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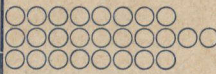
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## SOME OXFORD NOTES.

By A. E. Dwyer.

On arriving at Oxford the churches and colleges impress one first of all. Everywhere comes before the eye that soft grayish stone, which has lent itself so kindly to the action of chisel and saw, and has been fashioned into structures at once lovely and venerable. The moistness of climate, which makes the trees green in branch, as well as in leaf, soon tones down recent additions into a mellow harmony, and does not require many years to round the angles into melting outlines of beauty.

At first one wishes to have some of the smoky antiquity washed away, but one repents of that wish afterwards. English conservatism, loving change only when it comes as a gradual broadening of precedent, derives much of its strength from those historical buildings; for those dead and sceptred sovereigns, our ancestors, rule our spirits, not from their urns only, but from their former abodes.

In spite of the great concourse of students at Toronto during the term, they can never be called, except at Hallowe'en, the dominating feature of the city. When term is over, and they go down, the stream of life flows full as ever, except in the immediate vicinity of the colleges, but it is not so in Oxford. Then, there is a marked change in the appearance of the streets, which lose their characteristic notes of student face and dress, and seem, by comparison, half-deserted. During The Long the shop-windows sink their splendors, and neglect their alluring brightness till term begins again, though they do try to allure the townsman by cheap sales of old stock. Oxford, in the sleepy quiet of The Long, is a wonderful contrast to Oxford with its streets thronged with Dons, Scholars and Commoners, in all their various distinctive gowns.

In Oxford there are many encouragements to the hard student. A man with a First has a distinction which may endure even to his epitaph, securing him attention, both honorary and practical, all the way. Even a good second or third is not to be despised, and if a man adds athletic fame, his chances of a position in a Public School become almost a certainty.

But Minerva not only dismisses with honors, she welcomes with rewards, for the numerous scholarships, open and close, with which all the colleges are provided, in many a case have given a clever youth just that assistance which turned his choice of life-work from business to pedagogy, or one of the learned professions.

Once in Oxford, and given a good start, a man is charioted to glory, not by a tandem or a coach and four (these belong to the vain young Bloods), but by a coach and tutor. By the tutor his studies are directed and supervised. To him he brings essays on the

subjects he is reading, from him he receives advice as to their matter and style, and also as to works of reference. If there is any subject in which he finds himself weak, or any special branch in which he would excel, he may employ a coach, who will take him through the more elementary or advanced parts after the manner of an expert. He will always find any Don, whose lectures he attends, ready to elucidate a point or give further references. It is very noticeable, too, with how keen an eye his fellow-students gauge him, so that his final standing becomes as much a foregone conclusion as the lottery of examinations will permit. He may choose, from various more or less worthy motives, to content himself with simply getting through his exams, and take up his time with the engrossing variety of sports, clubs, and social occupations with which Varsity life is so full, or he may combine the two, and reserve some of the harder part of his reading for vacation, perhaps joining a reading party.

Here one might ask a question about the effect of Oxford life as a preparation for the great world. In answer to this, one may say, first of all, that the name of having had an Oxford career gives a stamp to a man which is of use in enabling him to pass current. It is commonly taken as guarantee for a certain amount of education, breeding, and culture.

The cautiousness of the English people makes them eager to demand and ready to credit tokens of this sort. But allowing for that, and pre-supposing that in the case of the individual, there is both the stamp and the gold, let us go further, and ask in what degree Oxford prepares men for active life in the world. Now two Oxford characteristics need to be overcome for facility there. We all recognize the tendency of study to cause abstraction, and the tendency of exclusiveness to cut away that sympathetic approachableness and that breadth of view which do so much in making a capable man of affairs. Oxford has a strong tendency to make a man both abstract and exclusive, shut up within the narrow walls of rather selfish interests. Not that it does so inevitably, but the tendency is there; perhaps one might say there is always a danger of this when a young man's life has been spent almost exclusively in becoming educated. The keen Chesterfield makes the same complaint about Cambridge in his time. "I remember that when I came from Cambridge, I had acquired, among the pedants of that illiberal seminary, a sauciness of literature, a turn to satire, and contempt, and a strong tendency to argument and contradiction. But I had been but a very little while in the world before I found that this would by no means do." As a result of his penetration, Chesterfield took speedy means to shake off those defects.

In regard to the defect of too great abstraction, which seems more likely to come from a University training in England, than in Canada, the sagacious Sir Arthur Helps noted the tendency, and even prescribed

a line of reading to counteract it. . . . Works which soften the transition from the schools to the world, and tend to give the student that interest in things about him which he has scarcely ever called upon to feel. . . . show him how imagination and philosophy can be woven into practical wisdom, for example, Bacon—His lucid order, his grasp of the subject, the comprehensiveness of his views, his knowledge of mankind, the greatest that has ever, perhaps, been given out by an uninspired man, the practical nature of his purposes, his respect for anything of human interest, make his works unrivalled in their fitness to form the best men for the conduct of the highest affairs." Such is Helps' advice in regard to an "assisted passage" from the world of study to the world of men.

The social side of Oxford life is very prominent. A man coming from one of the great Public Schools will be welcomed by his predecessors there, for example, there is an Etonian club which receives new men from Eton. Then the senior men in college make calls upon the Freshmen, and some colleges have the institution of "Fresher's Brekkers," by which the mornings of a man's first term may be very pleasantly passed. The practice has the further effect of saving his battles but spoiling his digestion.

Then, besides the dinner in Hall, any of the three remaining meals may take a social character.—"Come to brekker to-morrow," "Drop in to lunch," not to mention "Wines" and more formal entertainments. But the most informal and popular of all is afternoon tea. This is generally at about half past four, when a man's friends lounge in from the river, the parks, the Bodleian, from a walk or a bicycle-ride to drink tea with him, eat bread and butter, and cake, and smoke to an accompaniment of as much or as little talk as the style or mood of the company suggests. The Junior Common rooms are a great place of rendezvous, where a man can have a chat, write a letter, or read a magazine.

One should give special mention to the hospitality of the Dons, who have their reception days and evenings, and in many ways make opportunities by which the student may have the privilege of their social acquaintance.

There are also many social clubs, which are wonderfully various in regard to numbers, rules and expensiveness. The Phoenix Club, at Brasenose College, is an example of one both costly and exclusive. Its members dine together every week, the attendants having a brown cloth dress, with gold buttons, and the club has plate worth a thousand pounds. Speaking of Brasenose, reminds one of a club held there in former days. It was called the Hell-Fire Club, a sufficiently indicative name. Here is the legend of its end: One evening, when the club was to meet, a Don, coming along Brasenose Lane, saw the outline of His Satanic Majesty upon the window. In spite of his terrors, he rushed up to the man's rooms. No one was there but the host, and he was dead in his chair. This was at the close of the last century.

There are several political clubs; for example, the Shaftesbury, Strafford, Chatham, and Canning, all Conservative, the Palmerston, Russell, and others, Liberal. Many of these are strictly limited in number, and are as much social as political. When a great man comes back to Oxford to speak at a debate at the Oxford Union Society, he is the guest of his oldtime political club. There is at least one literary society to each col-

lege. The meetings are generally held after dinner, when coffee and smoking go on for a time. One man reads a paper, which is followed by a more or less serious general discussion, after which comes private business. This largely consists of "ragging" the members of the club, more especially the officers, and most especially the chairman, who needs a masterly knowledge of the rules of order, with a nimble and politely scaring tongue. Of course, with the chance of confusion, there is also one for distinction, and one man gained it, who, being asked why he looked at his fingers while he spoke, replied: "Because I have my speech at my fingers' ends." This same man was making a speech about conventionality, and took occasion to say, in regard to the numerous Scotsmen who belonged to the society, that their first introduction to the conventionalities was when they crossed the border. He then told picturesquely, how a popular member had discarded the kilts for the breeks, to come South to Oxford. Shortly afterwards, that member came in, and, having received an ambiguous hint as to the ragging, got up to defend himself. He said that the story about his changing into evening dress in a railway carriage was an old story, and a false one. He thought the enthusiastic applause showed his triumph, and only found out afterwards, that it expressed the delight of the society at hearing another story as good as the first.

(To be concluded).

#### NON OMNIS MORIAR.

Dear Mr. Editor.—I trust you will accord me the brief space necessary to bring to the attention of the present Senior year an idea which has already commended itself strongly to the few who have spoken together on the matter.

It has been thought by some of the members of the class of '99 that it would be a very desirable move to make if the class were to leave to the University some permanent memorial in recognition of her kindly foster-mothership during the four years of their college course. Just what form this donation should assume it is neither necessary nor advisable at this stage to suggest, but some have considered that one of the most satisfactory shapes for the proposed memorial would be either a bust or painting of artistic merit such as would accord with the beauty of the University, or else a permanent fund, the interest on which should be applied to establish a medal in some special branch in perpetuo.

But whatever the object of the memorial the scheme should commend itself to every thoughtful member of the Senior class. There are several ways and means by which a class can live in memory long after its University days are over, but none of these can for a moment compare with the endowment of some academic course or the establishment of some work of art commemorative of University history. Nor will the cost of the undertaking be so great if each member of the class of '99 will join in bearing the burden. A start in this good work can readily be made by dispensing with the annual class reception which, whatever its value at one time, has now outlived its usefulness. The economy here suggested may be practised in other matters as well; and never would a rigid economy be more justified than in the prosecution of this splendid aim. Trusting that the idea will commend itself widely, believe me, sir, yours very truly,

W. H. ALEXANDER.

# The College Girl

Last week the Hallowe'en celebration was very tersely and charmingly described. No addition to that description is necessary, but knowing that a good thing cannot be too often repeated, the writer desires to express her pleasure at the inauguration of this delightful custom. The promoters of the idea, the committee who so energetically carried the matter through, and those who by their support helped to increase the fun, all feel that more can be done by such a social evening to create a closer bond, a stronger feeling of comradeship between the women students of this University of ours than can be accomplished by weeks of intercourse at the College. We are so busy, and our individual work is so different oftentimes, that a hurried greeting is all that is possible during the day.

And the wives of the Professors were there—those women who are always ready to give a practical demonstration of their sympathy with, and interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the college. Mrs. Loudon, Miss Salter, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Chant, Mrs. Mavor, Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Wright pulled taffy with as much vim and energy as the gayest of us, and declared, upon a closer acquaintance, that the "sweet stuff," was decidedly good. Everyone who was there will heartily endorse the wish expressed last week that we may have many more such evenings.

There has been a little misunderstanding as to the date of the next Women's Literary Society meeting. The meetings are always held, according to the constitution, on the second and fourth Saturday evenings of each month, which usually means every fortnight. Occasionally, however, a month is blessed with five Saturdays, causing a lapse of three weeks between two successive meetings. The society will meet therefore next Saturday evening, November 12th, when, as was stated last week, there will be a very interesting debate between the girls of the third and fourth years. These inter-year debates are always warmly contested, in a perfectly pleasant way of course, so that everyone should make it a point to be on hand.

Miss Leah Sherwood, who took the Natural Science course while at the University, and who graduated in 1897, has been appointed chemical analyst in a large smelting establishment at Deseronto. As this is a very responsible position, Miss Sherwood is to be congratulated upon having shown her ability to fulfil the requirements. Miss Sherwood was the third woman to take the full science course at Toronto University, and last year qualified as a teacher of science at the Ontario Normal College.

At the last practice of the Ladies' Glee Club several new faces, or more properly—voices—were noticed. Miss Sullivan, daughter of Bishop Sullivan, strengthens the second contraltos. Miss Sullivan is an occasional student, taking the English of the fourth year. Miss Kinnear taking third year English, and Miss Beva Rosebrough singing with the second sopranos; Miss Powell and Miss Taylor, of Victoria College, add power to the first sopranos and first contraltos respectively. Miss Kitty

Patterson, an occasional student, is in her old place with the first contraltos, who are further strengthened by Miss H. Mason and Miss Laug. Miss Mae Dickinson is expected to join the club later. Miss Grace Evans and Miss Louise Worts, taking 4th year English, will also sing with the club.

A neat little booklet announces the programme of the "Browning Club," of the First Unitarian church for the ensuing year. Last winter some of the fourth year girls, who were particularly interested in Browning, attended some of the meetings, and reported that they were of great benefit. This year there is no such immediate interest in the great poet, but it would fully repay each girl to make a careful study of the programme sent out by this enterprising club.

In spite of the fact that Jupiter Pluvius was anything but propitious last Saturday, a goodly number of college girls braved the steady downpour and came out to cheer the "blue and white" to victory. It is unnecessary in this department to say anything about the game, except that although we may not feel quite so proud and happy as Mr. Burnside and his doughty men, we can say that the result fully repaid us for the otherwise disagreeable day.

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## INTER-COLLEGIATE DINNER.

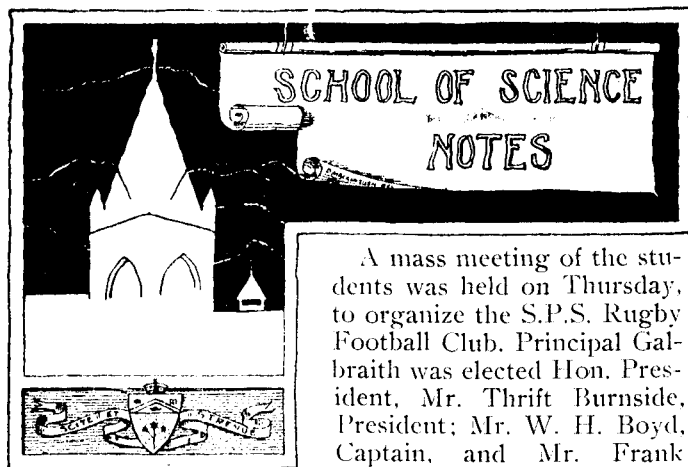
After the Rugby match at Kingston next Saturday there is to be a Rugby dinner in which Queen's, McGill and Toronto men will participate. The price has been fixed at \$1.25 per ticket, and it will be held at one of the leading Kingston hotels. Everybody should go and make the banquet a success. Toronto is expected to send at the very least fifty representatives. All those who desire tickets should apply to Mr. W. H. Alexander at once.

## CLASS OF '99.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Class of '99 the secretary was authorized to submit to the members of the class the question of the desirability of presenting a class memorial to the University. Since it has been decided not to publish a year-book this year, the money which would otherwise be spent on this luxury could be used for the benefit of our Alma Mater.

This happy method of commemorating the different graduating classes has been adopted by several of the American Universities, for instance, Michigan and Cornell. The register of the latter University publishes a list of these memorials, some of which may be of interest and suggestive in the present case. The classes of '79, '83, '84 and '85 presented portraits and other works of art. In three cases the memorial took the form of prizes; while one year built a boat house, another provided a shell, and a third erected a building on the athletic field. It will be seen that there are many ways the class can aid in beautifying the University, or increasing the comfort of coming generations of undergraduates.

The committee requests that every member of the graduating class take this into earnest consideration. Any discussion of this or any suggestions will be of interest to the whole class and also to the rest of the undergraduate body.



A mass meeting of the students was held on Thursday, to organize the S.P.S. Rugby Football Club. Principal Galbraith was elected Hon. President, Mr. Thrift Burnside, President; Mr. W. H. Boyd, Captain, and Mr. Frank Perry, Sec.-Treas. All students

are asked to turn out and play, so that the managers can see who to put on the team. This is a good time of the year for those who wish to learn to play Rugby, as there are a large number of men turning out to practice for the Mulock Cup series.

The School of Science was defeated in an Association football match with Victoria on Tuesday; the school showed a wonderful improvement over their former matches, but lost the game through the inability of the forwards to shoot on goal. Victoria scored their only game from a penalty kick in the second half.

Mr. A. H. A. Robinson, B.A.Sc., '98, had charge of Mr. Evans' assay laboratory, Sudbury, during the past summer; he is now an expert in nickel and copper ores and knows a great deal about the gold placers on the Vermilion river. Mr. Robinson is now prospecting somewhere in the Wabigoon district in company with W. W. Stull, B.A.Sc., '07.

Last Wednesday was a great day for the fishes of Lake Ontario. The Third Year took a trip across the lake to view all the wonders of Niagara Falls. Unfortunately it was very rough going over. We are told that out of a total number of twenty all but three or four were deathly sick. Of course they all avowed before starting that they would not be sick, and as soon as they stepped on board the boat they commenced striding about as if they owned the whole concern. But alas and alas! this attitude gradually changed. Faces were seen turned wistfully towards the railing of the ship. Then they made a grand rush for the side and their bravado then disappeared with one great sigh; but, oh, my! there was lots in that sigh. We hope that those students who took in this trip will favor the Engineering Society with an interesting account of what they saw and did at the Falls.

We should like to ask "Billie" Wagner what he intends doing with the dozen pots of blue, white and yellow paint which he has still in his possession. Tuesday morning we came to school fully expecting to see the building gorgeously painted in the three above colors.

Clark, of the second year, has been canvassing the school with the purpose of forming an engineering corps. We sincerely hope this agitation may amount to something more tangible than the one in the spring of 1897.



### DIES FATALIS.

The gods of Greece may hide their heads in shame,  
And pray us to forget they had a name;  
Achilles, greatest offspring of their race,  
May hide forever his diminished face.  
'Mid western peoples fame takes now her reign,  
Leaves to their dreadful doom both Greece and Spain.

Two captains, each the pride of half the world,  
In battle's deadly field his flag unfurled,  
And bade defiance to his renowned foe  
'Mid shout of rival hosts and trumpet's blow.  
Beneath the tempest's black foreboding sky  
The undaunted bands drew out to do or die.  
The Referee, great arbiter of war,  
Blew his shrill clarion deadly from afar.  
Like two great storm winds from the mountains cleft,  
The dauntless heroes rush from right and left  
To battle join, and o'er the fateful field  
The foes advance and pause, retreat and yield.  
And still in battle's dreadful carnage red,  
The warriors from a hundred gashes bled.  
The valiant heroes of the Rising Sun,  
Ere yet the awful struggle half was done,  
It seemed that o'er their banner of blood and snow  
Coy victory would perch and proudly crow  
In triumph. But the Western warriors bold,  
While yet the tide of battle 'gainst them roll'd,  
Fought on and 'neath the dread tempestuous sky,  
Than make a base retreat, preferred to die  
Such valor aided by Ducalion's flood  
Unsteered the hearts and chilled the Eastern blood.  
But still they fought, till at the last  
Long after hope of victory was past,  
Outworn by their long struggle on battle's field,  
To their proud Western foes they had to yield.  
Dragged captive to the victors' banquet hall  
On humble knees before great Thrift they fall.  
"Do as ye will!" the famous Alley cries.  
"Who craves from foe his life, the coward dies!"  
A silence, cold and chilling as the grave,  
The marble walls and vaulted ceiling gave.  
The Western captain's voice rang clear and loud,  
And spoke these words unto his prisoners proud:  
"Alley! A foeman worthy of his steel  
At Burnside's feet shall never kneel;  
Henceforth thou art my ever welcome guest,  
And this shall be the end of East and West!"

—THE BARD.

Although Varsity has yet to play Queen's in Kingston they have won the championship, as they have three wins and no defeats to their credit. In spite of McGill's increase in strength they met with defeat at the hands of Burnside's stalwarts. While in the Gym. after the game I was suddenly asked: "Where was Varsity stronger than McGill?" For a minute I had no answer ready, for when one compares the work of the two teams in the first half there seems very little to choose between them. But thought shows that Varsity was in the first place in much better condition than McGill, two or three of whose men had been out for only a week, for instance, McLea and Todd. Secondly, we excelled Mc-

Gill in speed. Every fumble of the McGill back division cost them ground or a score. In the third place and above all we excelled in generalship. Burnside is a master tactician, and his signals were splendidly carried out.

The weakest spot on the whole team is the scrimmage, and this not on account of what they do but what they are. At the first the superior weight of the McGill scrimmage told steadily, but in the second half our trio pushed that of McGill.

The tackling of the wings was beautiful, but they marked their men poorly. Perhaps the finest tackle of the day was made by Sanderson who dove into McLea from behind and cut short a most dangerous run. Blackwood, A. J. Mackenzie and Darling all brought down men in the same fine style; but they were all eclipsed by Burnside.

The Varsity Team.—Full, Beal; halves, Mackenzie, Boyd, Hills; quarter, Biggs; scrimmage, Hall, Sanderson, Gibson; wings, Darling, Burnside, Mackenzie, Hunt, Armour, Blackwood, Harris.—Burnside had eight spares, Waldie, Davidson, McArthur, Staley, Dodds, Armstrong, Meredith.

The McGill Team.—Full, Grace; halves, Moulson, McLea, Sutherland; quarter, Young; scrimmage, Hall, Bond, White; wings, Duffy, Woodley, Fraser, Alley (Capt.), Turner, Ogilvie, Trenholme.

McGill had the advantage of the very slight breeze in the first half and went to work to win from the first. They resorted to open work, using their half-back line in splendid style, sometimes kicking and sometimes running. They got their first score, a touch-in-goal, by the good following up of their wings, who intercepted Hill's punt right on the goal line.

At this period of the game there seemed to be something wrong with Varsity. Their wings broke through at every scrimmage, and gave our halves but little chance to kick. Our wings were frequently off side and this gave McGill several free kicks. One of these brought their second point. McGill punted high from about 15 yards out and their wings checked Mackenzie as he made his catch. The ball flew back over Beal's head but he managed to fall on it. The stand heaved a long sigh of relief. Very soon after McGill got their last point on a long kick to touch-in-goal.

It was McGill's touch at their own 40 yard line. Burnside secured the throw-in, broke through the wing line and passed to Darling. Darling made one of his fast runs, and passing a half and the full scored a try. 4-3.

The second half just reversed the positions of the two teams. McGill was pressed all the time, even harder than they pressed Varsity in the first half. Their wing play was now very ragged. Harris was scarcely ever marked and got away whenever he pleased. This alone accounts for the good showing he made throughout the half.

From a scrimmage about 30 yards out Mackenzie punted over for a rouge. The play after the kick-off speedily came into McGill's quarter and Biggs bucked the line, and almost went over for a try. From the next scrimmage Burnside got the ball and plunged over the line. Hills converted, 11-4. For the first time in the half the play was confined to the Varsity half for two or three minutes, but Biggs bucked and passed to Armour, who got into McGill territory before he was brought down. Then followed another rouge. 12-4.

Varsity's last score resulted from a peculiar acci-

dent. Mackenzie punted from about 30 yards out. The full-back Grace could not get under and waited for the ball to bounce. Unfortunately for him it struck the base of the goal-posts and bounced back. Burnside and Armour, who had been put outside by Mackenzie, seized the ball and went over for the try. Hills again kicked the goal. 18-3.

The McGill team came up on Friday and were accompanied by about 50 supporters. They put up at the Walker House. The morning was pleasantly spent in looking about the city. Several of the men drove to Upper Canada to see the football game there. They went up to the grounds in a drag. In the evening they were entertained at dinner by the Varsity Football Club at Coleman's new restaurant. This dinner was most enjoyable and is a splendid aid in drawing the colleges closer together. Bob Waldie, the President of the Varsity club, presided, and had Captain Alley, of McGill, John Inkster, Thrift Burnside and Jack Counsell at the head of the table with him. The table was prettily decorated with red and white and the blue and white of the two teams, and with roses. The toasts were: "The Queen," "McGill University," "The Intercollegiate Union," and "Canadian Colleges." The toast to McGill was responded to in a most enthusiastic manner. Thrift said that he wished the union had resulted in a tie, so that Varsity and McGill might have had another game. The most important speech of the evening was made by Inkster in reply to the toast to the Union, which was moved by Jack Counsell. "Duke" Campbell, of Trinity, was called upon to reply to the toast of "Canadian Colleges." The speeches were necessarily short, for several of the McGill men were going down on the 9.30 train.

Y. M. C. A.

Last Thursday the 5 o'clock meeting was addressed by Hon. S. H. Blake. For several years now Mr. Blake has given one address to the students in the fall term and his power over them never lessens. In his address the speaker urged those of the students who were professed Christians to take a decided stand for the Master. The spirit of Christ should make a man strong in understanding, temperate in living, perfect in self-control.

"This is an era of irreverence," said Mr. Blake. There is a lack of reverence towards men, towards institutions and towards God. To correct this we must get men to recognize one Being greater than they, and in whose presence they stand, conscious of their own littleness and reverent. Without this true reverence never comes.

The necessity of honesty in all departments of life was also emphasized. The need of the day is men who mean to be honest and are not striving to get rich without considering the method. We need men whose aim is to be unselfish, and helpful and righteous.

The meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10th, will be conducted by students.

#### CLASS '01 "AT HOME."

A meeting of the Executive Committee of '01 was held Friday afternoon to discuss the date for the annual reception. It was agreed to hold it as usual in the East and West Halls on Friday, Nov. 18th, from 4 to 7. The committee also decided to go to Fraser Bryce for their photograph.

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## CONGRATULATIONS.

Gentlemen of the champion fifteen, to Captain Burnside and his men, THE VARSITY extends its congratulations, and wishes as good fortune in the future as in the past.

## FRATERNAL FEELING.

It was a peculiar pleasure on Saturday to welcome to Toronto the representatives of McGill, who came up to fight out the return match—to fight the battle to a finish, scorning all questions as to the probable outcome of the game. This is a feeling which calls out admiration wherever it is found; the same spirit animated Grenville when with his little "Revenge" he stuck to the fight for a whole day against a Spanish squadron; the same spirit it was which made Walter Scott grind out novel after novel in the effort to die free of debt; the same dogged obstinacy Wellington displayed when fighting the French in the Peninsula. This is a quality in men which we all admire, the refusal to admit defeat; and animated by such feelings it is no wonder the match of Saturday afternoon was played out in the spirit which breathes through all pure sport. There was rivalry, keen rivalry, but there was no attempt to take the mean advantage, no thought of putting "that man out of the game" or of "laying out" somebody else. The teams were not scrub teams gathered by hook or by crook from the four corners of the province to win by fair means or foul. They were the undergraduates of the two great Canadian Universities who engaged in a game of Rugby because they enjoyed the game itself, and because they wished to show that a fast, hard-fought, exciting game of Rugby does not necessarily mean an exhibition of brutality and low cunning, and downright dishonesty. For there is, it may be frankly admitted, on the "gridiron" an excellent chance to be covertly brutal, cunning and dishonest. The temptation is great. The chance of detection often slight, for almost anything

may be laid to the charge of "accident." Hence when we find good feeling present under the most difficult circumstances, and the spirit of fair-play conspicuous, we may congratulate ourselves that in sport at least the proper spirit has the upper hand.

But there are other domains than that of sport, and if we may take the case of sport as an indication, it seems fair to believe that there is an excellent feeling existent between McGill and Toronto, and, we may add, Queen's, too. In other fields of University life it is a fact only too much to be regretted that the relations of the Canadian Colleges in the past have been marked—not by any means by bad feeling—but rather by a lack of feeling. This arose from the few points of contact among them. Distance is largely accountable for this. From Montreal to Toronto is over three hundred miles and the cost of travelling is high. This of itself hindered much communication. Then, in addition the two Universities drew their students from different parts of the country; the east sent nearly all its men to McGill, the sons of the west just as naturally turned toward Toronto; while the middle country swore allegiance to Queen's. This second fact was no doubt accentuated by the fondness for provincial as opposed to national patriotism. Quebeckers should attend McGill; Ontarians felt it a duty to get their education in the provincial capital. These conditions are gradually passing away. With every year facilities for travel are increasing and more people constantly take advantage of the enlarging opportunities. It is a trite saying, but still a true one, that steam has annihilated distance, and, if such a thing were not a contradiction in terms, we might say that it is steadily being more and more annihilated. Then, too, the growth of national feeling arising from the interest we have in a past, which is getting to be of respectable age, leads us to take a wider and more sympathetic view of our own country, and the institutions which are helping our life as a people. Toronto has come to recognize that the "Queen City" is not the only city worth living in, and Montreal in her turn will now take pride in the prosperity of Toronto. Similarly McGill and Queen's and Toronto are beginning to understand one another. If there has been misunderstanding in the past, it has been owing to a lack of acquaintance. We are now coming to see that we are, not rivals, but friends working with common aims, that there is ample room for us all, and no need for jealousy. Indeed the very distance which, unfortunately in some respects, separates us, may help to keep us on good terms, for sometimes it is not advisable for even the best of friends to be too close neighbors.

Let us hope then that that closer acquaintance which we have made with McGill and Queen's on the football field may prove to be but the dawning of a new and brighter day in the relations existing between the different Canadian Universities.



## A REMEMBRANCER.

The Executive Committee of the class of '99 has decided to invite the Senior year to leave some memorial behind it when next May it bids good-bye to the University. It has not been settled what form this will take; a number of good suggestions have been offered, but the committee does not make any definite recommendation. Some have thought that a bust of either some great Canadian or perhaps of someone connected with the University would be suitable; another proposal is that the year subscribe enough money to found a scholarship; and again there is a large number who would like to see the Ridgeway memorial window, which was destroyed at the fire, restored in its old place. But whatever the class decides upon, and any one of the suggestions mentioned above is an excellent one, besides many others not named, we are sure that the underlying idea will meet with the hearty support of all the members of the Senior year. They will do themselves credit and confer something of lasting value to their Alma Mater if they carry the proposed memorial through.

## MR. ROSS REPLIES.

Editor of THE VARSITY.

Dear Sir.—Your issue of Nov. 2nd contained a thoughtful article by Mr. Good, '00, on the subject of "College Sentiment," which was chiefly directed towards disagreeing with some remarks I had made on that subject at the first meeting of the Literary Society. Continued discussion on many subjects is both unadvisable and tiresome, but this question is of such great and far reaching importance and interest to all undergraduates that I think it merits further consideration. This I propose to give it as briefly as possible, by examining Mr. Good's somewhat severe arraignment of my remarks and arguments.

In his opening paragraph Mr. Good makes some very rhetorical references to "jingo patriots (college of course), with blood and thunder in their eyes, etc.," which can hardly be called virile; and as these remarks doubtless result from thoughtlessness on his part they will not be considered.

Mr. Good next gives the skeleton of my definition of patriotism, in its analogy to college sentiment. I will clothe his skeleton and present it as it was: "College sentiment is that love and veneration for one's University which urges one to zealously support and uphold its institutions and interests." He next asserts that I made no distinction between "institutions" and "interests," but that is a mistake on his part. I maintained that there was a difference, but that the University had been in existence a sufficient length of time to allow the functions which "our love and veneration for our College urge us to support," I say to allow these functions, or interests, to become institutions of the University.

Mr. Good then asserts that my list of college institutions worthy of support was very incomplete, but I find by an examination of my notes that I mentioned all of Mr. Good's additions, with the exception of the De-

partmental Societies, and to them I will refer later. I might remark that I urged the support of VARSITY, *College Topics*, *Acta Victoriana* and *Sesame* collectively under "College Papers."

Mr. Good next presents what must, I think, be granted an extremely ill-chosen analogy, viz., he compares the justice of the abolition of slavery with what he considers the just abolition of hazing and the "scrap." Now the doing away of slavery resulted from a remarkable change in the moral and religious attitude of the people towards this question, while undoubtedly no moral considerations of any acknowledged weight, could be impressed into explaining the abolition of hazing and the "scrap." Surely this is comparing a mole-heap to a mountain. It would be superfluous for me to discuss the "scrap" and hazing, for the right or wrong of these questions is, and always will be, a matter of personal conviction.

About the "Hustle," however, I would like to say a few words. Perhaps I did lay too much stress on this as being an essential institution of our College life, but I still maintain that the "Hustle" is an innocent, efficient, harmless and enjoyable way of initiating our friends, the Freshmen, into the life of the great University they are to attend; and, moreover, I think it assists greatly in planting in them the seeds of a strong college sentiment. Sufficient argument for its retention, however, is that the Freshmen themselves enjoy it as much as their initiators, but no more I imagine than did a number of Toronto's most prominent citizens and many members of our Faculty on last Convocation, who doubtless appreciated it as an interesting and harmless affair—a "relic of the past," if you wish—but a good one!

Mr. Good next draws a microscopic psychological distinction between motive and action. When I urged the support of such college institutions as the games, Hallowe'en, the Lit, etc., it seemed to me *ipso facto*, that they merited the zealous support of all undergraduates—which no one will deny; and consequently the question of the "value" of those institutions being pitted against their "age" is reduced *ad absurdum*.

Although the question of Departmental Societies has been thrashed out in almost every detail, I cannot remember anyone ever asserting that these societies fostered college sentiment. It seems almost inconceivable that the meeting together of from a dozen to two or three dozen students in the discussion of some of the important subjects in their particular branch of study could possibly be productive of any degree of college spirit. Those societies are chiefly useful, I take it, in affording splendid opportunities to their members for preparing carefully, and delivering acceptably, an essay before a cold and critical undergraduate audience.

Mr. Good, it seems to me by his consideration of this question, and several others, is taking a very narrow view of a very large question, and looking at true University life from too serious an aspect. He takes little consideration of that commendable overflowing of animal spirit, if you wish, that produces the keen struggle of the "Hustle," the free jollity of Hallowe'en, and above all of that enthusiasm which everyone feels, in the participation or watching of athletic contests, and makes University life the pursuit of cold knowledge and the mere aesthetical. Prof. Clark of Trinity has said: "We have long agreed that education does not mean the mere imparting of information or human knowledge;" and again President Patton, of Princeton, has said: "I

consider that the greatest good can be derived from a University education if a due consideration to the curriculum of study has added thereto a free intermingling of the students with each other. It is in this way that they are educated to a true manhood—which is the aim of a University education." Thus appears an additional and weighty reason for the support of our great college functions, and it is there, moreover, where enthusiasm is rampant and college yells reverberate in Hall or on Campus, where individualism is smothered for a time by "our love and veneration" for our Alma Mater, I say it is there that the germs of college sentiment are best nourished into a healthy and vigorous life.

In his conclusion Mr. Good agrees with my conclusion, which, he says, "I have curiously reached in spite of a wretchedly false assumption as to the nature of true patriotism;" but he offers no substitute. I take this opportunity to assure him that my definition as quoted above, was not original, but that of an authority; and consequently I am forced to believe that my alleged assumption is exceeded by his presumption in making the above remark, so unwarranted either by the facts of the case or any arguments which he has adduced.

I will conclude as I did before. It has been said that "patriotism is the corner-stone of national life;" and so I think it may be said that college sentiment is the corner-stone of true University life. I am, sir, yours truly,  
G. W. Ross, '99.

#### A LIFE.

The guests at the summer resort down by the lake were beginning to think of their return home, and already their pleasant holidays seemed to them only as memories. Some of the cottages had even now assumed their dull quiet of winter, while others were the scenes of busy preparation. But the homes of a greater number of the visitors were still as inviting as at the height of the season. Now it seemed as if the happy pleasure-seekers were getting their surfeit of enjoyment for the few odd days of rest and quiet in their vacation. Next week they would all be back at their homes, their studies and their work. What wonder was it then that they appreciated the remaining days more than all the rest of their vacation, and crowded a week's enjoyment into a single night!

Perhaps a desire to get away from the noise and mirth of the happy packers in my own home, as well as—must I confess it—to escape the tiresome work of packing up, made me wander down to the lake shore. There I reclined on the sand and gazed listlessly out on the vast expanse of water before me. Although early in the evening, it was almost dark, the only light coming from the golden rays of the sun, which was slowly sinking under the horizon. After a while the silver glare from the light-house shone far out on the waves, and to the watcher appeared to send a countless number of dancing, sparkling ripples over the face of the lake. But as if this were a signal the lanterns and lights in the cottages and villas glimmered in unison, and the village which during the daytime was quiet and peaceful gave itself up to the festivities of the evening.

I lay there musing, listening to the low monotonous swish of the waves coming in on the shore and occasionally awakened from my reveries by the outburst of the merry cottagers. As I looked vacantly at the advancing ripples, unintentionally my mind became

centred on a piece of driftwood, which seemed at every incoming wave to be thrown upon the shore but only to recede to its former place. After lying there some time wondering if ever it would reach the sand, memory carried me back to the time when Bertram and myself were boys. Ah! Those were jolly times. We thought of nothing else but the present, and enjoyed ourselves in the thousand and one ways in which lads can enjoy themselves. No lark was entered upon but what we were implicated in it as deeply as the others; no game engaged in, but what we were there to aid or oppose one another according as we were partners or opponents. Just as with the other lads of our age we received our punishments for the time being and straightway forgot them.

The years passed quickly, and he drifted westward, but on the breaking out of the war, as was to be expected, he went. One brief furlough coincided with my return home, and then he was off again, the same smile and hand-clasp as of old—and now, as I lay there weighing the chances of return, I could not help but feel that the weight against outbalanced the other.

"Does Mr. H— live here?"

"Yes."

"Here is a message for him."

Just then I heard some one enquiring for me, which brought me back to the gaieties of the evening. So absorbed had I been with my thoughts that I had come to pay little or no attention to the music and dancing going on around me.

I called to the messenger, and he came down the path to where I was reclining on the sand.

"Telegram, marked 'rush,' sir."

I tore open the end and unfolding, read it, but for some time I could not grasp the meaning, which after a while slowly came to me.

"Bertram died at three o'clock this afternoon.

—— Chaplain —— Michigan Volunteers."

"Answer, sir? Any answer, sir?"

"Eh! Any answer, sir?"

"No, lad; no answer."

The driftwood had caught at last.

WILL H. INGRAM.

#### LITERARY SOCIETY.

I did not intend going to the Lit on Friday, but an "over which I had no control" circumstance occurred which—but as Kipling says, that's another story—so I went. On arriving I found a group of friends to sit with, and passed a very pleasant evening, chatting and laughing, incidentally voting friends into honorary (?) offices and stamping my feet in approval of quondam motions, which I didn't hear. As usual there were motions galore with few amendments, and less discussion, while the Freshmen had plenty of opportunity to exercise their newly acquired suffrage. It was very amusing to see and hear, from my place of vantage, the manner in which the voting was done. "Who're you going to vote for? I don't know any of them," exclaimed one, as he scanned the names on the blackboard, and turned to the kindred spirits around him. "Well, I know a fellow who knows so-and-so, and I guess I'll vote for him." This decided the momentous question, and so-and-so's name was written on a dozen ballots. "Who else?" "Oh, the first name looks all right, so here goes," and again the dozen slips.

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The first thing I noticed on looking platform-wards was the Secretary reading something, but whether it was the minutes of the last meeting or some motion I could not make out. However, a Sophomore next me said it was all right so I stamped my feet along with the rest. (By diligent enquiry I afterwards ascertained that it was Mr. Armour's notice of motion, and that the minutes had been approved before I came in). The next thing that attracted our attention from a second year joke was the shock of being euhred out of the pleasure of voting for First Year representatives on the Executive Committee by the withdrawal of someone's name, thus electing Messrs. Mackintosh and Paterson by acclamation. A committee of six musicians was appointed, I think to sing college songs, and Mr. McKay's motion to hold the Undergraduate Dinner on Dec. 16, and a large committee to manage the affair and insure its success, was carried—*cela va sans dire*.

Dinner Committee.—W. H. Alexander, '99; G. W. Ross, '99; F. H. Richardson, '99; H. W. McLean, '99; A. McDougall, '99; D. E. Kilgour, '00; A. N. Mitchell, '00; H. D. Graham, '00; J. J. Gibson, '00; E. P. Brown, '01; W. Campbell, '01; H. W. Irwin, '01; P. Biggs, '02; D. Cunningham, '02; W. Boyd, S.P.S.; L. Allen, S.P.S.; D. Ross, S.P.S.

Musical Committee.—Armour, Sadler, Dickson, Monds, Telford, Yeates.

A public debate was announced for Nov. 18th, and Messrs. F. McKay and T. Russell, '99, and A. N. Mitchell and G. F. Kay, '00, were chosen to show the public the debating powers of Varsity; while Mr. Fairchild was appointed essayist of the evening, and Mr. Burch, the old favorite, as reader.

During the counting of ballots for the above, the musical programme was introduced. Mr. Beardmore, S.P.S. received great applause for a violin solo, and as

an encore gave a selection from *Cavalliera Rusticana* which literally charmed his hearers.

Mr. Gibson, of Wycliffe, showed himself to be the King of Schnorrers in a very amusing and stonorous recitation. A vocal solo by Mr. E. G. Robb was enthusiastically encored, and then the evening's debate was brought on. Messrs. Rea and Millman championed Russia and the Department of Modern Languages, while John Bull and Classics were upheld ably by Mr. Hunter and Bouquet Dymont. I will not attempt to review the debate even "as far as it goes," except to repeat the President's words before giving his decision—that the affirmative especially by adhering too closely to the Chinese question did not sufficiently prove that Russian diplomacy has recently proved superior to that of England, and hence the honors rested with the negative.

The meeting adjourned after hearing a neat "glad to be present" speech from Mr. Martin, '98, and shorter speeches from Mr. Wagar and Mr. Colclough, also of '98, who had been called to take seats on the platform early in the evening.

#### SOME OXFORD NOTES.

The commentary on life at Oxford, which THE VARSITY publishes in this issue, is from the pen of a graduate of Toronto, who has distinguished himself both at home and abroad. After leaving Varsity, Mr. Dwyer went to Trinity to study theology. While there he won prizes for general proficiency, Greek Text, and Church History, and, in addition, gained a prize for an English essay. He was then ordained by the Bishop of Oxford to a curacy at New Hinksey. Mr. Dwyer is not content to rest on his laurels, and at present is reading the Elizabethan Period of English Literature, for the Research Degree of Bachelor of Letters.

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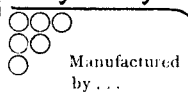
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### DECEMBER—

1. Last day for appointment of School Auditors by Public and Separate School Trustees. [P.S. Act, sec. 21 (1); S.S. Act, sec. 28 (5).] (On or before 1st Dec.)  
Municipal Clerk to transmit to County Inspector statement showing whether or not any county rate for Public School purposes has been placed upon Collector's roll against any Separate School supporter. [P.S. Act, sec. 68 (1); S.S. Act, sec. 50.] (Not later than 1st Dec.)
5. County Model Schools Examinations begin. (During the last week of the session.)
6. Practical Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (Subject to appointment.)
13. Returning Officers named by resolution of Public School Board. [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2).] (Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.)  
Last day for Public and Separate School Trustees to fix places for nomination of Trustees. [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2); S.S. Act, sec. 31 (5).] (Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.)
14. Local Assessment to be paid Separate School Trustees. [S.S. Act, sec. 55.] (Not later than 14th Dec.)  
Written Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (Subject to appointment.)
15. Municipal Council to pay Secretary-Treasurer Public School Boards all sums levied and collected in township. [P.S. Act, sec. 67 (1).] (On or before 15th Dec.)  
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W. S. Dakin is back at Varsity and is now almost recovered from his injury.

A man is measured by his bank account, a woman by her dress-maker's account.

"Jimmie" Hunter evidently thinks Residence board is all right. He was seen at the Rugby game on Saturday with a large piece under his arm.

The Varsity Juniors won at Brockville, it is said, by their "ma(s)'s play." Manager Henderson, however, says that in some cases their "Ma's work" deprived the team of some of its best players.

Mr. A. Smith, '00, treated a subject of more general interest in his paper on "The Manufacture of Soap," describing with considerable detail the chemical composition of many soaps, and the mechanical processes used in their manufacture.

At a meeting of the Modern Language Club on Monday, Prof. Squair read a very interesting paper on "The Law as represented in French Literature." The large audience present thoroughly enjoyed the lecture. Next week Mr. Keys will speak on "Student Life in Germany."

Football has its paradoxes as well as other branches of university work. Certain of the philosophical students are hard pressed to explain the fact that some of the greatest "kickers" on the football field never touch the ball with their feet, and also why it is that many men who have never made a "mark" in their lives are often strongest at making "re-marks."

J. R. Bone is able to sleep again, since he has got the Halloween finances pretty well straightened out.

"Mary" McMaster has forsaken Arts and now spends his time in learning how to "salt" gold mines at the S.P.S.

"Shiner" Ansley, '02, has joined the ranks of the Sawbones, and consequently the atmosphere of the Junior year is much duller owing to his light being out.

The class of '00 will hold its Reception on the afternoon of December 3rd. The committee having the affair in charge hope to make everybody enjoy themselves.

At the meeting of the National Science Association on Wednesday, November 2nd, Mr. Smeaton, '99, read a carefully prepared paper on "The History of Zoological Classification."

The class of '98 seems to have gone down to the Hamilton School of Pedagogy in force, for no less than 33 of this year's graduates are again attending lectures together at this institution. Here they are: J. H. Alexander, Miss A. E. Ashwell, G. H. Balls, Miss E. Bowes, A. M. Burnham, C. M. Carson, R. M. Chase, Miss C. C. Crane, J. H. Davidson, Miss E. E. Deroche, W. J. Elder, H. W. Gundy, W. F. Hansford, Miss M. A. Harvey, Miss M. M. Hawkins, Miss A. K. Heeley, J. V. Henderson, Miss E. M. Henry, N. E. Hinch, Miss F. E. Kirkwood, N. J. Lamont, W. M. Martin, R. N. Merritt, Miss E. G. Moore, J. G. Muir, G. M. Murray, J. M. McKinley, Miss M. I. Northway, Miss B. Rosenstadt, Miss M. C. Rowell, R. H. Rowland, J. W. Sifton, and A. W. Smith.

There occurred in Delhi a few days ago the death of one of Toronto's recent graduates, Mr. Chrisler, of the class of '95. After getting his degree he started a paper in Delhi, sold it to advantage and went to Toledo, where he was doing very well, but unfortunately he was stricken down by consumption and passed away to the sorrow of all his friends.



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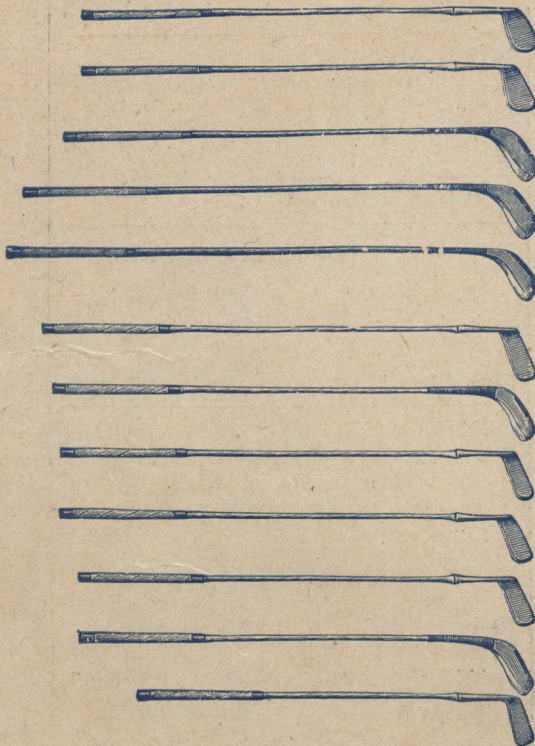
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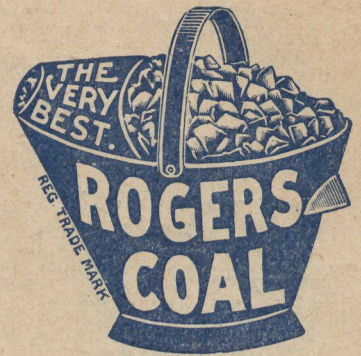
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