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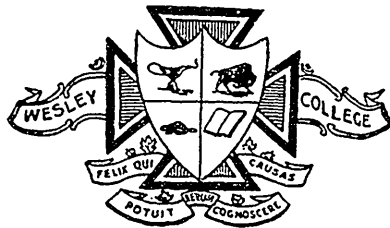
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To something new, to something strange;
Nothing that is can pause or stay;
The moon will wax, the moon will wane
The mist and cloud will turn to rain,
To-morrow be to-day.



Turn, turn my wheel, What is begun
At day-break must at dark be done;
To-morrow will be another day.
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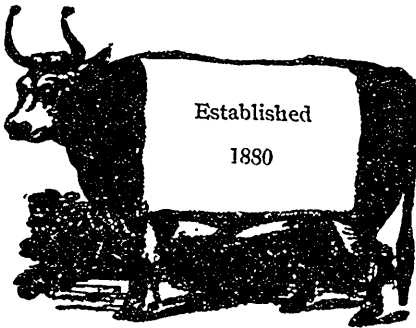
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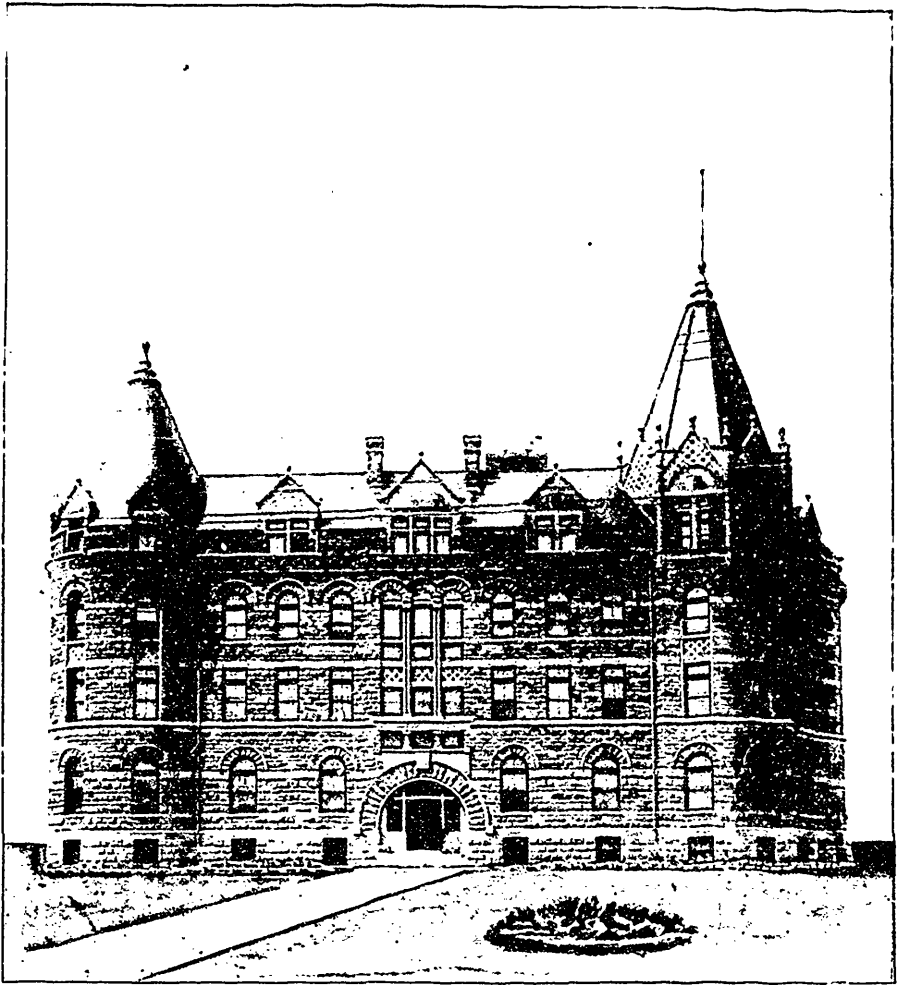
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It will be observed that the Board of Management of "Vox" have supplied its editorial ink-pot with some new quills. Do not be surprised, gentle reader, if the writing be a little quavering at first. That is mental agitation, self-consciousness and modesty, characteristics of "a youth sublime," which, like comets and other such rare things, should be interesting—while it lasts.

Our aims are high. They are as high as the Rockies, as broad as the prairies and as deep as—well, as our own "greenness."

We have found out how to "run" the Magazine. Anybody can do it, it is so simple. Here is a formula:—A warm bath for the feet, an ice poultice for the head, an Encyclopaedia Britannica. This is part of the battery for the magic by which the thing is done, so they say. With this we will be able to shake out of our coatsleeve, a magazine brimful of articles of the most bewitching subtlety and awful profundity. No need of any labor or anxiety on the part of anybody hereafter. It will come, like a spook in the night time—nobody knows exactly how.

Our New Dress That is only an experiment. If we like it, and you do, reader, we may continue to wear it. You have been telling us that "we should hold our head up and step with an air." Just hold up the mirror again, please! That device on the title page will be, perhaps, handy for the Theological students for use in perorations at tea-socials, etc. So much handier than the late Corinthian pillars, you know. Our debaters, too, may see victory lurking there.

A Look Ahead Well, these be hard days for the prophet. We are planning to continue the two series commenced in this number—"Sketches of Western Life" and "Wesley's friends." A series on "The Colleges of Canadian Methodism," and a symposium on "The Advisability of Changing to a Four Year Course" is contemplated for our next.

Inter-Collegiate Debates We note gladly the opening of the inter-class debates by the Literary Society. The programme for the Inter-Collegiate debates has already commenced.

The observation of Chauncey Depew lately regarding the contemporaneous decline of the Debating School and the power and temper of oratory among our cousins over the way has received a most general and mournful assent from American journals. That he correctly related cause and effect we can not believe. The power and temper of the true orator is from a deeper well spring than the debating school. Events in human experience sufficient to cause strong conviction and feeling, and personality responsive to these and skilled in speaking, would seem to be nearer it.

However, our cousins have always had and loved "talking meetings." And our exchanges tell us that they are at it, hammer and tongs, and that the interest in inter-state collegiate debates now rivals football. This may be partly accounted for by the fact, that as in that game, a trophy is made the bone of contention. Mankind, like other kinds, wrangle the better if they have a bone. It adds zest. One of the principal elements in football is the ball—and the trophy is just another form of it.

Should we not have a trophy for our Inter-Collegiate debates? Anything by which they will acquire general interest will be a benefit to all concerned. What say you, Manitoba and St. John's?

With bowed heads and singing a psalm of praise

The they met us and we greet them—these strangers of the
Doukhobors Caucasus as we have never greeted any “immigrants” before. We have had many who came for gold, for lands, for our goods,—that these things and their profits might be their's - -but these men come because of our institutions, and because they have felt the spirit of the Pilgrim Fathers and are “buyers of truth.” Will it be long before their sons and daughters come to Wesley to gain the higher qualifications of citizenship? And when they do come, will they find us, too, buyers of the truth and not sellers? “And nations that knew not Thee shall run unto Thee.”

But the Soudanese need not emigrate. The College

Gordon's is to be brought to them and General Gordon's revenge
Revenge will be fulfilled by the schoolmaster with coals of fire. He who lost his life will save it. There are the usual number of difficulties, of course. Mahommedan or Christian? A Friday or a Sunday Sabbath, &c., &c. The College will get Canadian money and Canadian sympathy and the world an object lesson respecting the alleged “eternal earth hunger” of the Britisher. Here is Kipling's poem regarding it—being a translation of the song that was made by a Mahommedan schoolmaster of the Bengal Infantry (some time on service at Suakin) when he heard that the Sirdar was taking money from the English to build a Madrissa for Hushbees—a College for the Soudanese :—

Oh, Hushshee, carry your shoes in your hand and bow your head on your breast!

This is the message of Kitchener, who did not break you in jest.
 It was permitted to him to fulfil the long appointed years,
 Reaching the end ordained of old over your dead Emirs.

He stamped only before your walls, and the Tomb ye knew was dust ;
 He gathered up under his armpits all the swords of your trust ;

He set a guard on your granaries, securing the weak from the strong ;
He said " Go work the waterwheels that were abolished so long."

He said : "Go safely, being abased ; I have accomplished my vow."
That was the mercy of Kitchener. Cometh his madness now !
He does not desire as ye desire, nor devise as ye devise ;
He is preparing a second host—an army to make you wise.

Nor at the mouth of his clean-lipped guns shall ye learn his name again,
But letter by letter, and many letters, at the mouth of his chosen men.
He has gone back to his own city, not seeking presents or bribes,
But openly asking the English for money to buy you Hakims and
scribes.

Knowing that ye are forfeit by battle and have no right to live,
He begs for money to buy you learning—and all the English give.
It is their treasure—it is their pleasure—thus are their hearts inclined,
For Allah created the English, mad—the maddest of all mankind !

They do not consider the Meaning of Things ; they consult not creed
nor clan.

Behold they clap the slave on the back and behold he becometh a man !
They terribly carpet the earth with dead, and before their cannon cool,
They walk unarmed by twos and threes to call the living to school.

How is this reason (which is their reason) to judge a scholar's worth
By casting a ball at three straight sticks and defending the same with a
fourth :

But this they do (which is doubtless a spell) and other matters more
strange,

Until, by the operation of years, the hearts of their scholars change ;

Till these make come and go great boats or engines upon the rail
(But always the English watch near by to prop them when they fail) ;
Till these make laws of their own choice and Judges of their own blood ;
And all the mad English obey the Judges and say that the law is good.

Certainly they were mad from of old ; but I think one new thing,
That the magic whereby they work their magic—wherefrom their for-
tunes spring—

May be that they show all people their magic and ask no price in return.
Wherefore, since ye are bond to that magic, O Hubshee, make haste and
learn !

Certainly also is Kitchener mad. But one sure thing I know—
If he who broke you be minded to teach you, to his Madrissa go !
Go, and carry your shoes in your hand, and bow your head on your
breast,

For he who did not slay you in sport he will not teach you in jest.

—Rudyard Kipling.

**American
Universities** Is the title of an article in the current "Nineteenth
Century," by an English professor. Of course it is quite
of the "we know it all" type of thing. We pass it so long
as we can get the excellent criticisms this article contains.

It notes the omnivorous character of the American mind, the broadly
Christian of our's, as against the churchy tendency of the English uni-
versities, the rule of the "boss" even in educational institutions, the
matter of co-education of the sexes (and the writer believes that the
ultimate demand of the interests of both education and society will be
for separate institutions for each).

The most interesting observation, however, in the article is shown
in the fact that our graduates take post-grad work in either the New
England Colleges or in Germany. England does not invite and so does
not receive graduates. What might not be done in the future for the
Empire by men who rubbed elbows and cultivated fellow-feeling at Ox-
ford or Cambridge, or Edinburgh ?

Still, through our paltry stir and strife
Glow down the wished Ideal,
And longing molds in clay what life
Carves in the marble real !
To let the new life in,—we know
Desire must ope the portal :—
Perhaps the longing to be so,
Helps make the soul immortal.

—Lowell.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT

MISS RUTTAN, Editor

A COMPARISON OF IDEALS.

Based on Browning's "Grammarians' Funeral" and Tennyson's "Ulysses."
[The Literary Society's Prize Essay]

The best apology I can make for attempting any treatment of this subject is that the poems of which I write are poems of strong interest to any young man, and of especial interest to a young collegian. The ideals which take form in his mind under college influences, find here noblest embodiment. The atmosphere of the poems is a congenial one, he thrills with its oxygen, feels it "rarer, intenser" than the common air.

Both poems draw their life from the spirit of the Renaissance. It is of the atmosphere of that time they breathe. It seems to me that the history of the Renaissance, that history which will revitalize the period, will be written by a young man. It was an age of great young men—the age of Niccolo Machiavelli, of Raffaele de Sanzo, of Girolamo Savonarola, and closer and more real to us, it was the age of the Greek Tito, of the Dutch Gerard, of Browning's del Sarto and Landor's Ser Francesco. Perhaps the Renaissance period of the world's life, with its strange mixture of dawning catholicity and an intolerance flaring up before final extinction, of refining tastes and a sensuality exhibiting itself in scarcely precedented grossness—a period fermenting with the new wine of thought, a ferment from which the turbidity had not yet settled—finds its individual counterpart in the mind of the young man. And so, to a young man, when the beliefs, the ideals of his earlier life must be revised in the light of so much new and strange, when from the solution of the old by the powerful solvent of new ideas, recrystallization commences—the process of forming mature ideals begins—these poems come straight home.

They are, it seems to me, strikingly alike, and yet in many ways strikingly different.

The hero of each is a hero because of his unfaltering pursuit of a high ideal. Called to that pursuit, unhesitatingly, fearlessly, he left all and followed.

Ulysses leaves his kingdom, his well-earned repose, his wife and son to exchange for his sceptre, the oar ; for rest, toil and watchfulness; for his family, perhaps the chill embraces of the ingulfing seas. The Grammarian, when a wasted youth has gone, leaves the world's allurements ; forsakes men's pity; disregards his body's call for rest; scoffs at disease's warning, and with resolute choice, gives up the world to solve its meaning ; forsakes Life's arms that he may read her heart—deciding not to live, but know.

Alike they counted nothing dear—all things but dross—that they might obtain this knowledge, Ulysses scorns his people ; mocks at proffered ease ; finds in the recollections of past achievements only an invitation from the future, in the bellying sail, a beckoning hand, in the waning day and moaning ocean-voices chiding incitements to hasten ere his pursuit of the Ideal be overtaken by the swifter feet of Death. The Grammarian finds the world which had seemed his host these many years in reality a gaoler with whom he “grapples bent on escaping,” yet in escaping, bent too on wresting from the world the secret whose very existence had so far been hidden from him. Ease, rest and life itself he spurns. Even over the grave he triumphs. To Ulysses the sound of Death's inexorable footfall was the one summons to forego pursuit which he could not gainsay. But to the Grammarian Death comes, God's messenger, herald of power to achieve success. God's hand is now about to turn the page where the sentence unfinished here, will reach its close, and the meaning of life be revealed.

Such was the character of their pursuit. But even such a pursuit is not in itself noble. It must be the pursuit of a high ideal. Such an ideal these men pursued. Novalis has said (quoted in Macterlinck's essay on Emerson) “The only thing in life that matters is the search for the transcendental self.” The ultimate thing in life is life's meaning. To seek it is the one thing worth doing, to know it will unriddle the universe. To accept life is to miss living, and man's highest joy as well as his sternest duty lies in the quest of an answer for the Sphinx's riddle.

But does the method of the pursuit matter ? Ulysses seeks to find life's meaning in the objective world—in the world of things. Life has expressed itself in institutions—it is shaped by environment. What is it that exhibits itself in cities of men, in customs, manners, governments?

What is that subtle something, so independent of the outside world and yet so much affected by everything which surrounds it? The Grammarian looks for life's meaning in the inner world—in the world of minds. Life has expressed itself in many ways, but the subtlest of revelations is in language. What is the spirit which informs the medium by which it reveals itself perhaps most clearly? Is the one in his world-wanderings more likely to find his answer, than the other seeking it in the Greek particles? To me the Ithacan monarch is no nobler a figure than the Italian philogèr, nor is the interest deeper in the drama enacted on the world-wide stage than in that which is worked out with in the narrow confines of the student's cell. "The world globes itself in a drop of dew, God reappears with all his parts in every moss and cobweb." The poet recognizes Him and man and their relation one to the other in the flower plucked from the crannied wall. The Sphinx has told us

"Who telleth one of my meanings
Is master of all I am."—Emerson—The Sphinx.

But after all this is but a partial interpretation, though in it we are following the daring lead of Browning's title. The Scholar was more than a grammarian. It would be no more manifestly nor grossly unfair to conceive of Ulysses as a mere sensation-hunting globe-trotter than to regard the Grammarian as that awful thing, "an inanimate gerund grinder." Ulysses did not go abroad merely to see new sights—to think so is to forget that he sought the meaning of life in the manifold revelations of it in institutions "in cities of men and customs, manners, governments." The Grammarian did not confine himself to "the doctrine of enclitic de," but his demand was—Show me their shaping, they, who most studied men, the bard and sage." It was in literature, where the heart of man makes its most conscious, and, therefore, perhaps, clearest revelation of itself, that he sought life's meaning.

So, with differing methods yet the one thought, the heroes pursue their Ideal. Is success in that pursuit essential to their happiness? Is not the pursuit of the Ideal its own exceeding great reward? Like the forward reaching lover on the Urn Keats has immortalized, the pursuer of the Ideal does not grieve though he may not attain, for he will ever love and She be ever fair. If it is only a half true thought, it is a noble

one, that one of Lessing's—"If the Almighty, seated on His throne, and holding in His right hand Truth, and in His left the Search for Truth, should offer me my choice, without hesitation, yet with all humility, I should choose the Search for Truth." What does it matter to Ulysses that the horizon to which he presses fades forever and forever as he moves? What to the Grammarian that, aiming at a million, he knows he will miss even a unit?

"He throws himself on God and unperplexed,
Seeking shall find Him."

And surely men seeking with unswerving and absolute devotion a high ideal—aspiring to behold the unveiled face of Truth—will, whatever the path down which their minds range in their search, find even in that search its own abundant recompense.

In conclusion, and again in apology, let me quote from Woodrow Wilson, "In these bad days, when it is thought more educationally useful to know the principle of the common pump than Keats' 'Ode on a Grecian Urn,' as Mr. Birrell says, we cannot afford to let one single precious sentence of 'mere literature' go by us unread or unpraised. If this free people to which we belong is to keep its fine spirit, its perfect temper amidst affairs, its high courage in the face of difficulties, its wide temperateness and wide-eyed hope, it must continue to drink deep and often from the wells of English undefiled, quaff the keen tonic of its best ideals, keep its blood warm with all the great utterances of exalted purpose and pure principle of which its matchless literature is full. The great spirits of the past must command us in the tasks of the future. Mere literature will keep us pure and keep us strong. Even though it puzzle or altogether escape scientific method, it may keep our horizon clear for us, and our eyes glad to look bravely forth upon the world."

In gratitude, then, to the masters who have in these poems delineated characters so heartening to a young man, who have bodied forth with such beauty and such power the ideals, vague and inchoate in his mind, I have endeavored to direct attention to these noble bits of literature, and to share with you their beauty and the power of their inspiring message.

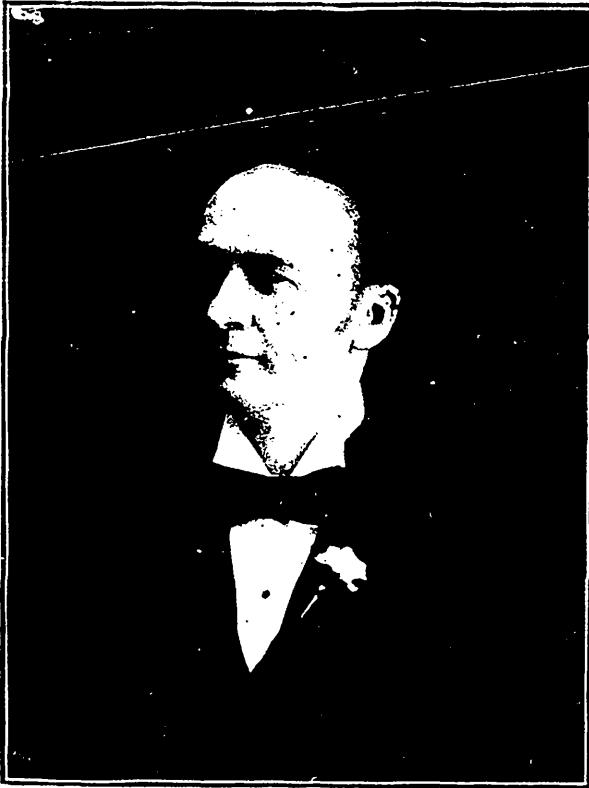
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WESLEY'S FRIENDS.

J. A. M. AIKINS, Q.C.

Under this caption we commence in this issue a series of sketches, which we think we have reasonable grounds for believing need not be a short one.

The subject of the present sketch was born in the County of



J. A. M. AIKINS, Q.C.

Peel, Ontario. He attended the Brampton Grammar School, from thence going to Upper Canada College and University College, Toronto. In 1875 he graduated from Toronto University and received the M.A. degree two years later. He was called to the bar of Ontario in 1878. His first visit to this Province was in that year, and in the year

following, 1879, in February, he was called to the bar of Manitoba. Shortly after elected a benchler of the Law Society and created a Queen's Counsel in 1884. He has practiced law in Winnipeg ever since.

It is not difficult to understand, then, his attachment to, and constant interest in, our College. His university career has not created, what Dr. Nelles aptly termed, "a narrow and ungenerous type of culture." Instead, it is that which all who know him are pleased to acknowledge, and none more so than the students, the keen and kindly Christian gentleman.

His message will be found on another page.

SKETCHES OF LIFE IN THE WEST

(As seen by Students)

A PREACHER'S STORY.

Newcastle Street Mission was a kind of life-saving station in that part of the suburbs, where broken windows of houses were frequently plugged with old hats, gates hung on one hinge and the children gathering round the ever-swinging doors of the "Dew Drop" or the "Balmoral" assimilated the vices of their elders. The monthly holiday drunk succeeding "pay day" was an event among the miners that never failed to bring forth a plentiful crop of episodes of all colors, for with the unflinching horrors and disasters, there often came also like a gleam of lurid light out of a smoking, stenchful pit, the flames of grotesque humor.

Tommy Howson had run the gamut of drunk and fistic duel for twenty years or more. The power of a large and strong frame had been preserved by the uncalculating abandonment of his dissipation, which was regularly cut short when his banker, the saloon-keeper, announced that he had now spent his entire month's wages. But, generally before that time he had had what made life worth living to him, With suspenders tied about his waist, and the upper portion of his body bore at times even to his native pelt, he was wont to lay down the law in the rich accents of his native Yorkshire, to a roomful of sots, who either stupidly admired his pugnacious enthusiasm, had been tamed into acquiescence or were too helpless to protest.

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A change came. Tommy's enthusiasm was transferred to the mission over the way. The singing band at the street corner had reached his savage soul. Tunes of childhood days and the truth so long disregarded held up the mirror to his brawling, brute-like life. Enthusiasm! He sang, and he did it now as heartily in the Mission-house as he had formerly done it over at the "Dew Drop." With the hymns of later years, however, he was not fully familiar and so the little choir often found that their new leader on the front row of seats led them to jangling discords. During the sermon his large body swayed from side to side. He often punctuated the discourse with a deep, strong, whisper audible throughout the room. "Aye, man," "That's it, lad," or a vigorous clap and rubbing of his large hands. It was in the after-meeting, however, that he found a full vent. The fame of his prayers and exhortations soon spread so that up-towners and people in the neighborhood, never classed as church-goers before, began to make regular appearances at the mission services, amusement rather than edification being the object. With the long-forgotten phrases heard in chapel in his boyhood's home, with scraps of oaths of later years and his present struggling, surging joy, he made out a prayer, that when it reached the final stages was of dramatic intensity and he ended by lifting up the chair before which he kneeled, and setting it down with a bang. When he spoke it was with a richness of originality, of homely imagery and a power of crude eloquence that was irresistible, despite its disregard of any shadow of grammar and the humor that knew no reserve. Once, I remember, he pictured our final change. He compared our present life to his work in the coal "pit," the dropping pick and shovel to grasp a golden harp, discarding his pit cap (the meanest part of a working miner's poor garb) for a crown of pearls, and the flaring, smoky light of his greasy, miner's lamp, turned into the perfect light of eternal day. Yes, there was a great change, and some "who came to scoff, remained to pray" at the mission. The wild beast of the brawl had become an eager disciple.

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Another change. Tommy Howson was now his own banker. His money grew, and after six months, though he was liberal, he had a bank account. Then he spent various odd sums on Widow Harrison's little

daughter, who lived near by, a go-cart one month, a splendid doll another. He always passed the widow's house as he came from work. One day a strange notion darted into his head. Each day thereafter he noted with more than former interest the appearance of the widow's little home. The washing appeared always on Monday, the yard was neat, the curtains snowy white, and better still, the widow herself, cheerful and industrious, was distinctly friendly to "Mr. Howson."

The notion now became a resolution.

Need I say that it was not long before he came to advise with me on a very important matter? "Ah, lad, I'se doing proper business, this time. No sky-larkin'." "Ma word, if she's no a snug bit 'ooman. A few days later a cab drove up, and when it went away again it took Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howson to their cottage of the snow curtains. The "Dew Drop's" crowd had their monthly carouse and drank the health of their former champion, but Tommy Howson, stepping out, holding the little girl's hand, wit his wife, thereafter made a very creditable showing as a man of family and a devoted husband.

S. WILKINSON.

LIFE-POWER AND EDUCATION.

Every citizen of this Province has a right to demand that the Province which lives by his labor and exists for his benefit shall enable him to develop his whole faculties to their utmost. Any citizen, who, being able to rise in life, remains lower than he is willing to place himself for want of educational facilities which the state ought to supply, has reason to complain of injustice and neglect. The Province has hitherto failed to supply such facilities, but the Methodist Church, realizing the right of her people to higher education if they desire it, has established and maintains Wesley College. The education which the College thus enables the student to receive means much more than merely becoming acquainted with what is taught by professors or gleaned from text books, or than the accuracy and mental discipline which results. The students who earnestly and honestly desire to be educated for participation in the active duties of life, in respect of which they expect soon to be thrown upon their own resources, will find excellent opportunities of

learning much through the association and companionship of their fellow students individually and in societies, such as the Literary, the football, and the Y.M.C.A. of the College. Selfishness, boorishness and disregard for the feelings of others, irreverence and the like, if brought by the student into the College, may be by the practice of their opposites, for which there will be ample opportunity, ground out or sloughed off so that the student when graduated may have all those qualities which go to make up a true gentleman or lady and be possessors of a cultured head, a kindly heart, a courtly manner and a Christian character.

J. A. M. AIKINS.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

C. C. Michener, Secretary of the International Committee of Y.M.C.A., in a letter to Professor Riddell, gives the following inspiring and hopeful statements respecting work in the Colleges. There never has been a year in the histories of Colleges in this country, or possibly any other, when there were so many students studying the missionary problems of the Church. These students are doing this work in the study classes of the Student Volunteer Movement, which is the Missionary Department of the College Associations. The Bible Study work was never in as good condition. The having a man like Sharman, whose people live in Winnipeg, to supervise the whole system of Bible Study in the Colleges on the continent is meaning much, not only in the increase of class attendance, but in the quality of the work done. The Summer Schools, with their thousand or more students each year, are greatly intensifying and bettering the condition of Christian life among College men.

Faults in the life breed errors in the brain,
 And these reciprocally these again.
 The mind and conduct mutually imprint,
 And stamps their image on each other's mint.

—Cowper.



EXCHANGE-REVIEW DEPT.

C. A. HUSTON, Editor

In appearance and contents *Acta Victoriana* is in the front rank of our exchanges. To its splendid Christmas number succeeds a New Year's number worthy of its predecessor. The new cover merits favorable comment. A number of prominent Canadians answer questions submitted by the editor.

Professor Reynar considers our national defects to be "Low ideals and party spirit." Mr. D. R. Wilkie suggests "Indifference to culture and superficiality in education."

Gilbert Parker covets most for Canada "Its recognition as a nation in an Empire by all nations and empires ; its independence and resolution made into beneficent power."

We clip the following reference to Professor Riddell. *Acta* has not over-estimated what the Professor has been to church and college in the West :—

"After a very successful college career, J. H. Riddell, '90, Editor-in-Chief of *Acta* for '89-90, and gold medalist in Philosophy, wended his way westward, and at once entered as a probationer for the Methodist ministry in the Manitoba and North-West Conference. His first station was on the Cartwright mission, where for three years he labored faithfully and well, winning golden opinions for himself both as a man and as a minister. So conspicuously useful indeed did he show himself, that a larger sphere of usefulness soon opened itself to him. Grace Church, of Winnipeg, required assistance for its pastor, and Wesley College was in need of additional help on its teaching-staff. The opinion appeared unanimous that Mr. Riddell was just the man to fill this dual position, an opinion which time has amply justified. Shortly after his appointment, Young Church, largely through his instrumentality, became self-supporting, and severed its connection with Grace Church, Mr. Riddell being appointed its first pastor. At the expiration of his pastorate of four years—years crowned with abundant success—the Col-

lege authorities having in the meantime learned to fully appreciate his great worth as a teacher, put forth a special effort and induced the Conference to allow him to devote his whole time to college work. To this work, then, first as tutor, and for over a year past as senior professor in the Department of Classics, his work throughout has been characterized by great earnestness and zeal. Strong in body, strong in mind, strong in Christian character, he has been a most valued member of the College staff. His warm-hearted and generous disposition has endeared him to all, and has secured for him a warm place in the hearts of all the students. As an educationalist he ranks among the foremost in the West. May "Old Vic" send out many more such worthy sons."

Manitoba College Journal is, as ever, well written from cover to cover. The Editor, greatly daring, suggests study as part of a college man's program. Miss G. Duval's article on Washington shows that the writer has that prime essential of the descriptive writer, the power to see the beautiful. There is a sketch and portrait of Toba's newly appointed Professor, Rev. Mr. Kilpatrick.

It is the duty of our department to review publications, including books as well as exchanges. This promises to be the heaviest part of our task. The Previous Class, whose devotion to literature gets them to college at an hour when most people are wondering whether it would be wise to get up, have, we understand, nearly all entered the field of authorship. Among the spring publications will be the following volumes: Fiction—A Decided Answer, E. J. Hodgkin; In Thunder Tones, H. McFarlen; By Order of the King or the Doorkenbarred, H. Dobson; Where Three is Company, F. Mayers; Misjudged, or Bearing Another's Burden, C. Robinson. Biography—An Hour and a Half in the Church of Rome, 2 volumes, F. Fee; My Nights Out, sold only in sets, 10 volumes, J. N. Semmens; Autobiography of a Noble Man, J. R. Earle; Tutors I Have Met, C. St. John. Mathematics—Mathematical Murmurings, N. N. Stevenson; The Cosine of the Four, W. A. Robinson. Belles Lettres—Tweedledum and Tweedledee, a Comparison of Ideals, C. A. Huston; Recherche Fancies, H. McConnell.



RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

F. MAYERS, Editor

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

The Y.M.C.A.'s of the Canadian Northwest opened their Tenth Annual Convention in the Association Rooms, Portage la Prairie, on Friday afternoon, 3rd February, 1899. Eight Associations were represented. Friday afternoon was spent in organization, presentation of reports, election of officers, etc. On Friday evening a public meeting was held in the Baptist Church when, after the opening exercises, Mayor Garland delivered an address of welcome, to which Mr. W. H. Pulford, of the Winnipeg Association, appropriately replied. The address of the evening was given by Mr. Burton St. John, an official representative of the Students' Volunteer Movement. He showed very clearly that the Y.M.C.A. is the world-wide movement for young men.

Saturday morning's session was made interesting by the paper given by Mr. R. D. Richardson, of Winnipeg, on the Necessary Conditions to Organizing in Small Towns. In the afternoon a series of papers were read as follows :

"Relation of the College Association to the Country Young Men,"
by Mr. John Valens, Brandon.

"Relation of the Country Young Men to the College Association,"
by Professor Riddell, Winnipeg.

"Relation of the College Association to the City Association," by
Jas. Reid, Manitoba College.

These formed a very interesting and instructive whole. The evening session was held in the Methodist Church, when Mr. St. John spoke very effectively on the Educational Work in the Y.M.C.A.

On Sunday afternoon three meetings were held, for women, men, and boys ; in the Methodist, Presbyterian and Disciples' Churches respectively ; also a mass meeting in the Methodist Church in the evening, conducted by Mr. St. John.

Monday was a day long to be remembered. The morning session

was devoted to business. In the afternoon the following subjects were ably treated : The Junior Department, What is it ? Its needs, by Mr. Geo. Affleck, Winnipeg Association. A motion was unanimously carried that this paper be printed for distribution.

“The Importance of the Personal Work Band,” by Mr. St. John.

“The Young Man’s Financial Relations to the Association,” by Mr. W. Antliff, Winnipeg.

“The Leadership of the Men’s Meeting,” by Mr. Payne, Brandon.

An open parliament on Educational Work was conducted by Mr. St. John.

At six o’clock the Convention adjourned to the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church, where the W.C.T.U. had kindly prepared a substantial reception to delegates and young men of the town. At 8 o’clock a large audience assembled in the Church to hear the Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Winnipeg, deliver an address on “Young Men as Divinely Appointed Agents for Christian Service.” A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker for his able and inspiring address. The closing exercises were exceedingly interesting. The delegates were called upon for words of testimony and each seemed to be filled with gratitude to God for blessing received at the Convention. At this stage all the men in the Church formed an endless chain reaching all round the large building, and standing there sang “Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.” The pronouncing of the Benediction closed the Convention.

It is a matter of regret that space forbids a fuller account being given, but let me add that the reports from the Associations were very encouraging, especially that from our Indian brethren, and the finances are in a satisfactory condition. Very prominent in the many inspiring features of this Convention, were the Bible readings conducted by Mr. F. E. Anderson, State Secretary for Wisconsin, an hour of each session was devoted to this work and all realized the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through this man of God. It is safe to say that though the Convention was numerically small, its influence will long be felt in Portage la Prairie.

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

G. C. McCROSSAN, Editor.

FOOTBALL.

Wesley College began its meritorious career in the football arena shortly after its affiliation with Manitoba University. In the fall of '90 our first football team entered the Inter-Collegiate league, and for the first two seasons Wesley secured honors that she has never since been able to achieve, being the proud possessor of the "wooden spoon."

The first team consisted of very available man in College, outside of the professional staff, and then only nine stalwarts could be found, so to make up the eleven the faculty were called upon. Dr. Sparling and Prof. Cochrane claimed to have long since retired from athletics, hence it fell to the lot of Dr. Laird and T. J. McCrossan to represent the faculty on the campus. Both very ably filled their positions of goal keepr and centre forward.

The team of '92 and '93, however, was more fortunate and by hard work fought its way well up into third place. This team was undoubtedly one of the best Wesley has ever turned out ; a fact not at all surprising when it included such players as H. W. Whitla, W. W. Abbott, A. C. Hetherington, R. M. Riddell, J. K. Sparling, Bob Clement, Judd Cook and others.

After one of the many signal victories of this team, a burst of enthusiasm gave rise to the following verses :—

FOOTBALL, '92 AND '93.

If from the chillness of leaf-falling time
 A subtle melancholy steals the soul
 And the lone spirits of the Northern clime
 Come devastating southward from the pole,
 Then neither Virgil's page nor Shakespeare soothes
 The boisterous minds of limber-jointed youths.
 Logic and Greek and mathematics deep

Shall they find reason then to drop too soon
 That upon Broadway they may yell and leap
 And practice football all the afternoon,
 Riddell and Sparling, Whitla, Bob and Judd
 Shall prance and whoop together in the mud.

Talk not to me of baseball or of cricket,
 They are but notes—I've had them in the eye ;
 But oh ! to get a ball, ye gods ! and kick it !
 Ah ! there's the joy for which my soul would die.
 Plato begone ! the joy of him who wins
 Inflates the spirit and veneers the shins.
 Howl then, decorous sons of intellect !
 Our patron poet is the Theban swan,
 And we have formed a sort of kicking sect
 Who preach, and scribble and who kick and run
 Then down with Calderwood and with Kant to-day !
 Will raise the very Wesley on Broadway.

HOCKEY.

WESLEY VS. 'TOBA.

The second game of the Inter-Collegiate league brought together the old-time rivals. It resulted in a well-earned victory for 'Toba. This was not a surprise, for we hardly expected to win against such a well-trained combination as 'Toba provided. The forward line was greatly handicapped by the absence of Laidlaw, yet they scored five goals, against 11 for their opponents.

Individually Cadham and Gillespie played the best games for Manitoba, while Carter and Robinson shone for Wesley. This was Carter's debut at hockey and he bids fair to excel even his own enviable reputation as a footballer. The team was Munton, Carter, Carper, Anderson, McCrossan, Snidle.

ST. JOHN'S VS. WESLEY.

This match was played in the McIntyre Rink on Feb. 2nd and resulted in a brilliant win for Wesley. Score 9-3. This was the most in-

teresting and by far the fastest game yet played in the Inter-Collegiate series ; from start to finish an exhibition of good, fast, clean hockey.

The first half was very even, neither side having any advantage, though Wesley forwards seemed to find the goal a little easier than St. John's. After half-time, a decided change, Wesley did most of the attacking. Our boys succeeded in registering four goals whil St. John's could only add one to their score. White made an acceptable substitute for Munton in goal and Laidlaw, having recovered from his recent illness, made his rushes like Rocky Mountain snow-slides. Not a little of our victory is attributable to the effective checking of our invincible point—a veritable mountain before the goal, rolling down the opposing forwards like pebbles. This "belli eosus, equus," not content with stopping rushes, occasionally charged down the ice glacier-like. Robinson is to be credited with seven of the games scored, which testifies to his shooting. Carper played a good game at the cover, though suffering from a fractured rib. "Carp" should try not to be sent to the fence so frequently, for if in his absence a game were scored, the words ! !

Miss Winifred Beall recently entertained a party of friends at her home on Juno Street, on the 20th ult.

The following extracts from a letter recently received from Miss Annie Smythe, a former student of Wesley, will be of interest to our readers. The letter is written from Kamloops :

"My present abode is very homelike and the people about very pleasant. Yet, somehow, with all these inducements to make me prefer this mountain town, I do like to imagine that I am in prairie land whenever the fog hides the hills. I suppose the summary of all is : 'There is no place like home.'

"I am looking forward to the summer weather to be my good physician. So far the weather has been unfavorable for people who are not very well, and consequently I cannot speak of very much improvement, although there has been a little."

We are sorry lack of space forbids us publishing all the letter, but we are sure all readers of Vox joins us in sincerest hopes for Miss Smyth's early recovery.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A. E. VROOMAN, Editor

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W. S. A. Crux, '94, paid us a visit last week.

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W. L. Armstrong, '94, recently spent a few days around Wesley.

During the recent cold snap the janitor has had some difficulty in keeping some of the rooms warm.

We acknowledge the receipt of a handsomely illustrated catalogue from J. M. Perkins, seedsman, of Winnipeg.

It is said great difficulty is experienced in keeping the Theologues' attention while the ladies are playing hand-ball.

Miss F. Ashdown has left for a trip to Europe. Miss Ashdown will be much missed in very department of College life.

The skating party on the College rink on the evening of January 20th, was a great success. May there be more of them is the hope of all who were present.

The Junior Football Team, one morning lately, betook themselves down town and had their pictures taken. It is an excellent picture and is said to be in great demand among certain members of the Previous class.

The programme for the Inter-Collegiate debates is arranged as follows :—

Manitoba v. St. John's	Feb. 3.
St. John's v. Wesley	Feb. 20.
Wesley v. Manitoba	March 31.

A very pleasant event took place at Manitou recently, when Rev. J. W. Bruce, B.A., '97, of Carnduff, was married to Miss Eva Bell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Bell, brother of the bride. S. T. Robson, B.A., acted as groomsman. The happy couple will take up their home at Carnduff.

At a meeting of the Philosophical Society in Wesley, on the 27th, a very interesting debate took place. The subject was: Resolved—“That Spencer’s method of accounting for intuitions is more nearly correct than that of Dr. Calderwood’s.” The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Condell and Bawden, the negative by Messrs. Wilkinson and Inglis. After a close contest the debate was awarded to the negative.

The Executive of the Literary Society have arranged the following programme of Inter-Class debates.

Jan. 27—Philosophy v. Generals.

Feb. 10—Science v. Mathematics and Classics.

March 3—Previous v. Moderns.

March 17—Preliminary v. Theologues.

The first of the Inter-Class debates took place on the evening of the 27th, between the Philosophy class and the Generals. The subject was “Resolved, that the Republican form of government is superior to the Monarchical.” The affirmative was upheld by A. E. Vrooman and R. J. McGhee for the Philosophy class and the negatives by J. G. Harrison and N. J. Vernon for the Generals.

A. E. Vrooman opened the debate for the affirmative and claimed the republican form was superior since it develops the faculty of self-government in the people, that the dignity of labor was more respected in the republic than under the monarchy.

Mr. J. T. Harrison maintained that the monarchical form was more stable, that it gave greater unity to the life of the nation and gave full opportunities for the development of a better class of statesmen.

Mr. R. J. McGhee showed the immense strides which the United States had taken since the Revolution. He maintained that the republic developed a nobler type of manhood and that greater advantages were given to the common people in the way of education, etc.

Mr. N. J. Vernon claimed that the monarchy was a more intelligible form, that the sovereign was a check upon the extreme party spirit which prevailed in republics and that the sovereign also was a check upon the greed for power which was also a characteristic of republics.

The judges, after a careful consideration, awarded the debate to the negative.

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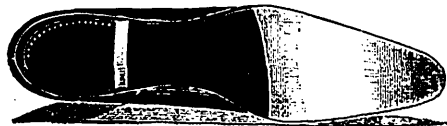


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Summary of the 54th Annual Report of

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New Insurance Paid for in 1898, \$152,093,369 Net Gain in Insurance in force, \$67,000,195

*Total Paid-for Insurance in force January 1, 1899, \$944,021,120

Total Assets, \$215,944,811

	1897	1898	INCREASE
New Premiums	\$6,659,815	\$7,700,906	\$984,900
Renewal Premiums	26,321,145	27,931,742	1,666,788
Interest, Rents, etc.	8,812,124	9,799,268	987,144
TOTAL INCOME	\$41,798,084	\$45,431,916	\$3,638,832
Death Claims, Endowments and Annuities	\$14,052,909	\$15,390,978	\$1,339,470
Dividends and other Payments to Policy-holders	5,356,546	6,128,887	772,341
Loaned to Policy-holders during the year 1898, at 5 per cent. int.	3,377,997	4,013,544	635,547
TOTAL TO POLICY-HOLDERS	\$22,787,452	\$25,533,409	\$2,748,957
ASSETS	\$200,694,440	\$215,944,811	\$15,250,371
Insurance in force January 1, 1899	\$877,020,929	\$944,021,120	\$67,000,191
Total Number of Policies in force	882,958	973,934	40,976
SURPLUS	\$33,372,031	\$2,838,626	\$30,533,405
Additional Policy Reserve voluntarily set aside by the Company	\$26,414,234
Surplus Reserve Funds voluntarily set aside by the Company	\$8,623,319
Other Funds for all other contingencies	\$4,504,148

PARTICULAR NOTICE

1. No Policy or sum of Insurance is included in the Company's as new issues or otherwise, except where the first or renewal premium is provided in the contract, has been paid to the Company, at the rate of interest on the total amount of admitted invested assets was 4.84 per cent., which is higher than that of 1897.
2. The ratio of expenses to premium income decreased during the year.
3. During the year the Company placed over \$17,000,000 more new insurance than it did in 1897.

The New-York Life Insurance Company is composed of over 30,000 policy holders who own the Company, and who alone receive the profits of the Company.

The Cash Dividends declared for 1899 amount to \$2,913,638. This is a larger sum than that of 1898. The Company being purely a mutual one, every dollar of this large sum will be drawn by the policy-holders themselves during the year 1899. In 1898 this Company distributed to its policy-holders in dividends a larger sum than did any other American Life Insurance Company in that year.

J. G. MORGAN, Manager for Algoma, Manitoba, Northwest Territories and British Columbia