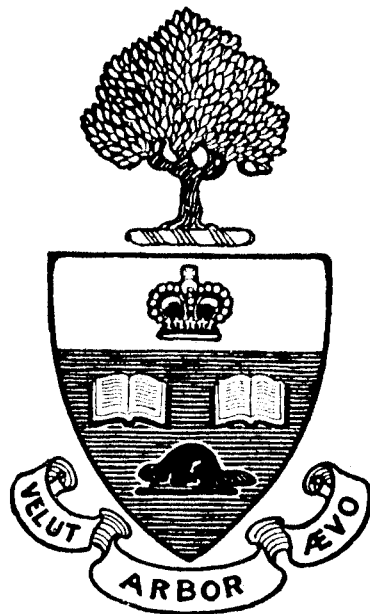


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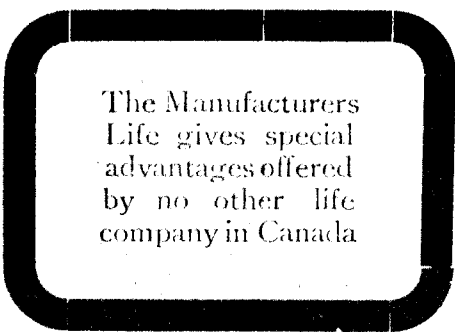
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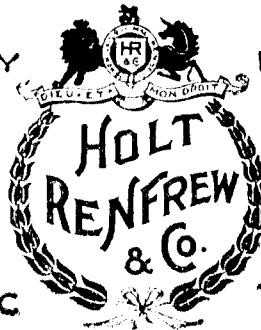
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## THE LANGUAGE QUESTION IN GREECE

PROFESSOR RAMSAY WRIGHT.

"Last night the students of the University of Athens attacked a theatre in which a play of Aeschylus, translated into modern Greek, was being represented."—Daily Paper.

THE Toronto student must find it difficult to explain to himself the mental attitude of his Athenian contemporary. He cannot conceive of himself making a frenzied onslaught on a hall where, let us say, a poem of Caedmon, done into modern English, is to be recited. He may, therefore, be glad of some of the light which is shed on the situation by a recent paper of Professor Krumbacher, of Munich, which I have just been reading in the *Panathenaia*. It will be remembered that two years ago a similar and more serious attack was made on the office of the newspaper, *Akropolis*, which had ventured to publish a translation of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, made by Palles in direct response to a wish expressed by the Queen at the time of the Græco-Turkish war, that her sick and wounded soldiers might have access to the gospel in their own "vulgar" tongue. For, in spite of assertions to the contrary, it appears that the Greek Testament is just as inaccessible to the ordinary Greek as Caedmon's Daniel would be to those of us who have not taken fourth year English.

What, then, are the reasons which induce the educated minority to adopt this attitude to the national spoken language? But first let us see how profound the difference is between the written language and the language of ordinary unaffected intercourse whether with equals or subordinates. If a Greek were to give in the high style an order to a servant, *Ἐνέχρατέ μοι ὕδωρ, δύνων καὶ ἄρτον εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν* he would be gaped at stupidly, and consequently he says, *Φέρετε μου νερό, κρασί καὶ ψωμί 'σ τὸ σπίτι*.

The difference extends almost to every word, and is far greater than is found, e.g., when the same order is translated into Latin and Italian: "*Portate mihi aquam, vinum et panem in domum;*" "*Portatemi acqua, vino e pane nella casa.*"

From the above example two things are obvious: (1) that the learned language has a phenomenal resemblance to the Greek of more than 2,000 years ago, and (2) that it differs far more profoundly from the ordinary language spoken by educated and uneducated alike than does the written language of any European tongue from its various dialects.

How did this bilingual condition arise? The history of Greece offers the answer to this question. After the classical Attic period the influence of its literature persisted, conferring a certain stability on the literary language of succeeding generations (although that was, of

course, modified by the changing political and social conditions) even down to the time of the Turkish invasion. The spoken language, on the other hand, diverged more and more from the learned tongue, exhibiting those phenomena of evolution which can be traced in the history of all language, and although at first embracing many dialects, was eventually rendered fairly uniform by the communication of the larger cities. It had, however, little opportunity of emerging as a literary language, especially during the invasions of the Goths, Huns and Slavs, and indeed it was not till the 12th century, owing no doubt to the prosperity of the Byzantine Empire, that just as in the west the Romance languages were beginning to differentiate out of Latin, so in Greece the poetical literature was giving promise of a new literary language destined to replace the old.

Under happier circumstances no doubt that would have occurred, but the fall of the Byzantine Empire and the subsequent irruption of the Turks, kept the Greeks in a state of pitiful subjection for centuries. The Venetian occupation, however, at the close of the 17th and beginning of the 18th centuries, imported some western ideas of liberty and civilization into Greece, which were further encouraged by the success of the Greek merchants who sought their fortunes in happier countries.

Thus was the way prepared for the revolution of the 19th century. Its chief spirits felt that education was a necessary factor in throwing off the Turkish yoke, but the chief weapon for such education—a written language capable of being generally understood—was lacking. So recourse was had to the ancient language preserved by church and school, but modified by men like Koræes in the direction of the spoken tongue.

With the establishment of the Kingdom of Greece, however, in 1825, an official language became all at once a pressing necessity for the transaction of public business, for imparting instruction at the University in the various arts and sciences, etc. So, as the modified ancient literary language was the only one ready to hand, it was adopted, and thus is explained the resemblance of the Greek newspaper to classical Greek and its difference from the spoken language. Krumbacher points out what a hopeless task has thus been set to the Greeks to force a living language back into the forms of an ancient one, for it is one of the established principles of philology that lost syllables and lost inflections are never restored, and that a simplified syntax never reverts to a more complex one.

The question is now being asked by some of the younger literary men of the day, poets and playwrights,

who feel that in the tongue learned at their mothers' knees they have the better medium of expression "Why should this bilingual condition be allowed to persist? Why should we be forced into the straight-jacket of an artificial language?" One would rather expect the students to be in sympathy with such a movement, and we come finally to ask the meaning of their conservative attitude.

Krumbacher interprets it as follows: Among the unconfessed reasons is a certain vanity, which causes the educated Greek to say, "We are the only people who can read the New Testament in the language in which it was written. Let us not lose this distinction. Our language, purified of its foreign elements, is a demonstration to the outside world that we are in reality the descendants of the ancient Greeks." In forming these ideas they have not been uninfluenced by the prevailing ideas in the West as to the barbarous nature of their popular tongue. They have wineed under the gibes of the professor who has no respect for a language in which *ἄπο* governs the accusative, although his own English tongue may have undergone precisely similar changes from the old English to which it owes its origin.

Of course, there are other alleged reasons, the barbarous and vulgar character of the popular tongue, its inaccuracies, want of syntactical method, poverty in vocabulary, presence of foreign words, and, above all, want of unity. They forget that a language is what the history of the people has made it.

So, as the influence of church and state is directed to the encouragement of the artificial language, and its supporters are prepared to shed blood as well as ink in its defence, considerable amount of courage is required to come forward as a champion of the vulgar tongue. One of its most valiant champions is Psichari, Professor of Neo-Hellenic Studies in Paris, who, with Krumbacher, looks forward to a time in the near future when a new literary tongue will arise in Greece, born of the spoken language, and which will carry education to the masses, develop national spirit, and raise the Greeks to a far more important position in Eastern Europe than they at present have.

#### THE INTER-COLLEGE DEBATE WITH TRINITY.

Trinity representatives secured the decision of the judges in the University College-Trinity debate on Tuesday, Dec. 1st, in the Students' Union. Trinity had the affirmative of the resolution, "Resolved, that the Government's policy in regard to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is not conducive to the best interests of Canada."

Mr. S. J. Arnott, in a deliberate address, endeavored to show that the Government, for selfish reasons, had acted rashly and without a sufficiently searching investigation of the whole problem; that the Quebec-Winnipeg section is useless for grain carrying; that the Moncton-Quebec section would destroy the Intercolonial.

Mr. W. A. McTaggart showed that the Government had accurate knowledge of the question and route; that the present facilities are wholly inadequate; that most fertile tracts would be opened up by the new line, and that a great transcontinental road was a necessity for adequate settlement and transportation. Mr. McTaggart made an effective speech, which was somewhat marred, however, by undue haste.

Mr. H. F. D. Woodcock, M.A., traversed much ground

already covered regarding the necessity, cost and advantage of the various sections, and quoted figures greatly at variance with those of the previous speaker. Mr. Woodcock repeated certain phrases very frequently, but withal is an impressive speaker.

Mr. A. P. Gundry made what was probably the most effective address in the debate. He pointed out some discrepancies in the figures of his opponents, the danger of bonding privileges legislation, the fact that other products than grain must soon be transported by rail, and that the estimated cost by rail was as cheap as by water.

Mr. Arnott, in reply, corrected a few misapprehensions caused by the previous speaker, but accomplished little in his five minutes. The judges, Professors McKay and McFadden, and J. A. Cooper, gave the decision to Trinity on the count of style, declaring both sides equal in matter. We did not see it this way, but we were not judges.

Miss Love and Mr. Earp sang in pleasing style, and Miss Steele played acceptably. Dr. W. P. Thompson presided. Trinity was well represented, a number of St. Hilda's College girls being among the number. There was a fair representation of Arts students present.

#### THE UNION DANCE.

On Monday evening, November 30th, the University of Toronto Union held one of their ever popular receptions. The guests were received in the cozy club-rooms, where they spent a bright half hour of small exchanges, such as Freshette introductions and dance numbers. There was the usual unique charm of a Union dance, in that there was a jolly college atmosphere, while at the same time there was a variety of faces on account of each of the several faculties sending their own little coterie of dancing enthusiasts. A forcible crush was avoided, for about 9 o'clock many hurried along the colonnade, which had been thoroughly enclosed to keep out the cold blast to the West Hall, where Glionna's goading two-steps kept fast and furious after many frisky feet. Plenty of floor space, somewhat smoother than the dining-room floor of last year, a long round-about promenade from dancing hall to supper room, and many very cozy corners, all contributed to the general success. Apparently there were many quiet but doubtless happy diversions for the non-dancers in billiard-room and reading-room. Supper was served from prettily decorated tables in the upper rooms of the Union. Everything sped merrily, and even the clock, with questionable sympathy, moved forward an hour or two.

There were girls galore—college girls and out-of-college girls, sisters and sweethearts, and they all seemed necessary. What prettier screen for the orchestra than a bevy of pretty girls! The Freshettes worked their traditional havoc; the Seniors dispelled their fear of waning popularity, while Sophomores and Juniors went all unnoticed, but took advantage of that very opportunity. Someone said that rivalries arose between the third and fourth year girls, and someone else said that the faculty were to blame. The President, Prof. McGregor Young, and the Secretary, Mr. Robert Baird, were most attentive hosts. Among those present were: Mrs. Loudon, Miss Salter, Prof. Ramsay Wright and Mrs. Wright, Dr. Wilmot and Mrs. Wilmot, Dr. Morley Wickett.

## THE RUGBY DANCE.

One of the most enjoyable functions of Varsity life took place last Thursday evening in the Students' Union. The "Rugby Dance," always looked forward to with pleasure, has come and gone, and seems to have gained in favor. This year's dance was unusually well attended, for not only was the dancing floor filled, but the gallery was occupied by fair maidens and their gallant escorts, and the end of the Gymnasium was flanked by surplus men.

The hall was gaily decorated with banners of the different years, with bunting, and little pennons of different colleges, run along on strings extending from one end of the building to the other; some imposing athletic instruments were suspended from the ceiling.

The orchestra occupied the east end of the gallery, and pealed forth the strains of waltzes and two-steps, generously responding to every encore. Beneath them cosy corners were arranged for the patronesses and chaperons, among whom were Mrs. Mortimer Clark, Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. P. B. McDonald and Miss Salter.

The hours flew by on winged feet, so exhilarating was the music, the floor was in such excellent condition, the faces and gowns of the maidens so delightful to look upon. At the end of the thirteenth dance thirty minutes intermission was given for refreshments on the upper floor. The long tables, "shining with snowy napery" and crowned with beautiful chrysanthemums, were soon filled by gaily flushed dancers. For those who were unusually enthusiastic, the piano continued the latest popular airs until the orchestra and dancers were refreshed.

It was with reluctance that the evening was finally brought to an end. By twos and threes bright opera cloaks and nodding fascinators by the side of imperturbable black coats disappeared into the tunnel of black and red canvas and "out into the night were gone." Then one by one the lights went out, and the Students' Union loomed up dark against the sky, waiting until music, light and laughter should again fill its halls.

## RHONA ADAIR.

How dull the links to me,  
Rhona's not there!  
She's far across the sea,  
Rhona Adair!  
Who has a swing so true;  
Who such a follow through;  
Who, who can putt like you,  
Rhona Adair?  
Who drives her ball so far,  
Far through the air,  
Swift as a shooting star?  
Rhona Adair!  
Who hits her ball so clean,  
Landing, whate'er's between,  
Dead on the putting green?  
Rhona Adair!  
Whose strokes, of all who strike,  
With her's compare?  
Who has a waggle like  
Rhona Adair?  
Of all the girls I've seen  
Playing across the green,  
You, Rhona, are the queen,  
Rhona Adair!

—W. H. E.

## EXCHANGES

## COULD YOU HAVE LOVED ME, DEAR!

Could you have cared for me, ah Dear,  
How different the world would be!  
Then would the skies be ever clear,  
Then would the birds sing e'er for me;  
Then would this haunting, nameless tear,  
Shrouding the future with blackness drear,  
Vanish in love's sweet ecstasy,  
Could you have loved me, dear!

But it was not to be. Ah, well,  
Such is the tale of life, my Sweet,  
Hearts must be broken, ambition crushed,  
Friends say farewell, ne'er more to meet;  
Ne'er a day passeth but rings the knell  
Of some long-cherished hope. So fleet  
By the sad years, till, the battle hushed,  
Flies the bruised soul where the angels dwell.  
—Harvey Denton, in *University of Virginia Mag.*

There was a young man in Port Said,  
Who wanted to kiss a fair maid;  
But the kiss missed the miss  
And the miss missed the kiss,  
Because the young man was afraid.

—Tech.

## HER MANNER.

There is something strange, illusive in her air,  
I can see and catch a glimpse of life most fair,  
Yet I'm mystified and puzzled,  
And it keeps my spirits ruffled,  
Fearing she will spurn my waiting open arms.

There is something undefined in her eyes,  
As I see them deep and clear, fall and rise.  
I can read but half the story,  
When I look in their brown glory),  
That I think, yet cannot say, within them lies,

There is something hidden deep within her heart,  
Something sweet to me as carols of the lark.  
If the lips and heart would tell me true,  
Then I'd know just what to do  
With my aching, longing, loving, fearful heart.

Ah! she made her airs and ways most clear.  
She is no more my true, fond dear,  
For she told me with a sigh,  
And a twinkle in her eye,  
That my tie had crawled around beneath my ear.  
—"Amego," in *Ottawa Campus.*

## AWFUL.

Sezzit—"Smith's wife is an awfully clever woman."  
Herdit—"Yess, she even uses words that are not in  
the dictionary."—*McGill Outlook.*  
"I heard you were arrested,"  
The Braying Jackass mocked.  
The Horse replied, "You're wrong, my boy,  
My tail was only docked."

—Ex.

### NAUGHTY-FOUR YEAR BOOK—MEDICAL FACULTY.

WEARY WAGGLES WRIGHT.

Weary was a great acquisition to the Meds. when he joined the class of '04, and was put into immediate use as a flagpole, and to tell the atmospheric conditions of the upper regions. Great excitement prevailed in the School of Science one day when Walter's face peered in at one of the third story windows, which excitement was changed to amazement when it was ascertained that at the time he was seated in the second flat of the Medical Building. As a student Walter is a great success, devoting at least one night a week to his work. He is also a great acquisition to the cricket team, for when he is in the outfield he can cover all the ground, and the other fielders take a rest. In his chosen profession he will surely be a great success, for he is popular with the ladies, and adored by the children, and his "cunning, dimples" will lend themselves to an enviable bedside manner.

WILLING BELPTRY HENDRY.

Bill is well named, for he is always ringing his own praises, but that's all that's good about him. He graduated once from Arts, and amid profound dismay took root in Ridley College. Amidst most profound rejoicings he led "Casey" Baldwin forth thence and enrolled with him in '04. While a winner with the women, where none but Walter Wright can head him, Bill's principal activities take place on the athletic field. Here, under assumed names, he managed to get on the football and lacrosse teams, and nearly got on the hockey team, as "Doc" Wright, but that worthy turned up himself, and so spoiled Billy's plan. Everything Bill does he does well, even to his patients, but whether they will do well or not we don't know, for to elucidate he may *do* them well, but may not do them good.

WM. ANHEUSEK-BUSCH APOLLINARIS FORD.

Yes, that is the name of the handsome guy with the emphysematous chest, exophthalmic eyes and Elizabeth Barrett Browning hair. Don't think he is a Willie, for he is not. He used to be the greatest athlete on earth, and was known from Belleville to Picton as the greatest sprinter and hurdler since the days of Louis Cyr. Today he is the nicest knee-actor at Varsity, and Geo. Ballard will certify to it. He was the fastest wing player in the Mulock Cup games this year. As a tackle, he was a marvel, using the half-Nelson and strangle holds with deadly effect. At present he is identified with the social reform movement among the Meds. He is a close friend of Carrie Nation, Ted Elkins, Emma Goldmann, Hettie Greene and many other noted philanthropists. It is said he once changed his boarding-house because there was an hotel on a corner two and a half miles away—no closer. On the occasion of the track team's last visit to Montreal he slept out two nights, one under a lunch wagon, and one on a picket fence, rather than sleep in an hotel. However, Bill Hendry says this was the fault of the manager of the team. He makes his farewell American appearance next summer at the St. Louis Exposition, where, as the Canadian Sampson, he will do stunts of strength and pose as the perfectly formed man in the Gallery of Living Pictures. He is studying medicine only as a pastime, for after graduation he will enter into the manufacture and sale of gold-bricks, green goods and other notions.

JOSEPH SHARKEY VAN BIBBER LORD.

Known as the best amateur hot air shooter since the days of Davy Dixon, and is a real bad package. He denies the rumor that his picture is in the Rogue's Gallery, or that he has done time. He is the slickest, smoothest confidence man among the '04 Meds., and a past master of the illustrious Order of Knockers. He was once known to laugh, rarely smiles, and never jokes. He first came into prominence on the tug-of-war team, which won, because he added so much dead weight. As a football player he is wonderfully fast for a big man. He wears a pair of No. 12 shoes, each weighing 14½ pounds, and his kicks through the scrimmage are always fatal. He has bucked the line for touch-downs on different occasions, mostly in his dreams. He was the backbone of the Meds.' team this year, and played a star game, which fact the press notices failed to report. Around School he is always trying to pick a fight with such scrappers as Alfie Stewart or "Cardinal" Newman. He says he has thrown the discus farther than Percy Biggs ever did, but this is only a pipe. After graduation he will accept a position as bookkeeper in the shooting gallery on King street.

GEORGE ISN'T BIGGS.

"Little, but oh, my!"

Georgie is a product of the wild and woolly west. He soon tired of associating with the other bronchos and of taming cowboys, so he came east to help run the University, and assist it in roping in a football champion-shop or two. At various times he has taken a stab at Rugby, Association, Hockey, Baseball, Tennis and Ping Pong, but of late has been abandoning these comparatively tame amusements for the giddy excitement of Rugby dances and Victoria conversats. To judge from his success, this is something he should have done long ago. Here are a few remarks overheard: "Isn't he cute?" "I went in to supper with the loveliest little fair-haired, curly-headed boy!" "I think he's just a dear!" etc., etc. Though his friends have their doubts, he declares he will make a blamed good doctor, and at present he is hunting an Arts man to look after the "undertaking" part of the business.

SIR WALTER BRUCE HURLY BURLY BURWELL.

"Our baby elephant."

Me, and Charlie Johnson, and Fat Cochrane woa that cup; Bidy had nothing to do with it." If you do not believe this, ask Bruce. Bruce is one of those clever studious boys who come to the University really before they are fit to stand the work. His retiring disposition and somewhat delicate health have prevented him winning with his fellows, as much as he would have wished, though they have not been heard to express any keen feelings of regret. Following Bidy McLennan's advice, Foxy Grandpa has been taking a course in physiculture, but so far has done nothing more strenuous than play Rugby, and make the tug-of-war team. He is a leading feature at all social functions he can get into, particularly if the refreshments are plentiful. He expects to be a doctor some day, and probably a specialist in equine diseases.

[A number of other students of the various faculties have requested that their biographies be published, but want of space forbids.—Editor of THE VARSITY.]

## THE POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

The Political Science Club's series of lectures for the season was most auspiciously opened on Thursday last by Professor Mavor, who lectured on "Recent Municipal Progress in the United States." The lecturer gave a rapid survey of municipal history in the United States, showing that the original charters of the cities were granted by the Governors; that they followed the English model; that the cities were given very considerable autonomy; that they were practically independent of the colonial legislatures, and that they were rather formidable political forces. He pointed out that the mayor was usually appointed by the governor. He next spoke of the executive and legislative bodies in modern American cities, and described the mayor's position and his relation to these. The mayor is elected for terms extending from one to four years. Professor Mavor felt that the one-year term was too short; it involved frequent expensive elections, and the time was too limited to learn the work or carry out a policy. It was noticed as extraordinary in a democratic country that the idea was generally prevalent that the mayor within his sphere should be practically despotic.

Corruption, the lecturer said, is unfortunately rife in American cities. It arises, he believed, through the control of the cities by the State legislatures, and the intermingling of State and Federal politics with municipal politics. The members of State legislatures are more open to corrupt influences (particularly that of appointments) than are the higher-class men of the city councils.

The "boss" of the American cities was next described. He is usually an ex-saloonkeeper; has pleasing manners; knows everyone, and has immense real power, although it is purely personal. A typical example of the "boss" is Mr. George Cox, who is more powerful in Cincinnati than is the Czar of Russia within his sphere. He controls everything. His justification (which has some force) is that he gives the people good, orderly, cheap government. What more can they ask? The "boss" system has arisen through the complicated interweaving of municipal, State and Federal politics.

In New York, Tammany is an immensely powerful machine. It does not run city as a business, but it takes an interest in every citizen. It looks after his whole life; it even attends to his amusements. It gets closer to the life of the people than does any other party. Its charitable work is very important. It may be clumsy and expensive, but it is effective to a very large extent. Tammany and such institutions find favor on account of the heterogeneous character of the population. The foreigners in American cities do not assimilate. They are great hard knots in the city life. The foreign vote turns against reform because foreigners find themselves restricted in the satisfaction of their appetites.

But there is another side. The life of American cities is not all corruption. There is a very wide-spread movement, parallel to that in Europe, to beautify American cities and to lay them out on scientific principles. Cleveland, Washington, Chicago and Philadelphia are doing much in this direction. They are still, however, far behind Europe. Philadelphia, with the largest park area in America, has only 3,000 acres as against the 172,000 acres of Paris or the 22,000 acres of London.

The most puzzling problem of all is that of transportation. Thousands of people must be moved into the hearts of these great cities in the morning; many must be taken out and brought back at noon; and they must

be taken out in the evening. Chicago has twenty buildings of the same character as the New York Life building in an area of less than one square mile. Every day 20,000 people go in and out of this building. That means that 400,000 people, or 10,000 carloads, must be transported to and from this small area daily. The problem is tremendous.

The lecturer closed by saying that he wished to leave with his audience the idea that in the United States, as in Europe, there is a tremendous revival of civic feeling which will produce in the near future very excellent results.

Ex-Mayor Shaw, in a few apt words, moved a vote of thanks to Prof. Mavor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hocken, of *The News*, who agreed with Prof. Mavor that a two-year term for the mayor would be desirable.

The open meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society will be held next Thursday, Dec. 10th, at 8 p.m., in Room 16. Addresses will be given by Prof. Baker and by Dr. McLennan. A musical programme will also be provided.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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J. J. C.—The information you require would take up too much space in our columns, but Professor McLennan's lectures on Social Etiquette cover the whole ground. There will be six lectures during the term, at each of which afternoon tea will be served, each student being required to bring some extraordinary instrument of table use as an object of instruction. Instead of a written examination, Doctor McLennan will conduct his class to a Government House reception, and their standing will be determined by the excellence of their deportment there.

Professor H.—The subject you have chosen for a series of culture lectures, "The Aesthetic Aspects of Anthropophagy," has never been touched on by Professor Clark.

Max.—No, it is not correct to pass a box of chocolates along the seat at a Rugby match; you should pass it down to the seat in front also.

Amo.—I do not think you should dance more than six dances with one of so similar a complexion. People might think you were twins.

Your writing shows a very literary and artistic nature. You are of an argumentative turn of mind, and would make a splendid Parliamentarian. Study all the important problems of the day as far as they affect your own country, and take less time for your college work.

Arete.—It is bad form to smile at young men right in front of a lecturer. Try and place yourself at such an angle to him that he won't notice it.

Tiny Tim.—You are quite right in not asking any of the girls of your own year for numbers at receptions. They love to sit against the wall and watch you giving the Freshettes a good time.

Is it said there's a balm for a lover crossed,  
Or a candidate defeated;  
But the only balm for a ball-game lost  
Is to swear the referee cheated.

—Exchange.



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TORONTO, DECEMBER 9th, 1903

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WE learned with the deepest regret of the serious loss by fire sustained by the University of Ottawa on Wednesday last. The fine main building, including a very valuable library, was destroyed, entailing a loss of \$500,000, on which there was only \$150,000 insurance. The friends of the University Toronto know how to sympathize with our sister institution, having sustained a serious loss by fire themselves some years ago. The undergraduates of "Toronto" heartily cooperate with President Loudon in his message of sympathy to "Ottawa" in her loss. The *University of Ottawa Review* is one of our brightest exchanges, and we feel even more closely allied with "Ottawa" since her entry into the Inter-University Debating League. We hope that friends may come willingly to the rescue and restore the loss sustained.

IN the December number of the *Canadian Magazine* "Norman Patterson" contributes an article on Toronto, entitled, "A Typical Canadian City." Among other features noted is the University of Toronto. True, the writer does not display a too intimate knowledge of the constitution of the University, especially since 1853, but as this is merely a matter of information and of judgment, we pass it by. We wish, however, to take exception to the sentence, "The University has since become a first-class institution, but at present is suffering from a plethora of mediocre professors," in which the writer evidently aims at giving in a word a true estimation of the University. Whether there is any truth in the statement is not the question at issue. We do claim that it is unfair. To give a concrete example we might say that the *Canadian Magazine* is supported from a sense of duty and of loyalty to

Canadian institutions, rather than because of its intrinsic value as a magazine. This is undoubtedly true, but its fairness may be questioned, inasmuch as it does not take into consideration conditions which make a really good Canadian magazine very difficult of production, nor does it credit the editor with what we are willing to admit are honest attempts to provide such a magazine. Then even the editor of the *Canadian Magazine* would hardly claim that all the articles appearing in its columns possess high individual merit. So the general criticism of the University referred to does not take into consideration the splendid work which the University—always more or less hampered by its peculiar position as a State University receiving only a portion of the necessary support from the Government, and yet because of its peculiar relation to the Government being deprived of private benefactions which might otherwise come to it—has done. It does not take into account the difficult and delicate work accomplished in endeavoring to assimilate the various faculties which from time to time have been incorporated with the University, and it must be admitted that such an undertaking necessarily requires much of the time and energy which might otherwise be expended upon the perfecting of details and in the ordinary work of instruction. Again, it overlooks that fact that many of the brightest men in the American universities are our alumni, and that our graduates occupy the very best positions in Canada today. Nor it credit given to the very many excellent members of the faculty, even if, as is quite inevitable, there may be some among the one hundred and fifty or more upon our staff who are not pre-eminently qualified for their work. We do not claim to have reached perfection, nor do we contend that there are no weaknesses in our institution. Yet we do claim that we have made much progress, that we are doing much excellent work, and that in regard to equipment, the efficiency of our faculty and the standing of our graduates, we compare very favorably with any university on the continent. In view of this, we consider that our position has been grossly misrepresented. The criticism quoted is at once subtle, unfair and lacking in that frankness which we might naturally expect from those pretending to be our friends. The editor of the *Canadian Magazine* cannot consistently criticize us as to our ability to produce scholarship men, since he does not believe in them, having stated at one of our meetings that after a careful perusal of the results at McGill, Queen's and Toronto, he had come to the conclusion that nine-tenths of the scholarship men are failures in after life.

And yet he is not a wise man who does not learn from his critics. It has been well said that only two classes of people really give expression to their true appreciation of us—the close friend and the enemy. The same may be said of an institution. However loyal we may be, we cannot afford to overlook criticism, however subtle and however incompetent its source. We should



not wait till others feel it necessary to point out our defects before we attempt to remedy them. It cannot be denied that in Toronto and elsewhere there are many who are loyally critical or critically loyal in their attitude towards our Alma Mater. For some reason we do not command the spontaneous enthusiasm one might naturally expect. We have always suffered from the fact that our appointments are made by the Government, that we are not strictly a self-governing and directly responsible institution, and that many men who could be of the greatest value to us consider us safe under the Government's wing, and thus we lose their assistance and sympathy. Yet we must, in duty to ourselves and others, face the facts as we find them. It will not do to merely ignore or abuse our critics and listen only to the pleasant things said about us.

In short, we consider the reference to the University in the *Canadian Magazine*, like nearly all general criticism, useless and indefinitely slanderous. On the other hand, if the editor of that magazine or any other responsible person sees a radical defect in the management of the University or the efficiency of the faculty he will confer a favor upon all true friends of "Toronto" by formulating his charges and definitely outlining the desired changes, and we feel sure the authorities will not hesitate to fully and freely investigate them.

## THE COLLEGE GIRL

MISS J. A. NIELSON, Superintending Editress.



The Grace Hall Memorial Library is an institution endeared in many ways to the women of University College. The library had its nucleus in the books used by Grace Hall in her short but brilliant career at College. After her daughter's death, Mrs. Hall very thoughtfully donated these books to the women of the College so dear to her daughter. Members of the faculty and of the Mathematical and Modern Language staff in particular, have from time to time contributed other works, which either were not found in the University Library, or else were in such demand there that it proved of great convenience to the women to have a collection of their own. Mrs. Hall has always taken a very deep and kindly interest in the library, and this year again remembered her daughter's birthday by a gift of \$20. This was used to purchase the very handsome and substantial sectional book case now installed in the reading-room.

There is something sacred, as it were, to those of us who know the story, about these books collected in memory of that amiable girl and willing student, whose promising career was cut short by such an early death. And we are glad that while her memory is still living in the

hearts of many of her teachers and friends, there is also this memorial library, a tangible token of her life at the College.

The rules for the use of the books in the library are not difficult to keep, and they ought certainly to be strictly adhered to by the women of the College. Books should always be signed for when taken from the library, and when no longer required should be immediately returned to their place and never be left lying about on the tables. It is most unfair to trespass on the kindness of Miss Salter and the members of the Library Committee by expecting them to remedy the carelessness of those who have been enjoying the privilege of using the books. And that it is a great privilege to have access to a library within the College, all of us can testify who have spaces of just one hour scattered here and there through our time-table, and who would not find it worth while to go over to the University Library for that short period of time.

The Y. W. C. A. met as usual on Tuesday afternoon. In the illness of the President, the chair was occupied by Miss Streight. Miss Carrie Macdonald, '01, addressed the society. Miss Macdonald is to take up her work next year in Japan, as representative of all the Y. W. C. A. societies of Canada. Her address comprised not only a defence of missionary enterprise as the expression of the cosmopolitan spirit of the times and of Christian teaching, but also an appeal for missionaries from amongst the students, whose mental equipment and discipline particularly fit them for this great work.

One of the very interesting portions of Miss Macdonald's talk was her description of the new Women's University in Tokio, where much the same standard of matriculation prevails as in Canada. We felt as we listened how vast was this Association movement, which is sweeping through the world with much the same enthusiasm as the Crusades, without their fatal lack of organization. We wondered if perhaps in ages to come students would be burning the midnight oil to trace the beginnings and estimate the work of that great movement of the twentieth century, which so profoundly affected the Chinese and Japanese Empires, as well as the social conditions of the whole world.

Ola-has, joyful, sorrowful, wondering, caressing, ironical and agonized, still continue to emanate from East Hall every Saturday morning, as the Dramatic Class pursues its labors in the histrionic art.

Mrs. Raff is trying hard to get the girls to work up scenes from Shakespeare to be given in the meetings of the Literary Society. This is rather up-hill work among so many who plead lack of dramatic talent, poor voice and over-work, etc., but there is fairly good promise now of some interesting evenings with Shakespeare, for the Society.

It is rumored that in the open meeting of the Literary Society this spring there will be an endeavor to make it more than ever representative of the whole life of the College girl. It is expected that there will be a play by the Dramatic Class, a drill by Mrs. White's Physical Culture Class, and perhaps also by Sergeant Williams' class in fencing.

There once was a man so benign,  
That he vowed he would never taste wign,  
But one day he forgot  
And, imbibing a lot,  
Was heard to remark, "This is fign."

—News-Letter

## NOTICES

All matter for this department must be handed  
in, signed, before Monday at 9 a.m.

Our special Xmas issue of The Varsity will be a double number and will include contributions from many well-known writers, of whom we may mention: Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. J. W. Longley, Arthur Stringer, John Innes, Arnold Haultain, Armstrong Black, Flaneur, Seranus, Jean Blewett, Madge Merton, Alma T. McCallum, Ethelwyn Wetherald, H. F. Gadsby, Principal Hutton, and cartoons by S. H. Hunter and N. W. McConnell. Extra copies at ten cents each may be ordered in advance from any member of the Board. Subscriptions for the remainder of the year (including the Xmas number) will be received at Fifty cents.

Open meeting of Mathematical and Physical Society to be held Thursday evening, Dec. 10th, in Room 16, Main Building. Prof. Baker: "Mathematical Pot Pourri." Dr. McLennan: "Some Experiments on Radium and Radioactivity."

Javis Street Collegiate Institute Old Boys' Association intend holding the annual dinner at McConkey's on Thursday, Dec. 17th. The following committee has been appointed to supply tickets: University College, E. Cooper Cole and Gerald Addison; School of Science, Ernie W. Oliver; Medicine, Fred. E. Watts; Dentistry, Fred. C. Husband. Tickets may also be obtained from Janitor at Main Building.

# SPORTS

P. J. MONTAGUE, Superintending Editor.

### MULOCK CUP CHAMPIONS.

Year.	Faculty.	Captain.
1894.....	Meds. ....	W. C. Laidlaw
1895.....	Meds. ....	W. J. O. Malloch
1896.....	School of Science .....	F. N. Perry
1898.....	'02 Arts .....	A. W. McKenbie
1899.....	School of Science .....	R. McArthur
1900.....	School of Science .....	G. A. Hunt
1901.....	Senior School of Science...	A. Gibson
1902.....	Junior Sch. of Science...	H. B. Houser
1903.....	Senior Arts .....	G. Ballard

### DENTALS 16, ST. MICHAEL'S 15.

Last Monday afternoon the Dents., under the famous "Ginger," won their way into the finals by disposing of the St. Michael's team with a score which only lead the St. Miques by one point. The ground was covered with snow, and this seemed to disconcert the usually steady halves of the St. Michael's team. Some of their blunders looked very amateurish, and were very costly. Lappen played the best game for the Dents., and Carey worked hard to stave off defeat for his team.

The Dents. kicked off, and the play was immediately transferred to the St. Michael's end. Nixon was hurt, and the game was delayed a short time. St. Michael's

lost the ball on downs near their line, and George Lappen was bucked over for four point just near the corner. This try was converted as nicely as was ever seen on the Athletic Field, making the score 6-0. St. Michael's now woke up, and kicked over for one point. The ball travelled up and down now for some time, until at the Dentals' two-yard line Lappen kicked to Dooley, who returned, and the Dentals' full tried to rouge, but the ball slipped out from under him, and just as the referee's whistle sounded a St. Michael's man fell on it. Dooley converted this easy try back of the posts and made the score 7-6 in favor of the St. Michael's team. The play was now transferred down to St. Mique's goal, and St. Michael's kicked to Lappen. Ginger got going slowly at about the thirty-fiveyard line, but he went past. Only one man tackled him, and Ginger jumped clear over him, and by a combination of slides and rolls got over for a try, which was not converted. Score, 10-7. for the half-time.

Soon after the start of the second half the Dentals kicked to the St. Michael's full-back, who muffed, and the Dents. got the pigskin and bucked Ginger over for a try, which he neatly converted, making the score in the Dentals' favor 16-7. But this was the finish of the Dentals' scoring; the rest of the game was all St. Michael's way. At half Elliott tried to kick, but missed, and after an exchange of punts Dooley kicked from thirty-yard line, and Lappen was forced to rouge. Score, 16-8. The Dents. kicked to Dooley, who gave it a good boost from the ground, followed up nicely, and got a try between the posts, which was converted. Score, 16-14.

The St. Michael's pressed very hard now, and just before time was up Lappen was forced to rouge. The Dents. were lucky to win out with the final score of 16-15. The teams:

St. Michael's—Full, Foster; halves, Carey, Dooley, Burns; quarter, F. Cogswell; snap-back, Davin; wings, McAuley, Egan, Nixon, Boyle, W. Cogswell, McMine-man.

Dentals—Full, McDonald; halves, Reid, Lappen, Elliott; quarter, Kenney; snap-back, Kelly; wings, Brown, Watson, Hogan, New, Hamilton.

Referee—Frank D. Woodworth.

### ARTS WIN THE CUP.

Rugby is over for the season of 1903. Wednesday last, on ground clothed with Nature's mantle, was played the deciding game in the Mulock Cup series, and this week we tell of the triumph of the Senior Arts team. The contest was exciting and the score close. The Dents., the vanquished team, put up a stubborn fight, and the Arts team deserves great credit for the victory. The final score was 8-6. Whether this indicates the relative merits of the teams, it seems impossible to say.

Senior Arts played with determination. To mention certain players as prominent, would be unfair to many a hard-working player, whose good work was not seen by those in the stand. To Captain Ballard a large measure of praise is due for the able manner in which he handled his men and kept them from "going up in the air" at critical moments. The Dental players never shirked, but their captain was off in his play, and this seems to have affected their usefulness. Elliott, Brown and New were perhaps more prominent than their fellows.

The game was not at all rough, and was seldom delayed by accidents, Walsh and Kelly were sent to the side-line for a few minutes. Their offence was mixing it up. Lappen's language won for him a deserved rest during the closing moments of the game.

Dents. won the toss, but elected to play up-hill and against the wind. The scene of play changed frequently during the first ten minutes, but finally Lappen was caught with the ball near the Dental line and carried over for a safety. Score, 2-0. Dents. kicked out. The ball was returned, and for several minutes they were playing on the defensive. The Arts' halves worked a fast criss-cross, and McAllister ran diagonally to within a yard or two of the Dental line. Arts bucked for a try. Score, 6-0. The Dentals now played with greater vim, and time and again Arts came within an ace of being scored upon. Several Dental punts went over the line, and were quickly returned. Finally Elliott kicked into touch-in-goal. Score, 6-1. The ball went in mid-field, when time was called.

Dents. scored first in the second half. They forced the play from the start, and received as their reward a touch-in-goal. Score, 6-2. McKay kicked out, but the ball returned to Arts' territory. A series of runs and tandem plays worked out towards the Dental line, and in a mix-up Arts scored another safety. Score, 8-2. The play now tended to become closer. Both teams endeavored to hold the ball and make their yards by bucking, or running around the end. The ball travelled nearer and nearer to the Arts' line. McKay and Rathbun tried hard to save the situation, but failed. Dents. stole the ball, and Lappen ran several yards for a touch-down. Score, 8-6.

Dents. died hard, and when the whistle sounded the garnet and bleu was once again nearing the Arts' line. The Dentals' team was:

Back, Carruth; halves, Elliott, Lappen, McDonald, quarter, Kenny; centre, Kelly; wings, Reid, Watson, New, Steele, Hamilton, Brown.

The names for the shield are: Back, Ballard (captain); halves, McAllister, McKay, Rathbun; quarter, Montague; wings, Walsh, Overend, Hoar, Dunlop, Read, O'Leary, Cooke.

Referee—Beattie. Umpire—Fleck.

#### SORT OF INCONSISTENT.

Below will be found some extracts from the last issue of the *Queen's University Journal*, which is published once a month in the city of many stripes. Under the head of "Editorials" is a rather mild criticism of our idea that Queen's didn't get the worst of the refereeing in their game up here with our senior team. It will be noticed that the article fairly teems with such phrases, "true sportsmanship," "referee's competence," "honesty," "criticism within proper bounds," etc.:

"The report given in THE VARSITY of the game at Toronto between Varsity I. and Queen's I. has the following: 'The Kingston team received the most encouragement from the officials.' We are sorry to see those words in the paper. To charge a referee with partiality is a serious affair, especially in the Inter-Collegiate League, which is supposed to stand for *true sportsmanship*; and such a charge should be voiced in a University paper only in a well established case of flagrant dishonesty. The referee's judgment and his competence

to act may frequently be called into question. And, indeed, when the game is going hard against us, we are quick to notice any omissions that may be disadvantageous to us, though we generally fail to notice the omissions when the disadvantage is on the other side. It is, however, a more serious affair to charge a referee with partiality. He may be partial, but the chances are that he is not, and we should give him the benefit of no-doubt. Indeed, the only way to keep up the standard of our Inter-Collegiate League is to impute honesty of motive to all concerned. Let us go on the field relying upon the referee's *honesty*, and we will seldom be disappointed. But if the game should go against us and the referee's decisions seem adverse, let us always keep our *criticism within proper bounds*, and above all let us prevent any such serious charge against the representative of a sister University from entering the columns of our papers."

Evidently, however, the same man doesn't write "Athletics," for in the *Journal's* account of the above-mentioned matter we get this:

"While Queen's lost the game, nevertheless for three-quarters of the time they were complete masters of the situation at every point. However, during the last five minutes of play varsity was able to overcome Queen's lead and win out. But, even admitting that Varsity won the game, it was clearly shown, on reliable authority, that at least half the points they scored were made after time was really up. One of the timekeepers, however, a recent graduate in medicine of Toronto University, made the victory more secure by allowing the match to be played about ten minutes overtime. Such conduct as this cannot be excused, even from a partisan point of view, and it is to be hoped that in future none but reliable men will be appointed to this important office in I. C. R. F. U. matches."

And also this:

"The referee acted in a very impartial manner, and awarded penalties with strict justice. The umpire was, however, hardly strict enough at times. In scrimmaging near Varsity's line Quarter-back Pannell was so surrounded that he was unable to turn in any direction, yet the umpire, although his attention was repeatedly called to it, seemed blind to the fact."

Then in the *Journal's* account of the return match in Kingston, is found this bright little bit of "criticism within fair bounds":

"Then a strange thing happened—a Varsity man picked up the ball and ran over Queen's line, and the referee awarded a try. Such a decision has never been equalled in the annals of Canadian football. That a try made after the whistle had blown and after the players had stopped playing, should be allowed by any referee, is something new in the history of football, at least at Queen's. Such was the decision of Referee Moison, and this decision tied the game."

Now, here at the Provincial University we may be sore when we lose a game, but we don't say much, and we generally manage to get even on the gridiron, instead of slinging ink. We have the same opinion as the *Journal* regarding "true sportsmanship," "criticism within fair bounds," etc. Moreover, we don't prove ourselves to be so inconsistent in the same issue of the University weekly. Our modest little bit of criticism on a referee, as compared with the *Journal's* uncalled-for attack, is something of the ant and the elephant type. There is no doubt that the heads of the Queen's city sports are sore.

## HOCKEY.

The prospects for a successful season are not as bright as they were. Doc Wright, last year's cover-point, has decided to play with the Marlboros. Dillibaugh has announced that he is quitting the game, owing to parental objections, and Lash is not at all sure that he will be able to look after the puck basket this winter. Eason, the point player from the Sault, is expected to make good at point. Who is to be cover-point, is the question. Brown can and is willing to play the position, but he cannot be replaced on the right boards. Gilbert has played at cover, but it is a question whether the forwards can afford to lose him. Broadfoot, the backbone of last year's junior team's defence, seems to be the best in sight. He gets away fairly fast, and has a most extraordinary reach. The number of new men this year is far less than usual. McIntyre, a third year Med., has shown fair forward form.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

## S. P. S. ONTARIO CHAMPIONS.

Out at the ball grounds last Saturday afternoon the S. P. S. Association team won from the Scots by a score of 3-2, and incidentally won the Ontario championship. The most notable feature of the game was the strong defence of the Science team. The teams:

S. P. S.—Heron, Dowling, Blackwood, Patten, Beemar, McKenzie, Rutherford, McDonald, Ross, Cook, McInnis, Swain.

Toronto Scots—Holmes, Marshall, Humphrey, Parsille, Fraser, Humbler, Hoar, Riddick, Park, Bongard, Wilcox, Cook.

## INTER-YEAR GAMES OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Two games were played Saturday for the Faculty Cup, the Seniors and Juniors on the campus, and the Freshmen and Sophomores on the lawn. The game between the first and second years was called off after two periods of overtime. Neither side managed to score, and they will meet again next week.

The game between the Seniors and Juniors was a better exhibition. The Juniors had the best team, as most of their men have played in Senior company, and they won out, despite the hard struggles of the Seniors, by a score of 2-0. The teams:

Seniors—Goal, Pearson; backs, McElhaney, Moore, halves, Gilchrist, McGregor, Harrison; forwards, Ballard, McFarlane, McKee, Hamilton, Dickson.

Juniors—Goal, Cameron; backs, Green, Robertson, halves, Jackson, Hayes, Rudell; forwards, Campbell, D. Gilchrist, DeLury, Phillips and Jemieson.

Referee—Balfour, U. C. College.

## Around The Halls

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## THE UNIVERSITY.

Mr. J. W. Trounce, '98, now of Buffalo, was married last week to Miss Ida J. Boone, city.

Professor Laing has been given the distinction of a Fellowship of the Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain. Prof. Laing's sponsors were Sir Wililam Ramsay, K.C.B., and Prof. J. M. Thomson, F.R.S., of King's College, London.

The Convocation Hall site has practically been settled. The Observatory will remain in its present position for the present, but the University will assume control of the ground west of it, and erect the hall there.

A deputation from the Alumni of Ontario will soon wait on the Government, urging them to establish a school of forestry, for which a curriculum was drawn up over a year ago.

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

The Modern Language Club met on Monday afternoon, Nov. 30th. The programme consisted of interesting papers by Messrs. McEvoy and Kay, '05, entitled "Points of View in the Two Locksley Halls," and "Lyrical Poetry in Collins, Gray and Burns," followed by a well-rendered recitation and encore by Miss Adie, '06. Mr. Keys then followed with a short address. We would like to correct an error which appeared in a previous issue of THE VARSITY, when the name of Miss McRoberts was inserted as first year representative of this society, instead of that of Miss Bastedo.

Mich., '0567, having listened for the past three years to various jokes at the expense of Freshmen, has grown weary, and calls them stale. No wonder.

On Saturday afternoon, at the usual time in the usual place, the Sophomores held their "Second Annual At-home." Our reporter tells us that, while the crowd present was not as large as is usual at second year At-homes, the Johns and Susans were about equal in number, and everybody had a good time. The usual games were played—musical chair, stair-holding and tea-partying.

The few who are not already aware of the fact, will hear with regret that Mr. "Herbie" Collins, of '04, has

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been unfortunate enough to take typhoid fever, and is now in the General Hospital. His many friends are hoping that his case will prove to be "light," and that he will be with them again in the shortest possible time.

On Thursday, Dec. 3rd, the postponed meeting of the Political Science Club was held in Room 4. Honorary President Morley Wickett was in the chair, and a very fair sized audience listened to Prof. Mavor's address on "Recent Municipal Progress in the United States." Ex-Mayor Shaw, who was present, moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

The Mulock Cup is once again in the hands of the Arts Faculty. Let us hope that it will find its present holders so agreeable that it will not seek a different resting place for many years. The final game was very close, and frequently during its progress it looked more like a victory for University College. But our team won, and we wish to congratulate them. We wish to thank every individual member of the team for the good game he played; we wish to thank the "scrub" that gave the team the needed practice. The hope of the Senior year is that next year's '05-'06 combination may have an equally successful season.

Struggling undergrads, whose ambition is "the top of the ladder" might take F-rty's advice and "put his shoulder to the wheel."

Junior—"Who's Verral?"

Freshie—"President of the first year and everything else."

B—r. (in cosy corner, at Union dance).—My !! How cold your hands are !!!

Junior (Prof. Mavor's room)—"Could you tell me, Professor Mavor, who wrote John Stuart Mill's autobiography?"

K—g, '04 (as the lights came on again)—"What an opportunity missed!"

The mock parliament on Friday evening was well attended, and provided the usual fun-making features. Premier Grosch and Opposition Leader Ross were ably supported, and many measures ably discussed, and local hits were indulged in. This is the one night of the term in which, as it were, the faculty see themselves reflected in the words of the students. We wonder if some of them would recognize this portrayal?

**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.**

On Tuesday, Dec. 1st, the annual drill inspection of the Toronto Engineers was held in the Armouries by Col. Otter. The company paraded 72 strong, under the command of Major Lang. After the inspection the sectional competition for the prize offered by Major Lang took place. Col. Otter awarded the palm to Section 2; commanded by Sergeant Davidson, for superiority in drill. The company will probably be inspected in engineering work next Saturday.

Mr. O'Sullivan has two rather comprehensive motions before the Engineering Society. The first, in summary, is that the Executive Committee of the Society

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report on how, why, when and where to have literary work in connection with the School. The second is that the Executive communicate with the graduates of the School and employers of engineers and offer to supply them with men for summer work and for permanent positions as well.

The Engineers' dance will probably take place on the 15th of January.

Now that the games and other College events are over, the School has settled down to hard work till Christmas. The dinner, however, will be a welcome occasion for one more good time.

There will be an interesting discussion at the Engineering Society meeting to-day on the advisability of the School founding a Literary Society.

"Brigham" Young paid the School a visit last week. He was surveying in the Northwest, and his party were so late in finishing that Brigham has decided not to take lectures this year.

The School of Science Quartette has received an invitation to sing at a church concert in Bolton. Manager Bill Smithers has not yet decided to accept it.

There is a growing feeling in the School for the formation of a Literary Society. The notice of motion posted last week is but the natural result. As to the three proposals as to how the work could best be carried on, it may be said of the first that the Engineering Society was formed to give the students professional instruction; that any such radical change in its constitution as proposed would tend to defeat this object, and materially lessen the value of the annual pamphlet. Again, if the literary undertaking fell through, as it might after a year or two's existence, the whole society, with such a disjointed constitution, might be very badly shaken.

The proposal for an independent society is much the best, and should be carried through, and if the society so formed became a going concern, there would be time enough then, if thought desirable, to affiliate it or merge it with the Engineering Society.

The students in cements desire to know what is the Wright consistency of gruel.

Let O'Sullivan remind us

We can resolutions frame,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
In the minute-book our name.

It is rumored that Mr. Jimmie Parke is responsible for those "higher criticisms" appearing in the last number of THE VARSITY.

Pure water may be all right for the Freshies, but the Sophs like it colored.

The Freshmen have not so far made a record for

themselves in turning out to games. However, it is to be hoped that they will redeem themselves by being well represented at the dinner.

An assassination was narrowly averted in the first year Chemistry lecture last week. Fortunately for the future safety of the class, arrangements have been made whereby all weapons are to be left at the door before entering the class-room.

A number of third year gentlemen are terribly anxious to know whether the "Dry Dinner Act" is going to have an amendment.

Bert Elder, of the third year, has left the School until after Christmas, owing to illness.

"Where's the telephone?" Various rumors are in circulation regarding the much-delayed installation. Some say the committee is collecting data concerning the use and abuse of telephones in other colleges, and whether the School men are deserving of the heavy expenditure, while others say we will have a 'phone as soon as the Christmas present season allows of safer and more frequent communication with the outside world.

On a field covered with snow, and slippery to a degree that made fast playing an impossibility, the School team won the championship of Ontario by defeating the Scots last Saturday. During the first half, with a strong wind blowing against them, the School scored, McInnes being responsible for the goal. The score stood 1-0 at half time. In the second half the playing was more even. The Scots succeeded in scoring twice, while McInnes and McDonald each shot a goal for the School. The final score, stood 3-2. Considering the weather, the S. P. S. supporters turned out well, and did some lively rooting for the team.

#### MEDICAL FACULTY.

Arrangements are complete in every detail for the annual dinner, which will be given to-night in the Gymnasium, under the auspices of the faculty and students in medicine. The sale of tickets has been the largest on record, and the visitors from other colleges, who have come expecting royal entertainment, are having it meted out to them by the committee. After an inspection of the new laboratories, the usual speeches were made by the representatives. All of them brought kindly greetings from their fellow-students to their friends in Toronto, and every one of them has proved himself a good fellow. A new series of stories will be told this afternoon to the primary students. Some of these will undoubtedly become historical, as have many others first told from the top of the specimen box in the dissecting-room. There may be other events taking place this even-

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ing, but the Meds. have not had time to learn of them.  
It was unfortunate that the Medical Society should have held its meeting on the evening of the debate with Queens. This was one of the fixed dates, however, so that it may be considered as unfortunate that no notice of it was taken in arranging the time of debate. There are dozens of medical students who echo THE VARSITY as to heaving the debaters represent the University as a whole. No one of these would object to having undergraduates in Arts speak for all faculties if only there were some way of proving that the best debaters belonged that faculty. There is no blame to be attached to the officers of the Lit. excepting that they have grown accustomed to ignoring other organizations on occasions of this kind. When the inter-faculty debates are arranged next year, as they will be if the Medical and Engineering Societies provide the opportunities, there may be a change. The literary courses, to quote Dr. Patton, do teach a man how to say a thing, so that it is not probable that a Science man will debate in the finals, but whether this is so or not, the men who do represent the University in the next series of inter-collegiate debates will know that they have won their honors in a large field. The Medical students are proud of Messrs. Vanston and Workman in their victory, and only regret that circumstances forbid their claiming them as champions chosen from the whole student body.

[It is only fair to the Arts Faculty to state the following facts in relation to the above: (1) The Arts Faculty is the only one, so far as we have learned, having a debating society. (2) The Arts Faculty, not the University, is a member of the league. (3) The date of the debate was arranged on Oct. 16th, at a meeting of the league in Kingston.—Editor THE VARSITY.]  
To have to protest against an umpire's decision given on a field, is one thing, but to be compelled to protest against a reversal of such a decision by an umpire who announces a victory on the field and reports a tie to the committee, is a harder pill to swallow. There are some who still believe that the Intermediate team won the Association championship for the Meds. last Saturday.  
Dr. "Dick" Brewster, '03, was noticed in the College last Friday, taking a look over the new building.  
Dr. Jack Cook, '03, was in town this week, renewing old acquaintances.  
The second division of the third year began their study of bacteriology on Monday last. These neophytes in "bug" knowledge may be interested in the etymology of the various synonyms used in designating microorganisms. The authorities say that in Germany they are called germs, in Paris parasites, and in Ireland microbes.  
Mr. Fred. Brown, '06, got a nasty fall the other day, which will confine him to the house for a few days.

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With the hearing of the orals on Tuesday, the "honors" of another Council examination passed into history. The boys all speak highly of the generous and courteous treatment accorded them.

Mr. Traynor went into the General Hospital this week for surgical treatment. He was operated upon on Wednesday, and is so far doing well. We hope soon to see him back in restored health.

#### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

On Friday evening, Dec. 4th, the basketball team defeated the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium team in a closely contested game. The score at half time stood 11-7 in favor of Pharmacy, and the final score was 27-18. The A. C. P. team lined up the same as in the previous games and every man played well. This makes three straight victories and no defeats since the opening of the season. On account of the exams. on the following day, very few supporters were present.

The class officers have had their photos taken, and the remaining members of the class are of the opinion that the said officers should present the School with a photo nicely framed to adorn the reading-room. The officers, however, think otherwise.

Many of the students are sporting their class pins. The pins look even better than the drawing indicated.

The Junior term, so far as the students are concerned, closed on Saturday at noon, and now each one is eagerly watching for the results of the exams.

#### KNOX COLLEGE.

Mr. J. Leslie Boyd, B.A., of the second year, is making a tour of the East, in the interests of the Knox College Student's Missionary Society. He speaks at Ottawa and other important places in that district.

Dr. Patton, of Princeton Theological Seminary, gave an address in Convocation Hall on Monday, Nov. 30th, to a good audience of appreciative listeners. The address was the inaugural given on the occasion of his acceptance of the Presidency of Princeton a short time ago, his subject being "Biblical Encyclopædia."

The address was extremely comprehensive, and embraced innumerable details and technicalities, handled in a masterly way. It was a treat. Dr. Patton is undoubtedly one of the best speakers Toronto has had the

pleasure of hearing for some time. It is not hard to understand why he is regarded as the cleverest after-dinner speaker in America. It is refreshing to listen to downright brainy cleverness once in a while. A man of President Patton's type enjoys "splendid isolation" in these days. He justifies very well the extravagant language in his "Hamlet" when he says, "What a piece of work is man!"

Some of us might be pardoned for improving Shakespeare a little and translating it, "What a piece of work is man's!" We fear that the days are past for the college dreamer, and ancient poetry must be given "honorable retirement," at least until the social organism readjusts itself. As one wide-awake American remarked confidentially some days ago, we have so many things to do nowadays that we haven't time to do anything. There is not the Keurgic calmness of "ye olden days," and we imagine the dilettante had better seek his self-indulgence elsewhere than in academic spheres.

Professor in History, speaking of John Knox, referred to certain correspondence with the mother of his wife.

G. W. C.—"Were those letters written before or after his marriage?"

George evidently shares in the universal suspicion regarding mothers-in-law.

A. C. J.—"How did you like Dr. Patton's address?"

John B.—"I have been haunted ever since by the spectre of my own insignificance."

The Freshmen are becoming very anxious about the At-home. Judging from the number and earnestness of the enquiries as to the "modus operandi," nearly all the Varsity girls will be here to lend grace and dignity to our venerable halls. For this we are greatly indebted to the various year receptions which usually paralyze the Freshmen.

It has been suggested by the Advisory Board on Sanitation that Mr. W— be authorized to wear electric soles to avoid danger from uncarpeted hallways.

Freshman.—"Do you think Miss C— would come to the conversat?"

Serious Senior.—"Surely, if there is some chap-around' to bring her."

Philosophers mirabilis.—"Is it epistemologically tenable that an impenetrable wall of mystery is obviously insurmountable?"

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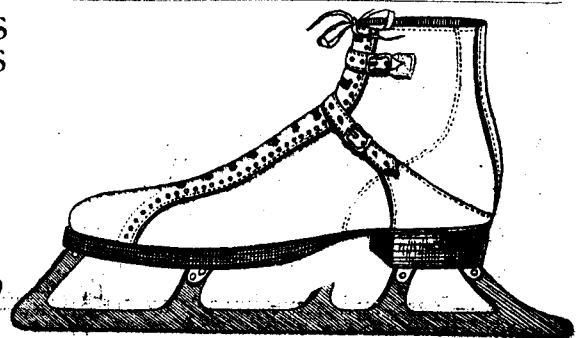
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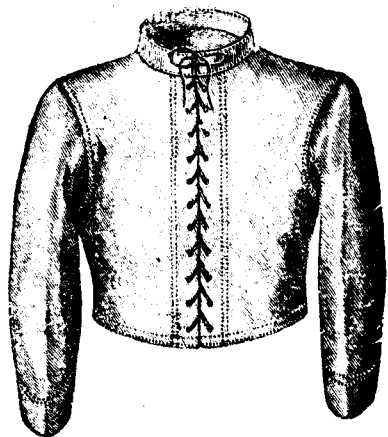
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### DENTAL COLLEGE.

A number of the Dental students attended a very enjoyable At-home given in the Conservatory Residence by Miss Druzil on Saturday, Nov. 28th.

It is wonderful the way the boys devour the locals in “Hya Yaka.” The fearful way that they begin to reach each “new one” and the bright, relieved expression that comes over their faces after finishing it, tells you that they expected something which they did not get.

Perhaps some who read this will not know what “Hya Yaka” is. It is not Japanese, nor is it Irish. It is simply “a little periodical of protest, published every little while,” by the Dental Students. Its main object is to correct “irregularities.”

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A.—Yes; and sometimes play well (during the last half):

Q.—Can they win the Mulock Cup?

A.—Yes! and they will.

Q.—Why did they not do it this year?

A.—Because they need more “Ginger.”

Our At-home, which is to be held in the King Edward this year on the 16th inst., promises to be a decided success. The committee are very busy, and deserve all the support we can give them.

It is to be hoped that the R. D. S. meeting on Thursday will be well attended, for a good programme is promised by those who know. Mr. E. E. Sheppard, editor of *Saturday Night*, is to give an address, which will be worth hearing.

“This was the most unkindest cut of all.”

Freshie (to “Ginger,” before the last Mulock Cup game)—“Are you going up to the match this afternoon?”

Ginger (when he recovered and could get his breath)—“Well, what do you think of that?”

A number of his at-one-time fellow-students were quite glad to see Dr. Gilfillan's familiar face again. He was attending the O. H. A. convention as representative from Uxbridge.

### WYCLIFFE COLLEGE NOTES.

At a general meeting of the Mission Society on Dec. 3rd, it was decided to undertake more mission work in the diocese in order to provide for the increased number of students wishing work. Funds will be collected for this purpose.

A short business meeting of the Literary Society was held Dec. 4th. Representatives were appointed to several college functions in the city.

Mr. Smith represented the College at Victoria College concert. Mr. Gilbert will do so at Knox College, and Mr. Bilkey at the Dental dance, to be given in the King Edward.

Our football season is over. The weather during the fall has been ideal, and our students have turned out in large numbers at all the practices and games. Now for the hockey! Much enthusiasm is manifested already, and we are only waiting for the ice. Prospects are brighter than ever this year for the accomplishment of that far-off ideal—to win a game from our friends across the way, the Calvinists. Do as a worthy legislator say on Friday night, "Let every man put his shoulder to the wheel and thus reach the top of the ladder."

The students of the College unite in extending to the Rev. Dr. Sheraton their hearty congratulations on the event of the celebration of his birthday. May he be spared many years to continue his useful work.

Mr. Hendry, who suffered a severe accident last week in the Gymnasium, when he fractured his right arm, has come into residence, at least until the end of the year.

A conversation overheard in the stillness of the midnight hour: "Mr. Sovereign to Mr. Kemp—"Do you know, Kemp, if there were the choice offered me of having all the money I wanted to buy books, or of marrying the prettiest girl I know, I would take the books." Mr. Smith's comment next morning: "Such a decision speaks volumes."

Mr. Connor got up at 6 a.m. Tuesday. It is alleged that he visited the chapel, but this Mr. Connor strenuously denies.

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" 8.—Returning Officers named by resolution of Public School Board. Last day for Public and Separate School Trustees to fix places for nomination of Trustees.  
" 9.—County Model Schools Examination begins.  
" 14.—Local Assessment to be paid Separate School Trustees.



THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

THERE are few national institutions of more value and interest to the country than the Royal Military College at Kingston. At the same time its objects and the work it is accomplishing are not sufficiently understood by the general public.

The College is a Government institution, designed primarily for the purpose of giving the highest technical instructions in all branches of military science to cadets and officers of Canadian Militia. In fact, it is intended to take the place in Canada of the English Woolwich and Sandhurst and the American West Point.

The Commandant and military instructors are all officers on the active list of the Imperial army, lent for the purpose, and in addition there is a complete staff of professors for the civil subjects, which form such a vast proportion of the College course.

Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis, the cadets receive in addition to their military studies a thoroughly practical, scientific and sound training in all subjects that are essential to a high and general education.

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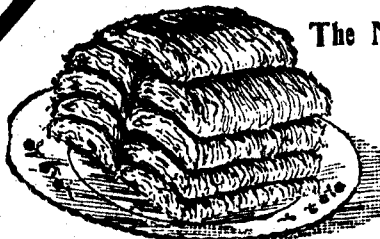
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