).*
9. GOOD FRIDAY.
12. EASTER MONDAY.
13. Annual Meeting of the Ontario Educational Association at Toronto. *(During Easter Vacation).*
15. Reports on Night Schools due (Session 1908-1909). *(Not later than the 15th April).*
19. High Schools, third term, and Public and Separate Schools open after Easter Holidays. [I. S. Act, sec. 45; P. S. Act, sec. 96; S. S. Act, sec. 81]. *(Second Monday after Easter Sunday).*

May:

7. ARBOR DAY. *(1st Friday in May).*
21. EMPIRE DAY. *(1st school day before 24th May).*
24. VICTORIA DAY (Monday).

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