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## CHANCELLOR MEREDITH.

## BY PRESIDENT LOUDON.

The new Chancellor of the University, like his predecessor, the Hon. Edward Blake, is a Canadian by birth, of Irish descent. Curiously enough, like Mr. Blake also, he was born in the vicinity of London, where he received his early education and legal training, the latter being supplemented by his course of study in the University of Toronto. For many years Mr. Meredith was a resid $\downarrow$ nt of London, where he was engaged in the practice of law,
authority, a fact which received practical recognition by his appointment as chief legal adviser to the city of London, and subsequently to the city of Toronto.

In the eyes of the public, however, it is Mr. Meredith's political career which bulks most largely, and which has won for him a measure of a imiration for his talents and respect for his integrity accorded to but few men in political life. For sixteen years, as 1 tader of the Opposition, he joined issue with the strongly entrenched Government of Sir Oliver Mowat. In his capacity as parliamentary critic he was unsurpassed. The minutest details


HON. SIR WILLIAM R. MEREDITH, H. C. J., G. C. M. G.
until his removal to Toronto in 1888. In 1872 he was elected to represent the city of London in the Provincial Legislature, which he continued to do without interruption until his elevation to the Bench in 1894.

It is very rare that an active politician succeeds in achieving distinction both in his professional and political career, but, during the twenty-two years from 1872 to 1894 , Mr. Meredith not only worked his way up to a leading position at the bar, but at the same time played a very prominent part in the political life of the country. In the sphere of law he won distinction both in civil and criminal cases. In municipal law, especially, he became an
of public business were familiar to him, whilst his eminent legal ability was brought to bear most effectively in the criticism of legislative measures brought before the House. It is in view of his services in this last-mentioned capacity that his retirement from politics is e-peci lly regretted, since, in a legisla ure comp sed largely of $m \mathrm{mb}=\mathrm{s}$ te ti tute of legal trainin , the presence of a great lewal mind $s$ invalu $\boldsymbol{r}$ ble as a safeguard a ainst $m$ asures which, howner well intentioned, are liable without such gui tance wresil til legal conf sion ald puhic loss In 1894 Mr Mered hacap ted the Chief Justiceship of the Cuurt $f$ Common Pieas, thus closing his long and truly courageous political career.

Amongst the many distinctions achieved by him may be mentioned the degree of LL.D., which he received from his Alma Mater in 1889 , in company with Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Oliver Mowat, and the honor of knighthood, conferred on him by Her Majesty in 1896. No honor, however, which Sir William has received, testifies more significantly to his popularity and to the esteem in which he is held by men of every calling, creed and party, than his unanimous election to the Chancellorship of the University of Toronto, on the resignation of his predecessor, the Hon. Edward Blake, in February last.

It will be gratifying to the Alumni to know that during the short period which has elapsed since his election, Sir William has been able to give much time and attention to the business of his new office. The record of his public career furnishes ample evidence that he will administer ably and uprightly the great trust committed to him, and that, if occasion should arise, he will with his old-time courage and independence safeguard the interests of the University, from whatever quarter they may be threatened.

## MR. BLAKE'S ADDRESS

The students of all the courses are indebted to the Political Science Club for the excellent programs presented at their meetings, and especially for the contact with many of our greatest public men. Perhaps no more important words have been addressed to the students of Toronto University in recent years, than those spoken by the Hon. S. H. Blake, M.A., Q.C., before the Club last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Blake's subject was "Some thoughts on the ideals of our National University." We need not say it was one of peculiar interest, and the remarks of one so deeply concerned and so eminently capable, demand the most earnest consideration of all who love our University-professors, graduates and undergraduates alike.

Mr. Blake pointed out the fact that as a University we are in a formative process and high ideals are a necessary factor in our development.

As a National University we should answer the needs of the nation. We must develop an institution open to all young men and women, rich and poor-an institution which will keep high the standards of our learned profes-sions--an institution which will advance on broad national lines, and which will stand for all that is best and truest in the moral and intellectual life of our Dominion.

For the attainment of our ideals, buildings and equipment are necessary. In this respect we may justly feel proud of our University, and yet we must not rest satisfied with what we have. We must keep pace with the growing demands of our age.
"But, after all, handsome buildings and splendid surroundings will not lend greatness to any institution. Within our walls we must have life-life, centred in a living head, who shall be the moving and leading spirit in all the activities of our University. The position calls for a great man,-a man of power and sympathy, a man who not only can speak and teach, but who will live in all his students and inspire them to greater and nobler things. It is difficult to find such a head for a national University, but it is not impossible, nor should we rest satisfied till we, see every chair in our University filled by just such men."

Mr. Blake then pointed out how impossible is our progress towards our ideal without means. Toronto University has not received the support from the Province which our national prosperity demands, nor has she even received what she has a right to ask. The only annual revenue derived from the Government is $\$ 7,000$, in part
settlement of outstanding claims against the Government, while to meet the growing needs from year to year, the fees of students in Arts have gradually increased from $\$ 12$ to $\$ 52$ per annum. Even with this, last year closed with a deficit of $\$ 14,000$.

He made the excellent and practical suggestion that a proportion of the Provincial succession duties should be set a apart in perpetuity by the Government as a University fund.

Mr. Blake spoke of the endeavor which is being made to obtain provincial grants for other Universities, a move, he said, which struck at the very root of our educational system, and which should call forth the determined opposition of all friends of this, our national University.

In closing he urged all students and graduates to face their individual responsibility in this important matter, and to keep clearly before them the highest ideals. "A crisis has come in our history. The hour is ripe for action. Let each perform faithfully his part so that in days to come we may look back upon this testing time remembering that we stood true to our National University, that we strengthened her foundations, and enlarged her sphere of usefulness, and that we handed down our Alma Mater, loved, honored and preserved."

## UNIVERSITY FINANCES.

The University of Toronto is supposed, by those who do not know the real circumstances of the case, to be rich and to have the resources of the province in reserve at its disposal in case of need. Others there are who know what the income is, and yet contend that the institution is liberally provided for. The fact is that the University is seriously cramped for want of money, and that its further expansion is impossible unless additional funds are provided. The undergraduates of this year will be the graduates of next year, and all of them will have an influence in molding and directing public opinion. The first step towards this is a knowledge of the real financial situation, and it is to afford the elements of such a knowledge that the following statistics are given.

The total income of the University during the past financial year from all sources was $\$ 121,771.92$ exclusive of the Medical Faculty, which pays its own way. When this sum is contrasted with the income of even one of the weaker universities of the United States it appears almost ludicrously small. Michigan State University, for example, which offords a ready parallel, expends annually $\$ 500,000$, i. e., more than four times as much as the University of Toronto.

What are the sources of this $\$ 121,000$. In the finance report these sources are classified under eighteen heads, which for simplicity may be reduced to four. The figures are as follows :-

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& \text { Government Sales of Wild Lands.................. 3,620 } \\
& \text { Fees for Tuition, etc....................................... 44,703 }
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By "endowment" is meant the revenue-bearing portion of that original estate of 500,000 acres which was set apart by the crown a hundred years ago for the maintenance of the University, which at that time was only in posse. This grant was the original source of what now, under all the varying forms of debentures, rented lands, tenements, etc., etc., brings in the very modest sum of $\$ 66,439$ annually.

The next largest, and by far the most striking item among the four, is that of "fees," and of this sum the larger part is paid by the Undergraduates in Arts. The fees as a source of income have risen from $\$ 6,000$ some
twenty years ago to a sum which at present is equal to almost exactly two-thirds of the endowment revenue, and more than one-third of the whole.

The remaining two items may be explained together. Some three years ago the Legislature, in consideration of certain outstanding claims made by the University regarding financial transactions which took place in the first half of this century, passed an act granting $\$ 7,000$ annually to the University, and also setting aside certain wild lands, which the Government administers and disposes of for the benefit of the institution. It will be observed that the total revenue from this source was last year \$10,620. It is not a very munificent sum, and it does not represent an annual grant by the Province to the University. It is a sum given for the extinction of a claim, and might more properly be lumped with the original endowment.

Endowments and all else are of course the property of the Province, but from one point of view it is fair to say that the wealthy Province of Ontario with an annual budget of over $\$ 3,000,000$ is not taxed to the amount of a single dollar for the support of the Provincial University. This is the actual situation, and this is the great question of the present and future of the University. It has been solved in many, indeed in most of the states across the border, which have established State Universities. The State of Michigan recognized its responsibilities to such an extent that its latest increase of grant amounted to over $\$ 90,000$, a sum much larger than the total received by the University of Toronto in any form from the public chest. The responsibility of so directing public opinion that the government and legislature shall do their plain duty in this matter rests largely with the Alumni of the University, of which the undergraduates are a most important factor.

## VOICES OF THE NIGHT.

It was one evening in November that I sat in a small, barely-furnished room before my study table, the lamp standing at one side, and open books strewn here and there about the room. From outside, through the open window, came the sound of the rain pouring drearily down and dripping monotonously on the balcony beneath. Impatiently I pushed my books aside and leaned back in my chair. From somewhere in the distance came the tones of the town clock striking the hour ; mechanically I counted the strokes-eleven. Then all was silent again save the steady downpour of the rain and the rumble of some belated vehicle dying away in the distance. A feeling of desolation and utter loneliness stole over me, such as will come at times, we know not why, shadowing over all the silver lining in the clouds of life, and leaving nothing but the dull background of despair. Have you ever felt that sense of desolation? Then pray heaven that you never may!

I rose and went to the window. Two or three strag. gling roysterers staggered by on their way from some scene of merry-making. One of them passed full in the glare of the gas-lamp across the street and I saw his face. A hard face it was, and marked with lines of dissipation, though even yet there gleamed through some traces of the promise of his youth. I recognized him as one of my own classmates. Two years before he had come down to the University full of hope and promise, with a career before him. And this was the end. . . . . I turned again and sat down.

After all, who could tell but that I, too, might come to the same end ? I shuddered at the thought. But I envied him in my heart. His whole appearance bespoke
the man whose better nature was dead. He would not awake with that dead weight upon him, that sense of guilt and shame, that I knew so well. The pangs of remorse within him were all dead long ago, and conscience buried deep beneath the ruins of piety. Conscience! mused I, with a bitter smile; why, who believed in that nowadays, or in auything else, for that matter? And what did it matter, anyway, whether these enthusiasts were wrong or right, who talked in their floppant way about death, resurrection, and all the other things they knew least about?

Nothing matters, after all, to a man who has a weight like a nether millstone in his breast, and consciousness of failure in every thought.

Again I rose and went to the window. The rain had ceased, but the wind was moaning dismally in the branches of the trees. Overhead, through a rift in the driving clouds, the moon was glimmering feebly; not a star was visible. And so I stood, watching.

Little by little the glimmer faded away, reappearing fitfully and dying out by turns; meanwhile the wind was rising. At last the cloud-rift closed, and inky darkness settled over the sky again. Then the rain began afresh, in torrents driven aslant by the rising wind, which rattled the window in its casement. Through the muffled roar of the rain-drops came the sound of the clock-One. I pulled down the window and threw myself on the bed, to fall into a troubled sleep. . . . . . When I woke the level sunbeams were falling on my face, and the room was ablaze with light. The clouds and rain had passed, and the foliage was fresh and green.

And that is why, when the wind moans outside and the rain-drops begin to patter on the balcony beneath my window, I reach for the "Black Smoke" in the corner, and after bolting my door securely, court forgetfulness with the fumes of the poppy.

## R. Meldrum Stewart.

## THE SOPHOMORE RECEPTION.

The Second year held their annual "At-home" in the East and West Halls Saturday afternoon, and the affair was pronounced on all sides to be one of the most enjoyable class functions for some time.

From four to seven the halls were thronged with bright faced promenaders who through the indefatigable efforts of the reception committee were soon made quite extensively acquainted. A happy numerical equilibrium of the men and women resulted in a very small percentage of unfilled programs and reduced to a minimum those tiresome blanks.

The music furnished by the Glionna-Marsicano orchestra was the subject of very favorable comment, and only very unwillingly did the crowd disperse at the close of the last extra.

The west hall made a very commodious refreshment room, and for a considerable portion of the afternoon was resorted to by a large number of the guests.

The Sophomores feel highly complimented by the large representation from the other years at their reception.

We learn from the Guelph Daily Herald that a Guelph Alumni Association is now an accomplished fact. At a recent meeting one was organized, officers appointed, constitution adopted, fee fixed at $50 c$., resolution passed to hold an Alumni dinner, and considerable discussion gone into with reference to the present stringency of the University, and ways and means of relieving it.

sultuks gaming in the house of odysseus

## "THE RETURN OF ODYSSEUS."

The rebearsals for the Greek play are going on apace. Every day Miss Barrows is working with the actors, and the $p$ av promises to be a beautiful and touching production. When it was put on the boards in Chicago recently by native Greeks, amateurs trained by Miss Barrows, Lorenzo Taft, the sculptor, remarked that it afforded new thrills to the sttadiest playgoers. A synopsis of the drama may prove interesting, though all who intend seeing it should r ad the full translation and explanations given in the little books that contain the text. This advice applies even to those thoroughly cunvirsant with Homer, as the pronuiriation to te use $d$ on the stage is that of the modern Greeks and sounds very different from that taught according to the conventional orihoepy of Canadian colleges.

The first scene is laid in the house of the long alisent Odysseus, where the insolent suitors for Penelope's hand and fortune are engaged in drinking and gaming to the sound of the voice and lyre of Phemius, the bard. Athene appears in disguise to comfort the sid Telemachus with assurances of his father's ultimate return; she $r$ veals her divine character to the yourg man by her mysterious disanpearance, and he then turnsto console his mother. Act II. consists of a tableau r presenting the much tried Odysseus in the palace of the enchantress Circe. Act III. shows a pasture by a river mouth in the island of Phæacia. The Prıncess Nausicaä and her maidens trample the household linen in the stream, and $t h \in n$ engage in a game of ball while the clothes dry on the shore. III the next act Odysseus is at the court of the Phæacian king, Alcinoüs, whither Nausicaä has conducted him from the berch. It is evening, and the Phæacian counc 1 rs and the young men and children of the house are clustered before the heırth, while the women busy themselves with domestic duties. The wanderer enters with hesitation, though rendered invisible by Athene, till suddenly he throws himself, now plainly seen by all, at the
feet of Queen Arete, and asks aid to reach home. Then he sits down in the ashes on the hearth. The unexpected and mysterious appearance of the stranger creates consternation and doubt for a time, but in the end he receives a right royal welcome. In the next act Odysseus is entertained by the Phæacians with exhibitions of running. leaping, boxing, wrestling and discus throwing, in the last of which the guest himself takes part and surpasses all others. It may be remarked by the way that these contests as represented on the stage will be genuine, the winners being pre-arranged in very few events. After the games are over the best dancers astonish the old traveler by the swiftness of their twinkling feet. Then Odysseus is loaded with gifts and despatched to his beloved Ithaca. Here he has already arrived at the beginning of Act VI, and slain the haughty suitors. Penelope is summoned to meet him, but fails to recognize him, weather-worn as he is, and fears some imposture. Finally she is convinced of his identity, and happy words of husband and wife are mingled with tears of joy.

Most of the music is of ancient composition, and is very quaint. The hymn to Apollo which precedes the beginning f the play proper is especially fine and impressive. Miss Barrows brings the costumes with her, and except for the fact that silk has been substituted for wool in some cases in order to secure more accurate draping, they are archeologically correct in every particular. A. E. H., 'o2

We are informed that a number of copies of 'oo Torontonensis are still for sale at Vannevar's and in the janitor's office. We would advise our readers to inspect the copy in the Library, and if it meets with their approval, to purchase one. It is certainly the best memento of college life yet issued at Varsity; in fact the committee went to a little too much expense in preparing it, and as a result are now somewhat in debt.

## COLLEGE GIRL.

Superintending Editor, Miss F. M. Wicher, 'or.

During the past few days I have felt some interest in the subject of Class Societies, and in order to satisfy a mild curiosity as to their purpose and origin, I have been dipping into somewhat ancient history, the history of classes so long unthought upon, in fact, as those of '8gand'92.

To the graduates of ' 89 belongs the glory, if such it may be termed in these latter days, of first organizing themselves as a class. As they did not do this till their graduating year, however, the precedent of class orgarization belongs really to the class of ' 92 .

In a back volume of Varsity is to be found a copy of the constitution of this illustrious class, and there the objects of the organization are stated as follows: (a) The promotion of friendly social relations among the members of the class; (b) To promote the interest of the year in athletic sports, and in such other directions as may from time to time seem advisable; (c) To foster a spırit of loyalty to University College; (d) To promote the interest of University College in such specific ways as may from time to time be possib'e

These then were the avowed objects of the organization of the class of '92. Upon the means used in carrying out these objects Varsity gives still further light. We find that in 1890, at a social gathering of the class, there was a literary programme, essays were read and college songs were sung. As a still further means of effecting the objects of the organization, class receptions were introduced.

In those days though, receptions were for the purpose of furthering the objects set forth in the constitution. Considering no farther than the first object stated, "the promotion of friendly social relations among the members of the class," considering only so far, let us see how class receptions, as they are now conducted, promote this object.

In the first place half of the members of the class do not attend the reception. It is rather hard for present members to get upon friendly social relations with absent members, and probably no less hard for absentees to establish those friendly relations among themselves. This alone would defeat the purpose of class receptions, for surely their main object is still to acquaint members of a class with each other.

Unfortunately, however, this is not the only cause tending to the downfall of the dignity of class societies.

I have been given to understand that the men on the class executives do not take suggestions from the women on the committees with any great kindness, unless these suggestions happen to fall in with their own preconceived purposes. It is not expected of women that they offer counsel. Theirs is the nobler part of bearing their fair share in the expense's of the reception, and then forsooth, to behold from afar off the entertainment of guests who were not invited. The executive, as an executive, not as individuals, of course has the right to invite whomsoever it will; but beyond this, those "outsiders" who come are intruders, pure and simple. It is a direct insult to the women of the college to have brought in "outsiders" whom the executive, as a body, has neither invited, nor authorized to be invited.

Moreover, these "outsiders" when they do come are not careful to abide by the wishes of the class in point of conduct. Dancing has been kept out of the class receptions by the express wish of the class, yet we find these "outlanders" dancing in corridors and passage ways. Fortunately the great majority of the actual members of the
class so far a void disumion in the class as not to transgress in this particular at any rate.

Upon those few persons--I can find no better term by which to designate them - who go so far as to ignore the laws of conventionality, and even of propriety, this article will make no comment.

Since the system of class receptions has proved itself so flagrant a failure in the accomplishment of this the first object of class organization, would it not be well to let the custom fall into disuse. Nay! to hasten a death that according to nature will be slow, but none the less inevitable ?

The regular meeting of the Women's Literary Society this week was especially interesting. The early part of the meeting was taken up by business discussions, important anong which was that of a debate with St. Hilda's.

The first number on the program was a piano solo by Miss Harris. This was followed by an essay on "Canadian Poetry," by Miss Young, 'or. Miss Young showed in her essay that both Mr. Roberts and Dr. Drummond harmonized their genius to the spirit of their time, albeit in the poems of the former the human interest was pushed aside by the descriptive. Other poets were discussed in the essay, among them Mr. Arthur Stringer, who left the halls of this College not so very long ago. Readings illustrating the essay were given by Miss $\Lambda$. C . MacDonald, or, and Miss Conlin, 'or.

Miss Darling, 'or, Miss Robertson, 'or and Miss Wicher, or, rendered a trio. The next number was somewhat of a departure, a very good one, from former customs. It was a scene from Jane Austen's "Emma " in the form of a dialogue. Miss Ward, 'oi, took the part of Emma, and Miss Baird, 'or, that of Catharine. Miss Ward made a very captivating Emma, much more so I fancy than the original. Miss Baird's expressions of countenance might well have passed for those of Catharine herself. Both girls were dressed in the quaint fashion of a by-gone age, both were well prepared, and both fell excellently into the spirit of the parts.

The last number of the program, and by far the funniest, was the fourth-year chorus. Had it been given by a lower year one might in due season have become reconciled to it, but coming from the "grave" seniors it partook decidedly of the form of a nervous shock. Miss Barr was pianist, and the president musical director. The front line of the chorus was arranged with an eye to extremes. Among the instruments played were flutes, combs, drums, and bones. The girls entered in decidedly novel fashion, and the musical director, stick in hand, took her position facing the chorus. The numbers rendered were: "The Soldiers of the Queen," "Solomon Levi," and "The College Yell." To judge by the seraphic expressions, both of tone and of face, of some of the girls during the performance, one would be led to believe that two or three of them had missed their calling, that they were never destined to be mathematicians, nor classical students, nor modern language specialists. The number was enthusiastically encored, and the chorus responded by a rendering of "Soldiers of the Queen" and "The Yell."

Last Welnesday afternoon the Y.W.C.A. held its regular meeting. The topic was "The Test of Discipleship." It was ably handled in two papers, the first by Miss Amos, 'o2, on "Love as the Test." the second by Miss Houston, 'o2, on "The Test of Good Works."

The topic for next Wednesday is " Northfield Echoes," by the President. Every girl who knows anything of Northfield and the work done there, will be glad to learn of its influence upon our President.
F. E. B.

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## TORONTO, November 27 th: 1900.

## IIR. BLAKE'S ADDRESS.

The importance of Hon. S. H. Blake's address before the Political Science Club last Thursday, as marking a turning point in the history of our University, would be hard to calculate. To many it came like a thunderbolt. To others, somewhat more conversant with the inner workings of University affairs, it came as a startling, though not altogether unexpected, revelation of what had for some time been going on beneath the surface, of which the only indication to the general public was rumor. When a man of Mr. Blake's weight of character, a man whose deep interest in and close connection with the University for many years is so well known, a man who is at the very center, in fact is the prime mover of the Reorganization Movement-when such a mancomes to the University and delivers the address of last Thursday, we may be sure that he was actuated by no idle motives, that his words and their probable effects were first carefully weighed and considered, that there was something behind the address more than the mere opinions and sentiments of the speaker-in short, that the time was now ripe for action, that the University's hour of deliverance from her present financial stringency was at hand, and that the time had come to sound the trumpet call to undergraduates and graduates alike to stand by their Alma Mater in the coming crisis.

We shall comment more fully upon this address next week.

## OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Mr. Blake has handed us his address with permission to publish it in full in The Varsity, which at the request of several graduates and others, we intend doing next week. In the same issue the following special features will also appear : an article by Dr. Reeve, President of the Alumni Association; an article by Principal Peterson, of McGill University; an article by Miss Barrows; articles by undergraduates, and an illustrated report of the Annual Dinner. The issue will be enlarged to almost double its regular size, and its appearance will be enhanced by a greater number of cuts than usual.

Already we have received an order for a thousand extra copies-which will probably be increased to two thousand before the end of the week-for distribution among graduates. It has also been suggested to us that undergraduates might desire extra copies to send to friends, home newspapers, local representatives, etc. We are therefore prepared to supply copies at the regular price of 5 cents a copy, though we need scarcely add that the extra expense to which we are put does away with any profit to the paper at that price. Subscription lists have been opened in University College and the other faculties, affiliated and federated colleges for the purpose of ascertaining how many extra copies will be required. We would request students in the University College and S.P.S. to leave their subscription with some member of the editorial or business managing board before Saturday.

Here is one way in which you may help your Alma Mater. By scattering Mr. Blake's address broadcast throughout the province, you will strengthen the hands of those who are attempting to place the University on a sounder financial basis.

## THE DINNER.

The University Dianer is the one annual function which every University man should attend. More than ever should he attend this year if he is at all interested in his University; for the year itself promises to be one of the most important in the history of the institution. The time is pregnant with change and innovation, and the speeches delivered on the coming occasion will no doubt prove of unusual interest and significance. The tickets have been placed at a price which, while insuring a good dinner, should debar no student from the pleasure of sitting down at the festive board and drinking the health of Alma Mater with his fellow students. Come and enjoy yourself, and persuade others to come.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The unanimity of the students in favor of the Undergraduate Club proposal, shown at the Lit. meeting on Friday, augurs well for the success of the scheme. The committee appointed is now hard at work and hopes to present something feasible at the next meeting of the society.

A somewhat selfish elation moves the editorial pen this week in congratulating the "Bloodhounds" on their recent victory. What will happen when they encounter the "Bulldogs" on Thursday we shall not try to conjecture.

Varsity has won the first debate of the inter-collegiate series. We congratulate Messrs. McLaren and Colemanthey put up an immeasurably superior debate to their opponents.

Considerable objection is being raised to the uncontrolled way in which ladies from outside the University are being invited to our receptions. We consider that the rule followed in Victoria, whereby permission to invite any lady friend from the city must be obtained from some lady on the class executive, would be a good one to adopt in future.

The communication of Mr. Wallace this week should be of interest to our readers, as it contains a most excellent suggestion.

For the article on University Finances we are indebted to a University Professor, who, for reasons best known to himself, prefers to sign his article with a pseudonym.

## GLASGOW UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE.

We have received this week copies of two issues of the Glasgow University Magazine with a note from the Editor asking us to exchange. This cordial invitation from our Old Country contemporary we most gladly accept, with the hope that still closer bonds between Old Country and Canadian University students may soon be formed.

One of the copies contains as supplement a full page portrait of our new and already popular professor, W. R. Lang, D.Sc., and also an editorial which will be of interest, we think, to all Varsity students :
"With this number we publish the portrait of a gentleman well known to all Glasgow students. Duriag the years Dr. Lang was a member of our University be was on all hands most agreeable, and we hanled with pleasure his appointment to an important chair in Toronto. To chemistry students Dr. Lang was a popular lecturer and demonstrator. But his energies could not be confined to a class-room. He took a lively interest in S.R.C. doings, in the University Magazine, in the University Volunteers, and, in fact, in all the student institutions. To the Magazine he was a good friend, and his occasional articles were much appreciated. His speciality, as may be remembered, was articles on such subjects as "Peculiarities of Examination Papers." But his great activities were concerned with Volunteering. He was the leading spirit of the movement at Gilmorehill. It may be interesting to Dr. Lang to know that at the very moment we are writing this the newsagent opposite us is pasting up a bill of one of the evening papers bearing the words, 'Splendid Valour of the Canadians.' The doings of the Canadians in South Africa have been watched with pride and enthusiasm. It is well that we send out to hold high places in Canada and the colonies patriots like Dr. Lang. Their influence in the spreacting of true Imperialism cannot be overestimated. Dr. Lang's departure will make us take a strong family interest in the Toronto University."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

University College, Nov. 26th, igoo.

## Editor of Varsity:

Dear Sir, - In the course of one of his lectures on Modern History to the third year, Prof. Wrong remarked that there was one subject utterly neglected and disregarded in our curriculum of instruction, and this was Art. As Prof. Wrong says, this is a fact to be greatly lamented.

A week or so ago, at the open meeting of the Modern Language Club, Prof. Squair delighted a large audience with an address on Church Architecture in Northern France, illustrated by a number of excellent lantern projections. For January 28th, among the joint Monday lectures, is announced an illustrated lecture on Greek sculpture, by Mr. Carruthers. These two lectures might be a very
useful hint as to how an interest in Art might be awakened in our University. I think it would be a most interesting and instructive innovation if a course of lectures on Art, including ancient and modern architecture, sculpture and the paintings of the great masters could be delivered. I am sure some of the members of our Faculty have an interest in this subject and would gladly consent to deliver a lecture or two for a worthy purpose.

Moreover, Prof. Squair introduced his lecture on "Church Architecture" by explaining that it was given especially for the better understanding of Victor Hugo's Notre Dame de Paris, a French text of the fourth year. Now, all students of classics will agree that lectures on Greek and Roman architecture from both an historical and descriptive standpoint, and on ancient sculpture and art generally would be a great help in their work. This probably would be true of other courses.

I hope that my letter may attract the attention of some lover of art among our Faculty and may be an indirect means towards awakening an interest in this branch of knowledge, which seems to have been overlooked in our curriculum; for surely this is a subject worthy of occupying a place there on an equal basis with the other branches of instruction.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I remain, Yours truly,
H. T. Wallace, 'oz.

## WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

> " By wily turns, by desperate bounds, Had baffed Percy's best blood-hounds""
> -Scott's" Lay of the Last Minstrel," Canto i., stanza xxi.

The Rugby enthusiasts of the class of 'or, while lamenting Scott's inability to always adhere strictly to the truth, yet feel most indebted to that illustrious writer and poet for his undoubted reference, in the above lines, to their darling aggregation of bloodhounds, with its able leaders, Feather Aylesworth and Percy Brown. The premature recording of events is apt to lead to slight discrepancies between it and the actual occurrence. That may be the reason why, when Scott told the tale one hundred years ago, he put the Juniors down as the ones who were to be victorious in the Mulock series' game on Thursday last. But, in spite of "the wily turns and desperate bounds" of these same worthy foemen, Percy and his bloodhounds, undaunted by previous fickleness of fortune, went into the fight and won. The cup is not theirs yet, but such honor, great as it might be, pales before the far greater glory of having both band and leader immortalized in the undying records of the Muse. The celebrations in the college have been continued almost without interruption up to the time of writing, and the oyster supper which was hinted at last week, it is hoped will soon be another matter for history to record.

A series of missionary papers is being given during the fall term on Wednesday evenings in the College chapel. The addresses so far delivered -- that by Mr. W. Simpson, on the 14th, and by Mr. A. F. Barr, B.A., on the 2 rst, -were both interesting and profitable.

Rev. Principal Sheraton and Professor Cody were speakers at the Canadian College Missionary Conference held in McMaster Hall last week, Mr. T. H. Cotten, B.A., also gave a paper on " Methods of Missionary work."

Mrs. G. A. Rix has been holding her post-nuptial reception during the past week. The Dean's new residence is now made up of a most comfortable suite of rooms in the south wing of the College building.

are glad to hear that he is doing as well as can be expected.

The School extends a welcome to Mr. J. G. Fleck after his late illness.

The " decoration" of several freshman on Thursday for manifesting a preference for work to attendance at a Rugby game has inspired the following from our School poet:

From scenes like these the old School's grandeur springs
That makes her loved at home, revered abroad.
Workers who work shall writh 'neath raw-hide strings
Or relegated be beneath the sod.

## RECEPTION EPISODE.

They met at a class reception ;
She was sweet as sweet could be,
But her eyes with mischief sparkled,
Which her partner failed to sce.
He sat and gazed upon her, -.'Twas a case of love at sightWhile she fumbled with her program, And meditated flight.

Till at last he gently whispered,
" To refreshments let us go,
$I$ am sure that you are hungry, And 'sweets to the sweet' you know."
"Oh, thanks," she answered, blushing, --Why will Cupid play such tricks? --
"I've only been five times you see, I'd like to make it six."

He glared in indignation, His idol shattered quite ;
He took her in to supper,
Then bade a cool good-night.
He told his chum about it,
"Those greedy girls, you know."
She told her friend another tale-
"That Freshmen was so slow."
--JUNIOR.

## UNDERGRADUATE CLUB DISCUSSED.

A short but important meeting of the Literary and Scientific Society was held on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the motion of the Vice-President regarding the formation of a University Undergraduate Club.

The following resolution was placed before the meeting on motion of Messrs. J. L. McPherson and W. W. McLaren:-" Inasmuch as the University Council Council have offered the students the use of the old Third House for an Undergraduate Club House, be it resolved that this Society undertake the responsibility of forming such a club, and that definite steps be taker as soon as possible in that direction."

Mr. McPherson said that the present notion was the outcome of recent discussion among a large number of the students, and that the meeting then convened was asked to give an expression of opinion of the whole student body.

Professor Lang, who had kindly consented to be present, was then called on by our president and was received with great applause. He expressed his gratitude on bein so well received on his first public appearance before $t$
students. He told how the club in Glasgow had originated under circumstances similar to our own, how they had built their club house from private donations and furnished it from the proceeds of a week's bazaar, " where you spend a lot of money and get nothing for it." The club proved a great boon to the students. The membership grew in seven years from 300 to 900 , and the club is now the centre of the whole student life. In closing Dr. Lang asked that, if the club should be formed, the faculty be not excluded, as in the rooms of the club in Glasgow he had formed his best friendships with some of his own students.

Mr. Brebner, Prof. DeLury and Dr. Wickett were also present and on being called upon spoke favorably of the proposal and urged that it be carried out with due carefulness and caution. After some discussion by undergraduates present the motion was put and unanimonsly carried.

A motion was then made and carried that the following committee be appointed to investigate and present some feasible plan to the society at the next meeting: Messrs. Wilcox (convener), McPherson, Phipps, Chadsey, Coleman.

## THE CALENDAR.

Tuesday, November 27th.-
'or's recention-East Hall-4 p.m.
Wednesday, November 28th.-
Rugby, Senior Medicals vs. winners of Junior Medicals -Junior S.P.S.
Thursday, November 29th. -
Rugby, Senior S.P.S. vs. winner of Wednesday's game.
A. B. Aylesworth, Q.C., on "Business Methods."Room 2-4 p.m.
University Dinner--West Hall-8 p.m.
Friday, November 3oth.-
Professor Alexander on "The Novels of Jane Austen" -Room 2-4 p.m.
Victoria Conversat.-Victoria- 8 p.m.
Monday, December 3rd.
Professor Coleman on "The Geological History of Toronto-Chemical Amphitheater-4.10 p.m.

## VARSITY-OSGOODE DEBATE.

The first debate in the inter-collegiate Debating Union series for this season was held Friday night in the west hall of University College. Varsity was pitted against Osgoode, and the men of "wise saws and modern instances "went down before the logic and eloquence of the stalwart wearers of the blue and white.

The subject of debate was: "Resulved, that greater political unity within the British Empire than at present exists would be of benefit to Canada." By mutual consent the question of the feasibility of such a union was waived.

The affirmative was supported by Messrs. Norman Somerville and J. G. Gibson, B.A., of Osgoode Hall, while the negative was championed by Messrs. W. W. McLaren and H. T. Coleman, of University college. Mr. S. C. Wood, jr., B.A., LL.B., president of the Literary Society, presided, and J. S. Willison, Esq., Rev. Father Teefy and Rev. Prof. Hague acted as judges.

The hall was fairly well filled with the friends of the union and students from Osgoode and University college, the latter being a predominant majority. The proceedings were opened by an instrumental duet rendered by the Messrs. Lucas, and various impromptu interjections from the rear of the hall.

The supporters of the affirmative presented an argumentative case based on high ethical grounds, and the glories of empire, while the negative in setting forth the
narrower anti-imperial side availed themselves of all the resources of impassioned eloquence.

After a short consultation without the hall the judges reappeared, and Rev. Father Teefy mounted the platform to announce their decision.

After complimenting the debaters on the general presentation of their arguments, and pointing out a few opportunities for improvement the reverend gentleman declared the debate won by the negative, and the applause which greeted this announcement told the judges in no mistakable manner that their verdict was a popular one. After a few more words of a felicitious nature Father Teefy resumed his seat amid vigorous applause.

The audience then dispersed after singing God Save the Queen.

## SPORTS.

Editor, Frank McFarland, 'oz.

## FOOTBALL.

mulock cup series.

| Senior Meds...... .. Io | St. Michaels... ..... I |
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| '03.....................14 | '04 ... .......... .....r |
| Junior S.P.S........ 4 | Junior Mels...... + |
| 'oi..................... 6 | '02. |
| Senior S.P.S ....... 27 | Dents ............... |

The rgno Mulock Cup Series began on Monday the Igth with a game betwern the Senior Meds. and St. Michael's College. The Meds' scored a try and a ronge in the first half, and in the second half a second try, and a touch in goal. The game ended very unsatisfactorily. St. Michael's pushed the ball over the Meds'. line, but lost possession of the ball, and Referee Mullin gave it as a rouge. St. Michael's thought they should have had a try, and on the referee refusing to reverse his decision they left the field. For the Meds. A. Wright, McCollum and Snell showed up well, while Carey, Moilan and Stormont distinguished themselves for St. Michael's. The teams were :

Senior Meds.-Back, Kerr ; halves, Snell, A. Wright, Klotz; quarter, McCollum; scrimmage, Rutherford, Gumn, Smith; wings, J. Wright, Dakin, King, Pirie, Henderson, Ferguson, Rouff.

St. Michael's.-Back, Dooley ; halves, Collins, Carey, Murphy; quarter, Moilan; scrimmage, Coff, Allister, Keough ; wings, Calla, Maguire, Sheehan, Milligan, Rosler, Stormont, Gibhons.

Referee-S. A. Mullin, 'o3.
Umpire-H. L. Lazier, 'or.
On Tuesday afternoon the freshmen's football aspirations were effectually squelched by the strong, 'o3 team. The latter scored a safety-touch and four trys, one of which was converted. Chown, Mullin and Biggs each made a beautiful run for a try. Ballard, Baldwin and Snively played especially well for 'o4. The teams were:
'o3-Back, McIntyre; halves, Biggs, Fudger, McKinnon; quarter, Chown; scrimmage, Hill, Mullin, McQueen; wings, R. Biggs, Wilkie, Rutter, Hoyles, Gabey, Macdougall, Wallace.
'o4-Back, Rankin; halves, Gain, Baldwin, Hamilton ; quarter, Ballard; scrimmage, Gilchrist, McQuesten, Jacques; wings, Creelman, E. S. Moore, H. Moore, Snively, Baird, Maguire, Wilson.

Referee-A. F. Barr.
Umpire-"Gussy" Armstrong.
Wednesday saw a splendid game between the junior S.P.S. and the junior Meds. Each team scored 4 points, with the wind behind them, and although ten minutes
extra were played, the tie was not broken. The tie will be played off on Monday, the 26th. They lived up as follows:

Junior S.P.S.-Back, Coulson; halves, Harcourt, Depew, Rutherford; quarter, Gzowski; scrimmage, Burnham, Belton, Mullins; wings, Bryce, Bonnel, McKittrick, Parsons, Maguire, White, Miller.

Junior Meds,-.Back, Sutherland; halves. Henry, Biggs, Constantinides; quarter, Kappelle; scrimmage, Cook, Parry, Watterson; wings, Sinclair, White, Sutton, McLeod, Burson, Gilbert, Bucke.

Referee-A.F. Barr.
Umpire-"Gussy" Armstrong.
On Thursday the or team scored their first win since they came to Varsity. Their victory is due chiefly to the assiduous and vehement coaching which they have received from "Feather " Aylesworth. The game at all times was close, and in some cases 'oz seemed to get the worst of the officials' decisions. In the first half Stratton kicked over the dead ball line and Brown and Aylesworth each score a touch-in-goal. After the second half started 'or went over the line, but were called back for Brown's interference. Shortly afterwards Feather punted over the 'o2 line, and Brown fell on it. The score ended $6-\mathrm{r}$. For the victors Aylesworth, Brown and Robertson were conspicuous, while Paterson, Broder and Little played particularly well. The teams were:
'oi-back, Aylesworth; halves, Brown, Urquhart; quarter, Robertson; scrimmage, Hedley, Shenstone, Wilson; wings, Clark, Wood, Armstrong, McPherson, Telford, Gowland, Potvin, Embree.
'o2-back, McHugh; halves, Paterson, Stratton, Little; quarter, Broder; scrimmage, Rutherford, Fowler, Grant ; wings, Smith, Ingram, Moore, Masten, Magee, Smith, Speers.

Referee-A. F. Barr.
Umpire-Armstrong.
The Dents were completely outclassed by the fast Senior S.P.S. team on Friday, and the result of the game was never in doubt. The score at half time was I7-o, and at the end of the game 27-o. For the Dents Gibson played a star game, while the S.P.S. halves did some splendid work, particularly Thorne and Gibson. The teams: Senior S.P.S-Back, Lang; halves, Madden, Thorue, Gibson; quarter, Foreman; scrimmage, Dickson, Douglas, Empey; wings, Hunt, McLennhan, Bertram, Camphell, Henry, Powers, Campbell (Robertson). Dents: Back, Peaker; halves. Pinard, Gibson, Gilfillan; quarter, Wood; scrimmage, De Renzy, Dent, Mooney; wings, Peterson, Milliard, Freeman, Sanderson, McKenna, Doran, Wylie. Referee-V. E. Henderson. UmpireDr. O'Brien.

On Saturday afternoon the final game in the competition for the Faculty cup was played between Toronto Meds and University college, and resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of I-O. It was a very close game, although Varsity had their opponents going in the first half. Varsity's single goal was scored by Martin from a corner kick. Mckinnon played the star game for Varsity. The teams: U.C.-Goal, Soule; backs, McPherson, McHugh; halves, McPherson, McKinnon, Martin ; forwards, Burton, Broder, DeLury, Fisher, McQueen. Meds.-Goal, Sheehan : backs, Wilson, Gilbert; haives, Kyle, Biggs, Hendry; forwards, Kerr, White, Sinclair, Starr, Kilborne. Referee-Zavitz (McMaster).

## PUNTS.

The " Bloodhounds" are not so few.
St. Michael's protested their game against the Senior Meds., but the protest was thrown out.

The attendance at the games is better than last year.
"Baldy" Caimpbell was hurt in Friday's game, and had to quit. Robertson took his place.

Gibson of the Dents. is a whole team in himself.
The Rough Riders defeated Brockville on Saturday for the championship of Canada, and London won the intermediate Canadian championship by defeating McGill II. in Montreal.

This week's Mulock series program is as follows: Monday-Junior Meds vs. Junior S. P. S.; Wednesday Winner of Monday's game vs. Senior Meds; Thursday'or vs. 'O3; Friday-Winner of Wednesday's game vs. Senior S. P. S.

## ROTUNDA.

Superintending Editor, F. H. Wood, 'or.
What's the matter with the Bloodhounds? Their next "hot meat pie" will be Biggs' Bulldogs.

Much of the credit of 'or's victory was due to the en. couraging presence of the ladies. At least J. L. McP. says
so.

Solo in front of grandstand by the ex-musical director of 'oi. (Pat De.)
"We're out to win the Mulock Cup,
Chew'mup Bloodhounds, Chew'mup!"
Professor H. (translating Plato at ten minutes past one).--" I will not go nor will I let you go."

The Vigilance Committee of 'o3 beg to announce that they will see about all members of the year who fail to turn out and encourage the Bulldogs in the semi-finals, as it will be their last opportunity to do so. The water works are still in good condition.

Overheard in the cloak room.-First Freshman (reading last week's Varsity: "Say, what does ultra vires " mean, anyway?" Second Freshmen (who takes Latin), " Why don't you know, it means other men."

The dirge "We're going to win the Mulock cup," as sung by the Sophomores to the tune of "Old Hundred," struck terror into the hearts of the Freshmen last Tuesday. Even Baldwin could not shake off its effects.

It is evident that "Father Bill" Hanly, the athletic director of 'or, is appreciated throughout Canada, as well as at Varsity. He was presented with a handsome gold watch by the admirers of the Toronto lacrosse team.

We beg to correct our report of last week. It seems that R. Dan. K. of 'oI, has not yet finished his barrel of apples. Everybody is invited to call at D'Arcy street. Come early and avoid the rush.

When Feather's "Bloodhounds" came in after practice to Miss Barrows' reception last week, it was remarkable how fast the refreshments disappeared.

The energetic manager of the "Bloodh unds" may be seen almost any Sunday afternoon at Massey Hall, indulging his aesthetic taste for the Greek type of beauty.
"Pat" Deroche vows, since last Wednesday night, that he will smoke no more "two-for's."

D-1-p, 'o4, has decided to change sections in the Italian class, and dispense with a chaperone.

The design for the 'o4 pin has been selected, and the Freshmen claim it is one of the neatest and handsomest on
record. record.

Student (in first year Italian translating). He was taken for a walk by his mamma. (Laughter). Professor -I see it brings back recollections of recent outings to
some of the class.

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We notice the frequence of Geo. Ballard's ('O4) trips to Hamilton. Is it to visit home and mother? We think not.

A cut and sketch of Saul Dushman, 'o4, appeared in Friday's Mail and Empire in connection with the Commencement of Harbord Collegiate. Dushman captured the Prince of Wales' scholarship and first general proficiency, thus leading the whole province. He is 16 years of age, and will be a valuable acquisition to the ranks of '04.

One of our precocious Juniors has been suggesting to the management that Rugby balls should be greased in order to keep them from becoming wet and consequently slippery.

The following notice appeared last Friday on the door of the dining hall: "Probabilities-To-day, fine and clear. Will all those who borrowed umbrellas here during the recent wet season kindly return them. By order."

They say that during preparations for Miss Barrows' reception, "Jock" McPherson, the vice-president of the Lit. (this is a free ad.) did not do his share of the manual labor, as he was otherwise occupied. Score, 7 -I.

From a complaint of the Postmaster-General on account of the surplus mail going to Sault Ste. Marie, we learn that while there J. A. Miller, 'or, did not confine himself strictly to business, but developed the social side of his nature to a considerable extent.

William Jennings Bryan's oratorical outbursts will be pronounced second or third rate when the Freshmen get their debating society in working order.

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Some of the freshmen are wondering why Alex. R. doesn't turn up at the 10.30 German class on Tuesday mornings.

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## THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

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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 proImperial army, lent for the purpose, and in addition there is a complete staff of proessors for the civil subjects which form such a large proportion of the College course
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