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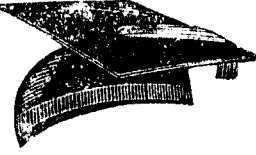
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## A VISIT TO TRÈVES.

Trèves, called by its inhabitants Trier, although one of the oldest and most interesting places in Germany, is rarely visited by the ordinary tourist. Yet it well repays a visit, not only for its natural beauty, but on account of the splendid relics of ancient Roman civilization which are to be seen there. Thirteen hundred years before the foundation of Rome, according to legendary history, in the seventh year of Abraham, Trebeta, son of Ninus, King of Assyria, being driven from his own country, wandered through Europe, and fixed his dwelling by a river flowing through a fair valley, shaded by woods and girt in by mountains. On this spot grew up a town which still bears his name, and tradition tells of magnificent buildings and walls constructed by princes of the Treverian line. We read of frequent conflicts not only with the neighboring Gallic and German tribes but with the all-invading forces of Rome, during which the Treveri gradually became Romanized, and finally, when Rome's career of conquest was checked, and all her efforts were needed to retain her possessions and to keep peace on her borders, the seat of Empire was moved from Rome to Trier. Maximian, Constantius, Constantine the Great, Valentinian, Gratian and Maximus all resided there during some period of their lives, and traces of their splendour are still seen in the ruined palace, the baths, the Basilica and the amphitheatre.

Late one summer evening I arrived at the railway station just outside of this little town. As the old-fashioned vehicle, which was to convey me to my destination, rolled along, I saw before me a huge and lofty structure looming forth black, in the moonlight. Its two high arches, under one of which we passed, were surmounted by two ranges of windows and half-columns, and on either side rose a massive tower. The walls were built of heavy blocks of dark gray, almost black stone, held together, not by mortar, but by clamps of iron. This was the Porta Nigra, the most imposing Roman monument in all Germany. According to legend it was the work of Assyrian colonists, but more scientific investigation attributes it to the 4th century after Christ. Its excellent preservation is due to the fact, that in the eleventh century Archbishop Poppo transformed it into a church by filling in the archways, and completely hiding the gateway and the lower part of the towers by a wide ascent of steps, leading to the second story, where several of the windows were transformed into doors. He added, moreover, an apse, a third story with a sloping roof, and a steeple. The lower story he dedicated to the Virgin and Saint Michael, while the third story became the church of Saint Simeon. In this modernized form it remained for nearly eight centuries, until, in 1804, Napoleon I ordered that it should be restored to its original use as a gateway. The complete restoration was not effected until 1876, and the only traces now visible of its medieval transformation are the gaps under four of the windows, now thirty or forty feet above the ground, where stones had been taken out in order to form doors.

To resume my personal narrative. The Sunday after my arrival I attended a Protestant service held, strange to

say, in Constantine's Basilica, another most interesting building. The solid walls still stand firm, but the entrance is now under ground. The exterior, which is severely simple, was formerly brilliantly coloured, and the interior was adorned with marbles, and mosaics. Many a strange vicissitude has this building passed through. Built to hold the judgment seat of Constantine, and to serve as a commercial exchange, it became after the Frankish invasion a fortress, then the electoral palace, and finally, in 1856, it was converted into a Protestant church.

Another structure, with which the name of Constantine is especially connected, is the amphitheatre, built to seat 30,000 spectators. It is now little more than a ruin, having been used for many years as a quarry, but the crumbling gateways and huge circle, surrounded by tiers of seats overgrown with grass, still show traces of its old magnificence. The reality of the horrible cruelties enacted there is impressed upon one by the sight of the dens whence issued the wild beasts eager to devour the captives "butchered to make a Roman holiday." Our guide informed us that there was a secret underground passage leading from the amphitheatre to the Emperor's palace.

It is a relief to turn to the scene of more peaceful entertainment, the Roman baths. Unfortunately they were partially torn down in the 17th century, but the basins, canals and heating apparatus still remain, and enough of the building is left to recall its old time splendour, when Roman youths enjoyed its swimming baths, its library, its gardens and places of exercise.

The palace of the Emperors is also a mighty ruin, and shows in what magnificence its ancient inhabitants dwelt. It also has had a changeful history. In the 12th century part of it was used as a church, then it became a castle, then a state prison, and later it was used again as a fortress, when it suffered greatly from a bombardment by the French. Happily all these ruins are now carefully guarded from defacement, and there seems to be little danger that the amphitheatre and baths will again be used as quarries, or the palace of the Emperors as a tannery.

When all the ruins have been visited, there yet remain many buildings of great historical interest, which are still in common use. Chief among these is the Cathedral, a magnificent structure of the German Romanesque style. The Roman part of the building was begun before 367, A.D., as is shown by the discovery of a coin imbedded in the masonry, and the Treverian legend relates that the Empress Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, caused it to be built around her palace. Though often partially destroyed it was rebuilt in succeeding centuries in many different styles of architecture. In the fifth century the Franks sacked the city, and the cathedral was burnt, only the walls standing firm. Fragments of the massive pillars of the original building may still be seen in the cloisters. Bishop Nicetius in the next century repaired the damage, keeping as closely as possible to the original design. Nearly four hundred years later the city was sacked by the Northmen, and the cathedral was again partially burned. In the year 1016 Bishop Poppo completely repaired and enlarged the church, and in the twelfth century

Bishop Hillin added the Eastern crypts and choir, vaulted the roof and changed the windows, so that it is now very difficult to find traces of the old Roman structure. In this church is kept the Holy Coat, the object of so many great pilgrimages, the last of which took place in the year 1891. Tradition says that the Empress Helena presented it, and also a nail from the Holy Rood, to Trèves.

Other fine churches there are, such as the Liebfrauen Kirche, a beautiful specimen of early Gothic architecture, and the church of St. Mathias. Those interested in architecture will find in this quaint old town many dwelling houses of the early German Romanesque style. Trèves has also a very old, valuable library, among whose treasures is the Codex Aureus, a manuscript of the gospels in gold letters presented to the Abbey of St. Maximin by Ada, sister of Charlemagne.

It was with many regrets that I said farewell to this little relic of old-world civilization, and following the windings of the Moselle with its vine clad hills until it met the Rhine at Coblenz, I was soon recalled from the dreamy past to the hurrying restless present by throngs of sight-seers of every nationality swarming up the Rhine and following the beaten paths of the Continental tourists.

MAUD C. EDGAR.

A SONNET FOR GABRIEL MAX'S PICTURE  
"SENTENCED."

Sleep, and deep silence, and soft twilight dim,  
And soft low breathing of the brutes that sleep.—  
Listen!—How long, how long are we to keep  
Vigil for Death, that cometh gaunt and grim—  
That cometh and will not come;—to wait for him  
With burning, tortured eyes that cannot weep,  
And watch with fear and fascination deep  
The sleeping tiger's mighty, moveless limb?  
How long to look with longing for the end,  
Yet hold the breath in terror lest they awake;  
To see unceasingly across the gloom  
The great jaws closing, feel the sinews rend,  
The soft flesh crush, the bones give way and break,  
And hear far off the roar of mighty Rome?

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LEVI.

Levi Zachryn is the euphonious name in which the old "cadger" of the Wahnapiæ rejoices. Levi is aged one hundred, he thinks, though he doesn't quite look it, and is one of the Oka tribe of Indians; but he isn't at all pretty or romantic. This young gentleman was once a firm believer in his own courage, but when we saw him, the other day, he appeared a little doubtful on this score. He didn't look very heroic either, in muddy shoepacks, and tattered shirt, chewing tobacco and leering villainously around. Funny, wasn't it? He didn't talk like an ordinary Fenimore Cooper Indian either. There was no great Manitou in his thanks! No pipe of peace or anything like it in sight. But this Indian had one peculiarity—his face. It looked as though he might have fallen from the twenty-third story, and struck all the cornices on the way down in quick succession. How did he get that face? His answer was embodied in a story so modest, probable; and realistic in its details that it must be believed.

It seems that this particular path-finder was staggering quietly through the forest one very dark night last winter. He says he was thinking—thinking on what might have been—but his tribe don't believe him. He certainly has the broad, thick Zachryn forehead which seems to denote great thinking powers. However, that doesn't matter much

anyway. Levi had just reached the darkest part of the path, of course, when, suddenly, some unseen enemy landed a stunning blow on the aforesaid forehead. It might have been J. J. Corbett's left, but it wasn't. The warm, blue blood of Oka ran fast, and so did Levi. A Leather Stocking Indian would have known what had struck him, but old Levi's knowledge of wood-craft reached its limit, when he knew how many feet of lumber made a thousand. At the end of a hundred yards dash, done in record time, the old man slowed up and brushed the blood away. He listened—with his ear to the ground did you say? Not much, he simply listened in the ordinary everyday way.

Ah! out of the darkness reached a long, horrid, grasping talon. There was a rush like a trolley-car and Levi felt his scalp lifted and gone! Ye gods, were the Iroquois again on the war-path after a century's silence! A sharp report rang out on the frosty air, and the Indian sprang two feet in the air and fell back—but not dead this time,—it was only a branch cracking overhead, but then, you know, Levi wasn't feeling well just then, and his powers of deductive reasoning had vanished with his wig and toque. He got up, in a dazed sort of way, from that snow-bank, felt his bald head, and started to do three miles straightaway. Eleven and one-half seconds passed, worth about \$4 per cubic second to Levi, when from out the inky sky came thunderbolt number three. Levi had ears to hear this time, and was going to fool somebody; he grabbed that thunderbolt by the jagged edges so to speak. An indescribable terror seized him as he clutched large handfuls of darkness overhead; ah! now he had it. Something like a band-saw, making a million revolutions a second, furrowed through his countenance; something else not quite as sharp as a razor was operating with conscientious regularity upon his left wrist, like a summer-girl's jaws on a piece of chewing gum; a couple of threshing machines were also working in the immediate vicinity. Levi changed hands without missing a stroke; that is to say, he whipped out a knife, opened it with his teeth and held to the enemy with vice-like grip. What was that enemy? Ay, there was the rub. It felt soft and feathery, large and strong. It might have been an eagle or a wild-cat. It might have been an angel unaware. Levi thought it was the devil. It uttered no sound; Levi said nothing; he simply sawed steadily with the knife and hung on. Now it was on one side of him, now on the other; now it was on top of him, now Levi was on the top of it; now he had it inside outside; now outside inside and vice-versa. Levi's eyes were blinded with blood, and there was a nasty taste in his mouth, but man, beast or devil he determined to stay in the game. Round and round they went, faster than any ghost-dance in which Levi ever remembered taking part. At last, when the old man had sawed what he considered about three cords of something, he felt his dreadful foe relax and fall limp and lifeless. Springing up, he brushed the blood-drops away, for the second time in this sanguinary story, and arranged his disordered toilet.

When old Levi arrived in camp that night, he didn't look very nice. His coat was symmetrically festooned round his neck, and his face bore traces of a great trial. But, ah! there was a world-is-mine air about him as he entered. Exultingly he threw down what looked like the business part of a feather mattress.

The men say it was a big owl, but Levi says it was the devil.

J. R. P.

We cannot look, however imperfectly, upon a great man, without gaining something by him. He is the living light-fountain, which it is good and pleasant to be near; a flaming light-fountain of native original insight, of manhood and heroic nobleness; in whose radiance all souls feel that it is well with them.—*Carlyle*.

## AFTER THE BATTLE.

The moon flees from the wolves of air  
 Across the dismal sky,  
 The wind is wild and full of care,  
 Each star a dead man's eye.

For Woden stalks the spacious night,  
 Down come from heavenly halls,  
 Whose eastern casements bloody bright  
 Gleam under waving palls.

O Woden, God of Victory,  
 With heroes girded round,  
 Ten thousand German shields to thee  
 With warrior praise resound.

And all the Gothic sires uplift  
 Their song of many wars,  
 Desiring but with thee to drift  
 Beneath the moon and stars.

O Woden, onward sweep in might  
 O'er silent wood and plain,  
 While sons of glory tread the night,  
 Grim spectres in thy train.

While Teutons revel triumphing,  
 Fling shouts to hosts above,—  
 Oh, Woden, one poor broken thing  
 In darkness mourns her love.

Victoria College.

W. T. ALLISON.

## RUGBY.

Varsity wins the Cup. Rah! Rah! Rah! The skies and Kingston wept, the gods and Varsity rejoiced. Queen's glory died, and a cold north-east wind moaned her funeral dirge; for Varsity succeeded in carrying off from Kingston the Rugby championship of Ontario, and beat Queen's fairly and decisively to do it.

The final was played, as we know, on Saturday in Kingston. Varsity, with a lead of seventeen points from last Saturday's game, was confident of winning the cup; while Queen's recognized their peril and prepared to fight valiantly to retain it. Varsity's confidence, however, was a confidence without conceit; and, as the result shows, it was not misplaced.

Varsity's supporters were not numerous, but neither were they silent; and several of the team have said that no sweeter sound was ever heard by them than the ringing Varsity yell, both before the game and during its progress. Why, then, when the presence of their fellow-students means so much to our team, should not more have braved the weather and gone to Kingston on Saturday?

In the matches to come, let Varsity men remember that they have more cause to be proud of their team than any other Canadian University, and let them show their appreciation of the team.

Varsity won the toss and kicked north; the teams lining up at 2.45 p.m. On the kick-off, Curtis dribbled to Queen's left inside wing, who missed the ball; Varsity secured it and a scrimmage ensued at half way. Hobbs secured the ball and passed to Kingston, who punted; Queen's missed the ball and Varsity's rush forced them to score a safety touch for Varsity. Score, 2—0.

After the kick-off, the ball, on Moss's kick, again passed Queen's quarter; but Queen's gained on a loose scrim-

mage, and the ball went to the centre of the field. Curtis secured the ball, but Kingston stopped his rush splendidly. Hobbs passed to Kingston, who punted into touch behind Queen's quarter. Varsity was working slowly up the line, when Queen's secured the ball and punted; but Hargraft returned to touch. A moment later Kingston punted almost to Queen's goal line. After the scrimmage, McDougall dribbled behind goal and fell on the ball for a try, which Elliott failed to convert. Score, 6—0 in favour of Varsity.

Curtis kicked off to Queen's right wing, and some fierce scrimmages followed at half way. Curtis rushed with the ball, but Counsell stopped him. Hargraft received the ball from Hobbs, and punted inside Queen's quarter. Moss and Barr reached Scott and Wilson almost as soon as the ball did; Scott missed on his pass to Wilson and Barr dribbled between the goal posts, but slipped over the ball and Queen's roused. Score, 7—0.

After the kick-off, Varsity worked slowly up Queen's ground, and for a time all the play was behind Queen's quarter. Counsell punted, McRae returned well, and Queen's dribbled down to Varsity's quarter. Queen's scrimmage was now doing good work; for they held Varsity's forwards, while Fox threw the ball between his legs to Curtis. Varsity's wings were playing up, and soon relieved the pressure. Only once did Queen's come near scoring; and then Belanger, by a quick, neat play, saved the goal. Varsity now kept the ball on Queen's quarter, and were playing well together, when Barr was hurt and had to leave the field. D. McKenzie took his place, and, though the team seemed for a moment disheartened by the loss of their captain, they soon rallied and returned the ball to Queen's ground. Queen's received a penalty kick, and McRae kicked into Varsity's quarter; but Varsity returned, and after some fierce scrimmages on Queen's quarter half time was called. Score—Varsity, 7; Queen's, 0.

When the teams came out again, the rain had stopped; but the wind was, if anything, stronger than before. Counsell kicked off. Curtis returned, and a scrimmage ensued on Varsity's quarter. Moss and Mackenzie relieved, and kicked to touch. McRae played off-side, and Varsity received a penalty kick. Queen's was playing well with the wind, but Varsity defended her goal valiantly, and a penalty kick relieved the pressure, when almost on the goal line. After about twenty minutes' play, however, McRae secured a try which he converted by a neat kick. Score, 6—7.

Approaching darkness now made it difficult to follow all the moves in the game. Queen's seemed to play fiercely, but Varsity defended confidently. Varsity, after the kick-off, worked the ball up the east touch-line, Queen's dribbled to Varsity's quarter on the west touch-line; Varsity received a penalty kick, and a throw in near Varsity's quarter followed. The ball crossed the field and a touch-in-goal made the score even at 7—7.

There were still twenty minutes to play; but Varsity had no reason to fear now, and played a good defence. Queen's succeeded in scoring one more touch-in-goal, two rouges and a safety touch before time was called, thus winning the game by five points, score, 12—7; and losing the championship by 12 points. Score, Varsity 26; Queen's 14.

The weather made brilliant plays impossible, but every Varsity man played a game worthy of himself and of his University. On the wings, Moss and Barr followed well; while Counsell and Kingston were invaluable in stopping rushes. At quarter, Hobbs played a splendid game; and McDougall and Hargraft showed well with the wind in the first half.

There is more knowledge to be acquired from one page of the volume of mankind, if the scholar only knows how to read, than in volumes of antiquity. We grow learned, not wise, by too long a continuance at college.—*Goldsmith*,

## ANOTHER VIEW.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY :

SIR,—On Oct. 31st, there appeared in your editorial columns an article on "Clubs and Societies," which must have attracted the attention of every thoughtful reader, as affording an interesting indication of the present tendency of student life. As you have recently extended a very generous invitation to contributors, I venture to make a few observations on the matter.

Your remarks, Sir, on the subject are both interesting and suggestive. That there is "a wider education than can be obtained through professors and books alone" is a fact that no reasonable man will deny, and for which no one is more thankful than myself. The work in the classroom needs, as you say, to be supplemented; and incentives to originality are undoubtedly valuable. But these statements, and, indeed, the whole editorial, are calculated if I mistake not, to strengthen a tendency already too strong—a tendency which has ere now caused many a young Marcellus to be cut off in the bloom of promise, which has influenced many a brilliant student to almost fritter away four precious years, and which has sent forth from the College hall many a premature graduate to whom might well be applied the words of the Homeric bard, "Full many a thing he knew, and ill he knew them all."

Taking such well-known facts as these into consideration, I, for one, can see no special cause for mutual congratulation in the establishment of a new club, even of a chess club, amid the multifarious existing societies. Students of political economy may indeed find especial delight in a game which recalls so closely that subject whose intricacy, both as taught and understood, is so well-known; but the average undergraduate may be pardoned if he fails to rejoice in the fact that a number of students have banded themselves together to devote several hours a week to a pursuit which at best should surely occupy only a stray social evening; nor indeed will his scruples be overcome by the fact that every facility has been graciously granted by the authorities. He may, too, be excused if he is unable to excite within his breast any enthusiasm for the "new era" and for this kind of "gradual growth of undergraduate institutions." What, pray, shall the "new era" be called? Shall it be the "Era of Recreation"?—a new one indeed, but one likely to be very unproductive. In this Saturnian age, we shall, I suppose, no longer be hampered by Latin prose or algebraic problems. French grammar or German prose will no longer "clog the souls that fain would rise."

In place of the wonted tome, beneath the student's arm will be seen the chess-board and the card-case. "The gradual growth of undergraduate institutions"—how much pray, is wrapped up in that most Gladstonian phrase! Whist, of course, and, may we not fairly add, checkers and billiards, dominoes and marbles. The bean-board and the carpet-ball will join the cricket-bat and the club in the corner of the residence boudoir; and the fair freshette, as she packs her Saratoga, will furtively stuff in "Old Maid" and "Louisa" beside the yellow-covered novel and the box of curling-pins.

Such a broad extension, indeed, of the already vast number of societies can be viewed only with alarm. Making all due allowances for the many beneficial influences outside the class room, we must insist that it is from our special studies that we derive the greatest and most permanent good. Moreover, it must not be forgotten that the country at large, which is educating at considerable expense these young men and women, look to them for leaders in technical knowledge, scientific skill, literature and art; and hence any conditions which militate against this result, through loss of time and lack of concentration arising from the multiplicity of distracting influences, must be deeply deplored.

In conclusion, it must be remembered that we have been speaking only of tendencies and it is difficult to say just when there is any great danger from extremes; but, at any rate, when the editor of the leading College paper of Canada is roused to enthusiasm by the formation of a chess-club, and devotes the editorial columns to eulogy of a favorite game, it seems that a few words on the other side might be both timely and necessary.

Nov. 2nd, 1895.

W. J. WRIGHT, '96.

## A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY :

SIR.—The Rugby Championship is ours. No need to repeat that statement. Everywhere the College is ringing with it, and all distinctions of man and woman, sport and plug, professor and student are lost in rejoicing at the honour which is ours.

Whom have we to thank for all this? The fifteen, certainly, but, more particularly, the gallant Captain, "Biddy" Barr. We admire the skilled exponent of any manly game; but in him we must admire not only the skill, but the patient perseverance and indomitable courage which has turned a raw team into the Champions of Ontario, and has brought to his college the glory in which we all share. Would it not be unpardonable in us to take to ourselves this glory, without shewing in some substantial and lasting manner the gratitude of the undergraduates of this University to him whose manly, patient endeavour has, more than aught else, brought the championship to old Varsity under such unfavourable circumstances? Ought we not to show unmistakably to the gallant "Biddy" and his men our appreciation of their achievement? It is not necessary for me to suggest the form which this testimony should take, but it should be lasting and worthy the event which calls for it.

Nov. 11th, 1895.

JOHN JENNINGS.

## CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Classical Association held its regular meeting last Tuesday, with Mr. Carruthers in the chair. The attendance was fairly large, considering the fact that a football match was being played on the lawn. The programme was one of decided interest for all classical students; as the essays, "Electra and Antigone" by Mr. P. J. Robinson, and "The Character of Media" by Mr. Sinclair, treated of the three most interesting female characters in Greek tragedy.

Mr. Robinson showed that the difficulty experienced by the present age, in understanding and appreciating to the full the characters of Electra and Antigone, arose from the difference existing between our social system and that of the Greeks, whose whole social fabric scarcely extended beyond the family and family relations. The comparison made between Electra and Cordelia, Lady Macbeth and Hamlet was full of interest and originality. In the portrayal of the character of Antigone, and in contrasting her gentle and womanly nature with the fiercer and more passionate Electra, the writer showed taste and skill. Mr. Robinson had evidently been unsparing of time and work in the preparation of his paper, and was deservedly complimented by the chairman. Mr. Sinclair's essay showed evidence of careful preparation, and the modern up-to-date way in which it was handled procured it a good reception.

The next meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19th, when Mr. Sandwell, '97, will read a paper on "Translating Homer," and Mr. Buchanan, '97, on "Bentley." As these meetings are a source of profit and instruction, it is hoped that all students in Classics will make it a point to attend.

## ON SHAKESPEARE.

Pure soul, broad soul, deep soul! thy fellow-men  
To thee may find no symbol half so true  
As some strong river, wide, abysmal, blue,  
Traversing plain and upland, gorge and fen,  
'Mid Earth's prone paths reflecting Heaven's hue,  
And carrying joy and music wheresoe'er  
Its waters sweep—whether in meadows fair  
Or wastes that not a blossom breaketh through.

Divine thought so forthshadowing, from deeps  
Where Light and Sweetness, Purity and Love,  
Are one, and as one current and purpose move,  
Thou speakest sanity and strength to life—  
Fresh'ning the blossoms on its flow'ry steeps,  
Lifting a song where rocks and thorns are rife.

JAS. A. TUCKER.

## Y. M. C. A.

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood for the good or evil side;  
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom  
or blight,  
Parts the goats upon the left hand and the sheep upon the  
right;  
And the choice goes by forever twixt the darkness and the  
light.

—Lowell

Every day is a Dies Irae, which writes its irrevocable ver-  
dict in the flame of its west. —*Ruskin.*

In these passages we have two great truths expressed  
by two master minds. There is a sense in which every  
day is a Judgment Day for each one of us; and if this ser-  
ious truth were constantly before our minds, it would often  
have a wholesome effect on our conduct. But it is also  
true, and surely self-evident, that some particular day will  
come in our lives, after which our choice of the good or  
evil side will never be reversed. And this is an important  
truth for college men especially to ponder over; for statis-  
tics show that, in the case of college graduates, at least  
nineteen out of every twenty make this final choice before  
graduation. Our life here is calculated to confirm us in  
our moral attitude, whatever it may be. How important,  
therefore, that we should take at once a decided stand on  
the side of Truth and Right, while our influence will tell  
on others who will soon be scattered far and wide, per-  
haps to hear of us no more!

## NOTES

Let us call attention once more to the Y. M. C. A. Bible  
class, taught by Dr. Sheraton at Wycliffe College every  
Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The attendance has been  
very gratifying, but we would like to see still more.  
Topic next Sunday: "The Spirit the Vicar of Christ"—  
John xvi. 7-14.

As this is the regular week of prayer in all colleges, the  
year prayer meetings are thrown open to all. All are in-  
vited to these meetings. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
and Friday from 8.30 to 9.55 a. m. After this week the old  
order will be resumed again as usual.

An old French proverb says that "the good is the  
enemy of the best"; and this is well illustrated in our col-  
lege life here. All our clubs and societies are good—  
whether literary or athletic—all good in their places. But  
when they conflict in their meetings and games with the  
Y. M. C. A., we may say, without being charged with boast-  
ing, that they are the enemies of "the best." And when  
our fellows attend these in preference to the Y. M. C. A.,  
they are generally choosing "the good" rather than "the  
best." There should not be any conflict. But we think  
that, whenever it is possible, the prior claim of the  
Y. M. C. A. to the hour from 5 to 6 on Thursdays should be  
respected by sister organizations.

Our Thursday meetings have been very well attended  
however, and have been very interesting and profitable.  
We have had thus far: Dr. Erdman, of Philadelphia;  
Rev. S. D. Chown, Dr. Tracy, Hon. David Mills, and Rev.  
Dr. Henderson—truly a splendid array of men of varied  
talents and attainments. Dr. Henderson gave us a power-  
ful address last week. Next Thursday, 14th inst., we  
are to have Prof. Clark, M. A. of Trinity University, a  
man of rare eloquence and ability, and thoroughly in touch  
with student life. Let us give the professor from a sister  
college a cordial reception.

Some choice nuggets from Dr. Henderson's address:

"We must put God at the centre of all our thinking,  
all our loving, all our living."

"Do not belittle reason. Without the eye, the tele-  
scope would be useless; without reason, revelation would  
be of no avail."

"We are not always free to do what we choose; but  
we are always able to choose what we shall do."

"Good laws are an effect, not a cause. They spring  
from a good people, but do not make a people good. They  
can restrict and educate, but can never regenerate men."

"Man cannot be saved by any human agency—educa-  
tion, environment, sanitary surroundings, æsthetic culture  
or anything else—but only by some supernatural power—  
a miracle. The Gospel itself is a miracle."

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Y. W. C. A.

The first missionary meeting of the College Y. W. C. A.  
for the year was held last Wednesday afternoon, and was  
very well attended. The greater part of the hour was  
spent in listening to a missionary address on Corea from  
Mr. Griffith, the travelling secretary of the C. C. M. Mr.  
Griffith began by speaking in a general way of the evils of  
heathenism. He then spoke more particularly of Corea,  
and the work of the Canadian Colleges' Mission in that  
country. The address, which was full full of interest and  
instruction, will, we trust, awaken and deepen the interest  
of the college girls in mission work.

F. ETHEL KIRKWOOD, '98, Cor.-Sec.

## CONFÉRENCE LITTÉRAIRE.

On Saturday morning, Nov. 2nd, a large number were  
treated to the first of the series of "Conférences Littér-  
aires" given by Monsieur Queneau in the French language.  
Room 9 was filled to its utmost by an appreciative gather-  
ing. Monsieur Queneau took as his subject the works of  
Paul Bourget, and treated this modern novelist in a com-  
prehensive and instructive manner. Illustrating his  
remarks by passages read from the author's chief works,  
the lecturer showed the main characteristics of the writer  
of "Outre Mer." It is to be hoped that many students and  
their friends will avail themselves of the excellent oppor-  
tunity afforded by these lectures to become more intimate  
with French contemporaneous literature, and with the  
French accent. The next lecture will be delivered on  
Saturday, Nov. 16th, when Pierre Loti will be the author  
under discussion.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

The opening meeting of the Political Science Associa-  
tion will be held next Thursday, at 4 p. m., in the Biological  
Building. Prof. Mavor will deliver a lecture, illustrated  
by lime-light views, on "Adam Smith and His Friends."

Prof. Goldwin Smith has kindly consented to occupy  
the chair.

Dick Grant won the cross-country run at Harvard.

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## THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE flourishing condition of the Literary Society this fall is a matter of general comment among all who attend its meetings. Never, during the last three years at least, were the numbers in attendance larger, the programmes of better average quality, or more interest manifested in any respect, than has been the case this term, ever since the opening meeting. The chief cause of this most hopeful state of affairs is to be found, we believe, in the awakening of student minds to a due appreciation of the valuable benefit to be derived from attendance at the meetings of this Society, and participation in the programmes there presented. It is a significant fact that, in the great majority of cases, those who attend with regularity the first few meetings seldom fail to be present at every one of the remainder, unless prevented by uncontrollable circumstances. But it is a fact of still greater significance that there yet remains to be discovered a single graduate who, having been a supporter of the Literary Society in the days of his youth, will not declare with enthusiasm that he has never regretted the loss of an evening from work, when spent at one of its meetings; and that, in his opinion, a student makes a great mistake, if he neglects to take advantage of the opportunity thus presented him for improving himself in the art of public speaking and debating. On all hands, from his freshman days up, the undergraduate hears the virtues of the Lit. extolled, and is constantly admonished by all who know whereof they speak, not to neglect that important part of his education. All things unite to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that a man's time is profitably spent, when devoted for one evening in a week to learning how to address with confidence and clearness a company of fellow students.

Very few men are already possessed of this faculty when first they enter college; but it will be well-nigh im-

possible for any one of them to escape from more or less public speaking after they have turned their backs on the scenes of their student days, and have entered upon their chosen calling in life, whether law, business, medicine, the ministry, teaching or journalism be the ultimate choice. It is a very safe prediction that not a single student now attending this university will be able to run his allotted course in life without being called upon somewhere in his career to pause and speak to those crowding about him, who wish to know and to learn, who want his thoughts, his opinions. And who would wish it otherwise. What man is there who, as he has been swayed and thrilled by the convincing, logical argument and the fervent eloquence of an orator advocate of some great cause, has not had his ambition fired, and a great longing aroused to be able to have such powerful control over the minds of his comrades in the battle of life that he might lead them, unresisting, ever onward, ever upward towards the noblest and the best.

The Literary Society, then, is the place where a man who has never yet made a speech, may make his first attempt. Nor could he find an opportunity more suitable in every respect for such a purpose. The subject on which he is to speak will be largely of his own choosing, and one with which he is already comparatively familiar. Every facility is at his disposal for preparing his arguments, books on every conceivable subject abounding within easy reach. And where could he hope to find a better audience, a kinder, more sympathetic, more appreciative audience, than can be found in a body of students, when listening to one of their own number. There is surely no lack of suggestions, when the memory of the speaker for the moment plays him false, while encouraging applause is bestowed in profusion. Everything is done that could possibly tend to make the *débutant* feel at home in his new surroundings, and he who honestly tries to do his best is sure of a reception that will speedily banish any feelings of strangeness or diffidence.

But there are other reasons why every undergraduate should join the Lit., besides the direct personal benefit derived by so doing. This Society is the oldest and largest of the university societies, and the only one in which the men of every department and of every year come together for mutual improvement. In addition to its primary literary-functions, it is also the representative body of students in Arts and students in the School of Science combined. In it also are chosen the Public Debaters, the Representatives sent to other colleges, and the leaders of the Mock Parliament. By it are chosen the committees which shall conduct the *conversazione*, and that which shall choose the editorial and business boards of THE VARSITY. It maintains, at a very large expense, a thoroughly well-equipped reading-room, which is used with so much benefit by nearly all the students; and the annual Lit. elections in the spring provide one of the most enjoyable experiences in the college career.

The mere statement of these various functions and advantages should suffice to prevail upon every undergraduate to join and support by his presence at the meetings, by his participation in the programmes, and by the prompt



payment of his fees this venerable and honoured institution. At present there is special reason for impressing this upon the students. Last spring the Society gave all the money it had on hand as a voluntary contribution to the students' fund, and in its present financial stringency the necessity has arisen for reviving an obsolete clause in that miserable *hocus-pocus*, the Constitution, which requires the payment of the membership fee before one is entitled to vote at the election for any office, or be a candidate for office. Next Friday night there are to be elections held for some seventeen of the most important appointments which an undergraduate can ever hope to obtain. Readers, Speakers and Essayists are to be chosen for the public debate, for the McGill debate, and for the debate with Osgoode Hall. Representatives are to be elected for various dinners and conversazioni, together with leaders for the Mock Parliament, and new officers on the executive of the Society. This will be the most important ordinary meeting ever held, and there should be a large attendance, everyone bringing his dollar with him, and thus securing the right to vote for every one of these offices and to stand for an appointment himself. A word to the wise is sufficient.

#### OUR RUGBY CHAMPIONS.

At last the long-coveted prize, the cup of the Ontario Rugby Union, is ours. Long may it remain with us, as an emblem of what pluck, perseverance and unflagging energy may accomplish. Not least among its fond recollections may the class of '96 remember this, that, in its senior year, under the direction of one of its members, did our Rugby team bring to our *alma mater* the prize which, for many years, she had strived to win, but in vain,—*parcis invitis*. Since 1891, we have not even approached the goal of our ambition, and Varsity's "bad luck" had become proverbial, and, many feared, permanent. At the beginning of the season Varsity's chances of becoming, or even of making a respectable showing against, the champions was utterly ignored by all the "knowing ones" down town. Her team was composed for the most part of inexperienced players, who were to be as lambs led to the slaughter before the doughty champions of Queen's or of Osgoode Hall. Doughty they were, and in the games with Queen's the latter showed that they could play fair and honourable ball, accept defeat like gentlemen and treat royally the fortunate victors. But, unfortunately for the prophecies of these wise newspaper sages of our city, one important element of success, on the football field as elsewhere, had been quite overlooked, namely, the determination of every member of the team to exert every power that was in him, and to follow implicitly the directions of their experienced, hope-inspiring and most capable captain, "Bidly" Barr. All the players are worthy of the utmost praise that we could bestow, but there is one man who ought to be, and is, the hero of the hour, and that man, it is superfluous to say, is Captain Barr. As a "rusher" on the forward line he has no superior; as an organizer and manager he is without equal. Beyond this he is one of our fastest players on the hockey team; generous and warmhearted to all his

friends—and who are not his friends?—, a brilliant student and a thorough gentleman.

Are the achievements of the team to pass unrecognized in any tangible manner by the general body of undergraduates? In another column Mr. Jennings asks this question, and suggests that they should be suitably celebrated in a way that will leave pleasant reminiscences in the minds of all concerned. To this, we feel certain, all undergraduates will agree without a dissenting voice. As to the way in which this should be done, we can think of nothing more congenial than a dinner, given in honor of Captain Barr and his stalwart fourteen. We would suggest that the class of '96 forego its anticipated dinner, and, instead, substitute this, which would be open alike to all students in Arts, Medicine, Applied Science, Dentistry or any other faculty, and to graduates and instructors in all these colleges. A very prominent member of the class of '96 suggested this idea, and all to whom it has been broached have been quite enthusiastic, and have promised co-operation. We are sure that all officers of the class society of the fourth year would willingly consent to the change, and it would be a most fitting way to display our appreciation of our distinguished classmate, Captain Barr, and of the whole Rugby team. If this project is attempted, as we hope it will be, let it be a complete success, both as to the numbers and enthusiasm of those present. To this end we would especially urge the faculty and graduates of our university to co-operate heartily with us. It is doubtless true that scholarship and not athletics is the main object of our university training; but everything that tends to bring our college prominently before the public, is worthy of the hearty support of all connected with it.

The exact time when this dinner should be held can be best determined by the committee appointed to superintend its celebration; but we think that immediately after the match in Montreal, when, with all restraints of training relaxed, and bearing, we hope, their added laurels as champions of Canada, the members of the team will feel more capable of hearty mirth and social enjoyment. Again we would move and urge our readers to make this celebration a memorable success; boom it everywhere, and make it, as a gathering, large and representative in numbers, enthusiastic in spirit, and a source of pleasant reminiscence in future years to all who are present.

#### LITERARY SOCIETY.

If it was raining without on Friday night, what cared the three score and ten who waved their clubs and sang their songs at the Lit? If it was drear and dark and dull in nature's roofless auditorium, what matter, when there was joy and jollity, sparkling wit and spicy speeches for those who attended at the Society's chamber of oratory and eloquence? I arrived precisely at the hour appointed by constitution (7.30 p.m.), and finding no one, I had determined to know why the constitution was not being observed, and to have a vote of censure passed upon the Society, when someone whispered that that clause was amended.

In a short time, however, the books of record were produced, and amid warm applause the Vice-Pres. introduced Mr. Angus MacMurchy, B.A., as the chairman for the evening. After the minutes had been read by Mr. Hill, Secretary *pro tem.*, and adopted, business was proceeded with. The Corresponding Secretary, Mr. MacMurchy, read a letter from the Osgoode Literary and Legal Society, inviting us to send a couple of representatives to test the

debating abilities of the gentlemen of the Hall. It was decided to accept the invitation, the Society to choose at next meeting the Davids who are to go out against the legal giants. The Secretary had also an invitation to Trinity's annual dinner. Mr Barr, the Captain of the Champion Rugby Football Team, was unanimously chosen as a man "specially suited for such a function." Mr. Shotwell then brought in his motion to have all unprinted amendments to the constitution printed. He was supported by Mr Wallace. The motion elicited much adverse criticism, on the ground that it was entailing a needless expense, when the whole constitution will need reprinting in the spring. It was also pointed out that the latest amendments of any import have been printed. But Mr. Shotwell and a majority of one decided that some amendments must be printed, though they acknowledged they could not name a single unprinted clause which affects the current meetings of the Society. Mr. H. M. Little gave notice that he would introduce a motion at next meeting, that the Society should petition the authorities to assist in inducing the students to wear their gowns more generally about the college, by making some provision in the form of lockers for the safe-keeping of these garments. Mr. Wood said he would move at next meeting that Rule of Order No. 5 be struck out.

When the business part of the meeting was at last ended, the Chairman called upon Mr. Love, '97, for an instrumental solo. Those who have ever heard Mr. Love will know something of the pleasure which his selection afforded the meeting. The next item was a rather amusing reading by Mr. Stanbury, entitled "Jenks' Infernal Machine." Then came an admirable essay, remarkable not only in itself, but (in the opinion of the Society) because it came from a Freshman. Mr. J. Little was the composer of '99 who wrote on the great English statesman, Edmund Burke. According to the essayist, Burke seemed a great man in everything except one, and in that he was a *little*, viz., he had that peculiar gift of being able to say "those airy-fairy nothings which delight the gentler sex, and which made him a favourite among them."

And now for the great event of the evening—the open debate, "Resolved, that the Government should have full control of the railways." Never—almost never—has a debate called forth so much discussion. Mr. Meighan, the mathematical genius of '96, led the affirmative, and in a carefully worded speech fired thunderbolts of eloquence across the pathway of the negative. When, however, Mr. Spotton arose in reply, his very appearance struck terror into the hearts of the bravest of his opponents. Every sentence was an avalanche, every word an earthquake, every look a lightning-flash, every motion an argument. Some nine or ten gentlemen spoke, and the matter was thoroughly thrashed out, regardless of the hour. Mr. Sinclair, '96, had to be called down at the very beginning of his speech for making a joke, not provided for in the constitution. He said he just wanted to point out one *spot* on the argument of the leader of the negative. Of course when Mr. Shotwell finds the amendments which do not exist, there may be one to meet Mr Sinclair's case.

It was like waiting for the returns from Algoma during an election, to wait till everyone had satisfied himself that he had said more than he knew, but the end came peacefully at last. The Chairman, in a very able and concise summation, reviewed the arguments and gave as his decision that "the affirmative had succeeded in establishing their case from the theoretical standpoint, while the negative were certainly the winners from the practical point of view." A vote of thanks to the Chairman, with cheers to give it spice, were the last echoes I heard as I slid down the bannister, and skipped round the corner at the grisly hour of 11.30. I have decided never to miss a meeting of the Lit, not even if a circus comes to town.

CAMPUS.

## WOMEN'S LITERARY SOCIETY.

On Saturday evening last, at 7.30 p.m., sooner or later, or thereabouts, and rather later than sooner, the Women's Literary Society came in out of the wet and so passed out of the frying-pan into the fire; or rather from Scylla into Charybdis, that the simile may be appropriately watery; for, if the atmosphere outside was laden with moisture, that within proved to be by no means dry. Business was brief. After the reading of the usual prefatory narrative of the Society's past actions, Miss Riddell gave notice of a motion effecting a slight change in the constitution; and on Miss Tucker's motion, a committee of four was nominated to inquire into the matter of a gymnasium for the women students.

Miss Rosenstadt opened the programme with an instrumental solo; but, O tempora! O mores! the mask and buskins were no where to be seen. Nevertheless, there was found one defender of sacred traditions in the person of Miss Kirkwood, who rose with patriotic zeal to the occasion, and urged with fiery eloquence that the offender be commanded to don the immortal gown, and begin over again from the beginning; and since Miss Kirkwood's appeal found a warm seconder in Miss Bapty, so it came to pass. Next the Society went into peals of laughter over a German comedy, *Die Gouvernante*, and thus gave evidence, at one and the same time, of the possession of three very excellent qualities: a fine sense of humor, weighty erudition, and quick appreciation of good acting. The characters were taken by Misses McMichael, Harvey and Glashan of '97. In Miss Neeland's absence, the literary report was read by Miss Millar. A vocal solo from Miss Rosebrugh of '99 was heartily encored by those who wished to hear more of a good thing.

Then came the debate, "Resolved that organ-grinding should be abolished," handled in a masterly manner by Misses M. Hunter and Rumball for the affirmative, and Misses Benson and Morrison for the negative, who treated the problem of the organ-grinder from economical, ethical, and æsthetic standpoints with a practical weight that would not have disgraced the keenest member of the Legislature. The affirmative speakers won by several points.

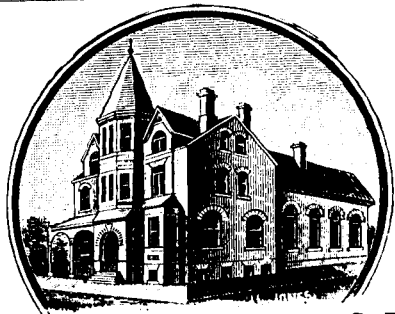
While the president, with knitted brows, pondered the debate, balancing "point against point rebellious," the Glee Club recited a narrative of college experiences, whose dolefulness, being heightened by its lively setting, the tune of Jingle Bells, so wrought upon the feelings of the assembly that it broke up forthwith and went to hunt for its goshes.

'97.

## THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

The philosophical Society held its regular meeting Friday, Nov. 8th, at 4 o'clock, in room three. Officers were elected to fill vacancies as follows:—Treasurer, F. S. Wrinch; Fourth Year Representative, J. W. Preston; Second Vice-President, R. J. M. Perkins; Second Year Representative, H. Munroe.

Mr. Preston read an excellent paper on "The Value of a Study of Philosophy for the Study and Practice of Law." The close relation existing between Philosophy in its various branches and Law was clearly shown. Several instances were given of metaphysical maxims, long since exploded, which still pass current in Law. Dialectical exercise of the best kind is furnished by the study of Philosophy. Logic is essential for the detection of fallacies in argument and for skilful cross-examination. A knowledge of Psychology will enable one to counteract emotional appeals to juries, to deal properly with the plea of insanity and to conduct cases in which the question of colour-blindness is involved. Ethics lies at the base of all civil and criminal laws.



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## ATHLETIC NOTES.

President J. G. Merrick, of the Athletic Association, and his able, energetic assistants on the Board of Directors, deserve the sincere congratulations of the undergraduates, on the successful manner in which they have looked after the athletic department of our University during the past six weeks. Time and perseverance were untiringly devoted by them this year to making the annual games a pronounced success. Heartily supported in their efforts by the student body, this annual event passed off most satisfactorily, the number in attendance, and the interest manifested fully equalling any previous year; while the financial balance was converted from a deficit of nearly \$70 last year to a surplus of nearly \$100 under the present management.

Last Wednesday the finishing touch was put to the games, in the form of the annual cross-country run, followed by the usual supper. The weather was perfect for such an event, and the course laid out received favourable comment from all the runners. About sixteen started from the lawn, accompanied by a loaded drag and about a score on wheels. The course was from Varsity to Davisville, about seven miles, mostly along the ravines and the Don flats. The race was well contested, as the time made by the six prize-winners will show. These were:—1, Alex. Grant, 50 mins., 40 seconds; 2, G. Cooper, 51.35; 3, G. Campbell, 52.10; 4, A. Sanderson, 53.10; 5, W. A. Rae, 53.38; 6, E. Andrews, 54.25. The others straggled in at intervals. Grant is simply a phenomenon at this long-distance running, a jaunt of fifty or sixty miles not seeming to cause him the slightest inconvenience. At the finish he was as fresh as though he had been running seven blocks, instead of seven miles.

After the race came the supper, with its tempting bill of fare, rattling songs, instrumental music and timely speeches. Instrumental and vocal music were provided by Messrs. Somers, Graham, King, Parsons, Campbell, McKay and Love, the last four gentlemen constituting a quartette which added greatly to the enjoyment of the programme. Short, spicy speeches were delivered by Messrs. Merrick, King, Barr, Hobbs, Paterson, and the six winners. The programme closed with a "stag" dance, and all felt that they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

## MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The meetings of this Club already held this fall augur well for its success during the year. The attendance has been unusually large; and the papers, carefully and thoughtfully written in every instance, have not failed to hold the attention and secure the interest of those present. The first meeting, held on October 28th, was occupied with the subject of American literature, in four papers, dealing with Hawthorne, Holmes, Emerson and Poe, and was altogether a "feast of good things." Not less must be said of the German meeting held last week, when the life and work of Goethe formed the subject of study. Papers were read by Miss Edgar, on "His Works as Confessions"; by Miss White, on "His Love Affairs and Their Relation to His Work"; by Miss Riddell, on "Goethe's and Schiller's Ballads," and by Mr. W. B. Weidenhammer, on "His Acquaintances and Their Influence on His Work," the latter essay being in German. On Monday evening last, the first French meeting of the term was held. Mr. Rowland read a paper on "Scribe and Labiche. Mr. J. S. Will dealt with "Gil Blas" and "La Vie de Bohème," and Mr. McCutcheon closed with a discussion of "Jean Jacques Rousseau."

The character of the programme this year is such that all Modern Language students will profit by attending the meetings; and it is hoped that even more than already do

so will avail themselves of the advantage of the Club. Next Monday evening will be spent with the Scotch poets, and the programme will be interspersed with the singing of Scotch songs. It is expected that a larger hall will be obtained for the evening. Fuller particulars will be announced later in the week.

## S. P. S. NOTES.

Mr. E. J. Morphy is going to take a course in architecture in the S. P. S.

Mr. F. T. Stocking, graduate S.P.S., is in Buffalo, working for an electrical company as "inside wireman."

Mr. J. A. Stewart, M.A., is in Athens, Penn., working at calculating for the Union Bridge Co. He is well satisfied with the work.

The article which appeared in the S.P.S. column in last issue, concerning the janitor of the school, was carried too far for a joke. The author apologizes for the same.

The leading article in last issue by Mr. J. A. Tucker was quite interesting. Speaking of doing away with the examination system, such a course should be of especial benefit in the case of a technological school. In this, as in other institutions, a large class of facts may be "plugged" up in a short time, and be found of vital importance at the spring exam.; but a person who gets through in such a manner will not do much thinking for himself when he is out in actual practice. The cranium of a practical engineer should be a factory and not a store-house.

## DRAMA.

The present week promises to be one of the best and most entertaining, as regards both the music hall and the theatre, that Toronto has enjoyed for some time. At the Grand, Robert Mantell is to appear in a varied and extensive repertoire. Mr. Mantell is, perhaps, the favourite romantic actor of the day, and a worthy rival of Salvini, who was here a few months ago and is well known to Toronto audiences. Dashing, handsome, passionate, Mantell throws all the fire of his nature into his plays, and his reputation of "having broken more hearts than any other actor on the stage" is due as much to this fact, as to his personal qualities and the stirring character of his plays. The costumes and scenery are attractive and picturesque, and duels abound. On Monday and Tuesday evenings he appears in his latest success, "The Husband"; on Wednesday and Thursday evenings in Dumas' "The Corsican Brothers"; "Monbars" will be played on Friday and Saturday matinee, while "Othello," on Saturday evening, ends the engagement.

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Rally to the "Lit." Friday night. Elections.

Query.—Is the Post office box in the building ever collected?

Mr. Geo. Cloyes, captain of last year's Varsity team, was married in St. Louis on Thursday last. Poor George!

If Friday's "Lit." be any criterion, then verily hath Proctor stepped into the shoes of the great MacKinnon.

W. E. Gilroy, '97, has left us for Victoria. Of course we are sorry to lose him, but Victoria needs him.

President Loudon telegraphed congratulations to the team on Saturday, as soon as the result of the match was known.

Robert Ireland, the well known piper and erstwhile beadle of the University, is touring through the United States with a company playing "Bonnie Scotland."

The Executive of the class of '97 met on Friday last and decided to give an afternoon reception in the University Halls on the 30th inst. Able committees were appointed to make all necessary arrangements.

Wycliffe College intends holding a reception on Thursday evening next. It is unfortunate that it clashes with the date set for the '97 dinner; but it is assured that the latter will, in any case, be a great success.

The following '95 men are studying law at Osgoode Hall: Messrs. H. A. Clarke, A. R. Hamilton, E. Gillies, C. W. Cross, J. Montgomery, H. A. Burbridge, H. G. Kingstone, S. S. Sharpe, D. S. Bowlby.

Mr. B. K. Sandwell, while out on his bicycle Tuesday last, met with an accident, which made his wheel useless. Fortunately, though about seventeen miles out, he was only about half a mile from a railway station and came home by train.

The following item is taken from the sporting columns of the *Globe* of Nov. 11th:—"The girls of Vassar College held their athletic sports in the rain at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on Saturday. Miss Leslie Baker won the running broad jump, with a leap of 11 ft. 5 in. Miss Brownell won the running high jump, 4 ft. The girls wore divided skirts and sweaters."

The Executive of the class of '99 met Friday. After considerable discussion it was resolved to hold the first reception on Saturday, the 16th inst., in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. The following were appointed a Color Committee: Misses White and Wolverton, Messrs. Waldie and Johnston. After the reading of the Constitution by "Judge" Armour, the meeting adjourned.

A meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society will be held in room 2 on Friday evening, Nov. 15th, at 4 o'clock. A paper on "Recurrent Ge-

ometry as applied to the Circumcircle" will be read by Mr. W. J. Rusk, B.A. Mr. Bone, '99, will read a paper on "The Greek Mathematicians." First and Second Year Councillors are to be nominated. All interested in the Society are urgently requested to attend.

The class dinner of '97 on Thursday night will be one of the very best that has ever been held by any year in this University. The dining hall at McConkey's will be suitably decorated; the menu will be the best that this celebrated caterer can provide; and a choice musical programme will be rendered during the evening. The main feature of the evening, however, will be the speeches, delivered by a number of the best after-dinner speakers in the college. Let every third year man attend this dinner and spend an evening he will never forget.

Hitherto, the innocent and unoffending Freshette has generally been credited with all the mistakes which are made around college; but it is now her turn to triumph. The other morning, as two juniors entered the ladies' cloakroom at the library, they were horrified on beholding two Freshmen, Mr. Verdant-Green and his brother calmly seated there studying. Unable probably to endure the stares of dignified amazement which greeted them, Messrs. Verdant-Green lost no time in rising to the occasion. They mumbled what was presumably an explanation, then, "stood not upon the order of their going but went at once."



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