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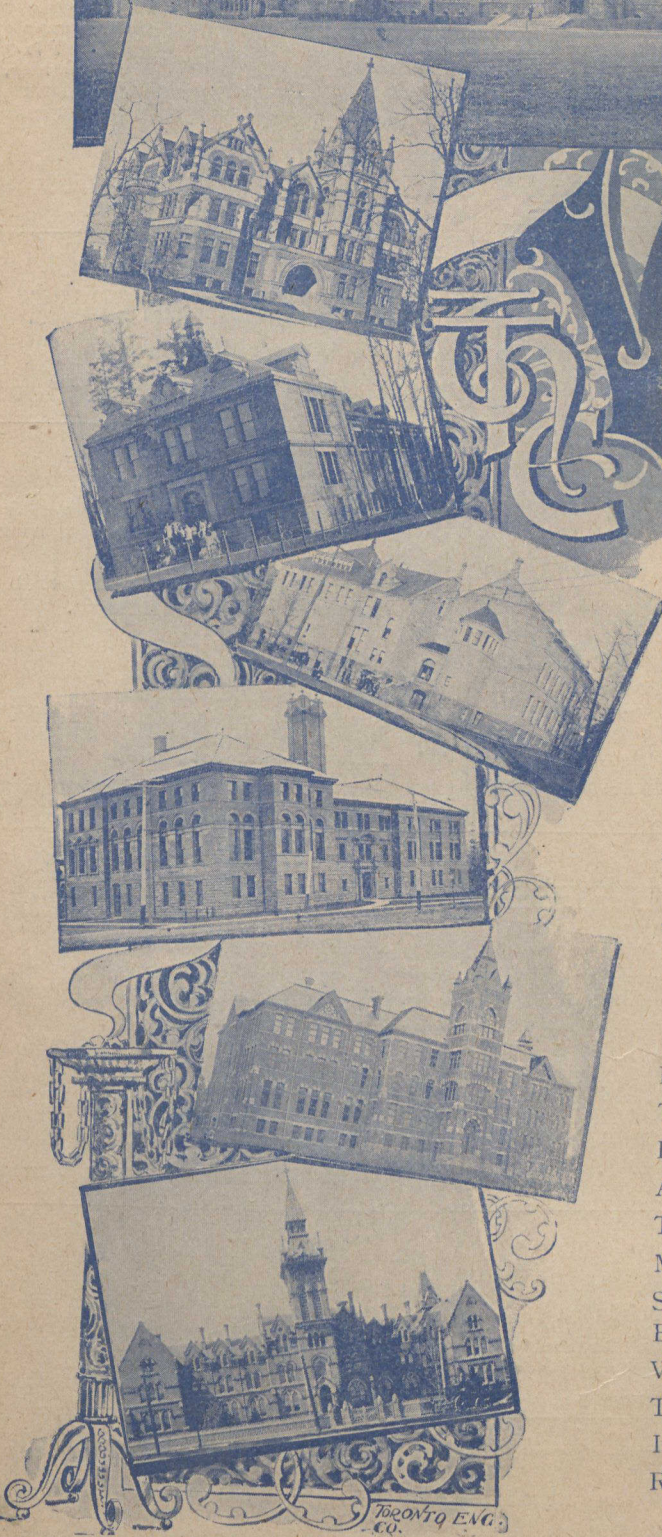
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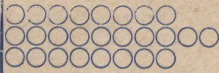
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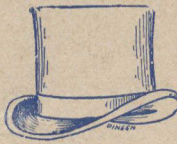
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PARTING.

'Tis time to bid good-night : the drowsy hours
Toll one by one in sleepy monotone
And still we lingering sit here all alone
While the last coal upon the hearth-stone lours.

'Tis time to bid good-night : for see the towers
Have caught a dint of crimson on their stone,
And day-light creeps above the pine-clad zone
And silently the pale stars overpower.

Not yet ! not yet ! let not dull, sightless sleep
Press close our leaden lids, when with the sun,
The mists of absence o'er our hearts 'gin creep
Ne'er to withdraw till life's long day be done,
But when the morning breaks in golden light—
Then comes our parting, then we say good-night.

W. HARVEY McNAIRN.

THEN AND NOW.—IN THE EIGHTIES.

I have often told the story before, but, strange to say, I have found few to believe it. As it is true, nevertheless, I shall tell it again, for I have a friend who can corroborate it.

Sir Daniel Wilson took a kindly interest in the College Y.M.C.A., and used to address it every year early in the Michaelmas Term. As regularly as his visit came, he used to ask the organist what he could play. The answer was always the same—"Anything you like, sir"—and Sir Daniel would reply: "We shall begin with hymn No.—" In due course hymn No.— was announced and sung, never an undergraduate showing even the ghost of a smile as he sang lustily, "Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone," etc. But it was a trial for an organist with a capacity for seeing a joke to have the same thing happen for three or four years in succession.

The members of the Y.M.C.A. were not duller than other undergraduates, I fancy, but perhaps they took life more seriously—a little too seriously. I remember that upon a day when the text for meditation was, "How much better therefore is a man than a sheep," most of them listened in unruffled silence to the solemn assertion made by one of the speakers that "the chief peculiarity of a sheep is that it is different from every other animal."

Another day the text was "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his ways? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word." When the meeting was thrown open for any to speak who so wished, a young man full of zeal, but, as it seems to me, a "zeal without knowledge," arose and proceeded to tell how he had met a naughty medico on the campus, who, unfortunately, was drunk. The said medico had accosted the young man in question, saying, "I suppose you won't speak to me because I'm drunk. I know you; you are a Y.M.C.A. man." Some of us were becoming uncomfortable, for we could not quite see the connection between this harangue and the subject in hand. All at once the conclusion made this clear—it

was "All I can say is that a man who talks and acts as that medico does knows very little about the word of God." As the zeal of those who were responsible for the conduct of the Association's work had not reached such a pitch as to allow them to indulge freely in indiscriminate "testimony" of this sort, an admonition was in order, and the young man literally shook off the dust of his feet against the Association, which saw no more of him from that day forward.

Far other was the treatment meted out to an honest soul who always did what he undertook to do, and who was ever ready to give a man a helping hand. If he had not told upon himself, none of us would have been the wiser—unless the other man concerned had told the story.

It was October, and, in accordance with the established custom, a committee was in waiting at the Y.M.C.A. Building to give information to the freshmen, whom the euphonism of the time required to be called gentlemen of the First Year. A bearded but youthful man appeared at last upon the scene and asked to see the list of boarding houses. He also asked a variety of questions. At once our Y.M.C.A. man thought he had to deal with a "gentleman of the First Year," and he proceeded to ask him the stereotyped questions that are asked such gentlemen from year to year, just to make him feel comfortable. He said it was his first visit to Toronto and gave satisfactory answers to the other questions that followed, but to the last one he replied "I have not come to attend lectures, but to deliver them." It was Professor Ashley, the first occupant of the chair in Political Economy!

The same sort of thing has happened more than once since then, but I have never come across a more amusing instance of it than upon the occasion of a reception given by the College Y.M.C.A. to the delegates attending the Provincial Convention, which was being held in town. The president of the Convention, who owns a name well known in Toronto, attended the reception and was introduced to the hostesses, the Ladies' Auxiliary. The ladies were always exceedingly kind and well-intentioned, but they persisted in treating Fourth Year men as freshmen, and graduates as sophomores. This time one of them asked our chief guest where he came from! I think, though, she did not hear his name aright when the introduction was being made.

Even if the Association served no other good purpose (and I, for one, think it served many another), there should be kindly memories of it entertained by University College men in general because of its having been the social centre of the College from 1886 (when the building was opened, down to the time when class societies became fashionable, which, roughly speaking, was between 1890 and 1892. Many a boiler of coffee, many a cake, and much bread and butter found their way to Residence and to lodging houses where students lived in twos and threes, or in even larger numbers. If a certain member of the Ladies' Auxiliary had known of all this, I am afraid she would have been shocked, for she had views as to the manner in which students should eat and conduct themselves generally upon such occasions. But she did not

know, and those members of the Auxiliary who did know, highly approved of that method of disposing of what had not been used.

Like the Literary Society, the Athletic Association, and most of the other undergraduate societies, the Y.M.C.A. had once had its habitation in Moss Hall. In 1885, the president, A. J. McLeod (now a reverend and principal of the Regina Industrial School for Indians) thought that the work of the Association could be better done if it had a home of its own. He thought out his plans carefully, found that a suitable building could be put up for about \$6,000, and proceeded to interest University men and the public generally in the scheme.

The time was favorable, for in pre-Federation days there were those who called University College a "godless college." To have the students themselves asking for a building of this kind was sufficient refutation of the charge, and subscriptions flowed in liberally from those who believed in the Association as a matter of principle, as well as from those who were actuated only by the motive politic. In March, 1886 the building was opened free of debt, except for three hundred dollars, which were paid up before the ensuing Michaelmas term. A friend of mine who had had a great deal of experience of subscription lists, told me that he had known no other to have so little shrinkage as ours had.

Mr. McLeod's forecast was fully justified—the Association made greater progress in every way than it had ever made before. This was due largely to the fact that its cardinal principle was that a good Y. M. C. A. man had to be a good Christian, and that a good Christian meant being a good College man. There was no room for anyone who had even a suspicion of cant about him, while the man who was thorough and genuine in his study, in athletics, the Literary Society, the Glee Club, or anything else he went in for, was welcomed with open arms. Yet a wag found fun and a certain reflection upon the character of the active members of the Association in the description of the two classes of members given in the Handbook. As far as I remember it was as follows:—"Active members are those who are communicants in any evangelical church and who pay an annual fee of one dollar. Associate members are men of *good moral character* who pay an annual fee of twenty-five cents."

It is not for me to give in this place a detailed history of the Association and its operations. Nor must I more than mention the appointment of a salaried general secretary, the beginning of a sustentation fund amounting to several hundreds of dollars annually, and the new departure in missionary enterprise entered upon in sending out to Korea Mr. (now the Reverend) James S. Gale, who has made a name for himself under the direction of the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, and who has recently published a book, *Korean Sketches*, which has been favorably reviewed by such literary papers as the Athenæum.

In closing this sketch, however, I must recall an incident which occurred at the opening of the Y.M.C.A. building. The regular programme had been disposed of, and we clamored for a speech from Dr. Young, the most respected and best beloved of all the staff in my time. Modest (not to say shy) and retiring as he was, he hesitated to gratify our wish. At last he yielded, and then I think we were all sorry that we had insisted upon his doing what he evidently did unwillingly. As nearly as I can remember, then, his words were, "I would rather not have spoken, for I hold some views which would, perhaps, not commend themselves to some members of the Association. But I can and do honestly wish the Association prosperity. And I can only say the Great Teacher will

guide us all into all truth." He may have been an heretic, as some men said, but the good wishes of such an one are certainly worth the having for he was like the "little child" spoken of in the gospels.

At a public debate held in Knox College between representatives of that institution and of Wycliffe College, our "Old Man," as we in our familiarity used to call him, took the chair. In summing up the speeches, he said he was glad to be present at such an intercollegiate and inter-denominational gathering, and that he hoped the alumni of the two Colleges would understand one another the better for it. "For," he added, "where your respective churches agree, gentlemen, they are both right, and where they differ they are both wrong." A. H. YOUNG, '87.

HARDASSA.

(A Tale of the East).

You ask me for my story, Master?

Ah, 'tis many ages since first it's like was handed down to me and mine. The sun has risen in its golden brightness, casting its beams of splendor around us and playing hide and seek with the peaks of the distant pyramids, shone with all its strength throughout the day, and then, as the shades of evening gathered, sank, while the moon has mounted from the seas, glided smoothly through the sky on its silent way, and then, as the laughing herald of day peeped his shining face above the horizon, slowly waned, and thus have they looked down upon us during the years and centuries which Time has cut off with his glistening scythe. During the long hours the flowers have grown up from their tender roots, and as they waxed stronger blossomed out and bloomed, only to wither away. The seas with their foamy crests have come rolling in from their endless boundary, and as they reached the shore broke upon the forbidding rocks. So has the time been spent since the reign of Ahasus.

When Ahasus was king, master, he was ruler over a hundred provinces which had their beginning in the far east, past the lofty sentinels of Suleiman at the burning sands of Thurr, while his territory towards the west extended deep into the dark continent. And he was great and powerful, beloved and respected by all his people, but deep down in his heart, master, he was unhappy. Yet he should have been content, for had he not everything which wealth and family could bring? Educated as all the princes before him had been, he was finally sent to the Temple of Rameses, to which prince and priest alike came, and, on one of those pilgrimages from his home to the land of the Sphinx, he met Hardassa, as the story runs, master, the only daughter of one of the priests belonging to his train. Many times had he to journey thence, and many times had he to return, and on every one of those journeys did he seek for her who was so pleasing to himself. But when the caravan had arrived at its destination Ahasus did not forget Hardassa. And so whenever his studies or his work permitted him, the two would wander down by the river's bank, and sitting there, pass the time in pleasant speech, he of his plans for the future, while Hardassa gladly listened and encouraged him, until the fading light of day cast its mellow color upon the grey stone of the pyramids, reflecting back the sunshine of their faces and warned them of the hour of return.

Thus Ahasus passed the earlier years of his life, in what was to him comparative sunshine,—sunshine of travel, of study and of love. The young prince, however, was not to remain in this elysium long, master, for the time soon came when he himself was to rule; what an interesting

prospect lay before him, the grandeur of which even his youthful mind failed to grasp. The stately palace of pure white marble which reared its turrets proudly above the highest palm in the park, the winding avenues, the gardens with their rare and costly plants, the miniature lakes, even the city, the provinces, the whole kingdom—all were his. Ahasus in his sense of possession sometimes thought even the people belonged to him, and in a way they did, for they themselves confessed it.

Time did not hang heavily on his hands, and in his new found duties he soon forgot Hardassa and the many pleasant hours which he had passed at her side. One day, Marsena, his chief councillor, came to him and said, "Ahasus, what thinkest thou of Vashti?" She is one of the princesses in thy kingdom, and would do thee credit." The king mentally acknowledged that she would, as none could rival her for beauty and culture, besides her wealth and position were greater than that of any other princess in the land, yet—and, master, a great sadness fell upon him, and he thought of her whose soul was so sympathetic with his, of her who was so far from him in body and position, but O! so near—Hardassa. Still Ahasus was ambitious. And so he took for wife, Vashti. She liked him in her selfish way, proud in the thought that she was his queen and shared the noblest throne of the times, and was not Ahasus clever in his just government, and in his schemes for the bettering of the people? Had she not everything which her veriest whim could fancy? Yes, she loved Ahasus. When he wished to be alone with his reveries she never disturbed him. Perhaps Vashti knew that it was impossible for her to enter into his projects, at any rate, she seemed content with her courtiers. And the king liked nothing better than to stroll through the park, musing to his heart's content, and as Vashti said, thinking of some new favor to bestow on herself or the people. Maybe, but in the depths of his heart he knew it was of Hardassa. How often had he wished for those happy days in the caravan, the listless conversations by the Nile, but now.

Yet it was such a long lonely way with not a turning,
So, master, I loved Naomi.

We were brave comrades, we, in our childhood, and then, likely, cemented the bonds which have held us together in spirit during our short lives; though I forgot the ties, not so Naomi. She was so unselfish, caring little for her ways, but more for mine. But then I knew not how near she was to me, until one day, when we were walking through the arbor by the aquarium, she turned suddenly and, placing her hands upon my shoulders, looked up at me, and said:

"Do you love me, Shethar, just a little?"

And I, looking down into the dark, pleading eyes glancing up at me so shyly, and beholding the fragile figure by my side, was for the moment carried away by my thoughts. When I had recovered myself, I answered:

"Do—I—love—you—Naomi."

With that it seemed as if a numbness had seized my heart and made it forget to beat, while in my pain I realized what her absence meant. Love her! Ah, yes, I did, even as much, dare I say it, as I loved my Creator. But she knew me better than I knew myself. I married Hardassa, but so different was she from her whom I have told you of, though belonging to her race. But all have gone now, master, and I, who am alone, will soon leave to join the Naomi of my youth. And master, promise me, when you have returned to the people of your queen, you will abide with her whom you love and not let ambition lead you too far—promise me.

And I, a child of impulse, promised.

WILL H. INGRAM.

Athletics

THE ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP.—

This championship so long in doubt and so eagerly claimed by both the Dental School and University College, has at last fallen to the former, who, after a hard fought fight, add this to their other laurels in the athletic field. This year the Dentals have taken a very great stride in athletics and have worked hard and successfully in all branches of sport. They have, however, shown a tendency which is quite natural, and which owing to their victories has become more accentuated. This tendency is to set, in all athletics, the College above the University. Doubtless this tendency will die out and they will follow closely in the footsteps of the Meds and come to be among the firmest supporters of the blue and white. Nothing does more to develop and foster this spirit than the Association series, and on the other hand nothing does more to kill it than the presence of men from all Faculties and Schools working together on one team for the whole University. This is the first time that the Association Cup has, left our hands and all will join with me in congratulating the winners and rejoicing that while the cup has left the College it has not left the University.

THE BASEBALL CLUB.—

Last year the baseball club took a firm step to ultimate success when it started work early in the spring and gave much greater encouragement than ever before to the undergraduates by playing them alone upon the team, this policy will be adhered to this year. Mr. McEntee expects to start work early in next week in the old bowling alley in the Gymnasium. The tour which has been planned for the team is probably the finest ever mapped out for any club leaving the University. The first game will be played in Rochester and the route from there on will be through Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts probably as far as Boston. Many of the College teams, which will be met have become famous as baseball centres and it will give the men a thorough trial. Every baseball lover should hand in his name to the manager or to Parry, the captain, and do his best to win a place. The best man in every case will get the position.

The Athletic Association elections have passed off very quietly. Telford, Gibson and Harrison were elected by acclamation from the third year, and Aylsworth and Campbell from the second. From the three former the three executive officers will be elected and as they are all hard working and practical athletes the Association is to be congratulated upon its good fortune. Gibson served during the past year and should have acquired some valuable experience.

—THE REFEREE.

Our representatives in hockey having won their second game against Stratford, have now reached the semi-finals. This game against Stratford was not so clean and fast as was the first one, and in the second half Varsity was badly demoralized by the rough hard checking of the Stratford team. None of the Varsity men are naturally rough, and one and all are unable to play roughly and at the same time effectively. While the team devoted its energy to playing, the work all round was of a very satisfactory kind. Sheppard played by far the best game of the night. Snell was hardly up to his high standard, while Isbester showed marked improvement in form on that of his last appearance in Toronto. Broder is by no means the find that was anticipated, and fills but poorly the place that should have been made by Elliott, who held it last year.

The News

THE WOMAN'S LITERARY SOCIETY AT HOME.

CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 9th, 8.00 p.m., Varsity vs. Peterboro, Mutual St. Rink.

Friday, Feb. 10th, 8.30 p.m., The CONVERSAT.

Saturday, Feb. 11th., 3.00 p.m., Saturday Lecture.
8.00 p.m., Canadian Institute.

"Letters from Newark," 1792 to 1800, Miss Fitzgibbon.

Come to the Conversat.

To-morrow night the result of all the work of the committees in charge of the Conversat. finds culmination. It is unnecessary to republish the arrangements for the evening, for they are well known by this time. We can only add that no effort has been spared to make the function a huge success, and to induce all undergraduates to come. We earnestly hope that the committee will be met half way by the students, and that a larger number than has yet been known will patronize the Conversat. this year.

The following is the concert programme, and it will be seen what a splendid series of selections will be given:

East Hall.—1. Violin, Polonaise-Wieniawski, Miss Louie Fulton. 2. Vocal, Mlle. Trebelli. 3. Vocal, "I never can forget," W. J. Knox. 4. Elocution, selection, Mr. Cameron. 5. Vocal, Mlle. Trebelli. 6. Elocution, selection, Mr. Cameron.

West Hall.—1. Violin, Bolero (German) Miss Lena Hays. 2. Elocution, selection, Mr. Cameron. 3. Vocal, Mlle. Trebelli. 4. Vocal, "O moon of my delight," Lehmann, Mr. Alex. M. Gorrie. 5. Elocution, Mr. Cameron. 6. Vocal, Mlle. Trebelli.

Accompanists, Mrs. H. M. Blight, Mr. Edmund Hardy, Mus. Bac.

Come to the Conversat.

NEW PUBLICATION BY DR. WICKETT.

Dr. S. Morley Wickett has for some time past been working on the translation of a German work on Political Economy—*Economic Evolution*, by Dr. Bucher, of Leipzig. This book treats of the different typical phases of economic evolution, from the stage of primitive culture, where the "individual search for food" prevails, to "division and labor," and the formation of social classes "characteristic of the present age." Interesting side-lights are also thrown upon the course of evolution, by special studies of characteristically prominent features of later industrial development—The Rise of Journalism, Internal Migrations, and the Towns in their Historical Development.

The manuscripts are about ready for the press, and we hope that Dr. Wickett's arduous undertaking will have its merited reward in the success of the publication.

—The United States army surgeons are reported as having alleged that the College Athletes did not undergo the hardships of the Cuban campaign as well as the ordinary soldiers. In contradiction to this, however, we have the more reliable assertion from the British army authorities that College Athletes make the best officers and privates in the army.

Last Saturday night, what proved one of the most enjoyable functions of the year, took place, and the committee and members of the Woman's Literary Society are to be greatly congratulated on the successful outcome of their efforts to give their friends a pleasant evening. The Students' Union and Gymnasium presented almost the same gay appearance as at Rugby dance, and but for the pleasant informality which prevailed one might have been easily deceived. In the Hall upstairs an enjoyable concert was given, and a very successful comedietta presented by the women. Miss White and Miss Ryckman received in the Gymnasium, and an energetic reception committee made every one feel at home. Refreshments were served in the Reading Room, and sitting out places and cosy corners were thoughtfully provided by the committee—careful to see that no means of possible pleasure should be omitted. About ten o'clock an informal dance was proceeded with, and it is only to be regretted that the committee were on their honour to see that it did not last later than eleven. At the latter hour, with cruel punctuality, "Home, Sweet Home" was touchingly rendered by the orchestra, and we all took the hint and scattered, with the most pleasant recollections of a very enjoyable evening. We congratulate Miss White, her committee, and the members of the society on the great success of their annual At Home.

NEWS NOTES.

We are sorry that the president is not well yet. His attack of grip was more severe than was thought. We hope, however, that he will be well again soon.

We are glad to see Mr. E. C. Jeffrey back to Varsity again. He has spent the last four or five months at Harvard, working in Botany, and just completed his thesis for his Ph.D. Degree a short time before returning home.

Prof. Prince of the Department of Fisheries, Ottawa, gave a very interesting lecture in the Saturday Lecture Series. His remarks were illustrated by a number of lantern slides.

Prof. Prince also lectured in the evening at the Canadian Institute, on the microscopic structure of the electrical organs of fishes.

Prof. and Mrs. McCurdy gave a very pleasant At-Home on Tuesday last. A large number of undergraduates were present, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

The Mathematical and Physical Society held its second regular meeting of the Easter term on Friday, 3rd inst. A. M. Scott, Ph. D., gave an interesting discussion of the problem of Contact Electricity. C. Engler, '01, read a paper on the History of Mathematics of the middle ages. At the next meeting, on March 3rd, the president will read a paper on "The Foundations of Geometry" by J. H. McDonald, B.A., of Chicago University; and A. G. McPhedrin, '01, will read a paper on "Modern Mathematics." The open meeting announced for March 3rd, has been unavoidably deferred to some later date.

The open meeting of the Natural Science Association will be held at the Biological Building next Thursday night, Feb. 16, at 8 o'clock, instead of the 17th, as first reported. The programme will be as given last week, and a splendid time is assured. All undergraduates, their friends and the friends of the University are invited.

MOCK PARLIAMENT.

The announcement of a Mock Parliament between the first and second years seemed to be a signal to the seniors and juniors that they might take a night off; for when the Lit. was called to order by the President on Friday evening, there were few present besides the Executive Committee and those who were going to take part in the Parliament. There was little or no business transacted except the reading of the minutes and an announcement by the Vice-President concerning the Conversat., and the Society quickly resolved itself into a Mock Parliament, with Mr. Theo. Hunt, B.A., as Speaker. The Freshman Cabinet Ministers marched in two by two, and with their supporters took seats in the Government benches on the right of the Speaker, the opposite side of the House being filled with quite an array of Sophs., while the Executive Committee and a few others of the faithful held down the seats of the Third Party.

The address to the Throne was moved by Mr. Isaac "Undoubtedly" Woods, and seconded by Mr. Alex. Wright. Sir Richard Cartwright Hamilton was the Freshman Premier, and his Cabinet was composed of many Premier Freshmen and titled politicians, who showed great debating and oratorical ability in supporting the policy which they had laid before the House. The speeches of Messrs. Hamilton and Cunningham were especially brilliant, and certainly were the best of the evening, while Stewart, Paterson, McKay, Loughheed and Allen (whose dry humor was simply irresistible) advanced many arguments in favor of their platform, and answered the Opposition's questions with ready wit.

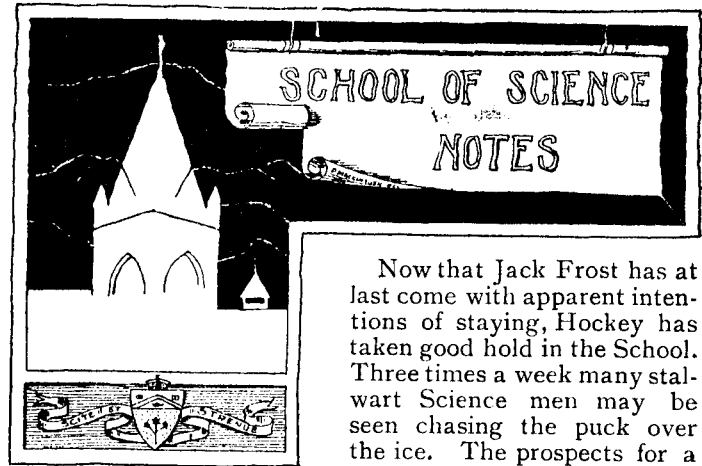
Mr. Kylie, leader of the Opposition, attacked the Government's policy in a very clever speech, and was ably supported by Messrs. Cassidy, of Intercolonial Railway fame; Aylesworth, the great "Labor" organizer; Miller, with the watchful ear; Brophay, otherwise known as "Mud"; E. P. Brown, author of "A Short Discussion on the Population of Canada"; Wilcox, Fisher, Burton, Chapman, Armstrong and Watson. The Opposition showed both wit and sarcasm in their sharp questions and scathing attacks on the Government; and their points of order on certain careless words and deeds of the Cabinet were exceedingly well taken, and often forced the Speaker to exercise all his ingenuity and superior judgment.

Mr. E. Cooper was the only member of the Third Party who entered into the discussion, and soon showed the Government where he and his followers stood; but the hopes of the Opposition soon sank as they saw these new-found allies one by one desert the field of battle; and when the question was put to the House, the Government was sustained without a division.

Y. M. C. A.

The study of some of the social evils of the non-Christian world is proving of great interest to those who attend the Mission Study Class. The class meets on Saturday evening at 7.30, in the parlor of the Young Men's Christian Association building, and all students are cordially invited to come and spend an hour in the discussion of these most interesting and important themes.

Sir Humphrey Davy was the subject for thought at the Natural Science meeting last week. His "Life" was well outlined by Mr. McCulloch, and his "works" were the subject of a first-class paper by Mr. H. H. Smith.



Now that Jack Frost has at last come with apparent intentions of staying, Hockey has taken good hold in the School. Three times a week many stalwart Science men may be seen chasing the puck over the ice. The prospects for a fairly strong team at the School are good, but much practice in combination play is needed. There is good material for a forward line in Macdonald, Ritchie, Bolger and Thorne, of whom the last named is a very good shot. But the good defense men are wanting, with the exception of Capt. Boehmer, in whose hands the goal will be safe.

Mr. W. Monds took a night off last week to see Col. Otter review the schoolboys before their departure for Tampa. He says the examination was very severe, one lad being rejected because he lacked a back tooth, another who has all his teeth was left behind because one needed filling.

It is rumored that since Friday night, "Billy" has been haunting the infirmary of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons preparatory to enlisting in the engineering corps of the School.

THE PROPOSED YEAR BOOK FOR '99.

There has been felt, we believe, a general regret among the members of the graduating year, that the project of publishing a Year Book as a souvenir of '99 had been allowed to lapse. It was the intention of the present editor of this paper to devote an extra large number of THE VARSITY exclusively to the biographies of the members of the present graduating class, but, after careful consideration he came to the conclusion that the publication of a year book was both feasible and desirable. The proposed plan of the book is briefly as follows: The main feature of it will be the biographies—short sketches—of the men and women of '99, which if it is considered possible at this late date, will be illustrated by individual cuts. There will follow sketches of the lower years and lists of their members. A description of the various undergraduate organizations, clubs, etc., athletic library and otherwise will be included, while throughout the book will be scattered poems and stories by the members of '99. The whole will occupy some two hundred and fifty pages and will be illustrated throughout with numerous cuts of committees, athletic teams, buildings, etc. The name has not been definitely decided upon, but will probably be "The Blue and White," '99.

It is hoped the members of the year will assist the editor in the undertaking.

A very close election resulted at the medical elections Friday night. Scott and Flathe were tie, but the returning officer declared the former President for next year.

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THE CONVERSAZIONE.

The value of social intercourse is rarely appreciated as it deserves by the first and second year undergraduates, and also in many many cases by the members of the third and fourth year. The reason for this apparently is, that men come to the University imbued with the idea that knowledge is everything, and social broadening little or nothing. They have been accustomed to believe that the chief end of a University man is to glorify learning, and pursue it with that vigorous severity which is supremely characteristic of an earnest student. It is astonishing, however, how many men change during the third and fourth years, and it often becomes difficult to imagine that one is really shaking hands with the same man. The whole nature of the individual is changed. He is broadened and tempered. If you should ask him the reason he would probably answer "social intercourse."

The present third and fourth years are no exception to the rule, and it seems to us that they have an immediate and excellent opportunity of reaching the members of the first and second years, and giving them the result of their experience in this direction. Tomorrow night the great Graduate, Undergraduate and Faculty function of the year will be held, and it becomes incumbent on each student to assist in making the affair a marked success. Moreover we think it the duty of the third and fourth year men to induce as many men as possible of the lower years to take advantage of this splendid opportunity of broadening themselves in this important direction.

The Conversazioni of two and three years ago were so arranged that all tastes would be suited—of those who danced, and those who wished only to promenade or enjoy a concert, and the exhibits of the work of different departments of undergraduate endeavour. It is true the older friends of the University may have spent a more enjoyable evening under this arrangement, but it was primarily considered as an inducement to undergraduates to patronize the Conversat. It was well known that the latter did not take advantage of the opportunity, so last year a dance was

made the chief form of entertainment. This year the present committee determined to again present a variety of entertainment, with the hope that undergraduates, graduates, faculty, young, old, dancers and non-dancers would alike thoroughly enjoy themselves; but especially that all undergraduates would be suited and induced to come.

Splendid facilities for dancing will be provided in the East and West Halls, while the lower corridors offer equally pleasurable opportunities for promenading. Madame Trebelli will form the star of a number of splendid entertainers, and a magnificent concert is assured. The exhibits of the Natural Science Association and School of Science men will doubtless be very interesting. Thus every imaginable form of entertainment is provided, and it certainly will be the person's own fault should anyone not enjoy himself. The price of the tickets, too, is within the reach of all, and it is to be earnestly hoped that old Varsity will be crowded to-morrow night with undergraduates, graduates and faculty members, and that the hard work of the committee will find their only reward—the feeling that an enjoyable evening has been provided for the students, their friends, and the friends of the University.

ACTIVE AND EXECUTIVE DUTIES.

Any fourth year man who looks back over the chief officers of the Athletic Directorate for several years, must be forcibly struck with the fact that these men, almost without exception, have been not only active athletes, but the leaders in various departments of athletics. Now the functions of the officers of the Athletic Directorate are almost solely executive, and does it not seem unfair that heavy active, and heavier executive duties, should be placed on the shoulders of the same men.

This past year Snell, Douglas and Russel have filled the chief executive offices of the Directorate, and filled them well, but, besides all the heavy work that this entails, each man has been an active participant in one or more than one branch of athletics. In '98 Hobbs, Martin and Rutherford did the same, and this generality is applicable to the officers of the Athletic Directorate generally for many years past. It seems to us that a man is doing enough when he carries out successfully either executive or active athletic duties. The men themselves are often not to blame, for they are forced to stand for election by their friends, who are laboring under the mistaken idea that excellence on the field of sport finds its just reward in the election to one of the honorable executive offices of the Athletic Directorate. We mention this because exactly the same thing has happened again this year. Messrs. Gibson, Telford and Harrison, have been entrusted with the executive duties of the Athletic Directorate for next year, and we take much pleasure in congratulating them. We feel sure, moreover, that the affairs of the Association will be well directed by them. Each of these men, however, is not only an active but a prominent athlete, and it is entirely unnecessary to enumerate their achievements in this direction.

We merely point this out with the hope that the present second year, whose duty it will be to elect three men next year, will realize and keep in mind the unfairness of expecting a man to excel in Athletics as well as carry out laborious executive duties. Men can be found who are sufficiently acquainted with Athletics, though not active athletes, and endowed with enough executive ability to administer the affairs of the Athletic Directorate successfully.

ODDS AND ENDS.

We had no idea that there was so much feeling among the undergraduates against specialization until we broached the subject some three weeks ago. Numerous letters have been received, a number of which have been published, and these have all agreed (both published and unpublished) that the present system is not the best, and that, at least, a student should be allowed options in the honor courses. We regret that other letters cannot be published, and although the continuation of the discussion might be valuable, we think it is, perhaps, advisable that it should stop. We have endeavored to make the discussion respectful throughout, and hope we have succeeded. It was begun with the hope that it would be of material assistance to the moulders of our courses of study should a change in the curriculum be contemplated. In conclusion we would add that, although but three courses have been treated in the letters published, we are led to believe, from conversation with men in the other courses, that the same failing prevails among them. Generally speaking, moreover, we have not the least hesitation in saying that the great majority of the undergraduates are in sympathy with a change which shall allow a man to elect his studies, at least to a certain extent.

Since the publication of our editorial on the '99 Memorial, what we think is a splendid suggestion, has emanated from a member of the faculty. It is that a suitably embellished banner should be presented to the University by each graduating class. Moreover, that members of each of the post graduating classes should be induced to provide a banner for their particular year. These would form characteristic and interesting souvenirs, which could be displayed, and used as decorations, at our various social functions.

THIS WEEK'S VARSITY.

We publish this week two articles by graduates, one a sketch of the past, by Mr. A. H. Young who is well-known in these columns, and the other a discussion on an interesting subject by an Alumna.

The undergraduate contributions are from Mr. W. Harvey McNairn, '99, and Mr. W. H. Ingram, '01. We hope contributions from undergraduates will continue to be freely offered for publication.

WOMAN'S VIEW-POINT.

In one of the recently published articles of THE VARSITY, entitled, "Jerome K. Jerome," my attention was particularly attracted by the following sentence; "His (Jerome's), treatment of his subject appeals more to men from the mere fact that his view-point is always that of a man, which is necessarily essentially different from, and usually out of sympathy with that of a woman."

This somewhat startling remark, together with similar statements in the different numbers of THE VARSITY, of which I made no verbal record, induces me to raise the question: "Is man's view of life necessarily essentially different from that of woman?" Whatever my opinion may be in this matter, I shall answer in the affirmative, for argument's sake.

It may not be amiss, first to find out how the notion of the "essential difference" arises in the young man's mind. Perhaps he never had any sisters, but, the probability is that he had some girl playmates before he was ten years of age. From his intercourse with these youthful maidens he arrived at the delightful conclusion of one of George Eliot's well-known male characters, that "a girl is a thing that can't throw a stone, and shrieks at the sight of a toad." After his 12th year of age, when our young man becomes more and more engrossed in Hockey, Football, and Baseball, he scorns the society of girls, because they are "no good" at such games. His contempt for the weak sex, however, is becoming rather modified when he enters his 18th year, because he discovers that girls have a few redeeming features, although they cannot be "quarter-backs." When he goes to College he thinks he has a profound knowledge of womankind, and begins to theorize and philosophize about "woman's views," and "feminine tastes," with an assurance characteristic of his age. He has a vague notion that a girl is a weak, vain creature, unduly fond of dress, candy, flattery and small talk, entirely unfit to discuss with him any question of vital interest to humanity—but altogether a delightful parlor ornament. His associates at College are mostly men, and from these, as well as from certain books, he gets some rather astonishing views about the other sex.

"Women have no sense of humor nor the gift of sarcasm;" "women cannot control large masses of people, because they lack self-control;" "women are illogical and jump at conclusions," etc., etc. But even if our young man does not hold such flattering opinions of woman's intellect, there is a lurking suspicion in his mind that girls have a different way of looking at things from men, that men's and women's interests are not the same, just as the followers of Kant were all haunted by the phantom of the "thing in itself."

Granted this "difference," mentioned above, I think it is very surprising that girls inherit only the mental qualities of their mothers, and boys of their fathers, never *vice versa*; for if the latter happened, where would be the alleged difference?

Man's point of view necessarily differs essentially from woman's; yet in the realms of stern Mathematics, where there is generally only *one* right road (but a great many wrong ones) to the desired end, girls must sometimes look at a problem from a man's point of view, because it is known that they occasionally get it right.

There are even such phenomena as women graduates in Mathematics and Science.

Since woman's mental attitude to the things of this world differs essentially from man's, it is astonishing that confusion and disorder in the most important concerns of life do not result from it. How can a woman's evidence at a trial have the same weight as a man's, she looking at things from an entirely different point of view?

How can the Education Department of this fair province, as well as of other lands, be so rash as to trust woman with the administration of knowledge, even to young men, as is actually the case in High-Schools? Is it not a sin to let them study French, German, Classics, Mathematics, from a woman's point of view? I am also surprised at the forbearance of the University Examiners. The "essential difference" should enable them to tell a woman's paper in spite of the pseudonym; so why do they not mark her down, where there is only one right way of answering? Surely a certain learned Professor must be wrong, when he says that he can by no means tell with certainty, whether an essay is written by a man or woman; and everybody will admit that an essay betrays far more the individuality of the writer than a Scientific treatise or Mathematical problem. I am afraid I myself must plead guilty to holding masculine views, since I find the stories of Jerome K. Jerome very amusing, and have had many a good laugh over them.

"Yet," my opponents will argue, "there is a difference in the tastes of men and women." I suppose smoking will be quoted as being relished only by men. This is certainly true of the Western countries (perhaps with the exception of Ireland, where the old woman with the traditional pipe is found yet), but not of Russia and the Orient, where smoking is as common among ladies as afternoon tea in England.

Leaving out the unmarried woman, who has the same position and responsibilities in life as man, and whose tastes on that account could not be very different from her brother's, and taking the average married woman, say a farmer's wife, who will say that her tastes differ essentially from her husband's? No doubt there is many a young man at College who knows that his mother takes just as much pride in the stock, is just as shrewd in making a bargain, and as good a hand in hitching up a horse as his father.

And is it not the same in commercial life? Let nobody say that the tastes of men and women are "necessarily essentially different," as long as men shampoo and dress ladies hair, and sell them silk blouses, handkerchiefs, and ribbon; or as long as women speculate in real estate, and secure "a corner in wheat," or other commodities in the great markets of the world.

But some might object that women do not take the same interest in Sports and Athletics as men. True, though with some reservations. Women make excellent riders on horseback and the bicycle, they play tennis and golf, but none of the games that require a great amount of physical strength. But is the Athlete the only type of manhood, or is the fondness for baseball and football not rather characteristic of the adolescent stage? How many men care for these games when they feel the stress and the responsibilities of life? I think the man of 30 or 40, who, as a rule, is married,

will not be so positive with regard to woman's "different" views of life. He knows her better than the youth who, owing to the artificial restraint and prejudices by which the intercourse of young people of different sexes are very often hampered, seldom gets to know the real nature of the girl. But suppose there is freedom of intercourse; as long as man thinks that in woman's company he must talk differently from what he would in man's, as long as his conversation consists of small talk, seasoned with compliments and varied by flirtation, he imposes upon her a false and unnatural attitude towards him. But let him appeal to her broader sympathies, to what constitutes the higher human nature, and the true woman will come out.

No doubt there are marriages where wives do not share their husbands' interests; but that is sometimes owing to an aversion of one part towards the other; at other times *not* to the fact that the wife is a woman, but that she is a different mental type, since it must be admitted that even men's minds are not all made after the same pattern. Sometimes a wife cannot be a companion to her husband in the truest sense of the word, because she is not as well educated as he. But that is no fault of hers. As long as parents will think that nothing but a College education is good enough for Johnny, while they suffer his sister to spend some of the best years of her life in "teaching Public School," in order to save enough for her College course, there is something wrong in our social conditions.

But although we are far from the ideal state, yet, there is one fact that is becoming more and more recognized by the deepest thinkers and greatest champions of truth; that there is one Decalogue and one Code of Honor for men and women, that true manhood and true womanhood are essentially the same, because it is humanity in the highest and noblest sense.

ALUMNA, '95.

THE COLLEGE GIRL.

Last week, Miss E. Ross, who has taken Miss Prentiss' place as one of the travelling secretaries of the Student's volunteer movement, on account of the illness of the latter, paid a visit to the Y.W.C.A., and spoke for a short time on the volunteer work. She left with the girls this text, "There was a man sent from God whose name was John," and urged the necessity for each girl to find out where her place in life was. Then the meeting was thrown open to the members to give any thoughts they had on "Answered Prayer." All the girls seemed to have thought about the subject, and the end of the hour came all too soon.

Varsity students will sympathize with Miss M. E. Mason, '00, in the loss of her younger sister, who died last Saturday at Grace Hospital.

— The women undergraduates of Queen's University, it would appear, from the *Queen's Journal*, are striving for recognition in the Alma Mater Society. The latter is the governing body of the undergraduate affairs in the University, and, however natural it may be for the ladies to wish to have even "representation by population," it seems that their confreres are

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to confess ignorance. Finally the Professor became ex-
asperated, and down fell his dignity with a crash as he
sarcastically inquired : " Well, my ' little fellow, ' and have
you ever heard of Queen Victoria ? "

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Of all the girls I meet.
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Your slave till time is through :
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A girl in white and blue. — Ex.

THE PAST OF FOOTBALL.

As early as the end of the sixteenth century, it would
seem from the two following quotations people were
wrangling over the advantage or disadvantage, the bene-
fits or evils of the noble game of Football. In 1583 one
Philip Stubbes thus inveighs against football in unmis-
takable terms :

" For, as concerning football-playing, I protest unto
you that it may rather be called a friendlie kinde of a
fyghte than a play or recreation—a bloody and murther-
ing practice than a fellowly sport or pastime."

" They have sleights to meet one betwixt two, to dash
him against the heart with their elbowes, to butt him
under the short ribs with their gripped fists and with their
knees, to catch him on the hip and pick him on the neck
with a hundred such murthering devices. And hereof
groweth envy, rancour and malice, and sometimes brawl-
ing murther, homicide and great effusion of blood—as
experience daily teacheth."

A publication of 1602 contained the following quaint
criticism of Football, and is interesting as expressing the
other side of the question to that of the previous quota-
tion : " The play is verilie both rude and rough, yet such
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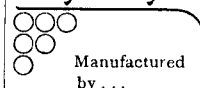
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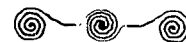
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DECEMBER—

- Last day for appointment of School Auditors by Public and Separate School Trustees. [P.S. Act, sec. 21 (1); S.S. Act, sec. 28 (5).] (On or before 1st Dec.)
 Municipal Clerk to transmit to County Inspector statement showing whether or not any county rate for Public School purposes has been placed upon Collector's roll against any Separate School supporter. [P.S. Act, sec. 63 (1); S.S. Act, sec. 50.] (Not later than 1st Dec.)
- County Model Schools Examinations begin. (During the last week of the session.)
- Practical Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (Subject to appointment.)
- Returning Officers named by resolution of Public School Board. [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2).] (Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.)
 Last day for Public and Separate School Trustees to fix places for nomination of Trustees. [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2); S.S. Act, sec. 31 (5).] (Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.)
- Local Assessment to be paid Separate School Trustees. [S.S. Act, sec. 55.] (Not later than 14th Dec.)
 Written Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (Subject to appointment.)
- Municipal Council to pay Secretary-Treasurer Public School Boards all sums levied and collected in township. [P.S. Act, sec. 67 (1).] (On or before 15th Dec.)
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W. M. McKinnon, '97, came back to see his lady friends at Varsity last Saturday night at the Woman's Literary Society "At-Home."

S. H. Armstrong, '99, has been under the weather for the last week. It isn't "grip," but we hope he will be back soon.

J. G. Merrick, '97, visited the Woman's Lit. At-Home Saturday night, and assisted in giving the young ladies a good time.

Wren, '99, was so unfortunate as to get hurt in the game with the Dents, and we are sorry to see him limping around again.

A well-known member of '01 had an interesting experience at the At-Home Saturday night. He was introduced to a somewhat young looking man and opened the conversation thus: "It seems to me I have met you before."

"Is that so?" was the answer.

"Yes; your face is very familiar. I don't usually forget faces; you're in the first year, are you not?" said the sophomore.

"Well, no; but do you take lectures in second year mathematics?"

"Yes."

"Well, I think I have the pleasure of lecturing to you sometimes."

John McKay was in a sort of a trance all last Monday. He felt he should keep awake, but Dame Nature had been treated to a 3.30 a.m. vigil the previous night, and was somewhat reluctant to allow John to keep awake, and probably the cares of the Conversat. also "weighed his heavy eyelids down."

If anyone had chanced around the Gym. Saturday afternoon they might have seen several Residence men, among whom might be included several of the more serious and less easily led of that august fifteen, peacefully washing dishes under the guiding eye of several freshettes. "'Tis passing strange that man should stoop so low."—*Old Song.*

"Bob" Hunter, '99, at last fell victim to the "grippe" just as all his friends had finished their battles with the destroyer.

"Jack" Hogg was rather used up after the game with the Dents—as much at heart as otherwise.

We congratulate Campbell and Aylsworth on being elected representatives of the second year to the Athletic Directorate, and also Biggs of the first year.

A "picked team" from Varsity journeyed over to Knox last Friday to play a hockey match with the team from that College. Rumor hath it that they met with an alarming defeat, the score being lost count of when it had run into the double figures. The "picked team" consisted of Dixon, Telford, Russel, Alexander, Allan, LeSueur and ———.

Word from Edmonton reports Jas. Little well at present, but threatened with an extreme case of corpulency, he having gained twelve pounds in weight lately. Jimmie reports that at times he longs for Varsity and the Knox dining hall.

Charlie Barber is pursuing the even tenor of his way in Second Year Philosophy at Chicago University.

"Rolly" Parsons, '97, who is at present working on the new Song Book, was at the At-Home Saturday night.

We are sorry to hear that A. L. Burch is compelled to be absent from lectures for a couple of weeks.



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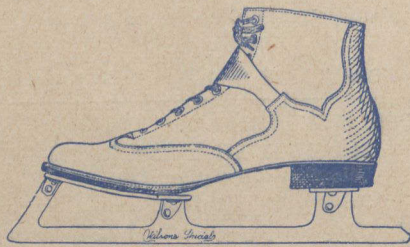


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