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"Wet or Dry" There has been much excitement and fervid eloquence floating around the Arts Faculty for the past two weeks on the burning question of the Annual Dinner. In former times this function took place in the usual manner, and the question as to whether or not other than "Soft Drinks" should be allowed, never entered into the heads of either the students or committee. Two years ago, however, the point was brought up for discussion by some earnest soul and now for the third time the question has been raised, with the result that it has been decided to have the dinner "dry" and seventy-eight melancholy faces and one hundred and thirty-eight correspondingly joyful ones, proclaim the result of the vote.

The usual absurd arguments were advanced on either side, the temperance men crying to Heaven of the "curse of drink" the ruin of the freshman, etc.; while the pro-liquor interest demanded where were their rights and liberties as Canadians and whether, in a free country, a man could not have wine with his meals if he had the wherewithal to pay the check.

It seems to us that a discussion of this kind is a mistake and tends to put the students in a false light before the public. One outsider reading the accounts might gather that one-half of the Arts men were habitual drunkards and the other half angels of light striving to save their souls; another might view the question as that of the average student fighting against fanaticism, and both would be in error. We understand that a clause in the Arts Undergraduate Society constitution gives to the executive committee the power to make arrangements for entertainment of guests and we advise them in future to stick to the letter of the law and save the annual discussion which only makes the Arts Faculty ridiculous in the eyes of the rest of the College We would like to be unbiased but—we feel sorry for the guest of honour.



GEO. WEIR, President Arts Undergrad. Society.

This, our latest hero, George Weir (no middle name and therefore omitted), was born some time ago in Manitoba, some twenty-four years since, to be more exact.

He commenced his education in the States at one of the public schools of No. th Dakota, and there acquired an American accent that required several operations to remove, but which at the present time has entirely vanished. From there he moved to Petrolia, Ont., and continued to absorb knowledge at the High School of that imperial city. Petrolia is the centre of the oil district and hence we presume comes George's smooth and easy flow of language, for he is ready to speak to all eternity upon any subject.

But to continue. Slipping out of Petrolia he went to Toronto University and there took a year's work at the end of which he again desired a change and went west, this time entering the Normal School at Regina, leaving in '06 with a first class professional teacher's certificate.

George then came to the conclusion he had had enough education and therefore entered the Arts Faculty of McGill in the fall of '08. In his second year he remained modestly in the background, and it is believed that he plugged; and as he captured third place in the year, there may be some foundation for these rumors.

In his third year he was elected Vice-President of the Arts Undergraduate Society, and in his fourth year succeeded to the Presidency of that body. This in itself is not so remarkable as the fact that since he has held the latter office, the Society has shown some signs of life, and anyone who can galvanize that torpid and self-satisfied body into anything remotely resembling a respectable insti-

tution is certainly a superior man. This Mr. Weir has succeeded in doing and for this he deserves the greatest credit, which we take great pleasure in giving him. The Arts Undergrad. has been prodded and poked and kicked, till it has held meetings with a respectable attendance, has stirred itself up and has even risen to the height of getting men from other colleges to address it. This is Mr. Weir's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

George is a Liberal by nature, a Cabinet Minister up to 10.23 p.m. last Saturday, and has just successfully conducted a temperance campaign. "Down with the Drink," is his war-cry, and on the 8th he will illustrate his views, assisted by an able cast.

Next year he is going to take up the study of law at Osgoode Hall. With his fluent tongue, organizing capacity and his educated taste in Y. M. C. A. cocktails and cigars, we foresee a great future for him in the Wooly West, and we wish him every success in his future profession.

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Said I, "Of course you know that this Is no affair of mine. But still, if you want my advice, I'd plump for wine."

A tear of joy suffused his eye, He turned and shook my hand. Emotion racked him so that he Could scarcely stand.

"Soft drinks," quoth he, "we'll none of them, We'll throw them to the dogs, We want the cup that cheers; we are Not Theologs.

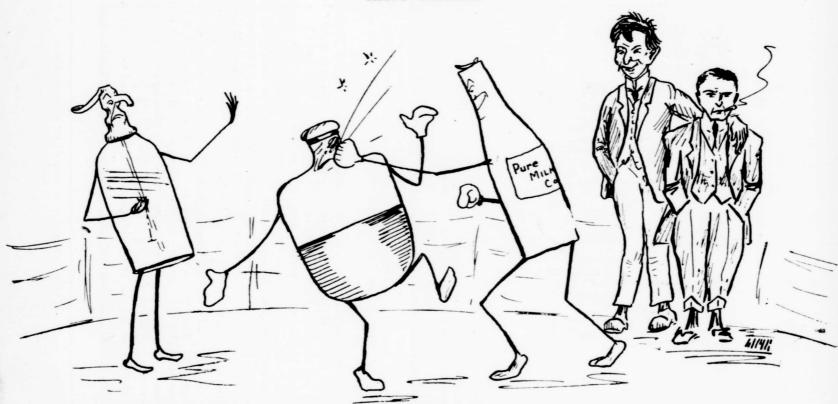
I met him just the other day
Upon the avenue.
"Your feed was dry," I said, "why this
Is something new."

"Alas! the good old days have gone For e'er and aye," he cried. "Sooner than I had come to this Would I had died."

Cheer up, cheer up, Arts Undergrad.
Things aren't so bad, for say!
You might have had to eat in the
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BIM.

ARTS DINNER



COUNTED OUT



Hockey— On Friday, January 20th, before an immense crowd, comToronto—McGill. posed largely of students, the McGill Hockey Team suffered
its initial defeat for the season 1911. The score 15–3 is
a fair index of the game, McGill being simply outclassed during the entire period
of play. At all points of the game, the Toronto students displayed their vast
superiority over their lighter opponents from Montreal. Their shooting was
superb while their checking and stick-handling was far in advance of the work
of McGill.

The McGill defence was weakened considerably by the loss of Moseley, who was unable to play owing to a death in his family. Cassels went back to point and Masson replaced Cassels at cover-point. These changes undoubtedly weakened McGill and are perhaps accountable to some extent at least for the crushing defeat. McGill was further handicapped by the small ice surface, the Mutual Street Rink being nearly forty feet shorter than the Victoria, in which they are accustomed to practice. However, the superiority of the Toronto team must be admitted. If McGill is to win the Championship this year, many changes will be necessary in the personnel of the team.

The chief trouble seems to have been with the forwards, who were altogether disorganized. They did not 'check back' at all and so were of little aid to the defence in keeping down the score The necessary vim and fight were entirely wanting. The wing men did not go into the corners while the shooting of the centres was at times pitiable.

McGill must improve materially in order to defeat Queen's here to-morrow night.

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The McGill team lined up as follows:-

Goal													. Woodyatt.
Point													.Cassels.
Cover													
Right Wing													Forman.
Left Wing													
Centre													
Rover													Scott.

McGili III vs. The third team played St. Lamberts at St. Lamberts on St. Lamberts. Saturday afternoon and defeated them by a score of 3 to 1. Deputy Assistant Argue was in charge of the team, which contained the following heroes:..

Goal, Mann; Point, Wood; Cover, Lyons; Rover, Brown; Centre, Darling;. Left Wing, Laing; Right Wing, Goodeve (Capt.); Spares, McNaughton and Graham.

Basket-Ball. Although the score 43-19 looks rather disastrous, it is Toronto vs. McGill. hardly a measure of the relative merits of the two teams. The shooting of the Toronto quintette was nothing short of phenomenal, while the McGill men could not locate the strange baskets at all. On team play McGill had slightly the advantage and on their own floor will doubtless win out. The team was disorganized on account of the absence of Calder, who is laid up with a bad knee. The husky guard was badly missed.

The teams lined up:-

McGill (19).	TORONTO (43).
H. R. Cockfield, Capt Forward.	Boddy.
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L. G. Dennison "	

Swimming. The breaking of one Canadian and three College records featured the interclass swimming meet at Laurentian Baths, Friday evening, Jan. 20.

E. Stavert, Science '14, went 57 feet 10 inches, breaking all Canadian marks in the long plunge event, while G. Draper set new college marks of 29 secs. for the 50 yards and I min. 8 secs. for the hundred.

Draper also won the individual championship, winning the swimming under water and the diving, and taking a third in the long plunge.

The polo match was interesting, but Science was handicapped by the absence through illness of two stars, Pengelly and Abbott, and were beaten out 2 to 1.

Summary.—50 yds—1st, G. Draper; 2nd, E. Mackay; 3rd, J. Kerry. Time, 29 secs. (record).

100 yds.—1st, G. Draper; 2nd, J. Thom; Time, 1.081 (record).

200 yds.—Ist, J. Kerry; 2nd, J. B. de Hart. Time, 3.17.

Diving-Ist, G. Draper; 2nd, K. Darling; 3rd, J. B. de Hart.

Long Plunge—1st, E. Stavert; 2nd, J. Kerry, 3rd, G. Draper. Distance, 57 feet 10 ins.

50 yds. on back—1st, J. Kerry; 2nd, Craphail; 3rd, F. Goy. Time, 43 secs. Swimming Under Water—1st, G. Draper; 2nd, A. Arrill; 3rd, P. Skelton. Distance, 138 feet 7 inches.

Relay—Thom, Williamson, Draper, Science 14; tied with Kerry, Arts '11; Mackay, Medicine '12; Smith, Medicine '14.

Polo—Medicine and Arts (2)—Mackay, Smith, Coy, Redman, Kerry and Astrofsky. Science (1)—Skelton, Merrill, Cooke, Darling, de Hart, Thom.

The officials were:—Referee—A. M. Hannah; Judges—Dr. H. T. Barnes, A. A. Young, A. Gariepy; Time Starter and Polo Referee—C. H. Goulden.



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ENTER ME.

ED. Well what have you got?

ME. Good morning. What a glorious day! Ought to be ashamed of yourself breaking the Sabbath on a day like this. Come on for a walk.

ED. (handing me a sheet of foolscap). Here, write it on this, and **now** if you please. We want just a twenty-two more pages to make twenty-five, and the Hen-coop's on strike this week.

ME. Really, I think this must be quite the untidiest room I was ever insulted in. Did you ever hear the story about the untidy editor, who—

Eb. Oh, cut out the garrulous. Have you brought that story, or must I really dock your salary?

ME. Well, you see, it's like this. It's not that I care for great riches, but I really intended giving you exclusive rights to my essay on "The Louisiana Purchase, or how to take a reef in the Maine Sale," until I hit on an awfully good idea about the Arts Dinner. The first line goes something like this—

"Some wanted wet, and others dry," and then you could end the second line with "rye," and have something in the third about the whiskey making a "wry" face at being ruled out;—what!

ED. (sobbing). Well, go ahead, and we'll call this the "Heaven and Arts Special Thirst Number." Every blessed thing we have received is funny at the expense of Arts, and I can't think of anything else for the editorial. However, if that's the best you can do, take off your coat and do your worst. We have no readers left anyway.

ME. Why, I thought that if I gave you the idea, you would work it up. It's against my principles to call a theolog. a — well a theolog., and besides, you could write is so much better than I.

ED. This is indeed fame. But what in Heaven's name do I pay you for? ME (gently but firmly). Oh, very well then, I resign.

ED. (from force of habit). But I don't accept it, so resignation doesn't count. Now sit down like the Christian thug you really are in your lucid moments, and do us a nice little 2,000 word story, with plenty of human interest.

ME. No good. Can't manage my characters in a three volume novel. All the girls want to be heroine and bag the hero, and I have to end by marrying him off to a charwoman to prevent ill-feeling. Tell you what, though, I'll give

you a series of short masterpieces called "Nutshells in a Novel," and when the gentle reader tells you that the stories are "nutty" and clamors for his money back, you can explain that the flavour really comes from the title. No doubt some of it will. By jove, I'll start now. (Writes, with Editor looking over his shoulder.):—

"'Twas a dark and stormy night. The wind howled and the rain blew; and our hero was gathered around a camp-fire. The camp fire was out—had been out for hours—but then so had our hero, so that it really didn't matter. And yet—"

ED. (seizing the paper, and pushing it into the gloomiest depths of the waste-paper basket). Sorry, old chap. Great idea, but you see I'm in Economics. Why not write up that West Indian trip of yours?

ME. (weakly). Oh, very well. "Twas a clear, moonlight night—not a ripple on the ocean to tell of the dangers that lurked beneath its viscid surface—"

ED. Two to one "viscid"—three to one—any money "viscid"—going, going, gone. (Pointing to me) Yours it is, sir. Beautiful word, but—er—what exactly is the significance thereof?

ME. Viscid?—why vicious and limpid. Perfectly simple. (Continuing) "surface. But we men, to all appearances oblivious of danger, had foregathered in the smoking room, and were taking our whiskey just for all the world as though no great mysterious danger was impending. Several of the men were gifted with charming manners, many were indifferent, and others again were from Chicago."

ED. Good lord, man, you'll have me assassinated. Sure as soap makes little bubbles, the Western Club will take that unto itself. Of all the egotistical —(brightening audibly) Hello, chocolates!

ME. (just saving them). Yes, they're mine. How many do you want? ED. Oh, four or five will do for a start.

ME. (counting them). There are just eleven. Bet you couldn't put them all in your mouth at once.

ED. Maybe I couldn't. However, if you insist.

ME. (reaching the door). Hooray. I resign.

ED. !!!

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'13—Yep!

'12-Going to take a girl?

'13-Nope!

'12-Tight wad!

NEXT TIME.

'12-Hey, Bill, going to the game?

'13-Yep!

'12-Going to take a girl?

'13-Yep!

'12-Soft Guy!

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10.25 p.m.—Said prayers. On getting up I remarked (from force of habit), "I rise to a point of order." Prime Minister, with whom I room, looked shocked.

11.15 p.m.—Couldn't get to sleep. Fool of Prime Minister kept arguing on the Navy Bill; same old arguments.

12.00 p.m.—Dreamt that one of my party had a new argument to support our view of the navy question. Woke up and discovered it was not true. Found Prime Minister sitting up in bed and saying: "And if you grant, which gentlemen I am not prepared to do, that we should go to the country with a cash contribution of temperance, still I cannot see why the hon. gentleman on the other side of the House should part his hair in the middle." Woke him with a boot and fell asfeep chuckling.

1.45 a.m.—Awakened by Prime Minister. Says he agrees with Socialists as to the undesirability of a navy. I warned him I would join the Terrorists if he woke me again, and this shut him up.

2.45 a.m.—Dreamt I had made a clever speech and woke up to roars of applause. Disgusted to find it was only Prime Minister's snores.

5.25 a.m.—Awoke again to find Prime Minister walking about room and declaiming an attack upon us. Tried to appear asleep and to memorize the vital points. Couldn't get them. When I awoke next, found it was 8.30.

8.55 a.m.—Find the Prime Minister has taken all the tooth-powder. Will call the attention of House to his conduct.

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The proceedings opened by a homily by the Speaker on Parliamentary procedure, which we trust impressed the members. Then the Prime Minister, bowed down by anxiety for the fate of his Navy Bill, but cheered by his recent victory in the cause of temperance to which he has devoted his life (since last Friday), rose and introduced a Bill for a head-tax upon Orientals entering Canada. Read first time.

He was followed by Mr. Babcock (Verdun), who introduced a bill for Woman Suffrage. Read first time.

Then the leader of the Opposition read a question demanding an explanation from the Premier as to his method of connecting his temperance principles with his Bill for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Union; the Prime Minister stated that the latter would be withdrawn, at which several Union members fainted and were revived outside. A most moving incident then took place. Mr. Warburton rose in the Liberal ranks and in a voice broken with emotion renounced the Liberal leader and all his works. "Coming," he said, "as he did, from a prohibition country, he could not view the attitude of the Premier on the question of Temperance with anything but abhorrence and therefore he was forced by his conscience to leave the Liberals and ally himself with the Conservatives," and amid sympathetic cheers fron the latter he crossed the floor of the House and sat down amid his late foes.

Then came the great question of the evening—the Naval Bill. Mr. Smith defended the policy of the government in a lengthy argument denying the ground for a referendum. Mr. Angus, the Socialist leader, followed and moved an amend-

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ment to the amendment to the address to the Governor-General to the effect that the Canadians were wholly opposed to a Navy, and his view was ably supported by his colleague Mr. Murray. The Prime Minister rose and stated the Liberals would vote with the Socialists on this, but there was a split in the ranks of the latter on this point, only two Socialists voting with the government, and the latter were defeated.

Mr. Clouston and Mr. Bridges then spoke in favour of the amendment and Mr. Lemesurier and Mr. Macnaughten outlined the policy of the Opposition.

The Prime Minister fought desperately for time and aided by the Minister of Customs (Mr. Weir), who made a most forcible speech, strove hard to put off the evil hour, but all to no avail. A division was taken and the amendment was carried by 84 to 61, an opposition majority of 23. The Prime Minister then resigned and sought oblivion in sleep, while the leader of the (late) Opposition and his joyful friends repaired elsewhere to celebrate their victory in a fitting manner.

The Junion Dance. The Union Dance will be held on Tuesday, January 31, in the McGill Union. The dance committee has this year made some important changes, which, though perhaps radical, have not been made without a great deal of thought. Until suggestions were shown to be improvements, no changes were made.

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The attention of all who will be present at the dance is called to the supper arrangements. As usual there will be two sections. After a certain dance which will be indicated on the programme, supper for Section I. will be announced. While this section is at supper, extra dances will be played for section II. On the return of Section I to the ball-room, the supper extras will be announced and played, at the end of which, supper for Section II. will then be announced. As before, while Section II. is at supper, extra extra dances will be played for Section I. On the arrival of Section II in the ball room, the recommencement of the programme will be announced.

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So the manifestation of the Terrorist Party did not come off. Unkind friends are saying that the order for bombs was evidently misread as they had plenty of buns. However, it's not our funeral.

One of the most mysterious of modern phenomena is the strides which the temperance propaganda continue to make. In this connection we have much pleasure in announcing the recent conversion, solely on its merits, to temperance of the late Right Hon. A. W. Knatchbull-Hugesson at the advanced age of sixty-nine. In other words Hug. hugs the water-wagon.

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A great many R.V.C. students went to St. Anne's at half-past one to see the match and cheer their own team on to victory. Tea was served after the match and the visitors were shown over the College. Altogether Macdonald did everything to make their visit a pleasant one, even to allowing them to win the match. This was the last of the series and R.V.C. won "Madeleine" by a lead of thirteen points.

R.V.C. II. 13,

Macdonald II. 14.

This match was also played at St. Anne's. R.V.C. did not play as well this week as last. The team lost one of their best guards, who was moved to first team, while Macdonald was strengthened by the addition of a first team forward.

The match was very close all through, and was marked by a great many fouls. Macdonald on the whole played a stronger game than they did last week, while R.V.C. was weaker.

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We were most painfully shocked at the beginning of the year when our old friend the Trinity University Review seemed to have altered its traditional policy in regard to its treatment of other college magazines, but more especially the Martlet (Trinity and others please note that there are but two "T"s, not three!). In the first issue not only was there the omission of the monthly knock at the Martlet but there was something almost nice said about it. Not in the history of the Martlet had such occurred in the Review, and we presume that the unfortunate scribe received such a "wigging" that it will never happen again and the impending crisis in the intercollegiate world has been happily averted.

The Review seems improving rapidly in several important details—the January number arrived in January and its size has increased to thirteen pages. Again we alone are adversely criticised and that gently, while verse has crept into the pages. This verse, it is true, possesses the abstruseness of the worst of Browning and refers mainly to breakfast foods and bread, yet this in itself is significant from our hypochondriac friend and, as the medicos say, "the prognosis would be fairly good but for the markedly strumous diathesis." Even the editor himself has been affected by the advent of these feelings of normal men, and the editorial retrospect of Trinity University at the New Year is entitled "E Nihil, Nihil." What a pathetic admission!

We quote from the Review our "percentage of light material is very high, in fact almost up in the air." If at some future date we can erase the "almost" from the above statement (as we sincerely hope we may) we hope for favoring winds, and if by dragging our equilibrator over the Slough of Despond we can rescue the Trinity University Review we shall feel that we have done considerable for Canadian College Journalism.

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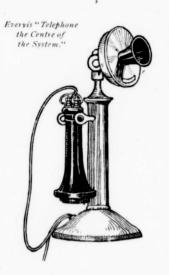
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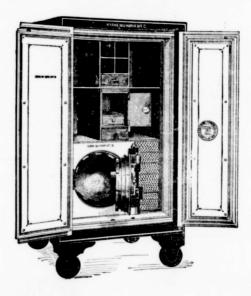
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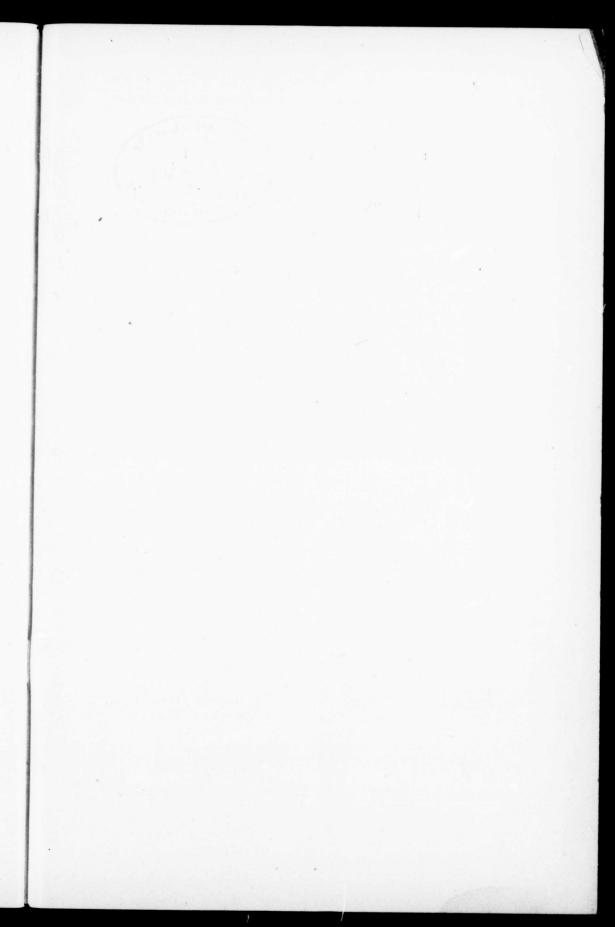
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