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Editorial Comments.



ONE of the saddest events connected with our great fire was the destruction of the fine old library. Many a volume that would be a treasure to the enthusiastic book lover perished that night amid the smoke and flame. Kind friends, however, held out to us a helping hand. Donations of books were received from almost every part of the civilized world. The universities of the older lands sent us contributions of valuable books, distinguished scholars presented us with copies of their own works, and even those in high places manifested a flattering interest in our concerns. Thus in various ways a new library was gradually formed, but a fire-proof building to contain it was still wanting. In the year that followed, the plans for such a structure were drawn up and some time later work was begun. During the past year everyone has watched with interest the progress of building operations in the picturesque spot chosen as the site among the trees on the west side of the ravine. It is with feelings of genuine pleasure that we find the building very nearly completed. In external appearance and in the beauty and commodiousness of its interior, it is one that is indeed creditable to our University and constitutes no unworthy addition to the number of beautiful and costly buildings in and about the Queen's Park. The entrance is on the west side and above it rises a handsome tower. Passing in we find ourselves in the entrance hall. On one side are the stairways leading to the basement and to the seminary rooms above. On the other side is the main reading-room. We enter it and notice that a large number of the students have found it advantageous to study here even now when the almost ceaseless noise of hammers and saws pervades the building. For the present the books most required by the students have been arranged on temporary shelves in this room. Beside them is one of the courteous assistants explaining some perplexing point to an inquiring sophomore. The upper storey does not extend over this portion of the building, so that the eye ranges unobstructed to the roof above. The northern wall is semi-circular in form and contains a number of windows sufficient to afford abundance of light. The room is furnished with tables and chairs, and will comfortably seat 200 people. One thing that cannot well escape the observer's notice is that the women students are also studying in this same room. This probably denotes that the policy of seclusion has been to some extent abandoned in this building at least, and that all students will be placed on an equal footing. On the east side of the reading-room are situated the cataloguing room and the office of the librarian, Mr. Langton. On the south is the railed-in space to be occupied by the assistants. Immediately behind this lies the part of the building that is technically known as the "stack," the

many-windowed room where the books are stored. It is shut off by fire-proof doors and is capable of containing on its shelves 120,000 volumes.

Ascending to the upper storey we find seven rooms which are intended for the seminaries. Four of these are situated over the stack and on opposite sides of a corridor that runs north and south. In the basement are found the conversation, cloak and furnace rooms. The building will be lighted by the electric light. Gas will be only used on those rare but inevitable occasions when through accident to the machinery the electric light cannot be supplied. New cases of books, on being received, are first brought into the basement where they are unpacked. They are then raised to the cataloguing room by means of a "lift," are there entered in the catalogue and finally transferred to the stack. The total number of volumes now possessed by the library is, as Mr. Langton has kindly informed us, about 43,000. Of these quite a number have never been unpacked, as the rooms till lately occupied by the library in the School of Science were not large enough to contain them all. The labor entailed in moving such a large quantity of books into their new home and in cataloguing them is very great, and it will be long before the work is all finished. For those who have wrestled, like Jacob, with the strange old catalogues belonging to the old library, it will be of interest to know that the books will be catalogued on more modern principles.

It is intended, as soon as the arrangements for lighting the building in the evening have been completed, to have the library open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7.30 to 10 p.m. This we believe to be a step in the right direction. A large number of the students will no doubt avail themselves of the privilege of studying in the evening amid such pleasant surroundings and within easy reach of valuable books of reference. Thus the library will become what it ought to be, to a large extent the centre of University life. Of course the new arrangement means the loss of an ancient privilege which was possessed by the student, that of keeping out books over night. Obviously there would be little advantage in having the library open in the evening if the privilege were continued. In this connection we are forced to deplore the inadequate provision made for the access of the students to the heart of the books, so to speak. There is something inspiring in a loving look, even at the backs of our tomes, while to handle them is almost equivalent to a divine afflatus. We hope the facilities for this intimacy between the student and the books will early be afforded us.

In each of the seminary rooms will be found besides a number of books of reference, also those required for the work that is being taken up in the seminary at any particular time. As the character of the work changes, new books will be brought up from the main library and the old ones returned, in order to be more accessible to the general

body of students. The volumes of the various learned periodicals taken by the library will also be found in the seminaries. As it is necessary that the utmost quiet shall prevail in the reading-room, conversation rooms have been provided in the basement for the convenience of those who may wish to converse with their friends. An innovation of some interest to the student is the fee of \$2 imposed for the use of the library. The proceeds of this fee will be devoted exclusively to library purposes.

We have endeavored in the above brief sketch to convey some idea of what has been done to provide a building for the library entirely worthy of our great and growing University. We have already intimated that we feel pleased to be able to announce that it is so near completion. In fact we never pass the portal but we half wish we were a freshman again, or better still one of the many who are studying hard to become freshmen, so that we might be able fully to enjoy the numerous good things that will in the near future fall to the lot of the Varsity student. We already have the library, there will be before long a properly equipped gymnasium, and perhaps at no very distant date a convocation hall. Perhaps, also, the Residence problem will be worked out and something satisfactory in that direction be at last evolved. Truly we stand at the threshold of a new era. The crisis of what we might, to use a geological term, call the igneous period of our history, has been passed successfully, and we look with confidence unto the future.

It is with a peculiar thrill we note the tendency to discontinue the old Hallowe'en observance. The round of opera, police, ladies' colleges, etc., has doubtless done good service in the past. Many of us remember the happy hours we spent in developing our lungs and chasing the patrol waggon, particularly on the night when the thirty thousand were on parade. But its usefulness and pleasure have alike departed, and so it is being discarded. According to the most authentic evidence we have been able to collect the crowd on last Hallowe'en consisted almost entirely of representatives from St. John's Ward and Osgoode. It remains for us to devise something to replace the defunct entertainment of the benighted past.

AS WE LIST: AND YE LIST.

A bond at birth is forged; a debt doth lie
Immortal on mortality. It grows,
By vast rebound it grows, unceasing growth;
Gift upon gift, alms upon alms, upreared,
From man, from God, from nature, till the soul
At that so huge indulgence stands amazed.

—Underwoods.

A little book seldom read or talked of fell in our path the other day, and we glanced over it with some curiosity. It was a small volume of verse entitled "Underwoods," written by that consummate craftsman, Robert Louis Stevenson.

Andrew Lang said not long ago that one ran no risk now in praising Mr. Stevenson, for somehow or other he had no enemies and everybody liked him. And who knows of anyone that does not like him? When we first make his acquaintance we become infatuated with him and wish to follow him throughout, from the terrible transformations of "Dr. Jekyll" and the horror of "Treasure Island," through the mysteries of the "New Arabian Nights," across the Cevennes with wayward "Modestine," around

the curves of the Oise with the "Cigarette" in the "Inland Voyage," and so faithfully on through all his books to the "Wrecker." In confidence we will confess that one of his novels, "The Master of Ballantrae," we found rather tiresome. That, however, may have been because we received it in monthly rations. Waiting too long for the threads of a story is like waiting too long for the courses of a dinner—our appetite meantime escapes us.

After reading "Underwoods" we feel that metrical form does not enrich Mr. Stevenson's thought. It contains many charming and picturesque stanzas, some that are powerful, others that are pathetic. As instances one might mention in the *English* half: "The Canal Speaks," "The Unfathomable Sea," "Our Lady of the Snows," "Not Yet, My Soul," "In Memoriam," "To My Father;" and in the *Scots* half: "A Mile an' a Bittock," "The Blast—1875," "The Counterblast—1886," "The Counterblast Ironical," "The Scotsman's Return from Abroad," "Late in the Night," and "My Conscience." But it is in prose, not verse, that he can best express himself. There is perhaps no novelist living that writes such clear, nervous English as he, nor any that has tried so hard to do it. We call him a craftsman because he made a craft of his writing and labored at it. Early in his boyhood (we have the account from his own pen) he conceived a desire to write well, and it never forsook him. Wherever he wandered he carried with him a book to read and a book to write. All times, all places, all persons were the subjects whereon he practised. Nothing was too near or too far, too high or too low for his purpose. He would sit down on a boulder by the roadside and endeavor to describe the scene before him; he would pause in the street to note the look of a passing face or a city throng. And as a result years after we find the boy's determined pencil producing in the hands of the man descriptions such as this:—

"The river was swollen with the long rains. From Vadencourt all the way to Origny it ran with ever quickening speed, taking fresh heart at each mile, and racing as though it already smelt the sea! The water was yellow and turbulent, and swung with an angry eddy among half-submerged willows, and made an angry clatter along stony shores. The course kept turning and turning in a narrow and well-timbered valley. Now, the river would approach the side and run griding along the chalky base of the hill, and show us a few open colza fields among the trees. Now it would skirt the garden walls of houses, where we might catch a glimpse through a door-way and see a priest pacing in the chequered sunlight. Again, the foliage closed so thickly in front that there seemed to be no issue, only a thicket of willows, overtopped by elms and poplars, under which the river ran flush and fleet, and where a kingfisher flew past like a piece of the blue sky. On these different manifestations the sun poured its clear and catholic looks. The shadows lay as solid on the swift surface of the stream as on the stable meadows. The light sparkled golden in the dancing poplar leaves and brought the hills into communion with our eyes. And all the while the river never stopped running or took breath; and the reeds along the whole valley stood shivering from top to toe."

Imitations he attempted with unchecked audacity—imitations of Lamb or Montaigne in the essay, of Wordsworth, Browning, Swinburne in verse, of Dumas and Thackeray in romance. He says: "Even at the age of thirteen I had tried to do justice to the inhabitants of the famous city of Peebles in the style of the "Book of Snobs." He would select and set and polish words, then with unwearied hope discover that his jewels were trash, and with unwearied courage seeking new materials, he would select and set and polish them again.

"That, like it or not, is the way to learn to write," he declares.

No doubt, and everyone should be recommended to try it, but everyone should not be assured of success. For notwithstanding all that Mr. Stevenson tells us about the development of his art, the germ, the tendency must have been there to develop. The very zeal and persistency

with which he worked is an evidence of its existence. And it must not be thought that a man can learn to write his language nobly by means of mere study, as he learns, for example, to write shorthand. The qualities of good prose, clearness, judgment, harmony must flow from a mind that possesses them.

Yet, in merely giving logical utterance to our ideas we clarify them, and logical utterance is possible to all who have logical thought. Now if any one is willing to acknowledge himself or herself incapable of logical thought, then, and only then, should be removed the obligation which weighs upon us all, of acquiring, and laboring to acquire, a decent usage of our native speech.

We were about to proceed to an energetic peroration, when someone interrupted with the dogmatic assertion that he did not believe the author of the "Vicar of Wakefield" labored an hour in writing that book or any other.

A SINNER AT SUNSET.

White clouds, gold clouds, gray clouds too,
I would wrap myself in you,
That with you about me wound,
Neither thought, nor sight, nor sound
Of myself or other men,
Should arise to me again.

White clouds, gold clouds, gray clouds too,
I would blind myself with you;
Close about my practised eyes
I would fold you in such wise,
They should never after see
Aught of Heav'n, or earth, or me.

White clouds, gold clouds, gray clouds too,
I would bind my heart with you,
Till its very beats should cease,
Since it will not beat in peace
Unconfounded and content,
For what purpose it was meant.

White clouds, gold clouds, gray clouds too,
There is only God in you,
There is only I in me
And the thing I long to be
Which, of all I am, is most,
And 'tis emptier than a ghost.

White clouds, gold clouds, gray clouds too,
I would plunge my soul in you,
Deeper would I let it sink
Than I know whereof to think,
Till bereft of its last breath,
You should smother it to death.

EVELYN DURAND.

There are 425 students in this year's Freshman class at Harvard. We are in it too with the 400.

The *Harvard Monthly* for November in "Six Years of Voluntary Chapel" gives us a good idea of the old days of compulsory chapel-going at Harvard and of the benefits resulting from the change to the voluntary system. What Harvard has done in establishing a series of morning services taken for terms of six weeks each by the leading clergymen of the different denominations we should be able to do, at Toronto, for at least Sunday. Queen's College has a series of Sunday afternoon sermons by prominent divines during the college year. Last year's sermons, neatly printed in pamphlet form, lie on our table. Such names as Dr. Briggs, Principal Grant, Rev. M. Herridge, Dr. Murray, Rev. G. M. Milligan, speak for themselves. The subjects ranged from "The Bible and other books," by Dr. Briggs, to "Art as an Element in Spiritual Life," by Adam Shortt, Professor of Political Science.

"K" COMPANY.

This year there are a great many recruits in "K" Co., and the annual inspection was looked forward to with some misgivings. But these fears were groundless, and the Company still maintains its proud reputation. On Wednesday evening of last week the Company turned out in full force. All the other companies, except "E," had been inspected the week before, and now formed a large and critical body of spectators. A careful examination by the D.A.G. and his aide-de-camp failed to discover any fault in the well-polished accoutrements. The personal inspection being over, the Company was next put through an exhaustive series of movements and exercises by Captain Rennie and Lieut. Barker. At first some timidity was felt, but the precision with which the first movements were performed gave rise to a feeling of confidence, and every motion was gone through with an exactness which brought forth general applause. After the inspection was over the Company had a refreshment parade, when they were heartily thanked by the officers for their steadiness. The number of points taken by any company is not yet known, but the officers and men who were looking on were divided in opinion as to whether "K" would take first or second place in the competition. On Sunday the Company paraded for divine service at the Pavilion, where an able sermon was preached by His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto. The Queen's Own, the Grenadiers, the 48th Highlanders, and the Governor-General's Body Guards were all present. To-night is muster-parade, and to-morrow the regiment will march forth, as did the Romans of old, to valiantly defend the city. This will end the season's drill.

CLASS OF '96.—The class of '96 has organized with the following officers:—President, P. J. Robinson; 1st Vice-President, Miss Smart; 2nd Vice-President, W. A. McKinnon; Secretary, A. J. Stringer; Treasurer, F. Allen; Musical Director, W. R. White; Athletic Director, J. W. Gilmour; Poet, Miss Shilling; Orator, J. R. Perry; Historians, Miss Wanless and D. McFayden; Prophet, E. Boyd; Judge, J. Merrick; Critic, H. A. Bruce; Artist, W. A. McLean; Councillors, Misses Craig, Cranston and Burnham, and Messrs. McKay and Howland. Owing to the long list of nominations for the different offices, it was found necessary to hold two meetings for the elections. The members of the class turned out in force to both meetings, and were very enthusiastic throughout. At the second meeting, held on Nov. 1st, Messrs. Horne and Webster were present and spoke on behalf of the Gymnasium Committee. Messrs. Gilmour and Merrick were elected to represent the first year on that committee. E. M. Lawson was chosen as first year representative on the directorate of VARSITY.

TORONTO COLLEGE OF MUSIC.—The weekly recitals by the students will be resumed on Saturday, Nov. 5th. An excellent programme has been prepared, and our friends will be heartily welcome. The recitals commence at 3 o'clock. Miss Clarke, gold medallist of '90, has been appointed organist at St. Paul's, Bloor Street. She fills the position admirably. Mr. W. E. Fairclough has been confined to the house with a slight attack of typhoid fever. His many friends hope to see him at his post in a short time. Miss Sullivan, gold medallist of '91, has been appointed conductress of the choir in Our Lady of Lourdes. At a missionary meeting in Bloor St. Presbyterian Church, Miss Gertie Smith received great applause for her rendition of Dudley Buck's "When the heart is young." We were glad to see an old University boy, Mr. Harry M. Field, greeted by such a full house on Tuesday evening last, on the occasion of his first recital since returning from Germany. It has been decided by the students to hold an At Home on Dec. 8th. We hope the Glee Club will be interested in this announcement. We shall be glad to learn the colors of other colleges affiliated with the University of Toronto, so that in choosing ours we may not duplicate another.

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LITERARY SOCIETY.



WHEN the Literary Society started its Friday evening meeting the hall was about two-thirds full; however, as the evening advanced, the number present was reinforced by deputations from other societies—the Plugging Club, the Whist Club, and Stewart's Club.

The usual routine business was transacted. The members listened to the minutes and talked to their friends. Sections k. h. m. n. o., of the rules of order, were gone through, and then the Society gave its coat collar a hitch and settled down to hear the programme.

Mr. Wicher was called upon for an essay; hereupon our essayist arose and struggled with a gown that seemed to have no sleeves. Then at length he marched up to the front, looked at the manuscript, smiled a sad smile, and informed us that he had brought the wrong manuscript from his sermon "bar'l." He was given permission to obtain the right one, and soon his departing footsteps could be heard in the distance.

Mr. Montgomery read to us, in an able and sympathetic way, an extract from the Biglow papers. The Society, however, was in a somewhat oblivious mood and looked after its own affairs more than those of the Biglow papers. Occasionally when the word "dimmycrats" was heard, the Society dropped the apple core it had been eating and thoughtfully wondered whether it would put its money on Cleveland or Harrison this time.

Now an attempt was made to stir up the Glee Club, and after poking with a long pole President Parker was located. President DeLury asked for music, and President Parker gave us a stone; however, as we sadly sighing turned away, we received a sugar plum in the announcement that the Glee Club would come in from the highways and byeways next Friday night and transcend with their singing the strains of the Sirens.

The debate now demanded our attention. Owing to Mr. Horne's absence Mr. Sissons, the second speaker on the affirmative, now stepped into the breach. It was to be expected that Mr. Sissons should display a slight nervousness, owing to the fact that he had not expected to speak first. As he proceeded this nervousness wore off and he spoke strongly and well. Some of his positions might be taken exception to, owing to their somewhat specious nature, but this was done sufficiently well by the negative. Mr. Barnum, the second speaker on the negative, arose. This was, we believe, Mr. Barnum's first appearance before the Literary Society; he certainly created a favorable impression. His manner is quiet, his style easy; the only defect to be noted is a slight tendency towards a lack of force. He treated his subject with ability and cited statistics many to substantiate his position. Mr. Horne, who during the course of the evening had strolled in, now spoke for the affirmative. He is such a well-known speaker, having stood before the Lit. on so many occasions, that we content ourselves with saying he spoke ably as he always does. Mr. Philipps now took the part of the negative. His manner as usual was easy and his positions well sustained; the mutual interdependence of industrial life was well wrought out by him. But, as the President said in summing up, the most important argument was the sociological one.

There now devolved on the President the duty of deciding the debate. After summing up the various arguments advanced, and dwelling at greater length on those which seemed to him most important, he gave his decision in favor of the negative.

As the bursts of applause were dying away there could be heard in the ante-room the sound of hurrying feet, and then breathless and panting Mr. Wicher rushed in holding aloft his essay and crying "Eureka." He was now called upon for his essay. He took his place at the front and announced his subject as "Democracy." As he proceeded he avowed his predilections for republican forms of government. Now there ensued a commotion at the back of the room, there was heard mutterings of "the old flag," and suddenly the British Lion arose from its recumbent position and growled. The essayist now instituted a comparison between royalty and the drunken Stephens. This was too much for the British Lion, so, coiling his tail between his legs, he hid himself into the Empire office where alone loyalty dwelleth, and where the voice of the democrat is as an echo of an unknown tongue. Mr. Wicher in writing on such a topic as "Democracy" showed some intellectual daring, and his illustrations showed marks of wide reading. We trust, however, that we may be pardoned if we remark that the subject which taxed the genius of De Tocqueville can scarcely be handled satisfactorily within the compass of an essay no matter how talented the writer.

The Society stepped down from its elevated plane now and grappled with reports from committees and divers sundries. We heard that there is to be an open debate at the end of November, and we also have our eye on the man who wants to get on to said debate and is promising bananas in exchange for votes.

Then for a moment silence reigned. In reply to the question of the President whether there was any more business to transact there was a sad negative. The Society now arose, put on its overcoat, abstracted a pair of gloves from another man's pocket, and stepped out into the outer coldness, wondering whether '93 or '94 would win in debate next Friday night.

H. B.

MEDICAL NOTES.

Last Tuesday evening a mass meeting of the students of the Medical Faculty was held in the School on Gerrard Street for the purpose of nominating the officers for the coming dinner. The following are those nominated for the various offices:—

For *President*.—Messrs. J. H. Austin, W. P. Thompson, J. N. Harvie (retired), John Stenhouse, W. W. Elliott,

For *1st Vice-Pres.*—Messrs. F. Coleman and J. Crawford.

For *2nd Vice-Pres.*—Messrs. T. W. G. McKay and H. H. Small.

For *Graduates' Toast*.—Dr. H. A. Bruce. (Accl.)

For *Toast to Graduating Class*.—Ed. E. Harvey. (Accl.)

For *Ladies' Toast*.—W. T. McArthur, W. G. Hall and Mr. Parker.

For *Freshmen's Toast*.—A. R. McLean, Mr. Young, Mr. Hargraft and Mr. McCosh.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the speeches that followed the nomination. They were received and applauded in good old medical style. It was decided to hold the election at the West End, in the new building, at 4 p.m. on Monday, the 7th inst.

At a meeting of the fourth year, held on Friday, a permanent Class Society was formed. Mr. H. F. McKendrick was elected Permanent Secretary, T. B. Futcher, Assistant Secretary, and J. N. Harvie, President—all were elected by acclamation. The objects of this Society are many, and of such a nature as will commend themselves to all succeeding classes. It has long been felt that there should be some bonds linking together those who have spent four years together in the College. This Society is calculated to supply the deficiency. It is intended that, in future, the members of the class shall meet every five years, partake of a banquet, and spend the evening in renewing old and valued friendships. Surely one would come a long distance for another night with the "boys" who have stamped themselves indelibly upon his future. It is the duty of the secretary to keep a list of the names and addresses of all the members of the class, so that, at any time, by applying to him, one of them can get the address of another; or at any time all can be notified for concerted action in any university matter of importance. Each one shall, yearly, send his address to the secretary. Judging from the enthusiasm exhibited, we think it will be a brilliant success.

At a meeting of the Sessional Committee last week, at which Mr. E. E. Harvey presided, it was resolved to lower the Freshmen's fee from \$1 to 75 cents.

Messrs. Richardson and McPherson are the representatives of the second year on the sessional committee this year.

The second year students have elected Messrs. Klotz, Lancaster, and Kellam to represent them on the dinner committee.

The students are grateful for a large clock which has been placed in the dissecting room—a place where it was particularly needed.

Rev. Dr. Wild will deliver his annual sermon to the Medical Students, on Sunday morning, November 13, before his departure to visit the celebrated mounds of New Mexico. The students are expected to turn out in a body, as a part of the church is to be reserved for them.

The medical students of the 2nd and 1st years would feel very much obliged to the Medical Faculty, or those in charge of the Biological Building, if they would see that some kind of drinking vessels be placed in the reading room and lavatories of that building, as it is extremely unpleasant to have to apply our mouths to the taps when we desire a drink of water.

When the Medical Society decided, some time ago, to place a piano in the medical students' reading-room in the

Biological Department, it was thought advisable to ask Prof. Ramsay Wright's permission before bringing in the instrument. That gentleman, on the first visit of our representatives, gave no decided answer, nor did he on the second, nor on the third, nor even on the fourth. The students having the matter in hand called a fifth time, but the Professor of Biology was not in. Under these circumstances the boys concluded to have the piano brought up, and obtain the permission—well, possibly next term, but Prof. Wright got the start of us, for he met the carters at the door, and sent back the piano whence it came. Seriously, we can see no reason why a piano should not be placed in a reading-room, of which the medical students have the exclusive use. Surely a musical instrument is a good substitute for a set of boxing gloves, and a proficiency in vocal music will be more productive of good results than the stamping of feet in the lecture-rooms. The presence of a piano, for which the boys are directly responsible, is not at all likely to tend toward the destruction or injury of University property, and, by the way, the authorities have never had any occasion to think ill of the medical students on account of lack of care on their part in using the furniture and rooms of the Biological Department.

SCHOOL OF PEDAGOGY.

The open meeting held last Friday evening in the amphitheatre of the Education Department, was the most successful of the series. The Hall was filled with a most appreciative audience, attracted thither by the prospect of rare entertainment. Mr. John Millar, M.A., Deputy Minister of Education, opened the evening's proceedings by a few felicitous remarks, congratulating the general committee on the success attendant on their efforts so far in the interests of the Literary Society. The Glee Club rendered "Home by the Sea" in fine style, which was most flattering to Conductor Norman.

Mr. R. F. Hunter, B.A., recited that brightest gem of English verse, Burns' "Cotter's Saturday Night," in such a way as to bring home most vividly to his hearers the homely scenes therein depicted so beautifully by the masterly pen of Scotland's peasant-poet. A most marked peculiarity of his rendition was the freedom from affectation and unnecessary gesture which so often mars the productions of very many of our so-called professional elocutionists. Mr. Mounteer, B.E., of the School of Expression, followed with a recitation, which was well received.

Next came a scene from "As You Like It," which, as an amateur production, baffles our powers of criticism. The presentation was good, the costumes suitable, and the scene as a whole most realistic. The acting of Rosalind was so natural and winning as to render the position of Orlando most enviable. The characters Celia and Jaques were also well taken. The parts were taken by Miss M. Phillips, Mr. R. J. Stallwood, B.A., Miss M. Calnan, and Mr. R. E. Hooper, B.A., respectively.

The last item on the programme was a lecture on "Canada's Future," delivered in Dr. McLellan's usual happy style. Although exceedingly unwell, he proved himself equal to the situation, and at times grew eloquent when dwelling on the prospects lying before Canada as a nation and when inveighing against those who would sell their national birthright for a miserable mess of pottage. He strongly commended the action of our Premier in summarily dismissing from office one who, holding a public position, would dare to promulgate views which, if put into practice, would sacrifice the government by virtue of which he himself held office. He interspersed his lecture by many quotations, which were well rendered and as well received by the audience.

On Friday evening, Nov. 18th, the Literary Society intend holding a conversazione. All the rooms in the Education Department will be thrown open at the conclusion of the programme, which will be given in the Amphitheatre.

theatre. The following artists have been secured: Miss Edith Millar, Miss Maud Gordon, Miss Ethelind Thomas, Miss Lena Hayes, and Agnes Knox. The services of an Italian string orchestra have been secured to play from 9 till 12 o'clock. Tickets of admission will be issued at the nominal rate of fifty cents.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

A meeting of the Engineering Society was held on Tuesday afternoon. President W. A. Lea occupied the chair. The election of a first year representative was about the only business of importance. Mr. Blackwood and Mr. Wood having been nominated at the previous meeting, the election was proceeded with and Mr. Blackwood was the successful candidate. The meeting was adjourned shortly afterward.

The match between the S.P.S. Rugby team and '95 resulted rather disastrously for the S.P.S. kickers. The score was 9 to 5, and '95 got the 9. The Arts men, however, admit that the luck was all theirs. A game was also played on Saturday morning between S.P.S. and '93, in which the School was again defeated by a score of 8 to 0. The manager of the '93 team showed up in grand form by the able manner in which he managed his *seventeen* men. Heretofore the limit has been fifteen, but—well, the whole thing was mighty peculiar, anyhow. A match is being arranged between S.P.S. and Wycliffe, in which it is to be hoped the home team will redeem its shattered reputation.

Mr. A. T. Laing, '92, returned last week to proceed to a degree of B.A.Sc. Altogether about ten of last year's class are back, taking up the extra course. Mr. Ardagh, '93, also returned and was accorded a hearty welcome as he entered the draughting room.

What's the matter with the School of Science dinner?

THE WOMEN'S LITERARY SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the Women's Literary Society was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Thursday, Nov. 3rd, the Vice-President, Miss Lye, in the chair. The minutes of the March and October meetings were read and corrected and then nominations were received for the "Residence Committee." Miss Balmer, B.A., and Miss Ross, B.A., were elected from the graduates, and as it was decided that the President of the Society should be one of the undergraduates on this committee, nominations were received for the office of President, which had been left vacant by the resignation of Miss Jeffrey. Miss Lye was elected President. The other undergraduate on the above committee is Miss Hamilton. It was then moved by Miss Ross, seconded by Miss McKenzie, B.A., that the elections for this Committee henceforth take place at the annual elections in March. As the meeting was purely a business one there was no literary programme. The President then announced her resignation of the office of Vice-President, which is to be filled next meeting, after which the meeting adjourned.

M. O'ROURKE, *Cor. Sec.*

A marking stone in the era of theatrical history of Toronto will be the production at the Academy of Music, Monday, Nov. 14th, of the great London success "Dartmoor," by a company of English artists well known in Toronto. "Dartmoor's" success in London was phenomenal; it was produced at the Shaftesbury Theatre by E. S. Willard and Miss Terry. It is a four-act comedy drama, written by the well-known English dramatist and comedian, Mr. Arthur Law. The company presenting it in Toronto is one of unusual strength, fully in keeping with the high character of the play, and of such recognized ability and reputation as to need no comment further than giving their names. Mr. J. H. Gilmour is the star, and associated with him are Owen Westford, Herbert Archer, Littledale Power, Arthur Crawford, J. K. Brooks, Bettina Gerard, Hazel Seldon, Emmie Fossette and the wonderful child actress, little Marguerite Fields, so long with Mr. Augustin Daly.

Athletic Notes.

During last week football held full sway round Varsity. The inter-year leagues, both in Rugby and Association, have been re-organized, and as a consequence every afternoon sees two fifteens or two elevens lined up, prepared to do or die for the honor of their various classes. Such matches as these should be encouraged, as a means of bringing to the front material for our first teams. But what lovers of football in our College have watched with the keenest interest has been the progress of our Association team in its struggle for the city championship. Last Wednesday Varsity met Osgoode Hall for the second time, and succeeded in defeating them by a score of three to nothing. On Saturday the Scots were encountered on the baseball grounds and beaten by four goals to one. Both matches were well contested and largely interspersed with rough play, and Varsity are highly deserving of the proud title of Champions of the Toronto League. This is the third season the cup has been held by our sturdy kickers. Our only regret is that our Association and Rugby representatives cannot indulge in mutual congratulations. However, we look forward with confidence to the day when Varsity shall boast of a double championship. When our new gymnasium is completed and our Rugby men have an opportunity of getting into proper condition for a hard season's work, we prophesy for Varsity two senior championships, to say nothing of our junior eleven and fifteen.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

VARSITY'S REVENGE.

On Wednesday Varsity and Osgoode Hall played off their draw of the previous week. A match which is to decide a draw is always interesting, and consequently a large body of students were present to witness Varsity's most decisive win from the legalites. As at the last minute the incomparable Watson walked on the field and took his place on the forward line, a continuous and slightly audible smile passed down the touch-lines, and an impulse to applause manifested itself, which was however checked by a feeling of awe inspired by the presence of the sure-footed kicker. Varsity made only one change in her team, namely, putting Watson in centre and changing Murray to the left wing. Osgoode had replaced Hunter and Cahoe by Hooper and Warbrick. It is a question whether this strengthened them, as it considerably marred the combination which characterized their play in the first match against Varsity.

As our readers have no doubt already seen accounts of the game, we will not here enter into the details of the play. Varsity secured three goals in the first half, and after that no scoring was done on either side, although on several occasions Porter barely averted the downfall of his stronghold. The first goal was taken about ten minutes after play was started. Watson secured the ball from a scrimmage in front of goal and passed to Duncan who scored. Varsity's stock was now up and maintained its exalted position for another ten minutes, at the end of which time the sphere was again put through by Duncan from a centre by Murray. During the remainder of the first half the Varsity forwards kept the ball well under control, with the result that five minutes before the whistle blew Watson closed a grand run by tipping the ball past Sims. With the score standing three to nothing, the remainder of the game, although fast, lost much of its interest for the spectators. The game was practically won, and notwithstanding the fact that the Legals played hard till time was called, they did so with courage born of despair.

The following is the personnel of the teams:—Osgoode: Goal, Sims; backs, Graham, Dallas; halves, Warbrick, Norman, Hunter; left wing, Thompson, Lamport; centre, Meldrum; right wing, Hooper, Buckingham (Captain); Varsity: Goal, Porter; backs, Stuart, Breckenridge; halves, McArthur, Goldie, Forrester; left wing, Govan-

lock, Murray; centre, Watson; right wing, McDonald, Duncan. Referee, D. A. Dickson; Umpires, Warriner, Garrett.

Sims' play in goal was a feature of the game. "Buck" on many occasions proved troublesome to the Varsity defence.

Alas, how have the mighty fallen! The ci-devant star Warbrick is no longer a match for such men as Watson and Murray.

In Watson Varsity has secured a very promising young player.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

On Saturday Varsity won from the Scots in the League final by the time-honored score of four to one. This is the third time these two teams have met with the same result. It is rumored that the score in the future will be changed to five goals instead of four. The object is to have each forward secure one goal, and thus prevent ill-feeling from arising in our fleet-footed line. The only marked feature of the early part of the game was the rough play, which was, however, later on checked by the referee. Varsity scored twice in the first half. Forrester secured the first goal from a foul kick, the goal-keeper fumbling the ball before it passed under the bar. McDonald put through the second goal from a centre by Govanlock.

Play had not been resumed in the second half a minute before Watson fooled McDonald by neatly heading the ball through the Scots' goal. For a while the Scots awakened to a sense of their duty, and as the result of a piece of combined play the ball was put through the Varsity goal for the first and only time. Doll kicked the goal from a centre by Grant. The fourth goal was scored for Varsity by McDonald.

The players were:—
Scots—Goal, McDonald; backs, Reid, McCallum, J.; halves, Edmunds, Browning, Burnett; left wing, McCallum, N., Doll; centre, Mannison; right wing, McWhirter, Grant.

Varsity—Goal, Porter; backs, Breckenridge, Stuart; halves, McArthur, Goldie, Forrester; left wing, Govanlock, Murray; centre, Watson; right wing, McDonald, Duncan.

Referee, J. A. R. Starr; umpires, Anderson, A. N., Brown.

'93 vs. '94.

The Association football representatives of the above mentioned years lined up at 3.30 on Friday. This was the first match of a series, the final winners of which will be presented with a valuable trophy representative of the Championship of the College. Notwithstanding the slippery condition of the ground, and a strong wind sweeping across the field, the game was fast and combined. '94 had to work hard for her victory. The score at the blow of the whistle was 1 to 0. Orton took Moore's place in the second half.

The following were the players:—'93: Goal, Henry; backs, Breckenridge, Stuart; halves, Silcox, Norman (Osgoode), Strath; right wing, Lazier, Wilson; centre, Moore; left wing, Sampson, Hellemes. '94: Goal, Pease; backs, Gilmore, W. Wilson; halves, Dickie, Duncan, Carrol; right wing, Sissons, Fry; centre, Lingelbach; left wing, Graham, McCullough.

There are various surmises in football circles as to how much '93 are paying for the services of Norman, Osgoode's sturdy half-back.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE vs. '95.

The above teams met on the lawn last Tuesday, in the first match of the inter-year Rugby series. After a hard struggle '95 left the field winners by a score of 9 to 5.

The teams were:—S.P.S.: Back, McCallum; halves,

Doyle (Capt.), Lee, Boyd; quarter, Pousette; forwards, Robinson, Rolph, Helliwell; wings, Lash, N., Laidlaw, Buck, Black, Fitzsimmons, Brown, Doby. '95: Back, McMillan; halves, Williams, Cross, Burns; quarter, Silverthorn; scrimmage, Cronyn, Scott, Vickers; wings, Hardy, Burbridge, McDonald, McIntosh, Highland, Hughes, Chaisegreene.

'94 vs. '95.

On Thursday afternoon the Rugby enthusiasts of the sophomore and junior years played a friendly match, which resulted in a victory for the late freshmen. The result of the game, 6 to 4, was a great surprise, as '94 had by far best of the play. This week these teams will meet again, to decide which will play off in the final with '93.

The teams were:—'94: Back, Biggar; halves, Duncan, Gilmore, W., Lingelbach; quarter, Bond; wings, Blythe, Moss, Kingstone, H., Sissons, Woods, Dunbar, Hughes; scrimmage, Craig, Lash, M., Boulthbee. '95: Back, McMillan; halves, Williams, Cross, Burns; quarter, Lynde; wings, Hardy, Burbridge, McIntosh, Chaisegreene, Silverthorne, Highland, Scott; scrimmage, Cronyn, McDonald, Vickers. Lash for '94 and Vickers for '95 were the strength of their respective teams.

'93 vs. S.P.S.

10.30 a.m. Saturday found '93 and the Science men lined up for a friendly match, which before its conclusion proved to be anything but a felicitous encounter. Shortly before half-time an unfortunate accident occurred, by which Davidson, of '93, had two bones of his right ankle broken. The seniors, however, played pluckily on a man short, and succeeded in winning by a score of 9 to 0.

The following players participated in the game:—'93: Back, Jones, W.; halves, Sampson, Moore, Duncan; quarter, Parker; wings, Hellemes, Moore, White, McDougal, Davis, Norman, Silcox, Davidson, Lazier; scrimmage, Strath, McKenzie, Williamson; spare men, 1st, Anderson, 2nd, McDougal, L. (manager), 3rd, McMillan, "Curly." S.P.S.: Back, Buck; halves, McCallum, Doyle, Boyd; quarter, Pousette; wings, Rolph, Laidlaw, Black, Fitzsimmons, Brown, Doby, Lee; scrimmage, Lash, N., Robinson, Helliwell.

It is a pity that more of the Rugby experts of '93 do not turn out to the aid of their classmates, as it is very discouraging to play with little more than half a team.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

NOTE.—Notices under this head must be in the hands of the Editor by Monday night.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH.

Y.M.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Class of '96 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH.

Ladies' Glee Club.—Practice in Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 1 p.m.
The Varsity Glee Club.—Practice in Room 3, College Building, 4 to 6 p.m.
Literary Society.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH.

Victoria Literary Society.—Literary Society Hall, Victoria College, 8 p.m.
Jackson Literary Society.—Jackson Hall, Victoria College, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH.

Bible Class.—Rev. J. P. Sheraton, D.D. Subject: "The Lord's Supper," Cor. xi. 20-34. Wycliffe College, 3 p.m.
Sermon to Students.—Rev. Dr. Workman, Trinity Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH.

Modern Language Club.—German meeting Lessing, Curriculum work. Room 12, College Building, 4 p.m.
S.P.S. Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH.

Class of '95 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 8.30 a.m.
Classical Association.—Open meeting. Addresses by Prof. Hutton and Mr. Fairclough, Room 3, Main Building, 4.30 p.m.
Y.W.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH.

Bible Class.—Rev. Dr. McTavish's class for Bible training. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.

'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

W. G. Watson, '91, has been forced to give up ministerial work on account of ill health and has gone home.

Graduates of '91 are requested to send in their addresses at once to Mr. H. R. Ferguson, 238 Simcoe Street.

The second year Political Science men are developing great talent in writing summaries under the new professor of that department.

Knox College will hold a conversazione at an early date. No comment is needed; Knox always makes a success of her events, and the conversat. will accord with the rest.

The classification on the programme of the sports, by which Victoria was distinguished from University College, was merely an oversight, the result of assimilation to last year's card.

Students will be pleased to hear that Rev. Dr. Workman has been announced to preach a special sermon to students in Trinity Methodist Church, on Sunday evening next at seven p.m.

For the information of our subscribers and friends who do not read the list of the staff, we would say that the Business Manager and Editor are always to be found in the office from 7 to 8 p.m., and sometimes later.

Mr. W. M. Davidson, '93, who had two bones broken in his leg during the '93-Science game on Saturday, is at the General Hospital. He is as comfortably situated as possible, and bids fair to recover as speedily as such a serious fracture will permit.

Professor Mavor delivered his first lecture in the University to '95. Many of the third and fourth year men were also present. When it was over everyone expressed himself as highly pleased. Mr. Mavor himself seemed agreeably surprised at the large classes attending his lectures.

On Hallowe'en our famous runner, George W. Orton, was still further honored. The Toronto Lacrosse Club, that they might show their appreciation of the many laurels he has won for them, gave a grand banquet in his honor. In reply to a toast Mr. Orton promised to lower the record still further. It is indeed a pity that he will leave us so soon. He graduates this spring.

The Classical Society met on Tuesday of last week. There was only one paper read, but the essay itself and the discussion thereon well repaid those who attended. The next meeting, on Nov. 15, will be an open one. Addresses will be delivered by Prof. Hutton and Mr. Fairclough. Mr. W. P. Reeve will deliver the funeral oration of Pericles in the original fluent Athenian language.

Class '94 was to have had its annual meeting some time ago, but the ladies were not present so it was adjourned

till Wednesday, the 2nd. At this meeting the ladies were present, but all the rest save the president and secretary were out on the campus intently watching the Osgoode-Varsity match. Another adjournment was the result, yet the undaunted committee affirm that they will hold that meeting some time.

The Mathematical and Physical Society held its regular meeting on Friday last. Mr. Reynolds' paper on "The Life of Newton" was very interesting, alike from its merit and its subject. The experiments by Messrs. Anderson and Warren illustrating Newton's Rings and other discoveries of the great philosopher were favored by the gods of physics. After the transaction of some business the meeting adjourned.

Harvard Monthly: A Professorship of Economic History has been established by the Corporation, and William James Ashley, A.M., of Canada, has been appointed the first Professor. The appointment of Professor Ashley together with that of Professor Munsburg, the psychologist, exhibits an activity on the part of the University in looking abroad as well as at home for new instructors, and a willingness to make offers of full professorships in order to secure the best educators.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.—A very successful English meeting was held on Monday. The subject was Goldsmith. The following essays were read: "Life," Mr. W. D. Fry; "Deserted Village," Miss de Beauregard; "She Stoops to Conquer," Miss Skinner. The essays were carefully written and evinced a sympathetic acquaintance with the works of this "most beloved of English writers." The president closed the meeting with some excellent remarks on the character of Goldsmith's poetry.

The Political Science men of '94 had an agreeable surprise last week. They were all assembled in the lecture-room waiting for a lecture from Professor Mills. For some reason he did not appear, so Mr. Vandersmissen very kindly stepped in and commenced an interesting and instructive lecture on German. The class was listening with most intelligent appreciation when suddenly the door opened and the lecture stopped. There was a pause, a hurried gathering of papers, and, as the lecturer vanished, the students prepared with a sigh to listen for the rest of the hour to the dry facts of Constitutional Law.

An adjourned meeting of Class '95 was held in Room 9, on Tuesday of last week, at 5 o'clock. As the ladies, for reasons best known to themselves, were not present, it was decided to leave open the offices usually filled by ladies till the first social evening. It was decided also after considerable enthusiastic but unnecessary discus-

sion to leave the office of artist open for a time. The following officers were then elected: Musical Director, A. Wickens; Judge, W. A. McLaren; Prophet, A. A. Laing; Critic, Mr. Hollinrake; Poet, J. A. Tucker; Historian, F. B. Proctor; Orator, Joseph Montgomery; Councillors, J. Hyland and E. A. Wicher.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The announcement that Mr. Frank Keller was to address the Association last Thursday was sufficient to bring out a very large audience. Mr. Keller is most enthusiastic in his work and his address was very impressive. He urgently appealed for volunteers for the foreign mission field and for support of those who were already there. Rev. J. McP. Scott spoke in the interests of the Canadian College Mission, and requested the Association to take a very active part in the work, as they and the Medical Association were the prime movers in the scheme.

On account of next Thursday being Thanksgiving Day there will be no meeting of the Association.

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