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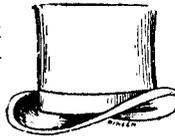
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## THE SOCIAL ASPECT OF ENGLISH LITERATURE—A REVIEW.

THE organic nature of human experience is one of the great principles whose clear enunciation is due to modern evolutionary thought. Human experience is best preserved in literature, and hence it is natural to turn to this in order to observe and study the growth implied by the word "organic." The literature of primitive ages deals almost exclusively with individual struggle, but as time goes on and the race grows older, another aspect becomes more noticeable—this is the social aspect. Viewed from this standpoint, literature may be regarded as a series of social documents.

In these days of unrest and perplexity, it is good to look back over our own past experiences as a people, and if possible, through the eyes of those imaginative men who have felt and seen more intensely than other men; and as we follow from generation to generation those dreamers who are the truest prophets, we shall be able to trace the gradual awakening of the social consciousness, the perception of social problems and the creation of social ideals.

Such appears to have been the object of Vida D. Scudder, the author of a recent work called "Social Ideals in English Letters," which book will form the subject of this review.

As the title indicates, the purpose of the book is to consider English literature in its social aspect. This is accomplished by a general and brief review of the development of the English people and literature, and a somewhat more detailed consideration of those writers whose works are pre-eminently social in thought. In a short article like this, some conception of the scope and contents of Mr. Scudder's book may best be obtained by first glancing rapidly at the main plan, and then considering more at length two or three of the chapters. This must necessarily be very inadequate, but if it induce some students of literature and life to read the work, its purpose will have been fulfilled.

Chap. I., Part I., starts with a consideration of the great social change wrought by the Christian force in the lives of our barbarous Anglo-Saxon forefathers, and traces in the fragmentary records of the time the wonderful working of the new social ideal implied in the religion of Jesus Christ. Then it goes on to show the gradual tainting of Christianity and degeneracy of the Church, laying special emphasis upon the character of such revivals as the Franciscan movement of the 13th century. Brief reference is made to the great animal epics, veiling audacious social criticism under the form of entertaining allegory, and finally "The Vision of Piers Plowman" is analyzed somewhat minutely.

Chap. II. treats of the "Utopia" of Sir Thomas More, and, generally, of the spirit of the Renaissance. In contrasting the work of Langland with that of More the author says: "The 'Vision' speaks from the people; the 'Utopia' speaks for them. Langland has the impassioned

sympathy of a comrade of the poor; More has the disinterested thoughtfulness of the scholar statesman. He lived at the desk, not at the furrow; he moves among abstractions, and we infer rather than see the laborer in his work. But in compensation we know the author of the later book as we cannot know Langland. Through More's speculations shines a personality full of sweetness and light. . . . Langland's enormous book is the monument of an entire civilization, the symphonic expression of a mighty social class. More's short and compact work is the record of individual thought. . . . It is to all practical intents the book of the modern man. The 'Utopia' is the first original story by a known English author. That this earliest English novel should deal with the romance, not of a private life, but of society at large, is curious enough; it is even more curious that this first coherent conception of an ideal social state in our literature should be the outcome of the new individualism of the Renaissance."

Chap. III. is entitled "The Age of Jonathan Swift." After pointing out the absence of any marked indication of social unrest in Elizabethan Literature, and discussing the causes for this lack, the author goes on to consider the predominant tendencies of the great Puritan 17th century. Then he describes the characteristics of 18th century thought, dwelling carefully upon the life of Swift, and the significance of his work.

The author now passes to Part II., "The England of our Fathers," and in Chap. I traces concisely the development of the revolutionary spirit in its application to English life and thought, and to the literature of our own century. Speaking of the three great men of pure letters he says: "Three men of any modern nation more diverse in antecedents, temperament, interests, than these three essayists it would perhaps be impossible to find. Carlyle, the prophet, was of peasant origin, indifferent to beauty and delicacy. Ruskin, the dreamer, was the son of a rich merchant, softly born and bred. Arnold, observer, scoffer, silenced poet, sprang from the professional class, the intellectual élite of England. Carlyle's kinship was with Germany, Ruskin's with Italy, Arnold's with France. Carlyle's eyes were in his conscience, Ruskin's in his heart, Arnold's in the normal place, his head. Each turned away from the dominant interest of his youth—history, art, criticism, or poetry—to focus the most earnest thought of his prime sternly and earnestly on the social anomalies and paradoxes of modern life." After referring to the general characteristics of the Victorian novel he continues: "Beneath all this literature with its strong social pre-occupation, lies what? A strange and contradictory civilization which we cannot yet interpret; tingling with self-consciousness, yet unaware of much of its own tendencies; decadent and infantile, with the mighty force of youth and the tremulous caution of age; a civilization with a fuller ideal of freedom than was ever before known for its hope, and a new form of bondage in which millions are held for its achievement. Our literature has confronted a social situation dramatic, difficult and complex. Many episodes of this situation it expresses directly. Now, history shows Chartism, and in Carlyle's essay, in 'Alton Locke,' in the correspondence of Kingsley and Maurice,

we catch the appalled surprise with which intelligent England first heard the cry of the dispossessed. . . ."

Chap. II. deals with the social pictures of Dickens and Thackeray. After analyzing the worlds of these two authors, he adds: "The worlds they depict are not uncorrelated, however separate. For the world of Dickens exists that the world of Thackeray may live; makes its gowns, cares for its horses, officers its prisons, provides its food, its inns, its dancing-lessons, its coffins. All this incessant ferment and bustle that pervade Dickens, this pre-occupation with material things, is to the end that the personages of Thackeray may lead their leisurely existence of intrigue and ambition, of winning manners and mean actions, untouched by sordid care. Trade and society ignore each other in these books; but they are tied together by innumerable finest threads, so that however they may face in opposite directions, they can never move apart." And a little farther on he says: "The phrase which Thackeray put on the title page of his 'Vanity Fair' might serve as a general motto for his books and the books of his great colleague: 'A Novel Without a Hero.' He shows us a world in which time may be pleasantly passed,—the melancholy, kindly satirist; a world in which brave men are found, moreover, and sweet women, and the prattle of little children. But it is a world without inspiration. . . . But if in Thackeray the world is hypocritical, in Dickens it is too often brutal; and the world of one is thoroughly materialized by want, as the world of the other by luxury. . . . No spiritual wind impels their society forward into the future; no inspiration breathes in it above the round of material toil, personal ambition or family affection. . . ."

The work of the early Victorian novelists, however, shows only the social surface. Deeper forces were stirring, and in Chap. III. the author traces these, paying special attention to "Sartor Resartus." Carlyle's social philosophy is presented with extraordinary vividness, and his spiritual construction of the social problem is rightly emphasized. Witness the following passage from S. R.:—"It is not because of his toils that I lament for the poor; we must all toil or steal (howsoever we name our stealing), which is worse; no faithful workman finds his task a pastime. The poor is hungry and athirst; but for him also there is food and drink; he is heavy-laden and weary; but for him also the Heavens send sleep, and of the deepest; in his smoky cribs, a clear dewy heaven of rest envelops him, and fitful glitterings of cloud-skirted Dreams. But what I do mourn over is that the lamp of his soul should go out, that no way of heavenly, or even earthly knowledge should visit him; but only, in the haggard darkness, like two spectres, Fear and Indignation bear him company. Alas! while the Body stands so broad and brawny, must the Soul lie blinded, dwarfed, stupefied, almost annihilated! Alas! was this too a breath of God; bestowed in Heaven, but on earth never to be unfolded! That there should one man die ignorant who has capacity for knowledge, this I call a tragedy, were it to happen twenty times in the minute, as by some computations it does."

In Chap. IV. the grand indictment of 19th century materialistic society by novelists and essayists is elaborated, and in conclusion he says: "There is something either ludicrous or sinister, as one chooses to take it, in this steady insistence on imminent danger, during half a century of outward quietude. One call of warning and of fear echoes down the decades, and if not wearied we must be awed by the iteration. We may well ask whether it has any significance. . . ."

Chap. V. deals in a general way with the function of

a new intuition in social progress, and describes the appearance of the new Intuition of Equality of Opportunity in our own times.

The next chapter traces the development of the social conscience in the later 19th century novel, up to the year 1880, devoting particular attention to the place of George Eliot in this development.

In Chap. VII. we get a glimpse of America and its thought, through the writings of Lowell, Whittier, Thoreau, Emerson, Whitman, etc.

The three following chapters are entitled, "What to do": According to Carlyle, Ruskin and Arnold, respectively. This, perhaps, sufficiently indicates their contents.

Chapters XI. and XII. deal with the tendencies towards democracy and towards authority, respectively, as found in 19th century literature, especially in the social and political writings of Carlyle and Arnold. Keener and more judicious criticism I have never met.

The conclusion of the book, entitled "Contemporary England," takes a brief glance at recent literature, from 1880 to 1898. The author points out that though of late years the movement of the century has been transferred largely from art to action, yet art is not barren; and in such men as William Morris, W. D. Howells and Hamilton Garland, and in such works as the Fabian Essays and "Merrie England"—that great self-expression of the laboring classes—the spirit of the times can be discerned. Finally the change in the attitude of the church towards social problems is indicated and exemplified. The bearing of the Oxford movement and the Christian socialism of Kingsley and Maurice upon the modern church is investigated, and, after quoting an extract from one of Canon Gore's eloquent addresses, the book ends thus: "In words like these we hear the echo of the old cry of Langland, but enlightened and assured. Put them beside the utterances of 18th century divinity, and it is impossible to deny that a great change, a great revival, is passing over the Church. Christianity cannot claim to have inaugurated the modern movement for social salvation. For a long time its professors retarded that movement, and religious thought has taken well nigh a century to awaken to the real situation. . . . No one looking at the world to-day, can fail to see that the social energy of Christians in every communion, and, indeed, quite apart from the visible Church, is as notable a factor in the situation as the crystallizing of the intellectual issue around the socialist position, or the practical growth of a new fellowship, disregarding class lines. Doubtless there will continue to be many people who claim the consolations without sharing the sacrifices of Christianity; doubtless the great world will proceed on its selfish way. Yet perhaps it is no dream that the long separation between democracy and Christianity draws to a close, and that as the slow years pass by the love of God may find, in their sacramental union, freedom for more perfect collective expression than has ever yet been seen on earth."

Next week, with the Editor's permission, I shall have something further to say of the contents of the Chapters entitled, "The Age of Jonathan Swift," and "What to do: according to Ruskin."

I might add in conclusion that I believe we all need to come more into conscious relationship with the great forces which are shaping our national destiny, and as an aid to this, Scudder's book is of primary importance. I would therefore strongly urge all students to take or make time to study it.

W. C. Good, '00.

Nov. 18th, 1899.

## THE BANKER'S SCHOLARSHIP.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY.

The publication of the results of the examination for the Banker's Scholarship has called up in my mind certain objections to the method by which the scholarship is now awarded; and these objections I would like to state, together with certain suggestions, the adoption of which, I think, would tend to secure more effectually the attainment of the object for which the scholarship is awarded than under the system at present in vogue.

As everyone knows, who has deciphered the mystic pages of the "Calendar," the Banker's Scholarship is given by a number of our national banks, and is open for competition among the successful students of the first year. The object of these banks in giving this scholarship is, I take it, to assist and encourage students to investigate and study the principles of Economics—a subject which is more and more influencing legislators, and without a knowledge of which the forces at work in the industrial world cannot be understood. This being so we may ask ourselves, does the present mode of awarding the scholarship promote the attainment of that object?

The system at present in vogue is somewhat as follows: About May of each year the subject for examination is announced together with the books to be read. In the following September or October the examination is held, and the scholarship is awarded on the results of that examination. But who are eligible to write for this scholarship? If we turn to the pages of the "Calendar" we shall find that all students who have passed the first year—no matter what their course or what their future intentions are—are allowed to write. It is in this particular that the present system is open to criticism. The object in giving the scholarship is to assist and promote economic study, but very often the writers for and the winners of the scholarship are students who have no idea of devoting their next three years to economic study, and who only study up the subject for examination for the mere purpose of writing for the scholarship. For example, the winner this year is a student in Moderns; last year it was the same—the winner of the scholarship was a student in Mathematics and Physics. The present system, therefore, defeats the end for which the scholarship is given, and is in need of amendment.

But what changes ought to be made in the present system so that the scholarship may reach those for whom it was intended? The present autumn examination is all right as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. It seems to me that the work done by the students in the first year ought to count. I would make it obligatory on all candidates for the scholarship to take all the work as specified in the "Calendar" for first year Political Science students; and in awarding the scholarship I would take into consideration the stand taken by the candidates in their first year, and on the special examination; lastly, the winner ought to be made to make an affidavit that it is his or her intention to proceed for the B.A. degree in the departments of Political Science or History in the Faculty of Arts, or the LL.B. degree in the Faculty of Law. Were such a scheme as I have suggested adopted I feel sure it would assist and encourage those who are interested in economic study, and for whom the scholarship is intended.

In making these criticisms on the system at present in vogue I do not wish anyone to construe it into an attack on the two young ladies who have been the winners of the scholarship for the past two years. They simply took

advantage of the condition of things as they exist and profited by them. Moreover, both young ladies were students with me at the Collegiate Institute at which I used to attend, and I am sure no one was more pleased than I to see my old class-mates so successful at this University. However, sentimental reasons of such a nature cannot prevent me from criticizing a system which I think bad; nor from making suggestions that I consider in the interests of the student-body in general, and of the students in my own department of Political Science in particular.

Yours sincerely,  
University College,  
Nov. 15th, 1899.  
CHARLES GARVEY.

## A POINT OF ETIQUETTE.

To the Editor:

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space in the columns of VARSITY to draw the attention of undergraduates to a point of etiquette which has been somewhat overlooked for several years past.

The Class Societies are formed for promoting the acquaintance and fellowship, and to advance the interests of the students of each particular year. Every winter a social function is held, and to it are invited certain officers from other societies. Provision is made for the members of the Class Society and for the guests invited, and they alone are expected to attend.

The point to which I would draw attention is, that in the past, students *who have not been invited* take the liberty of attending these gatherings, and the result is, that where ample provision has been made for the expected guests, it is found that programmes and refreshments are exhausted before many of these guests receive the attention due to them.

It will no doubt be conceded by most students of our university that it is just as ill-bred to go uninvited to a social gathering of a Class Society, as it is to go uninvited to an At Home at a private house, and it is to be hoped that this abuse of hospitality will not be repeated.

Yours truly,  
20th Nov., 1899.  
E. M. C.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Bible classes meet at 2.30 next Sabbath. Note the change of hour.

Thursday night from 5 to 6 there will be a discussion on Japan, its people and needs. Every man admitted. Come.

Dr. Milligan's sermon in the Students' Union on Sunday afternoon was well attended; as always, Dr. Milligan was interesting and thoughtful, and his remarks were helpful and much appreciated.

Dr. Ottley, travelling secretary for Student Volunteer Movement, will address a students' mass meeting of all the colleges next Sunday, 26th inst., at 3.30 in the Y.M.C.A. building. Students, men and women alike, are expected to keep that hour free.

—A horse is no wealth to us if we cannot ride, nor a picture if we cannot see, nor can any noble thing be wealth except to a noble person.—*Ruskin.*

# THE NEWS

## CALENDAR.

- "Journalism," by Mr. J. S. Willison.  
 Thursday, Nov. 23rd, at 4 p.m., Room 2.  
 Philosophical Society.  
 Friday, Nov. 24th, at 4 p.m., Room 3.  
 Osgoode vs. Varsity Debate.  
 Friday, November 24th, 8 p.m., at Osgoode.  
 Modern Language Club.  
 Monday, November 27th, 4 p.m., Room 4.  
 Classical Association.  
 Tuesday, November 28th, 4 p.m., Room 2.  
 Rugby Dance.  
 Tuesday, November 28th, 8 p.m., Students' Union.  
 "Natural Science and Scripture," by Prof. Kirschmann.  
 Wednesday, 29th, 4 p.m., Biological Building.

## THE LIT.

The Literary Society meeting of last Friday evening was one of the best of the season. The attendance was large; the programme excellent; the speeches good and the debate interesting. The meeting was closed with a number of college songs, something that reminded one of the old days when the Glee Club choruses were a part of every meeting.

Mr. F. E. Brown was appointed leader of the opposition in the public Mock Parliament in place of E. H. A. Watson (resigned). The dinner committee appointed by the executive was approved. R. J. Wilson was sent as Varsity's representative to Victoria conversazione. Mr. Broughton, second year S.P.S., was elected on the executive.

Mr. C. Garvey, '00, gave a very interesting essay on oratory. He treated it under three heads, (a) power and influence; (b) qualifications of an orator; (1) complete and accurate knowledge of his subject; (2) a good voice; (3) energy; (4) lively imagination; (5) deep feeling; (6) wit, and (7) personal magnetism. (c) Is oratory a lost art? Mr. Garvey gave reasons for its apparent decline and showed that the art was by no means confined to the past.

The debate was the next item on the programme—"Resolved that Canada should not assist in the defence of the Empire without representation in the Imperial Parliament?" The speakers were Messrs. Gillies and O'Leary, '03, vs. Messrs. Stewart and Phipps, '02. The debate was of unusual interest. Dr. Smale summed up and decided in favor of the affirmative. Mr. Mason, '03, favored the audience with a song which was much appreciated. After singing a couple of college songs the meeting adjourned.

## THE ATHLETIC DANCE.

Greater interest is being taken this year in this event than ever before. Varsity's most popular dance promises to be more popular than ever. The Athletic At Home does not assume the proportions of the Conversazione, but it has about it a freedom and lack of stage formality which makes it delightful to all. No one ever goes to the Athletic Dance who does not have a good time and is not anxious to go again.

This year the committee have taken special pains to provide for an enjoyable evening and the Gymnasium will be decorated in a way calculated to best exhibit its peculiar charms. The tickets have been limited to four hundred, and in order that the students may have an opportunity of

securing invitations they are not being placed on sale down town. The invitations are one dollar each, and may be had from the members of the directorate, the secretary at the Gymnasium, or Miss Salter. Glionna will furnish the music.

## THE RINK.

The project of a rink is now being canvassed at Varsity, and all who wish to see one in operation are asked to sign one of the sheets in circulation, having the names of those who will take season tickets. The price asked is very low, \$1 for man's ticket and 75 cents for lady's. Unless sufficient names appear on the sheets to guarantee the financial success of the undertaking, no rink will be run at Varsity this year. So it rests with the students to decide whether they will have a rink or not. If there is a rink, however, the Athletic Directorate is resolved to make it a thorough success. There will be a hockey rink, and a skating rink provided with electric light for night skating, and the whole will be under the charge of a man who has had experience in making ice and managing rinks. It is hoped that the project will receive hearty support from both the men and women students at Varsity.

## THE CLASS RECEPTIONS.

The committee in charge of the century class reception this year have determined upon an innovation. They purpose making their reception exclusive and admitting only by ticket. It is understood that invitations will be issued to all members of the year, to the lady undergraduates of the other years and to the executive committees of the other years. A similar course is being seriously considered by some of the other executives.

The dates of the receptions are as follows: Senior, Dec. 9th; Junior, Nov. 25th; Sophomore, Dec. 2nd, and Freshman, Dec. 16th.

## PUBLIC MOCK PARLIAMENT.

The first public Mock Parliament in connection with Varsity will be held on December 8th. Messrs. A. N. Mitchell and F. E. Brown lead the Government and the Opposition respectively. The intention is to have the affair done with all the dignity and the ceremony which is usual on such an occasion. There will be eleven speakers on each side. It is expected that the speech from the throne will be printed within the week. A short musical programme will likely be rendered sometime during the evening.

## "TRUSTS" WIN.

The debate in the Political Science Club on Thursday last was a most interesting one. The subject was clearly and forcibly handled by the speakers. Dr. S. M. Wickett summed up the arguments and gave decision in favor of the affirmative. The speakers were, affirmative, Messrs. Clare, Cooper and McLaren, and negative, Messrs. Farewell, F. E. Brown, and Cassidy. A constitution was adopted by the club.

## OSGOODE-VARSITY DEBATE.

At Osgoode Hall, Friday, 24th inst., at 8 o'clock. The Varsity students are requested to meet at the Students' Union at 7.30, when a short meeting of the Literary Society will be held for the transaction of necessary business. Immediately afterwards it is purposed to march in a body to the Hall to hear Messrs. Cornish and McLeod do honor to their Alma Mater.

The class of '01 have issued invitations to the ladies of the University and to the executive committees of the other years to be present at their reception on Friday afternoon next.

## MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

Two very interesting essays were read before the Modern Language Club at their meeting last Monday, one a "Comparison of Chateaubriand and Loti," by Miss E. M. Fleming, '00, and the other a "Comparison of 18th Century French Poets with those of the 19th Century," by Mr. W. Elmslie, '00. The essays contained not only the substantial matter necessary to make them instructive, but also considerable dry humor.

## OSGOODE-TRINITY DEBATE.

One of the best debates of the season was held Friday evening at Osgoode. Messrs. Rowland, B.A., and D. F. Owen, sometime Varsity men, especially distinguished themselves. The dance afterwards was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Theo. Hunt's discussion on "Is a lawyer justified in defending a man whom he knows to be wrong?" answered affirmatively, was logical and pointed.

## IONE MARCH.

By S. R. CROCKETT, author of "The Men of the Moss Hags," "The Red Axe," etc. Illustrated. Paper, 75 cents; Cloth, \$1.50. THE COPP, CLARK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Mr. Crockett's versatility is certainly marvellous. Last year he surprised those who thought his art was confined to the kail-yard by writing that capital romance of mediæval Europe, "The Red Axe," and now he comes out with a bright, crisp, up-to-date story of the modern American girl which is simply charming.

Ione March is a strong character. The daughter of a famous American Governor, she has been educated in a European convent, and so combines the energy, independence and adaptability of the American with a dignified refinement which is very pleasing; while her sweet womanliness is only brought out more strongly by her struggles with the world in the effort to earn a living for herself. The plot is well constructed and well carried out. There are also some splendid specimens of English manhood, and a "mean American," who, though playing an important part, does not appear often. But the life of the story is Idalia Judd, the typical American girl, who talks like a streak in the most delightfully expressive "American." She was a very "engaging" young lady, and her frank account of her experiences is most instructive. A trip "across the pond" gave her ample time to bring matters to a climax, and she had even been known to become engaged on a train, "and do you know it's rather nice, though hurried in parts, and you have to cut a good deal of the best dialogue. Yes, siree; you have to make them go the pace. It was with a man named Kenneth Early that I tried it first, when father and I were going straight across lots to San Francisco without stopping. All through the Prairie States he told me how he loved me, and you just believe it passed the time; you can't think. But alas! love's sleepers are no smoother than elsewhere on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul's; we quarrelled on the platform at Salt Lake, all because he would go mousing after a pretty little Mormoness, pretending all the while he was only posting a letter. Now, unfaithfulness is the one thing I can't stand, and I told him so."

"I didn't ask you to love me long, Kenneth," I said to him, "only to attend strictly to business while you were about it."

"However, he was so heart-broken that I forgave him just before we got to Digger City, and at Sacramento I said I'd be his new-found sister, but he said he wasn't annexing any more sisters, and so we parted forever."

## THE COLLEGE GIRL

On Saturday afternoon at three o'clock there is to be a lecture delivered in the Chemical Building on "The Boers and the War in South Africa," by Captain John Ross, who lately served in H. M. Border Regiment. The lecture is under the auspices of the Alumnae Association of the University, which is making praiseworthy efforts to further the cause of the Women's Residence Association, for whose benefit this lecture is being given. Although those especially in sympathy with this latter association will perhaps be most interested, the subject is one of general interest, and as Captain Ross, I understand, spent five years in South Africa, he will without doubt be able to give a clear picture of the manners and customs of our opponents in this war. The tickets are at a very reasonable price and it is fair to expect that the College Girls especially, for whose interest and comfort the committee is working so hard, should show their appreciation by being present.

Last Friday evening witnessed one of the pleasantest of the social gatherings of the fall term at Osgoode, when representatives from Trinity and Osgoode debated on the popular question of Imperial Federation. Besides those who formerly adorned the lecture rooms at Varsity, and who are now in attendance at the law school, there was a goodly number of Varsity undergraduates among the guests. The Convocation hall was gaily decorated with flags, and the impromptu dance which followed the programme was not the least enjoyable feature of the evening. The enjoyment was greatly augmented by the floor not being overcrowded. Gionna's music and hosts of pretty girls and good dancers present.

There are a few girls who are so unfortunate as to be under the necessity of bringing their lunch to college every day. It seems to me that, in the event of a favorable decision of the council on the new dining-hall scheme, if provision were made for them as well as for others, a problem that has this year been facing the committee of the Lunch Room would be solved, and they would be very grateful for the solution.

The Ladies' Glee Club concert is to be held on December 13th. Particulars will be given next week.

Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Baldwin, returned missionary from Japan, was present with the Association at its missionary meeting, last Tuesday. Her story of Japan, its people, their customs, and above all, their great need of Christianity, was interesting and inspiring. One of our girls in Japanese costume was a pretty illustration of the native ladies' dress.

There are now in Japan 575 daily and weekly newspapers, 35 law-magazines, 111 scientific periodicals, 35 medical journals and 35 religious newspapers.

In Vassar Y. W. C. A. the by-laws read as follows:

1. The Association shall hold a social reception for new students within the first three weeks of the college year.
2. A meeting of the Association shall be held on the second Sunday evening of each month, when an address shall be given on some branch of philanthropic work.
3. Devotional meetings shall be held every Thursday evening. One of these meetings each month shall be devoted to the subject of Missions.
4. Frequent meetings shall be held for the study of philanthropic work.

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## OUR LIBRARY.

IN directing attention to our University Library, VARSITY has no desire whatever to make any criticism or express any disapproval of the accommodation provided for the students. On the contrary, we would express our appreciation of the excellence and efficiency of the service in all departments; yet, at the same time, it is quite possible that an expression of the further needs of some of our students may meet with the favorable consideration of the authorities, and thus add not only to the advantage of the students, but to the usefulness of the library in meeting the end for which it is adapted; and it is only by means of such expression that the authorities can become aware of any strong desires on the part of the students. In the first place we should like to say something about the books.

There are now somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty thousand volumes in our library; accessions are made annually to the value of several thousand dollars, and yet the advantage to the student, we believe, does not increase in proportion to the capacity of the library, for the number of the volumes used by the students remains practically the same, namely, something less than one-fifth of the total number. Now, we are fully aware that probably more than half of the books not now used have little or no interest to the general student, but there is undoubtedly a great quantity of valuable material lying unused simply because it is unknown. However, there would be some opportunity of one becoming acquainted, in part at least, with the material bearing on his own department, were it not that, as we have indicated, vast quantities of fresh material are regularly added to our library without any further indication to the student than the placing of the cards in the catalogue, and the discovery of which, it is needless to say, is reduced to a minimum. An appreciation of this difficulty led VARSITY some months ago to see if some arrangements could not be made for the publication of an eclectic list, but the task of preparation alone

would occupy time beyond our limit, to say nothing of space. There are many students here who wish to become familiar with the literature bearing on their particular department, and under the present arrangement this, we believe, is not possible.

Two remedies suggest themselves to us. One is that some intimation should be given to the students of the accessions made to the library. This would be considerable work, but not, we think, disproportionate to the benefit to be derived. In the second place we think that admission by ticket to the stack room should be granted to the students in honor work in the third and fourth years at least. It is true that books are readily to be had by consulting the catalogue and asking at the desk, but anyone who has made the attempt of finding out the character of various works knows the limits to this arrangement. Furthermore, lovers of books are never made by consulting catalogues, but they *are* made by handling books. What cannot be learned in an hour from a catalogue can be learned in five minutes from a shelf of books. Of course there is a possibility of the loss of some few volumes where students have access to the library shelves, but the gain to the larger number is surely of more importance than any slight loss that may be sustained by the library. In any case any movement by the authorities that will serve to help the students in keeping in touch with the books in the various departments would be much appreciated.

Another matter is that of our Magazine room. This is a veritable mine of wealth and one almost entirely overlooked or neglected by the students. These magazines are kept in the west room, but as this room is required for other purposes, the magazines, which may be had on the four-day system, are almost entirely neglected by the students. A list of the magazines regularly received would be most helpful, but we should much prefer to have these in a room where students would be free to resort and read at their leisure. The conversation room might be adapted to this purpose, since it is scarcely ever used by the students, and the key kept at the desk as in the case of the departmental study rooms. Our Literary Society provides all the popular magazines of the day in their own reading room, but the magazines in the library have to do almost exclusively with educational affairs and cannot but be of interest to all those pursuing any special course of study.

We have already made reference to the interruption caused by the telephone, and there are some few other minor items that we should like to refer to, such as the desirability of having the signs "Silence is Requested" removed from the library, but these are of no immediate disadvantage even if they are useless, and so we leave the matter, with the suggestions of some of our more pressing needs, in the hope that these will not seem to indicate anything beyond a desire to gain advantages which the library authorities have always shown a willingness to provide whenever they are made known and could be seen to harmonize with the best interests of all concerned.

**General Hutton's Plan.** Whatever may be the outcome of General Hutton's latest plan for organizing from the students a field hospital company and a bearer company for South Africa, the general effect, so far as the students of this University are concerned, can scarcely help but be beneficial. Canada has yet to come to an appreciation of the real need of educated men, and the sooner that need is felt the better for all University men, and, we believe, for the country also. Whatever may be said to the contrary, the fact is indisputable that a great many of the men educated here find a field for their energies in the United States, and Canada loses much of what is her true and rightful heritage. Not until there is a fuller recognition of the absolute necessity for educated men in Canada can there be that fuller sympathy between the people and the students, the lack of which is so often felt at the present time. General Hutton's action would seem to be the beginning of something more important, and in the not too distant future we may perhaps look for better days for our University.

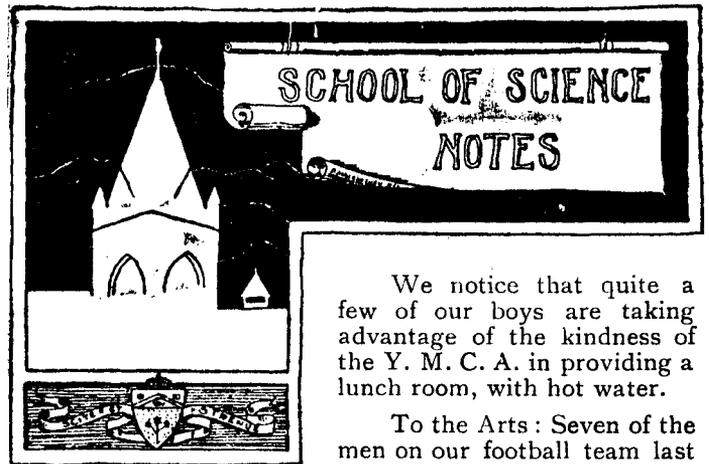
**The Queen's Match.** Although Varsity did not succeed in defeating "Queen's," our men have no need to feel chagrin at the loss of the match. According to the latest number of the *McGill Outlook*, the McGill men have taken their defeat in a philosophical spirit and Varsity men can even better afford to do likewise. All honor to the men who battled so hard and successfully for Varsity on Saturday.

**The Dining Hall.** As Convocation did not get a quorum last Friday night there was no meeting. There will probably be a meeting on Friday of this week, when a full report will be brought in and some definite action taken. Meanwhile it is hoped that those who have delayed doing so will consult the lists provided, and if possible enter their names. The signatures do not bind to any agreement; they are merely as a guide to the committee.

#### O. N. C. NOTES.

One of the bright features of Normal College life in past years has been the annual social evening given by the Misses Fraser, 30 Stinson street, to their Normal College friends. Friday evening, 17th November, witnessed a highly pleasing and brilliant repetition of the same event. Among those invited VARSITY readers will doubtless recognize some familiar names of recent graduates: Misses H. B. Alexander, N. E. Andison, E. Cleary, T. Wooster, M. Morton (Queen's), A. Lick, E. W. Gould, M. B. Reynar (Victoria); Messrs. P. T. Jermyn, D. McDougall, G. McDougall, J. N. Robertson, G. W. Umphrey, E. G. Powell, R. Simpson (McM.), P. Munro (Queen's), E. Carter.

—The seeds of knowledge may be planted in solitude, but must be cultivated in public.—*Johnson.*



We notice that quite a few of our boys are taking advantage of the kindness of the Y. M. C. A. in providing a lunch room, with hot water.

To the Arts: Seven of the men on our football team last Tuesday were freshmen.

Some of our freshmen think that the hands of Prof. Graham's watch lose their uniform velocity each day towards five o'clock, accelerating in a positive direction.

From the handwriting on some of the mail which comes to the school, we are afraid some of our boys may soon follow the example of one of our third year men.

Mr. J. Patterson, graduate of S. P. S. in '99, has returned to the city to finish his course in Arts. He has many stories to tell about his adventures in the Atlin district of the far north.

Everyone is working hard this year to make the dinner a grand success.

The S. P. S. Association Football team have landed the championship of Section A of the Inter-College league, by defeating Varsity on Tuesday by 1 to 0. The teams were a tie for first place and thus a red-hot game resulted. The game from start to finish was very evenly contested, and at times some very good football was indulged in. The goal scored for the School was on a foul kick, and was the result of a tandem play by the right wing. It is impossible to pick out the stars on the school team, as every man played a "whale" of a game. The following team represented the School:

*Goal*, Heron; *backs*, Miller, Campbell; *half-backs*, McKay, Brearton, Whelihan; *forwards*: Jackson, Gibson, *right wing*; Depew, *centre*; Broughton, Taylor, *left wing*.

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—Force yourself to reflect on what you read, paragraph by paragraph.—*Coleridge.*

# THE SPORTS

## QUEEN'S 8—VARSITY 2.

The result of Saturday's game surprised Queen's as much as Varsity. Queen's had improved wonderfully since the game in Toronto. The wings were superior to Varsity's, marking their opponents closer and breaking through them almost at will. By quick following up and good tackling they gave Varsity's defence little chance to run and punt.

Varsity's wings followed up and tackled very poorly, while the back division, considering all the circumstances, played well. The poor playing of the wings is largely attributable to the frequent changes of captains and of players. Barr, Biggs and McCallum were replaced by Harrison, Darling and Armstrong, who were at the disadvantage of having had no regular practice in these positions. On Captain Barr's resignation, Alex. McKenzie was elected to the position, which four different men had held before him in as many weeks, and in which he had not practised for a long time.

But this in no wise detracts from the glory of Queen's victory. In six weeks they had made a team in which Varsity, even under the most favorable circumstances, would have found a stubborn opponent. Queen's worked the interference game better than it had been done for years. With two men running on each side of the player who had the ball, it was very difficult to bring him to the ground.

Two different styles of play made the game very interesting to the spectator. In the first half with a steady wind in their favor Varsity played a strong kicking game, while Queen's trusted to running and passing, McKenzie made some beautiful punts, one of which caused McDonald of Queen's to rouge. A good deal of open play followed in which Walker and McDonald of Queen's and Brown and G. Biggs distinguished themselves. A kick by G. Biggs into touch in goal gave Varsity their only other point. Score 2-0.

In the second half Varsity resorted to close play and tried to retain possession of the ball. Queen's punted more than in the first half and continually played off-side to get the ball. On a long return kick by Elliott, McKenzie ran back to catch the ball and nearly collided with Beale, who was also after the ball, and as a result both missed it and Williams of Queen's slid over for a try which Weatherhead converted. Score 2-6. After the kick-off the ball travelled into Varsity territory again and a touch in goal and a rouge gave Queen's two more points. Through P. Biggs' constant bucking of the line the ball had been worked back to Queen's 10 yard line when time was called. The teams were as follows:—

**VARSITY (2):** *Back*, Beale; *halves*, McKenzie, (capt.), Brown, G. Biggs; *quarter*, P. Biggs; *scrimmage*, Malloch, Mullin, Isbister; *wings*, Telford, Meredith, Russell, Gibson, Armstrong, Darling, Harrison.

**QUEEN'S (8)** *Back*, T. McDonald; *halves*, Weatherhead, Elliott, Walkem; *quarter*, McDonell; *scrimmage*, Russell, Young, F. F. Carr-Harris; *wings*, Hill, Devitt, R. Carr-Harris, A. McDonald, Young, Etherington and Williams.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL—S.P.S. I, VARSITY O.

The tie for the championship of the Varsity division of the association football league was played off on Tuesday afternoon, with the result that S.P.S. wins the series. The game throughout was marked by fast playing and hard checking, but the school men played the best combination. In the first half S.P.S. had all the best of the play and Varsity was only saved by the brilliant work of Soule in goal. It was in this half that the only goal of the day was scored on a foul in front of goal.

In the second half the play was confined almost entirely to the S.P.S. end of the field and rush after rush was made by the Varsity forwards in a vain attempt to score. In spite of all they could do time was sounded with the score against them. For S.P.S., Campbell and Jackson were the most prominent, and their whole forward line played well, while for Varsity, Soule, Dymont, Biggs and the backs, Harrison and Telford, played excellently.

The School men are to be congratulated on the way their men turned out to cheer them on. In this respect they are far ahead of Varsity.

The Varsity team was as follows: Goal, Soule; Backs, Harrison, Telford; Halves, Dymont, Smillie, Biggs; Forwards, Burton, Broder, McQueen, Trumpour and Clare.

The inter-year matches for possession of the Faculty cup will be proceeded with immediately, and the fight will be keen. Association football has taken a good hold and this fall will bring out a great many men for the remaining matches.

## R. M. C. 25—VARSITY II. 13.

In the second Kingston game last Saturday, the wind seemed to be the all-important factor. R. M. C. won the toss and the scoring began immediately. The wind was very strong and helped them so much that at half-time the score was 21-0.

In the second half Varsity had the wind and started in to make up the score by the hardest kind of playing. Within five minutes Gander went over for a try. The play was now all in R. M. C. territory, and the wind helped Varsity's punts over the line continually, forcing R. M. C. to rouge. This, with a try that Chown secured, brought up Varsity's score to 13. Just before time was called, Baker, of R. M. C., went over for another try, leaving the score 25-13.

This game puts Varsity out of the Intermediate series, as R. M. C. won the first match of the series in Toronto. The teams were as follows:

**R. M. C.—***Back*, McLaren; *halves*, Harty, Colville and Biggs; *quarter*, Baker; *scrimmage*, Ridout, Lindsay and Kirkland; *wings*, Milson, Robertson, Gibbons, Murphy, Keith, McConachie and Patterson.

**VARSITY—***Back*, McDonald; *halves*, Wallace, Aylesworth and Patterson; *quarter*, Chown; *scrimmage*, Stratton, Douglass and Buller; *wings*, Telford, Harrison, Hoyles, Gander, Sinclair, Henry and McLennan.

## CENTURY AND '01.

On Wednesday afternoon the century men played off their football match with '01 men, resulting in a score of 0-2 in favor of the former, McLeod scoring both goals. Harrison and McLeod played star games for century, and Burton and Smillie did similar work for '01. There seems to be every probability now that the century men will win this series.

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Fair as a god, strong limbed and stout of heart,  
His armor donned, bossed scabbard at his hip,  
He stands with flushing face and quivering lip,  
Impatient to be gone—yet—grieved to part.

Tearless she gazes in his restless eyes,  
No sign of pain, no anguish doth she show,  
No flood of tears, nor burst of sobbing woe,  
The hand ev'n trembles not that in his lies.

But those dark eyes in their profundity,  
The grave, calm face, while hiding yet disclose  
Her sadness, and her love of him who goes,  
Yea, grief seems hid behind serenity.

Calmly she kisses her warrior's broad front,  
Slowly his ponderous shield to him doth reach,  
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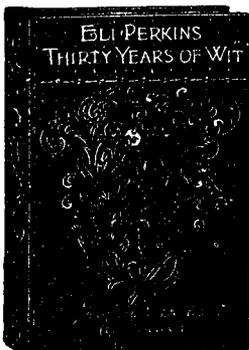


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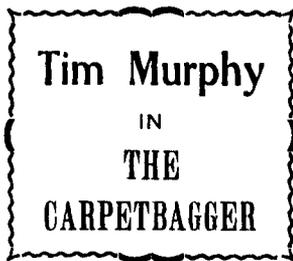
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## ABOUT PEOPLE.

G. N. Murphy, who was with '00, is at Queen's.

W. G. Fitzgerald, '98, is working up insurance business in Montreal.

Billy Dromgole, who was with '00, is in the Merchants' Bank, Montreal.

Burris Gahan, '98, is teaching classics at Cobourg High School.

Miss E. E. Deroche, '98, attended the game at Queen's, and waved the Blue and White.

F. M. Chapman, '01, has arrived at Varsity from Manitoba, and reports a very pleasant summer.

Messrs. Harrison, '00, Hoyles and Coyne, '01, stayed over until Monday morning at Kingston and report a good time.

Mr. Wood, '96, has been teaching mathematics in the Simcoe High School and is now in the actuary's department of "Canada Life."

Bob. Telford went with the team to Kingston, but mysteriously dropped off at Cobourg. A search party will leave shortly to try and locate him.

"Bogus" Coyne, '01; H. Layier, '01; G. F. McFarland, '01; A. H. Montgomery, '98; H. M. P. Deroche, '01, accompanied the team to Kingston.

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S. F. Shenstone is gaining quite a celebrity in certain quarters as a leader of song.

Quite a few Varsity men attended Osgoode dance Friday evening. They know a good thing.

The golf undergrads. will attempt to down the faculty, since it is the only occasion where there is a possibility of it.

Captain Dymont of the Association team has been threatened with the grip, brought on by over-worry of his arduous duties.

Victoria University now possesses a Rugby team. It is understood that it will come forward as a contestant in the Mulock cup series.

A large number of undergrads. have signed the list re the College Dining Hall. The general opinion is that the innovation is a good one.

Notices of the regulations concerning the probationary bursaries and the science research scholarships have been posted on the bulletin board.

The treasurer of '01, J. E. Robertson, is wearing that troubled look which his predecessors wore while trying to persuade everyone to "pay, pay, pay."

The heating apparatus at the library is not in very good working order. The authorities have sent to Buffalo for a man to make repairs, and it is hoped we shall soon have more uniform temperature in the building.

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Mr. McFayden has begun lecturing to the second year on Modern History.

The president of the class '01 received the photograph of the late F. W. Woods, '01, and a letter of thanks from the mother of deceased for the class' kind resolution of sympathy.

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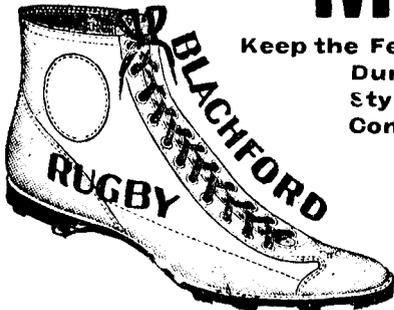
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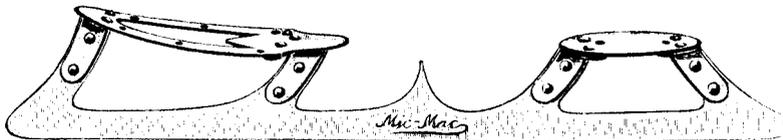
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