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CANADIAN JOURNALISM.

Canadian journalists—if I may use this dignified title in the broad sense as describing writers for our public prints—include newspaper men and a few others. The few others do not enter into the question to any considerable extent when we are regarding journalism as a means of supporting the roof-tree. Of them a minority of specially endowed men succeed in securing a fair income. The majority find the dignified title of journalist an expensive one to support in this way. In this country there is but a limited market for the wares of local artists, whether of the brush or of the pen. One man, who has had more success than most, told me recently that one year he made eight hundred dollars by hard effort, and he was known to the leading American Magazine syndicates. At best it is a precarious calling.

When I speak of newspaper men I have not prominently in mind the combined editor, proof-reader, exchange slasher, job-printer, foreman and mailing clerk who makes a good living and acquires local influence as the proprietor of a rural weekly. The life of the writer on a busy daily, with its long hours and Bohemian setting, is not the bed of roses which it is pictured by those who regard him as the interesting repository of unlimited self-possession and theatre tickets. None the less it offers a career, a fascinating career, to one who has become saturated with its atmosphere and is prepared to make the sacrifices which it entails.

No recognized qualifying examination is required. Consequently newspaper writing is variously called a profession or a business according to the pretensions of the individual. Preliminary qualification consists in ability to pass a searching oral examination by a city editor, who sees enough applicants to have acquired a critical taste. A written examination comes daily when the paper comes from the press and passes under the blue pencil. A man speedily finds his level. If he discovers that he isn't cut out for the business, he should get out of it; for there is always a crowd in the lower flat, and he may be eminently qualified for something else. If he stays he will find that, in a very real sense, eternal vigilance is the price of safety. There are many chances to sin both by omission and commission, and mistakes count on a newspaper.

Besides being an observing individual with good common sense and a facile pen, a man to succeed should have a good constitution, strong self control, a large supply of energy and ready adaptability. With these qualities and fair luck there is a good chance of a fair income, an insight into practical life and more power than falls to the lot of most men. The life is exacting and absorbing, but it is deeply gratifying to the man who has his heart in it.

A college training is no longer a handicap to an applicant for a newspaper vacancy; but here, as in the other non-academic professions, he will find that his oak framed parchment with its red seal and green ribbon isn't necessarily an immediate passport to fame, and that he has to prove himself. Latterly newspaper readers have come to want not more than the news; they have grown par-

ticular regarding the form in which it is presented to them. The result is an increasing demand for educated men; and Canadian editors have learned that, where they could find a college trained man sufficiently sane to adjust himself to conditions of the business, a cultured mind is a valuable asset to a paper. Once started the college man will do well to remember that he must not only have newspaper ability; he must acquire newspaper experience, and equipped with both he should have a relative advantage as the result of the superior mental training which he has gone through when the way is opened to one of the coveted and responsible positions at the top of the profession.

All this I have learned from men who have been through the mill and who know.

H. A. HARPER, '95.

MONTREAL, March 10th.

BUSINESS OR A PROFESSION?

The contention that a University education unfits a man for a life of business has been so frequently and so fully discussed that any further words on the subject may seem to be superfluous. But the choice of one's life work is a momentous question, and it seems fitting at this season, when from seventy-five to a hundred of our men are about to be turned loose from the University to do battle with the world, that some serious thought should be given to this great problem.

To say that the professions are already overcrowded is but to repeat what has already been said thousands of times. In the teaching profession, salaries were never so low as they are to-day, and unless one is fired with enthusiasm to reform mankind through the medium of the school, little encouragement is held out to anyone to enter upon this line of work. The medical profession is represented in the city of Toronto by some six hundred and fifty men, whose average salary is said to be about five hundred dollars per annum, and other cities and towns are proportionately well supplied. Yet in spite of this fact, there never was so large a class of freshmen at the Medical School as at the present time, and one cannot but wonder what is to become of them all. In law even a worse state of affairs exists, and the growing tendency among commercial men to settle their disputes without having recourse to expensive litigation is going to make competition in this profession all the more keen.

In view of these facts, one is forced to consider seriously the advisability of entering upon a life of business. But here the University graduate is generally confronted by three difficulties, any one of which might appear sufficient to deter him from taking the step. In the first place, business men as a rule are averse to giving positions to University men on the ground that their education has unfitted them for a business life. Secondly, if one is to get a position at all, one must start at the very bottom, and at the age of twenty-two or twenty-three, with a good education, one is very loth to accept a situation in which one is junior to uneducated boys of sixteen and seventeen. Lastly, competition seems to be even keener

here than in the professions, and chances of promotion are proportionately poor.

But all of these obstacles may be overcome by the man of ability and determination. The popular misconception held by business men regarding the fitness of University graduates for business work is being quickly dispelled. One of the most successful business men of Canada recently remarked: "The best possible introduction which a man can have who applies to me for work is a University degree. My greatest regret is that I never had the educational advantages which are enjoyed by so many of our young men of to-day." With this man, unusual ability and accumulated experience have largely made up for the lack of education, but even *he* admits that progress would have been much more rapid had he been able to bear upon his work, a mind trained to systematic thought, and a power of expression that would have commanded the respect of all those with whom he came in contact. The few facts which a man learns about History, Mathematics, or Languages, constitute the least important part of his education. Of infinitely greater value than these is the self-control which he has acquired from a course of systematic study; the ability to select from various ends some one as being the most desirable, and to set about the realization of that end in the most direct and most effective manner. If the end selected is the managing-directorship of an insurance company, he will enter the office as a junior clerk, and will put his whole heart into the work which is assigned to him. Not only will he master that, but he will make it his business to learn all that he can about the work the others in the office are doing. His evenings will be devoted to reading up everything that he can lay his hands on regarding insurance and all kinds of commercial law. This eagerness on his part cannot fail to attract the attention of his superior officers, and he is soon promoted over the heads of his grumbling fellow-clerks, who are always afraid of earning more than they really receive, and are surprised that they are not promoted more rapidly. And so he goes on step by step, until finally his goal is reached. Some may scoff at this, and call it castle-building, but it is nothing of the kind. It is simply an illustration of what every young man of determination and ability can do. It no doubt requires some pluck to begin at the bottom, but no man need ever remain there long, and the desirability of the end to be reached will surely justify some present sacrifice.

Should the young man desire to enter upon some line of business for himself, probably no field presents more opportunities than that of contracting, and no better scene of operations could be found than New Ontario and the Canadian North-West. But, someone will ask, where is the capital to come from that will be required for business of this sort? The best capital that one can have is a few years of actual experience in that vast country which is simply awaiting the hand of the developer. Let a man spend two or three years there, doing any kind of work at all that will suffice to keep him; let him be constantly adding to his fund of information about the country, its people and their needs; let him acquire the habit of studying thoroughly and in its broader aspects every kind of work to which he puts his hand. If he does all this success will not be long deferred. Many fortunes have already been made there, and many more will undoubtedly be made in the course of the next ten or fifteen years. What about our University men? Will they be among the number of successful ones? Let us hope they will, even if for no other reason than to stop the senseless prattling of those men who try to belittle the benefits of a university education.

M.

A GLIMPSE OF SHYLOCKS.

A ridiculous Quilpish Jew, a caricatured demon hideous of gait and feature—this was something like the Shylock played in the time of Shakspeare. For a century and a half the delusion remained. Then came the startling reaction of Macklin's memorable performance in 1741. Terrible indeed was his conception. The audience gaped in fascinated horror at the malignant monster there depicted. "No human touch," says William Winter, "no hint of race, majesty or of religious fanaticism tempered the implacable wickedness of that hateful ideal."

Up to 1814 this was the conception that dominated the English stage. In that year a very remarkable performance took place.

Two Shylocks had been tried at Drury Lane and both had proved lamentable failures. The house was on the verge of ruin. In that dilemma a little man of twenty-seven, with set face, an acrobat, slack-rope performer, dancer and actor, offered himself for engagement. He was accepted and a favorable role mentioned. Penniless and friendless, living in a garret with his faithful wife, he answered firmly "Shylock or nothing."

That first night is now immortal. The weather was wretched; the house was dotted to about one-sixth capacity. We have a record of it all—the indifference and contempt of his fellow-actors, the despair of the manager. Out upon the stage stepped the new Shylock, leaned on his cane and uttered his first line; the audience pricked up their ears. Surprise followed upon surprise as the scenes went on. Stage tradition was thrown to the winds. The audience listened amazed and enraptured; thunders of applause greeted each new stroke of genius. At the end of the trial scene the young actor instituted that terrible look of hate and scorn, preserved to us with such marvellous effect by Henry Irving. Then the play was over and the curtain went down amidst the wildest enthusiasm. Drury Lane was saved.

Behind the scenes the little man tore himself from the congratulations of his new-found friends. With sparkling eyes he crept through the slush and the fog, home to his little attic. He must be the first, the very first, to tell his wife the news. "You shall ride in your carriage yet, dear," he sobbed, as he clasped her in his arms. It was a happy night for her, poor girl, the beginning of the great career of Edmund Kean.

Kean was the first to humanize the Jew. With his wild imagination he lent a majesty and intellect to the usurer, and accounted for his hatred by a "religious fanaticism" and devotion to justice.

Let us proceed with one bound to 1879. On November 1st, of that year, Henry Irving impersonated Shylock in a way that set all London wild with excitement and controversy. Here is the Shylock of that night, as described by a spectator: "A picturesque and refined Italianized Jew, genteelly dressed; a dealer in money in the country of Lorenzo de' Medici, where there is an aristocracy of merchants."

No wonder the critics demurred. A middle-aged gentleman, graceful in bearing and richly attired, did not seem to fall in with the various "courtesies" rendered him by Antonio and the rest.

Since then twenty years have passed; Irving has grown wiser. On March 7th he gave us a representation of Shylock which in all probability is as perfect a performance of that "colossal character" as we shall ever see.

Irving has entirely dropped the aristocratic conception. This Shylock is unkempt, slovenly of dress—a bit of a skin-flint. He is deeply religious and resents Antonio's hatred of his nation, along with the treatment that he himself has received at the other's hands. It was an unrepul-

sive, pathetic Shylock—the tragedy of an alert mind and an expansive heart, chilled by the severity of existing conditions.

Innumerable were the touches of Irving's genius throughout the play. His facial expression was positively marvellous. His gestures (no mean test of an actor's ability) were always elucidative; where none were needed he made none. What could be finer than his portrayal of Shylock's surprised delight and gratitude at finding Portia seemingly in his favor in the Trial Scene? And shall we ever forget the terrible exit at the end, where he breathes that heart-rending sigh of despair and totters out into the street?

ARTHUR COHEN.

BASEBALL AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Baseball as a game at Varsity has a great disadvantage to contend with, namely, the fact that the season for playing the game is exactly contemporaneous with the annual examinations. Yet, spite of this circumstance which from the situation of affairs is unavoidable, baseball has of late years flourished at the University, not only because of the inborn love of the game inherent in certain students, but more especially because of the desire of players to secure a place on the touring team. For several years past the baseball club of the University of Toronto has had a tour usually commencing immediately at the close of the May examinations and lasting all the way from two weeks to a month.

That of last year deserves some mention, inasmuch as it is the most remarkable one ever arranged by any athletic organization of the University of Toronto. No tour in the past has ever equalled it in extent of territory covered, in opportunities for sight-seeing and a good time, and in financial success. In previous years tours had been arranged through Western Ontario and the State of Michigan; that of '99 is the first extensive American tour successfully engineered and carried through by the baseball organization at our University.

The '99 trip lasted just one month. Games were played in the State of New York with Niagara Falls University, with Syracuse University, with Ilion, with Hamilton College and with Fordham College, New York City. From Albany boat was taken down the Hudson river, past the Catskills and through the Highlands to New York City, where four days were spent in sight-seeing. In the State of New Jersey one game was played with Seton Hall College. Boat was taken from New York up the Sound to New Haven, where an opportunity was given to visit Yale. In Connecticut one game was played at Middletown on the Connecticut River with Wesleyan University, one of the strongest baseball organizations in the Eastern States. The next game was with Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. No game was played in Boston, yet a chance was given to visit Bunker's Hill and to take in that old-fashioned historic town. The distance from Boston to Portland was overcome by means of an ocean liner. In the State of Maine two games were played, one with Bates College, Lewiston, and one with Bowdoin College, Brunswick. A long journey across the States of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, through the White Mountains and through the Green Mountains—some of the most magnificent scenery in the Eastern States—brought the touring students to the shores of the historic Lake Champlain. At Burlington, on the east side of the lake, a game was played with the University of Vermont. A game with Potsdam brought the American tour to a close. A sail down the St. Lawrence through the Thousand Islands brought the team to Kingston, where our final game was played. Such

is a brief outline of last year's tour. It is impossible here to describe each game or to explain the many side excursions which were arranged by the boys on the trip.

For the coming season the prospects are very favorable. The organization of a baseball club at Osgoode Hall will enable the team to plan a series of inter-college games, which we hope will prove a better drawing card both to the students and the public than former games with city teams. An effort will also be made to pull off inter-year matches similar to the Mulock and Jennings cup games. Of last year's team five men remain, and as several new men will turn out, all places on the team will be keenly contested. A New York State trip is being arranged, taking in Niagara, Rochester, Hobart, Syracuse, Colgate and Hamilton Universities. Next year the new Athletic Association will place all clubs on a better footing, and will remove the financial difficulties of many club managers. But if the undergraduates give the baseball club a more hearty support than it has received in former years, the season of 1900 will be numbered among its most successful ones.

L. E. JONES.

"HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE"

It has been learned with much satisfaction that, at a meeting of the Senate on Friday last one of the vacant offices in that body was filled by the appointment as Vice-Chancellor of Chief Justice Moss, who in his brilliant career has become well and favorably known among all classes of Canadians and especially so among the members of that profession with which he was chosen to identify his energies. His rapid rise among the legal fraternity was no doubt due to his assiduity in all matters pertaining to his profession, and the dignity with which he dispensed justice in our law courts. Consequently we may expect much from this whole-souled man who is now to help direct the affairs of the University of Toronto and who will doubtless continue a vigorous policy in his new sphere.

Meanwhile the most coveted position, the Chancellorship, is open. So far there has been but one nomination, and at present there seems to be no probability of another. However that may be we are already assured that the position will be well filled, going, as it will in such a case, to Sir William Meredith, an ex-leader of the Conservatives in opposition in the Provincial House. Tired, perhaps, of opposition life, he returned to the profession of law, and at present is one of the shining lights and pillars of the bench. Yet, happy as we would be to have the learned judge for our Chancellor, in view of the speculative aspect of the question of our Chancellor, we shall have to leave him with this passing remark and pass on to the retiring members of the Senate.

Chancellorships and Vice-Chancellorships are not to be had every day, as is seen by the fact that our last Chancellor, the Hon. Edward Blake, served the University for 24 years, and for 19 years our Vice-Chancellor, Hon. Wm. Mulock, bent his energies in the same direction.

Truly these are long periods of self-sacrificing labor, in return for which there is the subjective reward of the feeling of having done one's duty: for these two offices form the last link in that chain of positions in the University of Toronto for which the emolument diminishes in geometrical progression. But furthermore, not content with giving so much of their valuable time to the working out of educational problems, a short list of which may be found in the daily papers of the 12th inst., our faithful ex-senators have been greatly in evidence in money subscriptions to all funds whether literary or athletic. For such contributions we cannot be too thankful, feeling, as we must,

that they are given from a sense of duty, not for fame, and that if possible they would equal those of a Rockefeller. But bountiful as have been their gifts, the moral influence they work as an instigation to greater efforts on the part of others is inestimable. Again, the influence of their personality has done much to aid education in general and the University of Toronto in particular in interesting others in the welfare of our *Alma Mater*.

And now in return for the above and many other gratuitous and indefatigable services in our behalf, what has the undergraduate body of the University of Toronto ever done? Have we ever shown in any manner whatsoever our gratitude for or appreciation of those services? At Convocation or at Commencement, it is true, when either of these two faithful servants have been able to be present, we have aided (?) them in their speeches by suggestions, we have cheered them and have even sung "For he is a jolly good fellow," etc., but that is the extent to which our gratitude has carried us. It bobs up serenely once or twice a year only to go into a trance for six or twelve months. It is true, indeed, that unlike our more fortunate brother students of the State of Montana we have still to pay tuition fees, and unlike our fellow students of McGill College we have received no quarter or half-million dollar gifts. However, if not the former, we hope the latter will be forthcoming at no distant date as the educational enthusiasm of our monied men is raised to that pitch by a continuation of the great personal influence of our Chancellors.

It is now time for us to awake from this lethargy of ours and to give some practical evidence of interest in our own affairs. If an example is necessary to enliven our lukewarmness just look at McGill College. Lord Strathcona is the idol of every student of that institution. The fact that they were forestalled alone prevented them from presenting colours to the Strathcona Horse, and the latest manifestation of their good will is the abandoning of their banquet and donating the money to the use of the Chancellor's cavalry. This may be policy, but nevertheless it is of the right kind. It is the policy that should be followed by the University of Toronto, and now is a good time to reform our ways. Our Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor have resigned their seemingly taskless task, and it behooves us, in recognition of their past services, and as a proof to the incoming members of the Senate of our interest in them, to exhibit our appreciation in some tangible way, the only mode at present seeming to be that of an illuminated address in conjunction with those to be presented by the Senate. Indeed it would be well if the student body would present addresses to the incoming members of the Senate, but, if this is not possible, addresses should be presented to the ex-members at least. Let us show we are interested in the University of Toronto and we shall soon have it on the sound financial basis on which we would all like to see it.

R. N. E. CONNOR.

THE WORK OF MR. RUSKIN—A REPLY.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I cannot refrain from making some comment upon the article entitled, "Death of Mr. Ruskin," in last week's *Varsity*; even though such may appear very presumptuous on my part. Its writer, I believe, has given a very one-sided and inadequate view of Ruskin's life-work, which may create false impressions.

The writer expresses the opinion that "Ruskin's excursions into the fields of social philosophy and economics, and the strange jumble of Christian communism, to which,

late in life, he gave vehement expression, have detracted much from his early fame." Perhaps it is too early to attempt to give any just estimate of Ruskin's place in the development of English thought, but if one is at all warranted in judging his work by the movements of the last 20 or 30 years, it is just in this domain of social philosophy—or ethics—and economics that Ruskin appears at his best, and has achieved most permanent success. Ruskin's works on pure art are comparatively little known, and read only by the few, but his *applied art*, as exhibited in his various shorter works on social and economic subjects, has been read by millions in the English-speaking world, and to a large measure has produced many of the noticeable social reform movements of the last few decades. Particularly in America has Ruskin's social thought permeated and guided vast masses of the so-called commoner people, and inspired such men as Mayor Jones, of Toledo, to strive to realize some of those ideals of worth and beauty with which Ruskin overflows. If space were at my disposal I could point to an immense number of particular instances of Ruskin's influence on the American people through his politico-social writings, but for the present must content myself with the bare statement of what I know to be a fact.

Mr. Adam also insinuates that through Ruskin's "moral purpose" and charming and "elevated tone," we are in danger of being carried away with the "wholly ideal state of society which he sought to introduce," a possibility to be shunned, doubtless. What a curse it would be for some more of us to entertain an ideal *so strongly* that we forget it is an ideal! How dangerous we should then be, especially if the ideal be a noble one! However, though idealism is, in a sense, always necessary, and almost always creditable, the charge that Ruskin was a mere idealist is groundless; for anyone who knows anything of his life knows how eminently practical he was, that the English College settlements, Industrial Schools, Art Schools for the poor, etc., owe their existence in a great measure to his untiring efforts. Surely, too, the large number of practical suggestions given by him in such essays as "Unto this Last," especially in the light of subsequent developments, are not to be regarded as evidences of his fantastic idealism. And even granting that some of his practical experiments were of a somewhat Quixotic nature, is not well-nigh anything better than a cold, cynical *laissez-faire*?

Moreover, Ruskin, though doubtless he had ideals, as every great man must have, was content with a present approximation thereto, as every sane man is; and if he had not had the ideals it is not likely that he should have made the approximation, nor, indeed, attempted it. Ruskin did, in a sense, seek "to introduce an ideal state of society," yet he was not so utterly foolish as to imagine that the ideal would be immediately realized. And to imply that he imagined this is to take an unfair advantage of him, by first placing him in a ridiculous position which he never occupied, and then with much blare of trumpets calling upon all men to witness the spectacle.

As far as Ruskin's Art and Social Philosophy go, I do not believe they can be separated. They somewhat resemble Tolstoi's. The one is an outgrowth of the other. The two form a unity, a vital unity; and one cannot understand Ruskin's Theory of Art without seeing its most vital connection with the everyday life of the people. It is the Dilettanteism of dull-brained plutocracy that sighs to itself and says: "Poor man! he was such a clever art critic, and so unselfish, you know; what a pity that he was carried away with a lot of impracticable notions about business, and wasted his time on matters he didn't know anything about!"

W. C. G.

The College Girl



On Saturday evening last a meeting of the Women's Literary Society was held to elect officers for next year. If we may judge from the evidence of numerous candy-boxes, everyone seemed to have come to enjoy herself, and, to judge from the absence of these encumbrances in going home, to have quite fulfilled her expectations. After the minutes were taken as read, the annual report from the committee and the treasurer's report were read and approved of by the members, although the latter showed a plentiful lack of funds. Prospects are bright, however, for half of the profits of "Sesame" for this year, it was announced, are to go to replenish the treasure-box of the society. Miss C. A. MacDonald, the editor-elect of "Sesame" for 1901, made an appeal to the members of the society to do their best for the paper by contributing to it early. The results of the elections are as follows:

President, Miss W. A. Hutchison (acclamation); vice-president, Miss A. B. Francis; recording secretary, Miss Houston; treasurer, Miss King; corresponding secretary, Miss Guthrie; fourth year representative, Miss Ward; third year representative, Miss Bibby; second year representative, Miss I. R. McCurdy.

Editorial Board of VARSITY.—Fourth year representative, Miss Wicher (acclamation); third year representative, Miss Mott; second year representative, Miss Brown.

Business Board of VARSITY.—Fourth year representative, Miss Cole; third year representative, Miss Archer.

The Grace Hall Memorial Club.—President, Miss Conlin; vice-president, Miss Peers; secretary-treasurer, Miss Barr.

Editorial Board of "Sesame."—Editor, Miss C. A. MacDonald (acclamation); fourth year representative, Miss Forrest; third year representative, Miss Sell; second year representative, Miss Moore.

Business Board of "Sesame."—Business manager, Miss Watt; third year, Miss Peers; second year, Miss Rowan.

The Women's Residence Association.—Fourth year representative, Miss Gundry (acclamation); assistant secretary, Miss Scott; third year representative, Miss E. Seldon; second year representative, Miss Waddell.

When the elections were over, Miss Lang, on behalf of the Society, presented the retiring President with a pin, which was made to symbolize the year to which Miss Hughes belongs, by two intertwined circles of pearls. Miss Hughes made a short speech in reply, touching particularly on the attendance of the meetings, and asking the members to keep every second Saturday free for the Literary next year. The great enthusiasm with which she was received was sufficient testimony of the appreciation on the part of the members of the energy the President and the other members of the Committee have displayed during the year in making the meeting really good, and of their success in their efforts. The President-elect was called on for a speech, and responded in a few words, and the meeting broke up with the usual dance.

Two years ago a motion was put at a meeting of the Literary Society that a collection be made from the girls to do something towards decorating the walls of their ex-

ceedingly bare and ugly reading-room, but the motion was voted down, and another made that an application be made to the Council to do this for them. On the refusal of the Council, owing, no doubt, to the usual lack of funds, the matter was dropped for the time, but revived again last week at a meeting of the fourth year. They have decided to ask the graduates to co-operate with them, and it is quite fair to expect that the outgoing year especially will contribute towards this worthy object of charity, even though they may not live to see the accomplishment of their designs. Several generous contributions have been lately made to the Grace Hall Memorial Library, including one from Prof. Vandersmissen, of French and German books, and one from the Copp, Clark Publishing Co., including French, German, English, Classical and Mathematical books.

V. W. C. A.

The Bible Study Class and class for the Study of Missions are discontinued, to re-open next October.

The Association has to thank Mr. J. C. McLennan for his kind gift of a large, handsome screen—panels of dark red felt and frame stained in walnut.

Our Farewell Meeting next Tuesday, March 20th inst. Members from the graduating class will take part. All are cordially invited.

SELECTED LIST OF BOOKS RECEIVED IN LIBRARY SINCE FEBRUARY 1ST.

- Goethe, Werke (Vollständige Ausgabe letzter hand), 55 Vols.
 Herder (C.) v., Erinnerungen aus d. Leben Joh. Gottfried v. Herder, hrsg. Müller. 3 Vols.
 Pasqué (E.), Gœthe's Theaterleitung in Weimar. 2 Vols.
 Mercier, Tableaux de Paris.
 Prutz (R.C.), Vorlesungen über die Geschichte d. Deutschen Theaters.
 Dieffenbacher (J.), Deutsches Leben im 12 Jahrhundert.
 Muncker (F.), Friedrich Gottlieb Klopstock. Geschichte seines Lebens u. seiner Schriften.
 Neubauer (A.), La Géographie du Talmud.
 Wüllner (A.), Lehrbuch d. Experimentalphysik. 3 Vols.
 Kraus (F. X.), Dante.
 Müller (A.), Der Islam in Morgen u. Abendland. 2 Vols.
 Koegel (R.), Geschichte d. Deutschen Litteratur. 2 Vols.
 Roscher (W. H.), Ausführliches Lexicon d. Griech. u. Römisch. Mythologie. 5 Vols.
 Wies u. Percopo, Geschichte d. italienischen Litteratur.
 Warburg (E.), Lehrbuch d. Experimentalphysik für Studierende.
 Rowe (L. S.), Die Gemeindefinanzen von Berlin u. Paris.
 Martel (H.), Etude Pratique sur les Colonies.
 Tannery (P.), Recherches sur l' Histoire de l'Astronomie Ancienne.
 Vassilief (A.) Tchébychef et son Œuvre Scientifique.
 Arango (D.) Gomez, Gramatica del Poema del Cid.
 Cochin (H.), La Chronologie du Canzoniere de Pétrarque.
 Morel-Fatio (A.), L'Espagne au XVI et au XVII Siècle.
 Laurent (H.), Théorie des Jeux de Hasard.
 Diaz (E.), L'Espagne Picaresque.
 Dumaine, (C. B.), Essai sur la Vie et les Œuvres de Cervantes.
 Valdes (A. P.), Obras. II Vols.
 Menendez y Pelayo, Antologia de poetas liricos castellanos. 8 Vols.
 Pascal, Œuvres. 5 Vols.
 Euclide. Œuvres en Grec, en Latin, et en Français par Peyrard. 3 Vols.
 L'Ancienne France. 10 Vols.
 Lobatschewsky, Géométrie Imaginaire.

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TORONTO, March 14th, 1900.

Greek Letter Fraternities. The Greek Letter Fraternity system is of American origin and is as old as the American college system itself. It is not our intention to discuss the fraternity question as to its characteristics or its history, but to present certain facts concerning it. Like all other systems it seems to have its evils and its benefits. The benefits of the college fraternity—concerning as it does only the individual—are reaped chiefly by him. The fraternity is productive of social culture and friendship—it produces a relationship among congenial friends which is unselfish and without restraint and allows them to get from college life much that is denied the average non-fraternity man with a more limited friendship. The statement that fraternities are a benefit to college life generally and to the University is borne out by experience across the line. The evidence of American University life is not that they foster "cliquism" and the unsavory attributes that that word is made to carry with it, but that they foster rather a general university spirit. Men must make a selection of friends as of everything else, but to insinuate any doubtful motive into such friendship is to carry the individualistic and selfish instinct too far. First in the heart of every good fraternity man as of every good non-fraternity man is the welfare of his *Alma Mater*. Fraternities from their very nature, their exclusiveness, their sacredness in the eyes of their members and their justifiable secretness labor under disadvantages and misconceptions. Fraternity men realize this and are the first to admit that therein they have a danger to face. Experience has shown the danger that lies behind the words "Beware of Politics." Fraternity men knowing that prejudice substantiated at times by experience is apt to be hostile to them are ever the first to bend their energies to ward off any connection with motives that to them are no less dishonorable than to their non-fraternity friends. Students should therefore be careful not to attribute to any organization interested motives which are foreign to its nature and to the opinions of its members.

The proposal made by Mr. Connor as to presenting an address to our esteemed past Chancellor seems a good one, and one in which the student body would enthusiastically participate. Well would we fulfil "Honor to whom honor is due."

The debate against Queen's is to be held in Kingston on the 23rd inst., on the subject, "Resolved that Governmental Ownership of Railways in Canada is more Beneficial than the Present System." The affirmative will be taken by the Varsity Representatives, A.N. Mitchell and J.F.M. Stewart. THE VARSITY wishes them success in their wordy battle for the honor of their *Alma Mater*.

The short account of the Baseball Club's tour of last year and the prospects for this year should be read with interest. The Varsity baseball team in years past when baseball was booming in western Ontario brought upon it much favorable mention. Such will surely be the case again if the captain of the team has at his disposal the best players in the university. Like lacrosse University of Toronto baseball seems to be known almost better abroad than at home.

When men come in contact with some of the keen-edged facts brought out by the writer of "Business or a Profession?" they consider the question of life-work more deliberately and advisedly. When we consider that our every action affects in some measure our future, how greatly must our future be concerned in that question with which the writer heads his article. Lives of men are ever being wrecked by misdeciding that very question. We believe that a great deal can be accomplished by making a decision and sticking to it, making everything bend to a definite end, but more is to be accomplished by calm and mature judgment before arriving at that decision.

The question of some organization being necessary among the Arts men was discussed to some extent in last week's VARSITY. Since then another instance has occurred which would seem to point to the necessity of such organization. In the so-called "scrap" on Thursday morning last—the result alone being considered—the School must be admitted to have been victorious. While some few of the Arts men were doing their best to keep some of their men from being taken to the School and possibly tapped—the vast majority of them were ingloriously viewing the spectacle from the elevation of the University or Library steps. We do not blame men for making discretion at times the better part of valor, but we do blame them when they continually relegate valor to the second place. Had the Arts men been organized and had more of them turned in—it would seem safe to state that the result *might* have been different.

For the benefit of some of the combatants it might not be amiss to state that it is hard to justify the action of the men whose wisdom teaches them to confine their attentions in a scrap to dissecting the coat-tails and sleeves of their enemy.

THE LIT.

Nomination night is ever the Red Letter night of the Lit., so far as oratory and eloquence is concerned, and last Friday night, in quantity, at least, was not behind the times. Fifteen candidates were nominated on each side, and sixty speeches made, varying in length from ten or fifteen minutes, to a little over as many seconds. Previous to the nominating process the clause in the constitution pertaining to the life membership lists was suspended on

motion of Mr. G. A. Cornish. Messrs. "Hugh" Munroe, "Freddy" Anderson, "Stoney" Jackson, "Sammy" Dickson, "Ben" Cohoe and N. R. D. Sinclair, were the B.A.'s who were present and were accordingly summoned to the platform and requested to make speeches, which they did; when "Sammy" Dickson began to speak he remembered a story, but the applause which greeted the mention of a story caused it to disappear from his brain and the audience had to forego the pleasure of hearing it. Dr. Smale was nominated by Mr. Cornish and seconded by Mr. Campbell, and, as is customary, declined the honor.

Mr. S. Casey Wood, B.A., LL.B., was nominated for the Presidency by J. J. Gibson, and Mr. A. G. F. Lawrence, B.A., by A. C. Campbell. The tickets which were nominated by the "Old Lit" and Unionist parties respectively, were as follows: For 1st vice-president, J. L. McPherson and W. W. McLaren; 2nd vice-president, W. A. Craick and F. H. Phipps; 3rd vice-president, H. G. O'Leary and J. C. Ross; recording secretary, R. D. Keefe and E. F. Burton; corresponding secretary, R. H. Barrett and A. C. McDougall; curator, W. E. Taylor and F. P. Potvin; treasurer, F. A. McDiarmid and W. C. Bray; secretary of committee, W. J. Baird and S. B. Chadsey; historical secretary, C. E. Rowland and F. E. Brophy; 4th year councillor, R. A. Smillie and C. P. McGibbon; 3rd year councillor, J. R. Bell and L. Wilson; 2nd year councillor, A. E. Honeywell and J. G. Fleck; 3rd year S.P.S., J. M. Fotheringham and Coun. D. L. H. Forbes; 2nd year S.P.S., H. S. Barber and A. J. Isbester. About two o'clock the meeting adjourned, after three hearty cheers had been given for the "Old Lit," the "Unionists" and the "School."

UNIVERSITY STORIES

A very readable presentation in the form of short stories of some of the facts connected with College life has just come to hand entitled "Pennsylvania Stories," by A. H. Quinn, '94, Penn. The stories are interesting and crisp reading, and touch many of the sides of the College man—interesting of course primarily to the student or alumnus of Pennsylvania, they are not the less interesting to any who have come into contact with student life. The general tendency of the stories is to accentuate the beauties and real pleasures of the student. The introduction of the fraternity question adds to the interest of the work, and while the writer shows the evil that these may become in the extreme case, he shows also their advantages in the general case. The introduction of some of the tricks of student politics and certain touches of sentiment are enjoyable features. The book is bound in red and blue, the Pennsylvania colors, and is published by the Penn. Pub. Co., Philadelphia.

AN ADDRESS ON PANTHEISM.

The Philosophical Society was favored at its meeting last Friday by having Mr. H. Munro, B.A., read a most carefully prepared essay on "Ethical Aspects of Pantheism." Mr. Munro's work as an undergraduate was always creditable, and the thoroughness of the work he has done on Pantheism would indicate that his zeal has not declined. Although an outline of such a paper is impossible in a short space, a few hints as to the subject may be of interest. Mr. Munro's first work was regarding the definition of Pantheism. This proved a difficult task, but it was worked out very exhaustively. Two general statements are evident, viz.: "ALL is God," and "God is all." The Pantheistic conception is different, as the accent is placed upon that phase of the theory which would make God merely the totality of all things (including persons), or upon that phase of it which reduces all things to merely

parts of God. In either case, however, man must lose his individuality and personality, and be lost in the great "Ocean of Being" which is God, as so conceived. The ethical results of this belief are evidently to be centred around the great doctrine that man's so-called freedom is a delusion. This being taught by Pantheism, as it must be, the further conclusions are evidently all of a kind to destroy a truly moral or energetic life. Pantheism once being accepted as the theory of the universe, an individual may resign himself to a life without an ideal for which to strive, save that of freeing himself from delusion and of thus being able to realize "I am God," as the Hindus, indeed, actually teach. Mr. Munro received the hearty thanks of the meeting for his able presentation of such a broad and difficult subject.

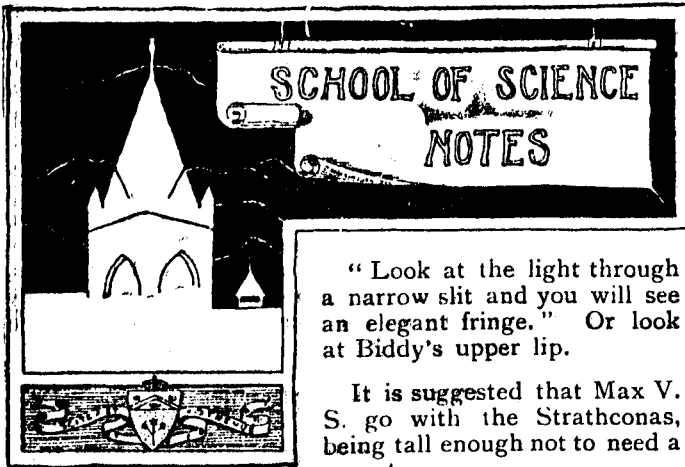
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deer sur—My boi lem rote hom agen last week & he tole me al about them nommynashuns wot yuse fellers hed down thare last frida nite. he sez the hal whare tha held the metin wuz crouded at the bak & einty at the front & thare wuz tremenjous excitement. the 1st thing tha dun waz tu mak all the gradooats in the hal go up on the platform & sit in a ro alongsid the nice lukin yung feller with the red ti & blak hare wot i menshund in my last letur. then the nice lukin feller mad evry 1 of the grad oats mak a spech. the 1s wot mad the best speches wuz a feller with a 2 ft pompydore, a feller wot didnt no wot tu du with hiz hands, & a red hared feller wot butund up hiz ovurcote az if he wuz mad & wuz going hum. after thez fellers hed sed al tha cud think of the metin got down tu biznes. The nice lukin feller got up & cald for nommynashuns fer the diferent posishuns in the sassiety. then 2 fellers got up & slung bokays at the nice lukin yung feller & sed he wuz a 1st clas gent & wantud him tu be presydent agen, but the nice lukin feller seer them kumin & tha cudnt ful him. he got up & sed he wuz sori this wuz the last chanz heed hev tu la down in that nice big chare becuz he cudnt think of runnin fer the offis agen. yu mite think that this setbak wud kinder kerflummux the fellers but it didnt. they hed 2 more men tu nommynate fer the offis rite awa & then tha begun tu git down tu work in ernust. thare wuz 2 candydats put up fer ech ofis 1 by the unionist parti & 1 by the old lits & al the men wot movd & secunded the nommynashuns mad speches. thare wuz a hol lot a tokin about the ferternutys & about how tha wuz grabin ofises but lem sez he notusd that the men wot did al the tokin about ferternutys wuz the fellers wot didnt bulong to them & didnt no anithing at al about them. the spekurs wuz interrupted al the time & after evry spech thare wud be lowd chers frum ether parti. ech parti hed a yel wich tha giv evry litel whil but a feller namd mcgregur song the old lit yel az a solo fer the 1st fu times. lem sez weed ot tu hev him here in chipmunk corners fer tu supli the wind fer the church orgun. lem sez that feller fisher wot i menshund in my 1st letur mad a long spech & he sez the fire of hiz eloquenz burnt up al the papers wot the secertary hed on the tabel. he sez it wuz rele mene fer the fellers on the uther sid tu laff at fisher becuz he ment al he sed and it isnt hiz falt that he gits excited & waves hiz arms around. lem sez a feller named wilsun mad the best spech for the old lits and michul spok best fer the unionists. he sez that boath partis had the best of the spekin but nether parti had the best of the cherin, i gess im purty ner ez excited ovur them eleksl uns ez yuse fellers is & ile wate anxhusly fer lems next letur tu see how tha hev went.

yures truli hezekiah jones.



"Look at the light through a narrow slit and you will see an elegant fringe." Or look at Biddy's upper lip.

It is suggested that Max V. S. go with the Strathconas, being tall enough not to need a mount.

It appears as though the first year is leading the way in everything. They were first into the scrap on Thursday, and now we find that number two from their ranks (Mr. Miller) is on his way to South Africa to scrap for the Empire.

THE SCRAP.

The Undergraduates in Arts, hearing that the School examinations come off half a month before theirs and wishing to have theirs earlier, made application on Thursday last to our freshmen, who at once laid the matter before the other years of the School. So it was agreed to examine and thoroughly test these men at once. Thereupon the candidates who had thought themselves good enough to pass right through the School and take their degrees on one day's work, set themselves to excite the sympathy of the examining board. Some, a la Alphonso, applied snow freely to their heads that they might cool their greatly overwrought faculties; others wished to erase the downfall for ever from their memory, but could not find their rubbers; while one husky old footballer actually appeared in a jacket, presumably to rank as a lady. Science, however, heeded not these, but hastened to help on some of the brightest candidates and bear them on her wings to further solve her mysteries. But alas! poor men, their studies were cut short by "Professor" Graham, who always stands up for the freshmen except at exams. Nearly all the candidates failed in their practical work.

We regret very much the deplorable loss of a certain Arts-man, which causes him to sing "The Song of the Shirt" without a tail."

We Schoolmen think with our honoured Principal (unofficially), that, provided misrepresentation in the daily press is guarded against, the "scrap" on the lawn is a good thing, drawing closer, as it does, the ties which bind together the University and creating even greater fellowship between the Faculties.

NEWS

THE CENTURY CLASS PHOTOGRAPH.

Those who have not as yet sat for their photos are requested to do so at once, as the large group is to be mapped out almost immediately. It is understood that a very novel and appropriate design will be adopted for the group this year.

ANOTHER YEAR-BOOK—'01.

The third year report that the third year Meds. and second year School have expressed their willingness to cooperate in a unity year-book. A committee will in all probability be appointed immediately to get the book as far as possible under way this term.

The Rink is now closed for the season. Despite unfavorable weather, and the fact that all the material had to be purchased new, the rink this year has been made a financial success. When all accounts are settled there will be over forty dollars of a balance.

RESULT OF MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB ELECTIONS.

The Elections of the Modern Language Club on Monday resulted as follows:—Hon. Pres., Mr. J. H. Cameron; president, N. S. Shenstone, '01; 1st vice pres., R. J. Dickinson, '02; 2nd vice-pres., Miss Forrest, '01; cor.-sec'y, J. A. Furse, '01; rec.-sec'y, C. I. Gould, '02; treasurer, S. A. Cudmore, '03; ass't treas., Miss Tapscott, '02; 2nd year rep. Miss McGarry, '03.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Dr. Tracy addressed the Association meeting last Thursday afternoon. His subject was "Faith, Its Place in the Christian Life," and those who heard the address were profited by the truth presented.

The meeting this week will be Missionary in nature. Interesting letters will be read from University graduates who have become prominent in Christian work in other lands.

On Sunday afternoon next, March 18th, at 3.30 o'clock, the closing service of this session's monthly series will be held in Students' Union Hall. Rev. G. C. Workman, D.D., late of Victoria University, has promised to speak to the students. His subject is "To the pure all things are pure." It is hoped that a good attendance will be found to meet Dr. Workman.

The Y.M.C.A. annual meeting will be held on Thursday, 22nd inst., when reports of the past year's work will be presented by the different committees.

ICH BIN DEIN.

FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE.

In tempus old a hero lived,
Qui loved puellas deux;
He ne pouvait pas quite to say
Which one amabat mieux.

Dit-il lui meme un beau matin,
"Non possum both avoir,
Sed si address Amanda Ann,
Then Kate and I have war.

Amanda habit argent coin,
Sed Kate has aureas curls;
Et both sunt very agathae,
Et quite formosae girls.

Enfin the youthful anthropos,
Philoun the duo maids
Resolved proponere ad Kate
Devant cet evening's shades.

Procedens then to Kate's domo,
Il trouve Amanda there,
Kai quite forgot his late resolves,
Both sunt so goodly fair.

Sed smiling on the new tapis,
Between puellas twain,
Coepit to tell his love à Kate
Dans un pathetique strain.

Mais glancing ever et anon
At fair Amanda's eyes,
Ilae non possunt dicere
Pro which he meant his sighs.

Each virgo heard the demi-vow,
With cheeks as rouge as wine,
And offering each a milk-white hand,
Both whispered "Ich bin dein."

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SPORTS

THE ASSAULT-AT ARMS.

The assault-at-arms takes place in the Gymnasium this year, on Friday, March 23rd. The event promises to be quite up to the high standard of previous years, and certain new features will be introduced.

The class this year is large and unusually good, and several new features will be introduced in this department. The tug of war between the years and colleges, as well as the pick a-back wrestles promise to be keen and exciting. The question is will the School of Science win this too?

Contests will take place in foils, single stick, bayonet, etc. A notable feature of the event will be the contest for the Intercollege Fencing Championship. Representatives will be present from Royal Military College to contest with the Varsity representatives in this event. A nominal admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged in order to defray expenses.

THE GYMNASIUM COMMITTEE.

On Monday a meeting of the members of the gymnasium was held to elect the committee for next year. Much interest was manifested, and all were of the opinion that a great improvement in this method of administration would

be obtained by having a separate committee for this work. The following officers were elected, viz.: Hon. President, Prof. Baker; President, F. H. Wood; Vice-President, W. Dunn; Secretary-Treasurer, G. Begam; Representative 4th year Arts, J. A. Miller; 3rd year Arts, S. P. Biggs; 2nd year Arts, Mr. Hargraves; School of Practical Science, Messrs. H. Middleton, D. L. Forbes; Medical School, J. W. Grey; Dental College, O. K. Gibson; Knox College, N. R. D. Sinclair; Victoria College, Mr. Hamilton; Wycliffe College, R. N. Millman; St. Michael's College, Mr. Callamane.

GAMES COMMITTEE.

On Monday afternoon a meeting of those interested in the annual games was held in the Students' Union, Monday afternoon, when the following officers were elected:—Honorary president, Dr. J. B. Wilmott; president, J. G. Merrick, B. A.; vice-president, J. W. Gray; secretary-treasurer, R. N. Milman. Representatives from the different years in Arts were subsequently elected at a meeting of the Arts Students. The following were elected:—Fourth year representative, E. P. Brown; third year representative, F. H. Broder; second year representative, M. H. Gander.

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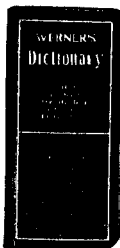
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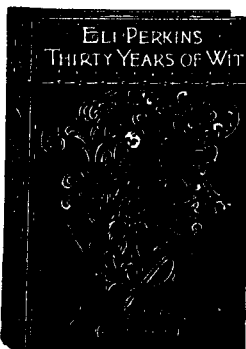


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- 23.—Notice by candidates for the Public School Leaving, Junior Leaving, Senior Leaving, University Matriculation, Commercial Specialist, Commercial Diploma, and Kindergarten Examinations, to Inspectors due.
- Empire Day (first school day before 24th May).
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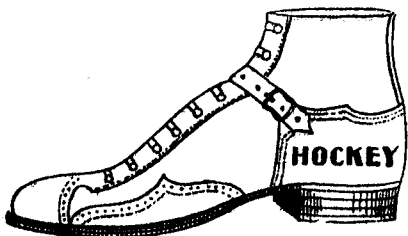
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