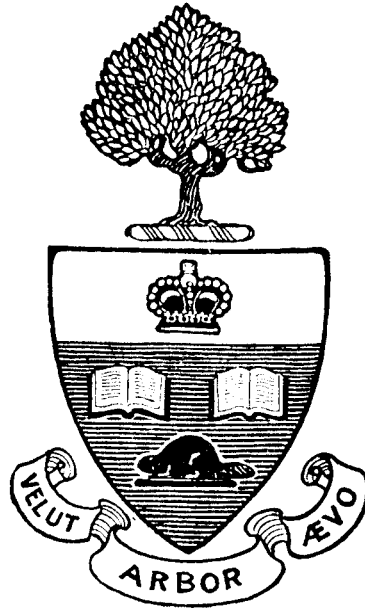
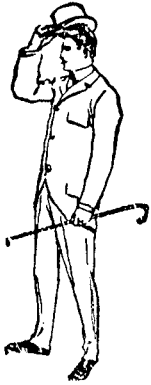




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Political Economy ^{of} ~~the~~ Doukhobors

The shining feature about the Doukhobors is that they are, in the language of James the Apostle, "doers of the word." With them there is no divorce between theory and practice. If they have a belief, they will carry it out to its logical conclusion, regardless of the consequences. If they believe (and some of them have entertained the belief) that it is wrong to wear clothing of wool or leather or fur, they will face the cold, withering blasts of the Northwestern winter in linen garments and boots of binder twine. If they believe (as they do) that it is sinful to kill—that is, to kill either man or animal—to believe is to act; and the result is that you have in them now a people who will not harm the least of God's creatures, who will not even taste of slaughtered flesh, and who will not war upon their fellow-men. Many and many a Doukhobor has wasted the flower of his days in the prisons of Siberia because he would not "make soldier," as they say. Mr. Verigin himself, their Doukhobor Pericles, spent sixteen years in exile in Siberia, and was in no less than three hundred different prisons; he has, as he says, five brothers in Siberia now, two living and three dead.

But the Doukhobors are no fanatics. They are sane, practical and progressive. I have seen a bridge constructed by the Doukhobors over the White Sand River which has survived the floods where two bridges built by Government engineers were carried away. Their progress in this direction within the last two years has been phenomenal. Two years ago they lived in houses of mud and logs; now they have a brickyard, and are building houses of brick. Two years ago they hitched their women to the plows; now they have 25-horse-power, double-cylinder steam plows that plough 25 acres a day. Two years ago they ground their flour by windmill; now they have four grist-mills and also four saw-mills. Three years ago they did not have a threshing machine

outfit to bless themselves with; now they have five traction engines and four portable engines, all run by Doukhobor engineers. A few years ago they were a disorganized rabble, restless and discontented, dwellers in the Cave of Adullam; today they have evolved a system of political economy that may be described as strictly ideal.

Now, it is because they are so practical and progressive that the Doukhobors are "doers of the word." They are so practical that things that are impracticable to others are practicable to them. They never say die. Whether it is a bridge or a system of political economy that is

under consideration, they are of the opinion that whatever is right is possible; that while it is not always possible to do one's own will, it is always possible to do the will of our Father. So that while some men, for instance, believing devoutly in the academical justice of Communism, have yet considered it Utopian in actuality, and while others have regarded it as a dream of the future—the peasant Doukhobors, standing on the first principle of equity, have wrought out a system of political economy, an unmitigated Communism, that works to all appearances without a hitch.

What are the details of this Doukhobor system of Communism?

In the first place, the individual cannot own land or property. It is all vested in the community. The land is all unfenced, is all merged in

one great common field. Even personal property belongs to the state. A Doukhobor does not own the garden he cultivates, the house he inhabits, the horses he drives, the clothes he wears; they all belong to the state. About the only thing a Doukhobor can call his own is his family photographs.

In the second place, there is no money in the community. When a man wants some eggs, he goes to the woman whose duty it is to keep the hennery, and she will give him them for nothing. If a man wants a coat, he must go to the store-



keeper, and the storekeeper will give it to him for nothing. If a man wants an addition to his house, then his fellow-villagers will build it for him for nothing. It costs nothing to live like a king in the Doukhobor villages.

Of course, this principle cuts both ways; and if it is true that you can live for nothing in the villages, it is equally true that you must work for nothing. You must do your share in the fields and in the brickyards, and expect no return. If you are a carpenter, you must work the live-long day at the beck and call of this one and that, with no hope of reward. If you are a commissioner, you must perform your arduous task without the faintest expectation of monetary emolument. For among the Doukhobors everyone works for everyone else without money and without price.

When a man becomes too old to work, he can retire and enjoy in his old age a comfortable and care-free livelihood at the hands of the state. He is treated as well as if he were still on the active list. The same is the case with the helpless and the bereaved. The blind man and the fatherless and the widow get as good food and clothing as

"Have you a bicycle?" I asked a young Doukhobor who spoke English.

He answered no, he had not.

"Well, how is it then," I asked, "that Paul Karbatoff has one? Is he favored before you?"

"Oh, no," returned my interlocutor, "but Paul Karbatoff he need bicycle; he go far work; he need bicycle. Me no go far work; me no need bicycle."

To this explanation I replied by asking him if he really would like a bicycle; and I got the illuminating and incredible answer "that he would not want a bicycle unless every other Doukhobor could have one too." The idea of trying to outdo all the rest never entered his mind. He was an altruist, not an egoist; he believed in co-operation, not in competition.

The third feature of the Doukhobor Communism is its common purse. The proceeds from the sale of the crops and the market produce, as well as the individual earnings of Doukhobors on the railways, all go into this common purse. Out of it are bought the implements, the clothes, the stock, etc., that are necessary to the community. Adversity bears equally on everybody; in a good



the best in the land. When a man is sick, he is as well off as when he is well. As long as a man is a Doukhobor and does his possible, he will be well cared for in the Doukhobor settlements to the end of his days.

There is another consideration. The question may be asked, What assurance have you that some unworthy individual will not take advantage of such a condition of affairs, and demand a disproportionate amount of food, clothing, etc., for himself? To this there are two answers: First, that public opinion would act as a deterrent; and second, that under such a state of society all incentive to acquisitiveness would be removed. You can enjoy no triumph over a man by flaring out in a new suit, when you know that he can get a suit the exact replica of yours by merely asking for it. When everyone else can get what you have got merely for the asking, there's no fun in trying to outdo your fellow in the abundance of the things you possess. So that finally you become satisfied, as the Doukhobors become satisfied, with the plain, honest necessities of life. the "quod satis est" of Horace.

year all enjoy together the bounties of Providence. If one is pinched by poverty, all are pinched by poverty; if one is in affluence, all are in affluence; if one has a competence, all have a competence. For all men are equal.

This common fund is really the capital of the Doukhobor Trading Company, and is managed by four Commissioners appointed yearly by the Doukhobor Assembly.

Each community or village has a population of about two hundred, and has in connection with it forty homesteads, or ten whole sections of land. This land is worked by the men of the village to which it belongs. Half of the men go out and work in the fields; half stay in the village and do the chores. One man is blacksmith for the village, another stable-boy, another plasterer, another an engineer on one of the traction engines. Everyone has his work to do, and does it, slowly but surely. The plowmen start work at four in the morning, and work till nine, when they stop and have breakfast. From nine a. m. till four p. m., during the heat of the day, they rest their horses and sheep. Then they work from four p.m.

until dark. In this leisurely way they accomplish a marvellous amount of work and save their horses into the bargain.

Some of the positions, such as those of blacksmith, carpenter, and engineer, are held for life; but the majority of them are only temporary. The storekeepers and the Commissioners are appointed annually; the stable-boys are appointed monthly; and the plowmen are changed almost daily. No one position is higher than any of the others. The Commissioners are no higher than the stable-boys or the plowmen; when their term of office ceases they return to the plow or the carpenter's bench, where they came from. Just as a man is chosen to be an engineer on account of his engineering ability, so a man is chosen to be a Commissioner on account of his business or organizing ability. The position of Commissioner is merely on a par with the position of engineer or blacksmith.

In the settlements near Yorkton there are about forty-five of these community-villages. That is to say, there are in the neighborhood of 8,000 to 9,000 Doukhobors settled on a solid block of six townships. Once a year an Assembly is held of all the Doukhobors at the village of Varoca, very like the ancient "ekklesia" of the Athenians. This Assembly elects the four Commissioners, who are deputed to manage the business of the Doukhobor Trading Company. In it the Doukhobors decide on all matters of public policy. They determine the number of suits of clothes to be bought, what stock is to be bought, what implements are necessary, from whom they shall buy this steam plow and that binder. Everything from dollars and cents to religion is brought on the tapis and discussed. One after another the men of light and leading get up on the Pyx and thresh a question out. And then, when everyone else has spoken, Mr. Verigin rises (as though reluctantly, you fancy how) and propounds his view of the matter under discussion; and his view invariably prevails. It is the case of Pericles and the Athenian Democracy all over again; extreme democracy culminating in one-man rule. For in his Olympian calm, in his inscrutable magnificence of character, even in his trick of speaking last in the Assembly, Mr. Verigin is a second Pericles; and he rules the minds of the Doukhobors as Pericles ruled those of the Athenians.

The merits of the Doukhobor Communism are many and obvious. Under it men can live in peace and pleasaunce. There is no overlapping of labor, no murderous competition; all is placid and irresistible co-operation. But its main defect is that its democracy is a delusion and a paradox and a snare—if that is a defect at all.

W. S. Wallace, Arts '05.



Enter the Rhodesian

During last month the ancient university town of Oxford opened its gates, and strangers from the ends of the earth walked in—some to possess, others to be possessed by it. The former will derive little good from their stay. They will take over with them their idea of a liberal education—the idea that is in the mind of so large a percentage of University of Toronto students, of hearing all the lectures they possibly can and then rushing home to an in-

cessant grind. They may see their names in the "Times" as having taken some stately degree, and to such friends as read that paper, seem very important. As far as the Varsity is concerned, and all that word stands for at Oxford, they will be nonentities and will have about them as much of the Oxford stamp as some American who goes through a personally conducted European tour.

The others, those who go to Oxford to be possessed by her charm, those who learn to love her, those who will grieve to leave her,—they will be the successful Rhodes scholars. They will not grasp, perhaps, some of the elegancies of tutorial Greek verse, but they will gain something of the solidarity of English life without forfeiting anything of their own brisker methods.

It would be impossible to present any sort of adequate contrast between life at the University of Toronto and life at Oxford within the space of a few columns. But the contrast is as striking as if you walked out of a boiler factory into a cathedral. The Rhodes scholar will be struck with the amount of leisure that enters into an Oxford day. By leisure must be understood time not devoted to study of the curriculum kind. In the place of routine work, however, a man gets an intimate contact with the mind of his fellows. This is what the sightseer fails to appreciate when he sees the half-filled lecture rooms or hears the droning voice of a second-rate lecturer echoing through some stately but empty halls. Here might be pointed out, parenthetically, one of the greatest advantages an Oxonian has. He makes choice of his own lecturers. He is not forced by the fear of a roll call to listen to some automaton giving a réchauffé of an antiquated text book. He knows, too, that he will not be examined by the lecturer whom he slights. Consequently it is his to take the good and leave the indifferent.

But the contact of mind that replaces a good many lecturers, two or three of which are considered a good day, may be carried to an extreme. Genial neighbours will lie on the newcomer's lounge until three a.m. discussing cricket, philosophy and the green-room,—that is unless he is rude enough to turn them out. But nature will find a remedy, and oblivious of the chapel bell and the frequent knockings of his "scout," sweet sleep will hold him till the hour of ten next morning.

Nine o'clock lectures in Oxford are a thing unknown, or, more correctly, unnoticed. They do not fit in with ancient custom and are patronized only by a few anaemic "does" (American co-ed). There are one or two quite immemorial customs that it interferes with. Primarily the pleasure of doing "dirty roller." This consists in walking in one's sleep at 7.30 or 8 a.m. from the bedroom to a class room, affixing one's signature to the list, and then tearing back to the dear bed that is still warm. It requires some little practice to do this without waking, especially since the rule has been made that tie and collar must be worn at roll-call. Student ingenuity, however, has overcome this difficulty by made-up tie and collar with elastic attachment.

The other admirable custom is "brekker." For consumption of food this meal puts a Roman banquet on a par with a pink tea. It usually begins with a huge basin of oatmeal that would

make a Scotsman blush. Then follow in rapid succession fried sole, chops, poached eggs, water-cress, tea, toast and squish (marmalade), and finally, as a digestive there comes a glass of Bass. The Rhodesian is usually filled by now with an abhorrence of food, but the worst is over. Breakfast is the meal of the day. Lunch is always sketchy on account of the rowing or other exercise that comes immediately after, while dinner, the only public meal one has, is provided by the college. Verb. sap. It may seem that in a little sketch of this kind an undue preponderance of space has been devoted to the food question. But one must remember that the Englishman does not eat as the Canadian. He does not bolt his food with a hurried word between courses. On the contrary, meals, for all their immensity, serve mainly as an excuse to collect an audience to whom one may expound his views on all the burning questions of the day. Mental and material pabulum with him go together.

And so through the new days the Rhodesian will find change upon change. Not till the first Michaelmas term is over will he begin to feel at home. Not till he has left it for a spell will he realize that the old place is charmed. If, after the five weeks' absence at Christmas time, his first glimpse of "the sweet city with her dreaming spires" does not thrill him through and through, then the gods have not called him. But if he be one of the chosen, the passing days will lead him through one delight after another, until he reaches that acme of bliss—the bliss of the lotus-eaters—in his first summer term,—

"When wickets are bowled and defended.
When Isis is glad with the eights.
When music and sunset are blended,
When youth and the summer are mates.
When freshmen are heedless of "Greats."
When note-books are scribbled with rhyme.
Ah, these are the hours that one rates
Sweet hours, and the fleetest of time."

AJAX.

A Ballade of Epicurus

You bid me, prophet stern, forbear;
From idle pleasures to refrain,
And fit myself for care with care,
And flee by present future pain.
No more, O sage, 'twere all in vain,
To barter this my pleasant way
For vague and distant greater gain
I'll pluck the roses by the way.
Oh life has much of what is fair
For those who do not it disdain,
Nor heed the Moslem call to prayer,
That breaks upon the flowing strair.
Laugh now and let this hope remain:
Who live on earth a life, are they
Not fitted best in Heaven to reign?
Then pluck the roses by the way.
'Tis life to breathe this mortal air,
Can death our stirring hearts contain?
We have our day, the whence, the where,
We know not, nor does God explain;
We go, perhaps to come again,
In any case what wiselier say,
Than Epicurus' old refrain:
"Oh pluck the roses by the way."

The Lit.

Despite the fact that discussion was waged almost entirely over details of business, the third meeting of the Lit. for the current year was one of rousing interest. The attendance was almost as large as at the two open meetings, and as the business dealt with a variety of matters the discussion was very interesting and always spirited. Vice-President J. S. Jamieson occupied the chair and his knowledge of rules of order and of the constitution in general was at times taxed to the utmost.

The following committees were appointed:

Messrs. D. C. Gilchrist, A. M. Dallas and F. S. Dowling—to select debaters to represent Varsity in the Inter-University Debating Union.

Messrs. W. McTaggart, W. P. Lane and N. B. McLean—to revise the list of life members of the Society.

To the Lit. Executive was left the appointment of a committee to revise the constitution and the selection of speakers in the mock Parliament.

The announcement was made that the council of University College has given its entire consent to the discussion in the Society of any question whatever. This removes the embargo, real or fancied, that has been laid upon the discussion of political questions in the Society, and considerable satisfaction was felt at this action of the authorities.

The Society was practically unanimous in favoring a University of Toronto Arts dinner rather than a University College dinner.

A short musical program consisting of a vocal solo by Mr. H. Pickup and a mandolin and guitar duet by Messrs Ed. Davidson and G. D. Conant was thoroughly enjoyed. The discussion of the Grand Trunk Pacific project was deferred.

The election of first year councillors followed the meeting and the memorable night of last spring was repeated in miniature. The electorate were not, however, prepared for any great excitement and only a couple of dozen enthusiasts remained till the bitter end.

The results were announced about half-past eleven and Messrs. Campbell and Cree, the old Lit. nominees, were declared elected.

G.M.

Rifle Association

FIRST ANNUAL MATCH

The final "meet" of the University of Toronto Rifle Association for this season was held Saturday at Long Branch. It was feared that on account of the lateness of the season, when sports are to a great extent the slave of the elements, that unfavorable conditions would prevail. However, the weather was all that could be desired, with the exception of a very strong northwest by north wind, which aided materially the test of the men's ability as marksmen. The first place was won by E. Forster, B.A., with a total of 88 points out of a possible 105, with Prof. L. B. Stewart a close second with 86. Great expectations are entertained for Mr. Forster's future as a shot, seeing that this season saw his first attempt in the use of a rifle. The success which has crowned the efforts of the officers and promoters of the Association has been most encour-

aging and speaks volumes for its future welfare.

The following is a list of the first thirty, all of whom, with the exception of three or four, paid their first visit to the ranges this season:

E. Forster	88
Prof. L. B. Stewart	86
Prof. W. L. Miller	80
E. L. McColl	79
W. H. Brydon	78
Dr. F. B. Kenrick	75
R. B. Stewart	73
D. F. Keith	73
N. L. Harton	72
A. C. Craig	71
W. B. Large	65
Principal J. Galbraith	64
R. H. Johnston	63
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—E. L. M.



Lectures on Public Speaking

Lectures on public speaking, reading, etc., including exercises for the training and development of the voice will be given during the present season by Mr. J. R. MacLean, M.A., a graduate of Glasgow. Lung, voice and physical exercises will be given during part of the hour.

An introductory lecture, to which all who may be interested, are invited, will be delivered in Class-room No. 2, Main Building, on some afternoon next week.

Fee for the course will be \$3. Tickets may be obtained from the Registrar and from the Secretary of the Undergraduates' Union. More definite announcements will be made later.



Notes from the Union

The Union dance is announced for Nov. 15th. It will take the form of a reception to the women students in University College and the affiliated colleges. The Glionna-Marsicana orchestra has been engaged and there will be nothing left undone to make the affair a success.

A new supply of note paper, embossed with the crest of the Union, has been provided for the use of the members.

A noticeable feature in the membership list of this year is the increased number from the Medical Faculty. The Union aims to include the men of every faculty and affiliated college, both for its own sake and for the benefit of the members themselves.

To the Editor of Varsity:

Sir,—As a former President of the University College Literary Society, I have observed with great regret, chiefly through the mediums of your columns, that this, the most ancient, and for many years the only undergraduate association, is fast losing, or perhaps has already lost, the hold it used and ought to have on the affections of the student body, so that the annual election, with its attendant and not always creditable turmoil, seems to be the only sign of life left, and I should be glad if any suggestions I could offer should contribute to the improvement of the situation.

It seems to me that the first requisite of a live debating society should be live subjects—in fact, the questions of the day, not only in other countries, but in our own; not abstract questions, but concrete. The old prohibition of questions of party politics seem, judging from a copy of the constitution which has been furnished to me, to have been eliminated, and I cannot imagine why such topics should not, if restricted to measures, not men, be freely discussed.

I suggest that the Society should be reconstituted on the lines of the Oxford and Cambridge Unions, where certain speakers are appointed as leaders, and the "house" divided between government and opposition, with an absence of the burlesque element (except of "question hour") which is now the chief characteristics of its Mock Parliaments. Mr. Kylie, the new Lecturer in History, who so distinguished himself at the Oxford Union, would be able, and no doubt willing, to offer suggestions as to details. It is much to be regretted that the opportunity was neglected last year of worthily celebrating the semi-centennial anniversary of the Society's birth; but I venture to think that it is not yet too late to do so. I beg to suggest that a circular be issued to the past presidents and other former officers, by the present Executive of the Society, inviting them to a conference in regard to this matter, and I believe that they would one and all be as glad as I myself should be, to further this or any other project which might redound to the benefit of the Society.

D. H. Vandersmissen (President, 1869-70)
University College, 25th October, 1904.



Y. M. C. A. Notes

Mr. E. T. Colton, associated with Mr. John R. Mott in the Foreign work department of the International Y.M.C.A. Committee will visit the University of Toronto on Nov. 10th.

The next University Service will be conducted in Wycliffe Convocation Hall on Nov. 13th. Rev. Principal Falconer of Pinehill College, Halifax, will preach the sermon.

Remember the regular meeting of the Association Wednesday, at 5 p.m., in the University College, Y.M.C.A. building.

A number of books that were much sought for at the Book Exchange during the earlier days of the term have recently been entered. Those who have not procured all their books yet, should consult the exchange again.

Come around and join the Association. Do not wait to be solicited.

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Representatives to be appointed from the other colleges

Toronto, November 3, 1904.

"There have been times in the history of this University when doubtful wisdom has been shown in the awarding of honorary degrees. That is far from the truth in this case, however, and the University in honoring Mr. Morley with the degree of Doctor of Civil Laws has honored herself." In these words did Mr. Goldwin Smith propose for the degree of LL.D., honoris causa, the name of Mr. John Morley, the eminent English scholar, publicist and historian, at the special convocation on Monday. For the second time within the past few weeks we have had the opportunity of seeing and hearing one of our distinguished kinsmen from over the sea. In the persons of Professor Bryce and Mr. Morley we have highly developed types of the class of men who form the governing class in Great Britain.

To us in Canada, whose highest culture even, is in many respects imperfect and crude, the message of one coming from a country which has evolved so high a form of culture as England, and which has felt the throb of a great national life, is of considerable importance. The slur is sometimes cast upon this young nation that it breeds politicians, not statesmen. If such an imputation be just—and we must admit that to a great extent it is—the reason is to be found not in an immorality that saps the life of our social structure, but rather in the fact that our nation, being very young, has not been able to develop the culture which is necessary for the higher life of a nation.

Mr. Morley is a type of the men who form the governing class in England. He is a man of independent fortune and is thus, through the leisure afforded him, able to devote considerable time to the study of politics and historical questions. Like Mr. Balfour, who, were he not a public man, would be a physicist of no mean rank, and Mr. Gladstone, who, had he not been a statesman, would have attained eminence as a classical scholar, Mr. Morley, when free from his duties as a member of the British House of Commons, has been able to throw the light of a trained intellect upon certain phases of political history. With what success his *Life of Gladstone* and his monographs upon Voltaire and Cobden are evidence.

That Mr. Morley's finer nature has not been blunted by twenty-one years of active public life was evidenced in his speech on the acceptance of the degree, when he referred to the period spent along with Mr. Goldwin Smith as a student at

Oxford. In simple but eloquent language he paid tribute to the ancient seat of learning where men are taught that character is more important than learning and knowledge is not always power. When Mr. Morley says that of Mr. Balfour's Cabinet all but one are holders of the M. A. degree from one or other of the British universities, we can form some conception of the forces which guide the British ship of state. The influence of such men, trained to know that a question has more than one side, but ready, when once decided upon the stand to be taken, to press their convictions with force and sincerity, must be incalculable. They are an influence of which we have too little in Canadian public life. The condition of politics in Canada is to many high-minded and cultivated men so intolerable that they resolutely shun all contact with it.

This is a matter in which every undergraduate should feel a vital interest. If the destinies of this growing country are to be directed by a parliament of lodge orators and demagogues its development will be seriously retarded or arrested. If the Parliament of Canada is to be dominated by the forces of integrity, progressiveness and fairness, the country will ere long feel the thrill of a new national existence.

Professor James Bryce, in his recent address to the Political Science Club, earnestly exhorted university men to enter public life. It would assuredly be something memorable in the history of Canada if the undergraduates of this university could be brought to feel keenly their responsibility for the welfare of their country. It would not, of course, be desirable that all should seek to have a direct voice in the affairs of government. But indirectly, whether by the press, or on the platform, or in the pulpit, every man might use his influence to raise the standard of our national life.



The disgraceful conduct of many of the students at the Hallowe'en celebration at the Princess Theatre cannot be too much deplored. Although, with one exception, the city papers have treated the matter lightly, yet the whole affair was thoroughly disgraceful, and is most severely criticised by every student whose stand on any question means anything. Varsity can only say at present that the blame lies at the door of individual students, and that by the student body as a whole the unfortunate affair is greatly regretted. The matter will be treated at greater length editorially in our next issue.



In our last issue mention was made of a distinguished graduate of the University of Toronto, Dr. J. T. Shotwell, as one of the Editors of "The Historians' History of the World." Word has since been received from one of our graduates at Columbia University, that Dr. Shotwell has been appointed assistant Editor of the new edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* about to be issued. It is understood that even a much more responsible and honorable position was offered Dr. Shotwell, but that he declined to accept it. The appointment of one of our graduates to such a position is not only one of the greatest tributes to the individual himself, but reflects most creditably on the University of which he is an alumnus.

THE COLLEGE GIRL

MI S P. A. MAGEE, *Superintending Editor*



In replying to the toast to the graduates at our recent Autumn Tea, the speaker naturally indulged in a few reminiscences, and with a great deal of insight, pointed out what might be considered as a few of the distinctive characteristics of each year: the novelty and strangeness of the first year, the satisfaction and confidence of the second, the quiet work and development of the third, and the broader opportunities and greater responsibilities that come with the last year of college life.

No one can fail to see the general differences in students at various stages of their college course, but it had never occurred to me that each year was capable of being so clearly marked off, and the idea suggested a possible source of interest, not to say amusement, if a representative member of each year could be induced to give her impressions of college life as it really appears to her,—not with the conventional aim of saying what she feels is expected of her, but with the frank intention of expressing her own individual views and opinions.

The only difficulty will be to find this ideal representative, who may be closely in touch with the many phases of college spirit, but this seems scarcely a difficulty, when I remember that all that is necessary, is the help of the girls, whose interest and sympathy have been freely shown.



The Grace Hall Memorial Library

In the Ladies' Reading Room there is a small book-case, which bears the simple inscription,

In Memoriam
Grace Davidson Hall.

For those who know the history of this small library, there is nothing in our rooms about which associations cluster more thickly.

Grace Davidson Hall was a brilliant student in the mathematical course, who died very suddenly in 1898, after the completion of her second year. After her daughter's death, Mrs. Hall sent her books down to Professor Baker, who very considerately gave them to form the nucleus of a small private library for the use of the women students of University College. Many books have since been given by members of the

Faculty or by graduates. A few outsiders even have been kind enough to donate books.

After the death of Miss Jean Balmer, another of Toronto's brilliant students, her books were sent by her mother, as a sign of her interest in the college her daughter had loved.

Mrs. Hall never fails to send a new contribution of books on the anniversary of her daughter's birth, and last year she very thoughtfully sent us a new book-case—which, by the way, still has room in its shelves for any books of which graduates or members of the Faculty may have no special need.

The library is managed by a sub-committee of the Women's Literary Society. The books may be taken out for a week at a time, but they are used most by girls who have one spare hour between lectures, and who find this library a great convenience. There are a few books belonging to almost every course, and there is a complete series of dictionaries.

The Grace Hall Memorial Library is, or ought to be to all of us, a constant reminder of the unselfishness of those who in their own grief, yet thought of being helpful to others, as well as a sign of the kindly interest and consideration of many friends among outsiders, graduates and professors.



Y. W. C. A.

The regular weekly meeting of the Y.W.C.A. was held on Tuesday, Oct. 25. The principal feature was an address by Miss Macdonald, one of our own graduates, who as a representative of the Y.W.C.A., is going to Japan to work among the women students of the University of Tokio.

In a brief address, Miss Macdonald touched upon the chief points in Japanese history: the early period of obscurity; the coming of Xavier and the spread of Christianity; the expulsion of foreigners, and finally the opening of the country in 1854 and its phenomenal growth and development since that time.

As a result of the new policy of general education, a university for women has been opened in Tokio. In addition to this university, there are several large schools in Tokio, and it was believed that this was a field particularly suited to the genius of the Y.W.C.A. Hence Miss Macdonald is being sent as our representative to the women students of a land that is destined to play an important part, not only in political relations, but in the general advancement and civilization of the East.



Too Much Orthodoxy

An orthodox old preacher,
On an orthodox old day,
Preached an orthodox old sermon,
In an orthodox old way,
And the orthodox old sinners,
In their orthodox old seats,
Closed their orthodox old optics,
In a profoundly orthodox old sleep.

A.C.C.

The Stumper

Utilitarianism of the day,
 Has banished mediaeval superstitions;
 No longer merry airy fairies play,
 Gone are the witches, warlock: but magicians,
 Tho' changed in name, are with us yet, and they
 Are known to men as stumping politicians.
 He can prove that wrong is right,
 He can turn black into white,
 For each contingency he has a trump;
 He will cheat you, he will hoax you,
 He will wheedle, lure and coax you,
 This most persuasive,
 But evasive,
 Man upon the stump.

No obstacle could stay those men of old,
 The stoutest walls to them but flimsy tissues;
 To-day with equal ease they 'scape a bold
 Expression of their views on "burning issues,"
 Or how and where they spent the public gold,
 And why some say their sacred trust they misuse.
 He can show a contract went,
 To the honest tender sent,
 And that "sundries" is but postage in a lump.
 Silver tongue and words of honey,
 Soon explain whence came the money.
 This most emphatic,
 But erratic,
 Man upon the stump.

He knows the price of everything you raise,
 You cannot fool him on a colt or filly,
 A treasury of facts that nought can phase,
 He knows your face more friendly grows, until
 he,
 Remembers as a boy in by-gone days,
 He knew your father, fought your uncle Billy.
 For grander than the pyramid,
 His eloquence is, here amid
 The gasping rustics, whom he asks to "plump."
 He will beg us and implore us
 Just to do as dad before us.
 This cabalistic,
 Prestigistic,
 Man upon the stump. S



The Year Book

(Printed by request.)

Editor Year Book: "Hullo, George, have you got your biography written for you yet?"

George (any student): "Biography! what biography?"

Ed. Y. B.: "For the Year Book."

George: "Oh! I'd forgotten about that; no, I haven't had time yet to get anyone to do it."

Ed. Y. B.: "Well, I wish you'd look after it at once. If you only could, you'd oblige me immensely."

George: "What are you in such a hurry about? There's lots of time."

Ed. Y. B. (sadly): "Lots of time! I wish I could make you fellows realize how little time there really is. There are 475 bio—"

George: "Oh, well, I'll look after it in a few days; one won't make any difference, anyway."

Ed. Y. B.: "If you all say that—"

George: "Well, I'll see after it right away."

Ed. Y. B.: "All right, old man, thanks very much. Good-bye."

George: "Good-bye."

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Ed. Y. B.: "Oh, by the way, do you know about the limits to the number of words and to the short quotation extra?"

George: "No, what are they?"

Ed. Y. B.: "Ninety words and a ten or twelve word quotation, and the full name of the biographer."

George: "All right! I'll see after it right away—next week, anyhow, or the week after."

Ed. Y. B. groans, then: "Say, George, have you sat for your photo yet?"

George: "No, why?"

Ed. Y. B.: "Well, if you only knew the amount of work connected with those photo cuts in the Year Book, you'd not ask why."

George: "Well, cheer up, I'll sit to-morrow if I don't forget. I'll sit in a couple of weeks anyhow."

Ed. Y. B. in tears.

The Hallowe'en Affair

Monday night students from the S.P.S., Osgoode Hall, the Dental College, the School of Pharmacy and University College attended the Princess Theatre. The committee in charge of the arrangements had gone to no inconsiderable trouble and expense to make things attractive and to secure an enjoyable evening. The play was a comedy, an excellent one—with a Canadian girl as leading lady. And yet the work of the committee was little better than time wasted, the first act of the play rendered useless, the others spoiled; and an impression left on the minds of the company, the management of the theatre and the public, in regard to the behaviour of the students of the University of Toronto, that will take years to efface.

Why is it that the "hoodlum" element predominates when the students appear in public? We are all proud of our University and yet we disgrace it by such conduct. We expect chivalry and courtesies in the university student. If at times his exuberance of feelings gets the better of him, still he always should be a gentleman. Conduct that turns a theatre, half filled by the general public, into a pandemonium of rioting students, that spoils what might otherwise have been an enjoyable evening, that causes the leading lady, doubly entitled to courteous treatment from an audience of Canadian students, since she herself is a Canadian—to break down after she had left the stage—such conduct deserves the harsh criticism that the more temperate students gave it, and the still harsher opinion of student tabooism that must exist in the minds of those

who occupied the ground floor of the theatre Monday night.

Imagine the students of Oxford or of Cambridge acting as did the students of the University of Toronto Monday night! When, O when, shall we learn to be gentlemen?

M.

Mother Hubbard in a New Role

Old Mother Hubbard,
She went to the cubbard,
And proceeded to make quite a scoop.
But it wasn't her cubbard,
And somebody rubbered,
And put the old bird in the coop.

A.C.C. '05.

SPORTS

W. J. MCKAY, Superintending Editor.

The largest crowd of the season witnessed the game between Queen's and Varsity at the Athletic Field on Saturday afternoon. Queen's sent down a large number of students who cheered their team on to victory. The weather was ideal and the large crowd had the satisfaction of seeing the best game played in Toronto this season.

The Presbyterians won by their superior play. In the first half Varsity played with the wind at their backs, but Queen's succeeded in holding the score down to 4 points, and in the second half, playing with the wind, Queen's speedily ran up a total of 21 points, while Varsity added 6 to their score.

Varsity won the toss and elected to kick with the wind. For the first few minutes it looked as if Queen's would force a score, but the fast work of the Varsity wings and the persistent line kicking of their halves prevented a tally. The first point was secured for Varsity by Jermyn, who followed up a kick by Southam and forced a rouge. Varsity's next score was a safety touch. Queen's got a free kick near their goal line. McPherson returned well, almost to the line, and Burwell pulled the Queen's back over the line for two points. Just before the half ended Varsity secured another point, making the score for the half 4 to 0.

When play was resumed, Queen's, who had adopted close play in the first half, opened up the

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game and used to the full the advantage which the wind gave them. Queen's first score was a rouge, forced by two scrimmages and a kick over. Queen's then scored a try, which Williams converted. After some passing and running work, which though ineffectual was very pretty, Richardson made the sensational play of the day. He secured the ball from a scrimmage and ran through the Varsity team 65 yards for the second try, which Williams converted. Queen's next score was a safety touch. Another try, which Williams converted, ended Queen's scoring.

Varsity now forced the play and brought the ball near Queen's line. Burwell kicked over the line and to save a larger score Queen's kicked over the dead-ball line. Shortly before time was called Kennedy bucked through the line and ran twenty yards for a try, which he failed to convert. This ended the scoring.

This defeat does not put Varsity out of the running. Varsity has two more games away from home, one at McGill and the other at Queen's. If Varsity wins these two games, all three teams will be tied, with two wins and two defeats each. The teams are:

Varsity: Back, Laing; halves, Kennedy, Southam, McPherson; quarter, Nicholls; scrimmage, Johnson, Hewetson, Burwell; wings, Davidson, Lailey, Ross, Bonnell, Reynolds, Jernyn.

Queen's: Back, Macdonnell; halves, Walsh, Williams, Richardson; quarter, Carson; scrimmage, Donovan, Thompson, Gillies; wings, Cameron, Dobbs, Kennedy, Baillie, Britton, Patterson.

Referee, — Hamilton, McGill; umpire, Trueholme, McGill.

Varsity III. 10, Torontos II. 33

The teams were:

Varsity III.: Back, Strathy; halves, Reid, Thom, Hart; quarter, Cary; snap, Davidson; wings, Ryckman, Crookshanks, Miller, Bryce, London, Wilkes.

Toronto II.: Back, Strange; halves, Nasmith, Rogers, Pardo; quarter, W. Harvey; snap, A. Harvey; wings, Mara, Scully, Bunting, McGuire, Hortop, Murton.

Referee, Alf. Trimmer; umpire, Smith.

Schedule of Mulock Cup Series

- A.—Tuesday, Nov. 1st, Victoria vs. Sen. Arts.
 B.—Thursday, Nov. 3rd, Sen. Meds vs. Sen. S. P. S.
 C.—Wednesday, Nov. 9th, Dents vs. Jun. Arts.
 D.—Thursday, Nov. 10th, Jun. Meds vs. Jun. S. P. S.
 E.—Saturday a. m., Nov. 12th, St. Michael's vs. Ontario Agricultural College.
 Second round.

- F.—Monday, Nov. 14th, D. vs. E.
 G.—Wednesday, Nov. 16th, A. vs. C.
 H.—Friday, Nov. 18th, B. vs. G.
 Final round:
 J.—Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, F. vs. H.

Association

The School of Science Association football team defeated Arts on Wednesday in the opening game of the Faculty Cup series. The School team won by the score of 3 to 1. McDonald scored two of the four for the School and Ross the other, while Arts' only goal was scored by Phillips. The teams were:

S. P. S.: Goal, Broadfoot; backs, Blackwood, Dowling; half-backs, Patten, Beeman, Williams; forwards, Rutherford, McDonald, Ross, MacInnes, Young.

Arts: Goal, Gardner; backs, Johns, McLean; half-backs, Green, Jackson, Hayes; forwards, Jamieson, Dix, Fraser, Mustard, Dowling, Phillips.

The City Teachers defeated Trinity in an Intermediate College Association game on Saturday by the score of 2 to 0. The City Teachers' goals were scored by Brown and Baird. The teams were:

Trinity: Goal, Wallace; backs, Dow, Barker; half-backs, Malcolm, Keffer, McKinn; forwards, Wilson, McAndrew, Arnott, McMillan, Keffer.

City Teachers: Goal, Armstrong; backs, Watson, Elliott; half-backs, Smith, Calvin, Roddick; forwards, Hunnisett, Baird, Bulwer, Brown.

Tennis

The first intercollegiate match between Queen's and Varsity Tennis Clubs was played on Saturday, and Varsity won seven of the nine events. The meeting will probably pave the way towards a College Tennis Union. The summary:

DOUBLES

Prof. Campbell (Queen's) beat Dr. Pearson (Varsity) 7-5, 6-0.

Locke (Varsity) beat Nicol (Queen's) 7-5, 6-4.

McIntyre (Varsity) beat Strachan (Queen's) 6-3, 6-1.

Dawson (Varsity) beat Donnell (Queen's).

Dr. Hooper (Varsity) beat Twitchell (Queen's) 6-3, 6-0.

SINGLES

Donnell and Strachan (Queen's) beat McIntyre and Kiely (Varsity) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Locke and Dawson (Varsity) beat Prof. Campbell and Nicol (Queen's).

Dr. Pearson and Dr. Hooper (Varsity) beat Twitchell and Wilson (Queen's).

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Around the Halls

Superintending Editor, A. N. McEvoy.

Results of '08 Elections

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 2nd Vice-President—H. C. Hindmarsh
 Treasurer—C. E. Silcox.
 Ath. Director—A. J. Mackenzie.
 Musical Director—Miss A. Parker.
 Critic—Miss M. A. MacLachlan.
 Prophetess—Miss A. Dixon.
 Judge—R. R. Kersey.
 Orator—J. M. Blodget.
 1st Historian—Miss Lena Thompson.
 2nd Historian—G. Urquhart.
 Councillors—Miss S. W. Nichol, Miss F. Hamilton, Mr. H. B. Northwood, Mr. H. P. Mills.

It was a case of "tired eyelids on tired eyes" with H. D. Robertson in Prof. Mayor's lecture on Economics the other day. And Economics is such a thrilling subject! Oh, how could he! But N. D. McLean, acting on the suggestion of the professor, soon succeeded in wrestling him from the arms of Morpheus.

Mac Cameron (at grocery store): "Ten pounds of sugar, please." Grocer: "What kind?" Mac (confusedly): "Er—er—ah—that is, I don't know!" Grocer (with a sly smile): "Who's it for?" Mac (blushing deeply, and trying to hide his confusion by violently blowing his nose): "For the ladies of University College."

Joe Gray has long been regarded as the oracle of University College. That he is sustaining his reputation is proved by the following recent conversation between Joe and a certain Grit:

Grit: "I say, Mr. Gray, I've gone and taken the oath wrongfully. Will that prevent my voting?"

Joe (cheerfully): "Oh, no; they'll just arrest you for perjury."

Grit (must relieved): "Oh, I thought I would lose my vote."

Dr. A—: "When a dog wags its tail, I have no way of knowing what it means except by imagining myself to be a dog."

The sight presented by the attempt of the Second Year students to wag their tails must have been truly canine. We venture to express the hope that some time in the distant future the Second Year will qualify as Exhibition A in some respectable dog show.

There was a bellicose belle
 Euphoniously cognomened Nell
 When questioned perchance
 On the worth of one V—-nce
 She straightway made answer,
 "Oh, heavens!"

Heard at the rifle ranges:—Harton
 (with a beautiful last look at the distant moon just rising out of the lake):

"Oh! the moon went down and the stars came out,

Far over the summer sea,
 But never a moment ceased the fight—"

Craig (drawing a pull-through up

the barrel of his rifle): "Of D—v—d K—s and his rifle sight."

(Loud plaudits from the assembled rustics.)

J. R. K. (A stout female has just "buted in" to him at the Grand Opera House, and has deposited him in a mangled state against the nearest post. He speaks weakly): "That old lady evidently wishes to conduct a post-mortem."

Cowan (reminiscently, as he watches E. C. Cole and Ed. Fidler engaged in a game of marbles on the College steps): "Old King Cole was a merry old soul, and a merry old soul was he, don't you know; and he called for his pipe, and he called for his bowl, and he called for his Fidler, E., don't you know!"

Who says '07 are not fast runners? Mr. C— made a record half-mile last Sunday from the vicinity of an orchard.

Mr. N. Graham, '08, (speaking at Literary Elections Thursday evening): "I know nothing about an Arts dinner, but give me the affiliation of a good dinner pail." (Great applause.)

Prof. Wrong, at Fourth Year history lecture: "There were two Alexander Henrys. The first was the uncle of the second, who was the nephew of the first."

A. J. Connor, '06, (speaking to Rotunda Editor): "I am so much engrossed by the thrilling lectures I hear that I can think of no jokes for Varsity."

A Summer Evening's Tragedy

It was a summer evening,
 Old Kaspar's work was done,
 And he before his cottage door
 Was blinking at the sun.

Too late he saw behind him come
 His billy-goat Diabolum;
 He came in haste to try a biff
 At that which looked so quaint and stiff.

'Tis said it was a shocking sight
 To see the old man run,
 And that his yells were sad to hear
 When followed hard upon.

They say there was a dreadful noise,
 As of a bursting gun,
 Wherefore I think it safe to bet
 Old Kaspar's work was done.
 A.C.C., '05.

Book review: Like the proverbial "bolt from the blue," Mr. Bacchus Apollonius Upshall has burst upon the astonished gaze of the literary world with a series of the most harrowing tales, descriptive of life and death in the outskirts and rhubarbs of Ontario. The book will well repay perusal, as the following extract attests. Mr. Upshall had just made an heroic escape from a Maxharodian Megatheroglyptodon, whose name in scientific terminology is "Mud." The tale proceeds as follows: "When I could run no farther from sheer exhaustion, I stopped under a spreading oak. Glanc-

ing cautiously about to make sure that I was unobserved, I took from my breast pocket a small phial, my constant companion in all my peregrinations. Wedging open my teeth with one hand, while with the other I grasped the phial just mentioned, I forced a few drops down my throat. Once more I was indebted for my life to that panacea for all the ills to which the flesh is heir, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Sold by all druggists, or obtainable from any Freshman in quantities sufficient for nursing bottles. When ordering, please mention The Varsity."

J. S. Thompson is home at Pieton. His father is very ill.

H. U. Thompson is home electioneering for his father, who is running for the Dominion Parliament in North Grey.

A pathetic incident occurred at the game on Saturday. Queen's had just scored and two Queen's supporters, in their enthusiasm, kissed one another. There were tears in Walter Hutton's eyes. "Willul waste makes woeful want," he said brokenly.

Medicine

Hallowe'en and its elections proved a decided success in more ways than one. At the start off, nominations brought out an excellent list of men and no evidence of hard feeling anywhere. The speeches on speechday were more interesting than usual, owing largely to the excellent cross-fire of witticisms from the back seats. And lastly Hallowe'en night itself brought no end of fun and a good time both during and after voting hours. "Rough house" hardly expresses what voters had to face on setting foot inside the door of the Gym. that night. "Pushers" were even more anxious to get their fingers into the unfortunate voter's hair than to solicit his vote for their candidates. It is at least a strong way of impressing a candidate's name on one, though not necessarily a method likely to influence one's vote very favorably.

When the polls had closed, an excellent programme was rendered, which included a first-rate address from the chair, that is to say, from Mr. E. G. Hodgson, '06, a fine speech from the Dean, a very beautifully-illustrated lecture on Egypt and the Soudan, by Dr. J. F. W. Ross, a talk on Hallowe'ens of old by Dr. Bingham, and songs by W. J. Sheppard, F. J. Munn and F. W. Routley. At last results were announced and then everybody was invited to celebrate their joy or swallow down their disappointment in hot coffee and other "indispensable adjuncts" provided by the generosity of our Faculty.

The complete list of successful candidates is as follows:

President of At Home Committee—D. A. I. Graham.

First Vice-President—A. D. McConnell.

Rep. to McGill—C. C. Schlichter.
 Rep. to Bishop's—C. W. Field.
 Rep. to Queen's—S. J. Staples.
 Rep. to London—W. J. Cameron.
 Rep. to Dental Coll.—W. J. O'Hara.
 Rep. to Trinity—G. S. Strathy.
 Rep. to Univ. Coll.—W. H. F. Addison.

Rep. to Victoria—G. W. McLean.
Rep. to S.P.S.—A.G. McPhedran.
Rep. to Knox—G. Black.
Rep. to McMaster—S. J. Boyd.
Rep. to Pharmacy—P. E. Frind.

In it all there is but one thing which has very justly met with the disapproval of a large majority of the boys of the senior years at least, namely, that that incident of the elections which brought more merriment and enjoyment to the boys at large than any thing else should have been at the expense of our pride as a college and to the dishonoring of a sincerely-offered invitation from another body of students who, whatever their faults, cannot be accused of not doing everything in their power to make their guests have a right royal time. It reflects no credit on the Year that is responsible for it.

If Archie McCannel's smile goes on expanding, who knows where it will end?

The Meds.' first association game of the season on Monday last proved promising to say the least of it, though we cannot claim a victory as yet, the score being a tie between Meds. and S.P.S. Though minus a couple of our best players, our team put up a fine game of it, as did also the school for that matter, but we can confidently expect to win out when the tie is played off, this week or next.

We are glad to see Prof. Bruce back among us looking as well as ever. Last summer Prof. Bruce suffered a severe attack of appendicitis, which required an operation. Since then, we understand, he has visited England and seized the opportunity to attend the convention of the British Medical Association in London.

The other day Dr. F. N. C. Starr was calling the roll at one of his Third Year clinics and came across the name of John Blair, '06. "I hope," he remarked, "that you are not going to resign from the class, Mr. Blair."

Professor Powell has gone a hunting. If the jovial professor can point a gun as well as he can point a joke he ought to show excellent results for his week's shooting. Good luck to him!

Ask Freddie Bowman how you can distinguish between a piece of grafted skin and oiled silk.

The seniors are getting particular in their old age, and at the same time facetious, as shown by the following conversation at an operation last week:

Gowland: "What's the matter with him?"

Toll: "I object to your language. It's a 'her,' not a 'him'."

Gow.: "And I object to your grammar. Anyhow she must be a member of the genus homo."

Toll: "Homo-gencous, you mean."

Applied Science

At the meeting of the Engineering Society on Wednesday Mr. John S. Fielding, C.E., read a paper entitled, "Failures of Dams." In a masterly manner Mr. Fielding reviewed the ancient and modern methods of the designing and building of these structures. By means of diagrams and stereopticon views he illustrated the French scientific method of design and its development. In the course of his remarks he pointed out the weaknesses in modern practice and concluded by explaining designs in which these weaknesses are eliminated.

Principal Galbraith spoke for a short time of the importance of accurate knowledge of this type of structure to a country like Canada where water power is of such vast importance.

Mr. D. I. Raymond was elected Fourth-Year Representative to Varsity, Mr. P. Connery its First-Year Representative, and Mr. I. D. McKellar was elected First-Year Representative to the Engineering Society.

The next meeting of the Engineering Society will be held Nov. 9, when papers will be read by Mr. C. R. Young on "The Application of Descriptive Geometry to Steel Structures," and also by Mr. Peter Gillespie on Transitive Curves.

The year book committee for '04 consists of N. H. Sturdy, W. G. Hewson and P. Laing, representing the Civils, Mechanicals and Miners respectively.

Answer to query: No, the "Pat Test" was not invented by an Irishman.

After a succession of rumors, extending over the past two years, the completion of the new building has at last been confirmed and we may look forward to a formal opening next February. Certainly a celebration befitting the occasion should take place.

To "Hub" Southworth, the Liberals of North Toronto are deeply indebted. His persuasive eloquence has not been heard unheeded in the Second Year.

"Bill" Smithers and the select few thoroughly enjoyed the special performance of the "Cousin Kate" Company Monday morning.

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"Bob" Weddell frequently makes flying business (?) trips from the city. We wonder why!

Will some First or Second Year man kindly volunteer to write Geo. Rayner's biography for the Year Book? Apply to one of the committee.

Earl Gibson is playing on the Toronto's half back line.

W. M. Tredgold, B.A., Vice-President of the Engineering Society, returned last week from Ottawa, where he has been employed during the summer.

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Wycliffe College

Among the incoming men this year are two representatives from the Orient, the Rev. Mr. Matsui and Mr. S. T. Yamazaki. The latter has already arrived, and the former will be with us very shortly. Mr. Matsui is a graduate of Trinity College, Osaka, Japan, having been ordained last year by Bishop Fass. He has since been engaged as teacher in a school conducted by the Church of England. After completing the Wycliffe theological course he will resume his duties in connection with the school. Mr. Matsui is thirty-four years of age and leaves a wife and three children in Japan. Mr. Stephen Tomokich Yamazaki is also a married man, and comes from the town of Magoya, to take up the study of theology. He has passed through a commercial school and two colleges in his native land, and was led to identify himself with Wycliffe through the influence of our missionaries there. Mr. Yamazaki speaks English fluently, having begun the study of the language with Rev. Cooper Robinson, by whom he was baptized. He is personally acquainted with many Canadian missionaries, including Rev. McQueen Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, and Misses Archer, Trent, and Young. He says their labors have been blessed by the greatest success, the Japanese Government giving every facility to the work of evangelization. Mr. Yamazaki informs us that in spite of the great struggle in which she is engaged, the greatest quiet and confidence prevails in Japan, and that the "Little Britons of the East" do not desire the interference of any foreign power, but are ready to lick the Russians single-handed. A brother-in-law of Mr. Yamazaki is captain of the Skishima, one of the Jap warships. We note that Mr. R. B. McElheran is subscribing to the Ladies' Home

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Journal. No comment is necessary.

Three or four Wycliffe men were last week the heroes of a most thrilling adventure. They had gone up into the University tower to "view the landscape o'er." While engaged in this elevating occupation they became aware of a weird and ghostly sound of rattling which proceeded from a point about half way up the tower. Then did "each particular hair stand on end like the quills upon a fretful porcupine." But the dinner-hour was at hand, and their desire to satisfy the cravings of the inner man overcame even their fear. Cautiously they descended the stairs of the tower, each one in his modesty desiring someone else to lead the way, until they reached the place whence those strange sounds were emanating. In a paroxysm of fear one of them stretched forth his hand as if to ward off some frightful monster, when it struck against something cold and clammy,—the latch of a small door. And then from behind the door there issued a hollow voice which said,— "Let us out." Impelled by some irresistible power which he is still at a loss to explain, our brave Murphy, for it was no other, seized the door, and, with one herculean wrench, succeeded in opening it, disclosing to the horrified gaze of his companions three very lively-looking specimens of the genus homo. The said specimens were workmen who had been engaged in repairing the tower when the door had blown to, shutting with a latch and securely imprisoning them. But for their timely rescue they might still have been the companions of rats and owls.

Mr. W. Ellis was nominated as First Year Councillor on the Execu-

tive Committee of University College Literary and Scientific Society but failed to be elected, not from a lack of ability on his part, but from a lack of votes.

News has reached us from the most reliable source that Mr. Stanby was actually seen to run along the corridors the other day. Truly the unexpected always happens.

The first of the series of interdivision debates will take place in the College on Friday, Nov. 11th, between the third and fourth divisions. The subject of debate is, "Resolved that public ownership of the G.T.P. is in the best interests of Canada at the present time." Messrs. Gilbert and Fawcett will speak on the affirmative, while the negative will be upheld by Messrs. Gibson and Bilkey.

Mr. Gibson (at the Varsity Lit.)— "Since I have been here there has been a renewed spirit in many directions."

The first programme meeting of the College Literary and Scientific Society was held last Friday evening. It was Freshman's Night, and they certainly showed no lack of talent. The programme consisted of a piano solo, by Mr. Watkins, vocal solo by Mr. Lofthouse, autoharp solo by Mr. Andrew, speeches by Messrs. Blodgett and Gray, news items by Mr. Elliott, mouth organ solo by Mr. Prince, and recitation by Mr. Lowe. Rev. Dr. Taylor then gave a short reminiscent address, after which the critic appointed for the evening gave his judgment of the proceedings.

Our reported called on McElheran, of Leamington fame, recently. We desired to be favored with an interview, which was granted in that gentleman's usual gentle style, polite and fatherly withal. We mentioned the

report that Mr. McElheran was interested in Domestic Science. He said that he was sorry there was no space allotted in the curricula to that interesting subject. But that he had found that the study of the Ladies' Home Journal was highly beneficial to an inquiring mind. He recommended the journal to the student body at large. We remarked that since the subscription price was almost prohibitive for a student, perhaps he would kindly give us some Domestic Lectures from time to time. We are happy to promise our readers that in the near future we may publish the following articles from Bob's pen: "Some Pretty Creations in Lace and Nainsook," "Heart to Heart Talks With Young Ladies," "How to Make a Lovely Cradle out of a Packing-box," "Reminiscences of Summer Proposals and Rejections."

Knox College

The regular meeting of the Literary Society was held on Tuesday evening. Messrs. D. A. McKay and R. G. McKay sang a duet, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

The main feature of the evening was the debate as to whether the evangelical Churches should unite. Messrs. Smith and McCullough contended with much spirit and considerable argument that unity was strength. Messrs. Pickup and Henderson most ably upheld the honor of the Arts men, and Mr. J. L. McPherson's wise decision in favor of the Arts was generally acceptable. It was an unusually interesting debate and each speaker was successful in arousing great enthusiasm.

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ney, was quite an important part of the meeting,

Professor: If John Knox were alive to-day he would be considered insane.

G. W. C.: Mary Queen of Scots thought he was insane, but we all know who Mary Queen of Scots was.

Mr. Anger's lecture on Hymnology was well attended and greatly enjoyed. We are glad to see the interest that is being displayed with regard to this new departure.

G. W. C.: Did I understand you to say, Dr., that our Legislative Assembly had forbidden the marriage of a widow with a deceased brother?

Knox football team played a very pleasant game of football with Pharmacy last week, resulting in a tie. Knox had decidedly the best of the game, the score at half-time being 2-0 in favor of Knox. It was a quick, clean, well-played contest throughout.

On Friday evening some of our students, under the able generalship of Mr. George Hackney, B.A., proceeded in procession to the meeting in Association Hall to participate in the Liberal demonstration there.

One evening last week a couple of beautiful little butterflies, attired in Highland costume, visited our college halls. Under the inspiring influence of Mr. Richardson's bagpipes, the little ladies delighted the hearts of the boys. We hope to see them again.

Mr. Robinson, who was in the hospital last week, has partly recovered and has gone to his home for a few days.

Several of our theologs are taking an enthusiastic and practical interest in the present political campaign. Quite a deputation, headed by Mr. W. M. McKay, B.A., appeared on the boards at Association Hall on Friday evening, in the interests of the Reform candidates of the city.

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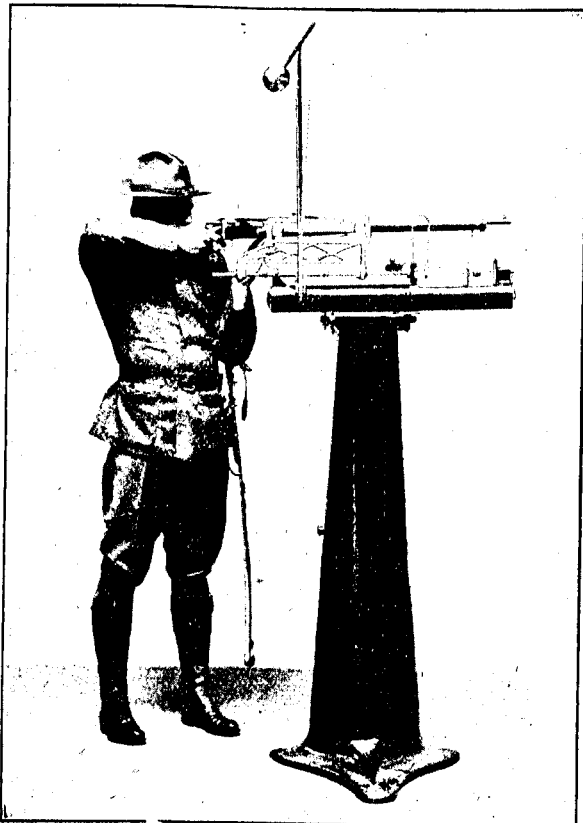
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