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Editorial Comments.



WE of us realize that in our very midst a new and rival university has been established. But such is the case. The much-talked of McMaster University, comprising an Arts College, Toronto Baptist College, Moulton Ladies' College, and Woodstock College, is now an accomplished fact. Lectures are now being given in McMaster Hall to some sixteen students of the First Year of the Arts department.

Some are inclined to sneer at the efforts of the Baptist denomination to establish a university in opposition to the provincial institution. We are not of that number. We should be sorry to confess that our *alma mater* had failed to give us that broad liberality which should teach us not to view honest efforts for what is good after such a small-minded fashion. We do not anticipate that McMaster University will ever equal the University of Toronto in the extent of its courses, the number of its students or the excellence of its staff. Yet in a smaller sphere McMaster may, and doubtless will, do substantial and faithful work perchance in some lines in a better manner than Toronto. Of one thing we are sure, and that is that the establishment of McMaster cannot but exert a stimulating and beneficial effect on our university. Problems in education that we can not solve, or rather have not, may be cleared up by thoughtful men who perhaps look at them in a different light from us. Our methods of instruction and our curriculum are not necessarily perfect. Every day we see deficiencies therein and if others can not only see them but also suggest and avail themselves of remedies Toronto will accept and be grateful.

To us who are students of a provincial and therefore an undenominational university, such universities as McMaster, Queens and Victoria, appear to be at a disadvantage. But there are advantages which institutions not under the management of the State have been shown to possess. Generally speaking they are the recipients of greater and more frequent gifts of money than are the State universities. How much in the way of endowment has Toronto received from private individuals? While McMaster begins its career with the magnificent gift of \$800,000 from its generous founder, our university, in what might be termed a maimed and crippled condition, is denied a much smaller sum from a city that reaps the greatest benefit from the location of the State university within its limits. In comparison with McMaster our university is rich, but will it continue to be so? The experience of the great American colleges tends to show the contrary.

McMaster has already paid its tribute to our *alma mater* in the selection of professors. Professors McKay,

Trotter, Campbell, Clarke and McKenzie are the graduates of Toronto on the staff of Toronto. While loyal to the work they are undertaking, we have no fear that their loyalty to the school where they received that which makes them worthy of their present position will ever flag. In the councils of McMaster they will prove themselves worthy sons of Toronto.

Mr. Chant's letter in another column brings to our notice a phase of the medal question to which our attention had been called, but to which we have hitherto been unable to refer. From that letter and from other information that we have on the subject we are constrained to conclude that it will be difficult to show that in this case full justice has been done. In our article of two weeks ago we pointed out the difficulty of just such a contingency as the one of which Mr. Chant has given us a practical illustration. Then we implied the inconsistency of the attempt to present medals with the system of alphabetical ranking in vogue; now we see plainly that the two are entirely incompatible with each other. In fact the more light this matter receives the more thoroughly are we convinced that the whole system is imperfect—we had almost used a stronger epithet—and the more fully do we feel justified in having given it the attention that we have. As to the case in point there is no doubt but that an explanation of what, from our present knowledge appears to be an injustice, is due not only to those more directly interested, but also to the whole student body. The columns of THE VARSITY are open to anyone who can and who cares to give the desired information. It is to be hoped that those whose duty it is may investigate the whole subject, in which event we doubt not but that a more perfect and consequently more satisfactory system than the present one will be established.

We will gladly welcome contributions from any of the students and will publish those of sufficient merit to find a place in the columns of THE VARSITY. The fact must be impressed that the editors are appointed not to write, but to edit the paper. Doubtless the greater portion of the news and editorial matter in each issue will be written by them, but they have the right to expect the literary department to be filled by the contributions of those not in direct connection with the paper. Much of the diffidence shown in this regard is often due to the necessity of giving one's name even to the editor, and to overcome this the announcement is made of our willingness to publish approved anonymous contributions. This does not include letters to the editor. The simple journalistic rule in the matter of communications must always be followed by those who wish to express their opinion in print. Names must, in this case, always be given, not of necessity to be published, but as a guarantee of good faith.

THE LONG AGO.

I dream that I sail on a moonlit sea,
And the wave's long lift is a joy to me—
Then I wake, and slowly I grow aware
That a joy surged thus and no cloud was there,
In the years of the long ago.

My heart goes forth in a loving word,
Then I seem to be only as one who heard;
The words go on, but my lips are dumb,
I listen and know that the whispers come
From years of the long ago.

'Tis thus I greet the friend of my heart,
And for very joy the tears will start;
I seem to awake in some other land,
Where we walked in the sunlight hand in hand,
In the years of the long ago.

WILLIAM P. MCKENZIE.

THE CLAN OF '98.

It was about the middle of November, 1920. An electric express train was standing at the station in London and was due to start for Toronto in a few minutes. At a car window sat a young girl of—well, I should say—nineteen summers. There was nothing extraordinary in her appearance. She was by no means beautiful; but if you observed her (which you might or might not), you would notice that she possessed the usual compensation—a kind, an intelligent, nay, a cultured face. Her dress, of course, was plain, quiet, neat. The only thing one might have been inclined to criticize was that there seemed to be just a little too much of that cardinal red on her hat. That, too, might direct attention to the piece of ribbon of the same color which was tied to her watch chain. The narrator of this tale, who happened to be sitting in the same car, wondered what that meant. He had heard of blue ribbon societies in the last years of the last century, but he had never heard of a cardinal red ribbon society. While he was pondering over this problem, however, the young lady gave a noticeable start. A young man had entered the car, a young man also of, say, nineteen summers. But he was only an ordinary looking individual, too; well dressed, to be sure, but by no means "killing." Moreover, they were evidently unacquainted; though he, too, gave a second interested glance as he passed by the girl at the window. He sat down in a seat near by and became wrapt apparently in deep thought for a time. Then he grew ill at ease. His eyes wandered towards that cardinal red. He seemed agitated by some strange emotion. His lips would assume a position indicative of firm resolve, and he seemed at these moments about to rise. At last, after many evident oscillations of purpose, he "screwed his courage to the sticking point," and moved across the car towards the young lady with hat trimmed in cardinal red. It was only then that the silent spectator noticed the peculiar circumstance that from his watch chain, too, fluttered a ribbon of cardinal red and that his necktie was of the same high hue. With the fingers of one hand playing nervously with that ribbon, with the other hand raising his hat and with a smile that betokened good nature and trepidation combined, he addressed her.

"Excuse me," he said, "but I think you belong to the Clan of '98." He was proceeding to point to his own ribbon, seemingly by way of explanation of his intrusion, when her gracious smile and intelligent glance showed him that it was unnecessary, especially as she herself interrupted and said:—

"Oh, yes, and I see you do too. I noticed your colors when you came in. You're going to the re-union in Convocation Hall to-morrow night, I suppose?"

This reception was cordial beyond his anticipation, and

he sank into the opposite side of the double seat as he answered;—

"Yes," he said, "that's my destination, though I'm afraid I'll be quite a stranger there."

"Why, have you never been there before?" she asked in some surprise.

"No," he replied. "My father went to Australia shortly after he graduated and never returned to Canada. I'm taking a trip round the world, and he told me to wear this ribbon and tie and I would be admitted to the 'Clan of '98,' as he called it."

"I assure you," she said, smiling, "you will receive a cordial welcome there to-morrow night. Please give me your card and I'll introduce you to the members;" and cards were exchanged between them forthwith.

"This is a strange custom you Canadians observe, Miss Watson," he said.

"Indeed; do you think so? Haven't you anything like it at Sydney or Melbourne?" she said.

"Nothing like it at all; and my father never even told me about this till I was getting ready to start. How did it originate? I suppose you know all about it, don't you?"

"Well, I ought to," she said, "our family had a good deal to do with it. Oh, there goes the train. Well, I'll tell you about it, Mr. Reid, as we go along," and she settled herself in the seat more comfortably and proceeded to narrate as follows:—

"Well, you know mother graduated in '98, of course. She got a position next year as assistant teacher of Moderns in the Rosedale Collegiate Institute, but she didn't keep it long. Miss Jennie Cuthbertson and Mr. George Watson were married in the summer of 1900, and he started to practice law in Chatham."

"Excuse the question," interrupted Mr. Reid, "but did your father graduate in '98 too?"

"Oh, no," she replied with a peculiar laugh, "that was the whole trouble. He didn't take a university course at all. He took the five years' course in law at Toronto."

"Well, but I don't see what trouble that could cause," said Reid in surprise.

"Why, don't you see?" she said, laughing again, "things went on all right for a while; but one day in the fall of—of, yes, the fall of 1903 (mother told me about it not long ago; that's how I happen to know so well). One day a letter came addressed to Mrs. George Watson, B.A., '98, containing a notice that the first re-union of the graduates of '98 would be held in a couple of weeks in Convocation Hall, and all members of the year were earnestly requested to be present, and it was signed Henry Something-or-other, Secretary. Mother showed the letter to father when he came home; he read it over and asked, with a sort of incredulous smile, if she intended to go. Well, mother said she *would* rather like to see the old girls again, she hadn't seen any of them for a long time; she didn't see, though, how she could go very well, either; she didn't like to leave Bella (that's me, you know). But father said he guessed he and the nurse could manage and she had better go, by all means; and then he said with a bantering twinkle in his eye, 'I suppose the old boys will all be there too. Are any of them married yet?' And mother said she didn't know, she supposed some of them were, and then the matter dropped for a while until it was time to think of making arrangements for the journey. When mother spoke of it again father hesitated a little while and then said he—he—he didn't know, but he was afraid—he thought he would have important business to attend to in Toronto *himself* about that time. But mother said that would be splendid, they would go together; nurse could take care of Bella and she would ask Mrs. Pierce to drop in once or twice to see that everything was all right. So it was arranged. Father and mother went to Toronto on the day of the re-union and put up at the Arlington. About half-past seven they called a cab, and as mother was getting in it to go up to Convocation Hall she said to father that she really didn't see the use of

him staying around the hotel alone all evening and he might as well come along. He said he didn't *belong* and didn't like to go without an invitation. But mother prevailed on him to get in and go up to the hall door with her anyway. So he agreed, and off they went. When they got there of course father went with her to the entrance. But there she was surrounded in a flash by a throng of ladies who said how awfully glad they were to see her again, etc., etc.

"In the meantime father was standing off in one corner until a casual glance of one of the young ladies recalled mother to her senses, and she went to him and led him forward to be introduced. After this ceremony they talked around to each other a little while till father began to take leave of the ladies. They protested, of course, that he should not go; but he said he didn't *belong*, he hadn't "a wedding garment" (he meant the ribbon I suppose); but just then their attention was attracted by cheering inside the large hall; the proceedings were evidently beginning. The president spoke and some other officers delivered addresses. Then prominent individuals were called on by the crowd generally. At last when all these seemed to have spoken the idea struck some of the girls to call on father. They called out, 'Mr. Watson! Mr. Watson!' But father shook his head and protested again that he didn't *belong*. And he kept his seat in spite of them. This state of affairs appeared rather unjust to some one of the girls (I don't know whether she then anticipated similar embarrassments at the next re-union for a certain *other* gentleman or not); but when it came to make changes in the constitution she moved that a new class of members be established, to be known as "Honorary Members," to which every person who became the husband or the wife of a member of the class would *ex-officio* belong. This motion was carried unanimously and father was initiated as the first Honorary Member. The Secretary gave him a red ribbon for his watch chain and then he couldn't get out of making a speech. And mother says it was a good speech, too."

"And weren't there any of the gentlemen married too," asked Reid.

"Oh, yes, I think so," said Miss Watson, "but they had left their wives at home, I guess. At any rate nothing more happened that night. They separated to meet again in 1908. When the time came round at last and father and mother were getting ready to go to Toronto again they took me along because I cried so hard to go. They had to take me to the meeting, of course, and were relieved to find that they were not peculiar in this respect; for several other members of the class had their little girls and boys there too. It was quite a brilliant affair; I remember it first rate. We must have pleased the old folks pretty well that night too, for another amendment to the constitution was unanimously passed, declaring all descendants of members of the Class of '98 to be also members of it unless by a university course, or, in case of the women, by marriage, they enter another class, in which case they must adopt the corresponding color."

"Why, that's very like the old Roman laws in regard to families and clans," said Reid.

"Yes, and that's the reason why, last re-union, a member who had graduated in classics moved that our name be changed from 'The Class of '98,' to 'The Clan of '98.' Though I don't like the change a bit."

At this point in the conversation the train reached the writer's station, and he was obliged to leave the two. For some years he wondered if Miss Bella Watson did not remain within the sacred circle of the Clan of '98 though making Australia her home; but he met her accidentally about six years after and, behold, the ribbon was BLUE. There was no love story there.

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1,200,000 cigarettes are sold every month by one New Haven firm to Yale students.

GLEE CLUB.

The Glee Club had a remarkably well attended practice on Wednesday in Y.M.C.A. Hall. It need hardly be said that the club this year will be as good, if not better, than that of former years. As the music which the club intend rendering at their concert had not arrived, several choruses, which, though in the song book, had not yet been sung, were practiced, and the members showed considerable talent in picking up harmonies and melodies which many of them had never before heard. These will come handy at the many public appearances of the club; and as two invitations have already been received, these also appear to be up to the usual number. It is very satisfactory to the committee to see such an interest displayed in the club and its doings, and if the old members would only turn out in full numbers they would have a chorus of seventy voices—the largest that the club has ever had. As it was, there were fifty-four at the practice. With a chorus of seventy or seventy-five voices the club could come before the public as the largest male chorus (and, of course, the best) in Ontario. Why should this not be possible out of such a large body of students, and each of them a voice? New voices are ever welcome; and Mr. Schuch, the conductor, will be pleased to assign persons before or after any practice.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

The Engineering Society held its first meeting for the year on Tuesday last, there being a full attendance, including a large number of new men. The principal part of the programme consisted of the address, as is the custom at the first meeting, by the new President, Mr. J. K. Robinson, '91. This was enthusiastically received, as it indeed deserved to be. Open letters were then read from ex-Presidents Duff and Haultain. The latter is now chief engineer of a mining system in Bohemia. Next followed short anecdotes and instructive sketches by those who were "out" on surveys and engineering works during the vacation. Mr. C. J. Marani was elected Graduates' Representative, and nominations were received for First Year Representative. On the whole the first meeting was auspicious, and, with the interest which has been taken so far by the engineers in the Society, this year promises to be a most successful one.

New drafting tables have been provided for the Third Year men, and are a decided improvement on the old style.

Messrs. Merril, '90, Lea, '92, White, '92, Milne, '92, and Hauley, '93, of the Mechanical Engineers, have been engaged in making observations and tests of the pumping capacity of the engines in the new high-level pumping station on Avenue Road. The results are to be embodied in a report to the City Council. These tests required the utmost care and attention and lasted over a period of forty-eight hours, commencing Thursday last at 9 am. The time was divided into shifts, two men being on hand constantly.

A friendly brush, which could not conscientiously be called a rustling, took place between the Seniors and Freshmen a few days ago. The "faculty" found its way down two flights of stairs to the dark corridors below, with the evident purpose of admonishing the parties concerned, but a reconciliation was soon effected upon due explanation.

The School of Science now boasts of an Association Football team, and although their "season" opened with an ill-omened defeat by the "Residence Butes," great things are expected by the Engineers, for there is good stuff in the school, if it could only be got out.

In a German university, a student's matriculation card shields him from arrest, admits him at half price to theatres, and takes him in free to the art galleries.

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OCTOBER 28, 1890.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.



It was a very tired and sleepy-looking assemblage that met the eyes of the President last Friday evening. Owing to the sports in the afternoon the attendance was slightly smaller than usual, and those who had come were in a somewhat wearied and exhausted condition. The meeting was preternaturally quiet. No one had sufficient energy to make an interruption or to raise a cheer. Only gentle murmurings of applause greeted the measured accents of the speakers.

Some, indeed, of the more noble and patriotic spirits made gallant efforts to arouse the Society to its native vigor. Early in the evening serious and repeated fluctuations were observed in the gas supply, and it was not until the Recording Secretary had made a personal visit to the basement and had engaged in a desperate hand-to-hand encounter with the experimenter that tranquility was restored amongst the gas-jets. Occasional scuffling, too, and shouts of defiance drifted faintly into the hall from the outlying departments. But all was in vain. The sedateness of the Society remained unmoved. Not a yell, not a war-hoop disturbed the Sabbath-school-like stillness of the air.

Mr. Horne gave us a reading. Mr. Standing read a good essay, a remarkably good essay. Both were heard with attention and appreciation, and even with wild enthu-

siasm. The Glee Club was called for, but failed to respond. It was not dead, but sleeping. Mr. Stringer, abetted by the chairman, went as a search expedition for a soloist. The Society waited. There was no yelling, no unseemly boorishness. The members leaned back in their seats and dozed.

No soloist appearing, the debate began forthwith. The subject was of a solid and scientific character: "Resolved, That sentiment has a greater influence in moulding the destiny of the race than reason."

Mr. Cooper opened for the affirmative, dealing out history and statistics in a serene and gentle voice. Continued attention began to awaken the society. Faint murmurs of applause were heard. A joke, which was found imbedded in one of the later sections of Mr. Cooper's speech, called forth drowsy laughter from the corner of the room. Encouraged by this, the plaudits of some of the younger members grew firmer, and upon the conclusion of his speech Mr. Cooper was, one might almost say, vigorously cheered.

Mr. Knox followed for the negative. Gracefully introducing the subject with specifications of its difficulty and his own unworthiness, he proceeded to lightly touch it from the psychological, algebraical, anatomical, physiological and theological points of view, successively. Under Mr. Knox's more fervid and impassioned delivery, the society became stimulated, and on some occasions almost rose to a sense of its position and responsibilities; but when the last polysyllable had undulated its slow way down the hall and made the turn for the door, and it was seen that the speaker had resumed his seat, the meeting relapsed into sudden and complete inanity. Mr. Reeves, however, threw himself into the breach with an energy worthy of a less hopelessly ambiguous subject, and the society was saved from a yawning gap in its intellectual feast. Mr. Reeves' direct and simple earnestness effected what the rounded periods and more studied eloquence of his predecessors had been unable to perform; it aroused the meeting. Long before his speech was finished the society had regained its normally uproarious condition.

Mr. Lamont followed in a speech which did him great credit. Indeed, not only throughout this meeting, but throughout all the meetings of this year, the speaking has been of a character which compares very favorably with that of even the best which has been heard of late years. After Mr. Lamont had concluded no one was found ready to take up the discussion, and Mr. Cooper briefly closed the debate. The President summed up, and the meeting voted the victory to the negative.

After the debate several matters of business came before the meeting. The ballot for First Year Councillors took place, resulting in the election of Messrs. J. H. Brown and A. A. Vickers. A communication from McGill was read, proposing an inter-collegiate debate, to be held at McGill in November, and requesting the Society to send representatives. The proposition was accepted, and Messrs. J. S. Scott and A. T. Hunter were chosen to represent the Society. Speakers for the approaching public debate were recommended, and a ballot resulted in the election of Messrs. J. M. Godfrey, J. A. McLean, J. A. Cooper, and R. H. Knox. This concluded the business of the evening and the meeting was declared adjourned.

THE GAMES.

IN spite of a cloudy sky and the dampness of the ground, the games were a decided success. Everybody came, as usual, and everybody saw better sport than usual. There are five great days in the Varsity year, and Friday's result simply proves that nothing, not even the elements or fate itself, can unmake the greatness of one of these days. Every event was closely contested, and the laurels of every victor were well won. The running was fast, in spite of the soft track, and the men were always well bunched. So close and exciting were the shorter races that many an onlooker held his breath from the crack of the starter's pistol till the winner crossed the tape. The officers of the day did all in their power to bring on the events with as little delay as possible, and to give all the spectators a good view. As judges, Professor Baldwin and Mr. Wright gave entire satisfaction. The starter, Mr. Pierson, sent the men off well together.

The following events came off in the forenoon:—

Putting Shot—(1) Agnew, 33 ft. 8 in.; (2) Currie; (3) Strath.

Running Broad Jump—(1) Currie, 18 ft. 11½ in.; (2) McColl, 18 ft. 10¾ in.

Association Place Kick—(1) Pope, 150 feet; (2) Little, 138 ft.

Rugby Drop Kick—(1) Pope, 140 ft. 3 in.; (2) Bunting.

Stranding Broad Jump—(1) Pope, 9 ft. 11¾ in.; (2) Dill; (3) Currie.

Tug of War—Three teams were on the field. School of Science—Dunbar, Deacon, Dill and Stanley; '92—Burnet, McLennan, Addison and Davies; '93—Strath, McMillan, Stewart and White. "The School" drew the bye, and '92 pulled '93, leaving the final between '92 and "The School" to be pulled in the afternoon.

This closed the forenoon's sport. Pope, with three firsts, was the hero of the morning. His standing broad jump eclipsed all previous Varsity records.

The chief events of the afternoon were the trials of speed and final tug of war.

220 Yds. Run—(12 entries). (1) G. D. Porter (24 sec.); (2) Hamilton; (3) Currie and Campbell (tied). This was a very close race. Porter won by the breadth of his body, but in good form.

Fatigue Race—(1) Strath and Macpherson; (2) Dunbar and Dill. Macpherson shouldered Strath, "while all the world wondered."

Mile Run—(1) P. White (5 min. 20 sec.); (2) Crawford; (3) Macallister. White showed a splendid combination of speed and judgment, and won easily.

100 Yards Run—(11 entries). (1) Currie (11 sec.); (2) Porter; (3) Hamilton. And the crowd which had been praising Porter, go back to their old favorite, Currie.

Tug of War—'92 and "The School." What a pull it was! "The School" are old veterans, but '92 were steady as clockwork and as strong as their opponents. It began by a draw, continued a draw, and ended a draw.

High Jump—(1) R. G. McKenzie (McGill), 5 ft. 9 in.; (2) Porter, 5 ft. 7 in.; (3) T. D. Dockray, 5 ft. 4 in. McKenzie's jumping was very neat, and his exhibition was probably the event of the day.

440 Yards Run—(1) Currie (57 sec.); (2) Hamilton; (3) Porter. Currie ran a very strong race. He was in good form and meant to run.

Half Mile Run—(1) P. White; (2) Langley.

Hurdle Race (120 yards)—(1) Porter; (2) McKendrick.

Team Race—(1) Moore, Pratt, Orton, '93; (2) White, Gilmour, Barker—Residence; (3) Campbell, Porter, McKendrick—Medical; (4) Langley, Rolf, Walbridge—S. of S. Campbell finished first, Moore second, Pratt third and White fourth. The Team Race is a new feature and was very exciting.

440 Yards Run (open)—(1) Hamilton; (2) Ross. This race is generally won by an outside man, but Hamilton captured it for the University.

After the games were over the crowd went to the School of Science to see the presentations of prizes. Sir Daniel Wilson presided, and Mrs. Baldwin made the presentations in a most becoming manner. Currie carried away the championship trophy. It was well won, for Porter was no ordinary antagonist. Both were cheered to the echo. McKenzie, of the McGill contingent, was greeted with "Three cheers for McGill," and the crowd cheered again. After the silverware was all disposed of, Sir Daniel Wilson made a few appropriate remarks on behalf of Mrs. Baldwin, and the meeting broke up. The day was over, and everybody went home—the wearied to rest and the wounded to dye themselves with iodine.

CLASS OF '93.

The adjourned meeting of the Second Year Society was resumed in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Saturday forenoon—President Strath in the chair. The election of officers was continued, and the new President, Mr. F. B. R. Hellem, will have to assist him during the year the following staff: 1st Vice-President, P. Parker; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Fleming; Secretary, A. F. Edwards; Treasurer, Mr. McDougall; Poet (re-elected), R. S. Jenkins; Athletic Director, H. Moore; Critic, W. P. Bull; Councillors, Miss Parkinson, Mr. Burton, Mr. Beaty.

After the election of officers Mr. Hellem was moved to the chair, and made a very felicitous little speech. A vote of thanks was then tendered the retiring officers and was acknowledged by Mr. Strath. A resolution was then introduced by A. McMillan, seconded by W. P. Bull, recommending that the Class ask the Literary Society to appoint a committee to devise a more simple and less expensive academic costume than the cap and gown. This was laid on the table for future consideration, and will command attention later on.

The Class met again in the Y. M. C. A. Hall in the evening to enjoy their first, but, as they say, by no means their last social gathering. The event was an unqualified success, and '93 may reasonably shake hands all around over it. The program was not commenced until about nine o'clock and was short and spicy. Mr. Strath, who presided, made his farewell address, and was followed by the retiring orator, Mr. E. A. Henry, who actually held '93 spellbound as he described the rolling forest scenery of extreme north Ontario as seen from saddle-back. Mr. K. D. W. McMillan, the retiring judge, gave a characteristic address, speaking in very tender tones of the late Sophocles. Miss Houston sang a solo which was very well received, and an impromptu glee club, led by Mr. McPherson, gave abundant evidence that '93 possesses fine musical talent. Caterer Lloyd furnished the company with very tasty refreshments.

The special number of the *University Monthly* comes to hand from Fredericton, N.B. It contains some splendidly executed cuts of scenery in the vicinity of the college, and an interesting article dealing with the history of the University from 1785 to 1800. The editorial page deals with the proposal to abolish the Provincial University, to which the writer is opposed. It refers to the success of the University of Toronto as a provincial institution, and claims the same support from the people of New Brunswick that Toronto receives from Ontario. We sympathise most heartily with the *Monthly* in its laudable efforts to render impossible the abolition of so necessary an institution as the Provincial University.

At Harvard for fifty years no smoker has graduated with the first honors of his class.

ANOTHER WORD ON THE MEDAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

I do not wish to unseemly extend the present timely discussion on the awarding of medals at our Alma Mater, but you will excuse a few further remarks from one who thinks he has reason to feel that there is something wrong in the way matters now are arranged.

Your criticism of Professor Baldwin's kindly letter was well made, as it is not easily seen how aggregate first-class honors could be allowed if first-class standing in each of the class-list sub-departments were not taken. You also ask the question, "To whom would the medal be given if half-a-dozen or more were fortunate enough to take first-class honors all around?" For a practical answer to this I might refer you to the records in the department of Physics. At the last May examination four took first-class in the Fourth Year, and these same four all took first-class on their third examination. Further, two of these ranked high in first-class on every examination, and were not blessed with the twinkle of an evil star. And yet no medal was given in that department. It was claimed by some that "access to the percentages obtained" would have settled the matter; but that is really away from the real question of justice. If there had been only one in the first-class there would have been no difficulty, and so it would appear that the more first-class honors taken the fewer medals would be awarded. That seems rather strange, but is not that conclusion deducible? On such considerations as these, and from the stand which they believed they had taken, the students in Physics thought their treatment rather undeserved, when, after the mention of the Stanley Medal in the Convocation list, they saw the words "not awarded" with no words of explanation.

What is to be done? I think the experience of this year shows conclusively that the class-equality arrangement is incompatible with the presentation of medals. Indeed, one of the examiners says: "I do not myself see how they can consistently present a medal in the Fourth year when the principle of alphabetical ranking is in vogue." One or the other should be abolished, and the question is which is the more important? For my part the alphabetical arrangement seems a good one, as, if no medals were given for competition on graduation there would be no disappointments when they are withdrawn. The able members of the Senate can certainly decide.

Perhaps the above may explain away part of that feature on the medal list which, you say, impressed you most—the ever-recurring "not awarded." There may be something in your wonder at the necessity of taking first-class honors in each sub-department of Moderns; but, on the other hand, I have heard the opinion stated that in the distribution of patronage in the shape of class-list space, the departments of Classics and Mathematics are not so generously provided for as some of the others. It may be the vigorous rejuvenation of THE VARSITY may do much to correct all these errors, and in doing so you have the best wishes of

Yours very truly,

Ottawa, Oct. 16, 1890.

C. A. CHANT, '90.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

A meeting of the Medical Students will be held in the reading room of the School on Wednesday next, 29th inst., at 2.30 o'clock, for the purpose of appointing an Editor for THE VARSITY from amongst their body, and doing some other business in connection with the paper. A large attendance is requested.

Six Siamese students have been sent by the Government of Siam to be educated in this country. They go to Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa.

THE FOOTBALL CONTEST.

CHAMPIONS OF TORONTO.

Saturday's football match with Osgoode Hall had the usual result. Varsity's team, the victors of many a hard-fought battle on the football campus, still stands forth with an unblemished record of victories—a record which, we venture to assert, no club in the country can equal.

Osgoode came on the field with the determination to do or die, and played a hard, fast, dashing game throughout. The toughest match of the season was the result, and until the last ten or fifteen minutes the outcome of the game was always in doubt. The match did not start till after four o'clock, at which time a large number of sympathizers of both teams were on hand to vent their pent-up feelings in vigorous yells of encouragement or derision. After the kick-off by Osgoode, Varsity held the upper hand for some time, and before the game had been long in progress, on a combined rush of the forwards, Buckingham kicked the first goal for Varsity. After this the play evened up, and rush after rush was made on either goal, though those of the Varsity forwards were far the more dangerous. Starr having to use his hands several times, while during the whole first half Porter touched the ball only once. Osgoode was unable to score, and Starr's citadel did not again fall during this half. Thus, when half-time was called, a solitary goal—and that to Varsity's credit—was the only point scored on either side.

But it was during the second half that the game raged fast and furious. Osgoode, realizing what depended on the game, played up from the kick-off, and before long succeeded in equalizing matters. Then Varsity, pulling themselves together, began to rush matters. Duncan ran the ball down, and Doc McLay with a pretty shot put Varsity in the lead. Still Varsity continued to press, and the legal defence, though they played in brilliant style, could not keep the Varsity forwards out. Watty made a hard, swift shot, which Starr stopped. McLay was on hand and easily scored the third goal for Varsity. But the Legals were not disheartened. Urged on by the encouraging shouts of their supporters, they played up with the determination to win the match, notwithstanding Varsity's lead. On a centre from the right, Herb Wood, a worthy brother of Casey's, scored Osgoode's second goal. Again the Legal forwards pulled themselves together, and made rush after rush on the Varsity goal. They were with the greatest difficulty prevented from scoring. But soon the possibility of their winning the match was gone, for the Varsity forward line made an old-time rush on the legal goal, and "Watty," after one of the prettiest plays of the day, scored goal No. 4 for Varsity, and put the result beyond doubt. The match thus closed 4 to 2 in favor of Varsity.

Of the team as a whole, it must be said that they did not exhibit their usual form, this being accounted for, in all probability, by lack of practice during the past week. This was shown more especially in the want of combination on the forward line, which on Saturday was conspicuous by its comparative absence. On the other hand, the fast play of the Legals, especially in the second half, was somewhat of a surprise to Varsity. As a whole, however, their combination was by no means superior to that of Varsity, and their attacks were comparatively seldom very dangerous, except in about ten minutes of the second half.

Mr. Jno. R. Blake acted in the capacity of referee, and though his decisions were not always unquestioned, his impartiality could not be held in doubt.

During the fall series, Watty, Doc McLay and Buckingham have each scored three times, and Duncan and Casey Wood once each. During the match against the Scots, Edmonds generously gave Varsity a goal, and this brings the total goals scored to twelve, those lost summing up to four. Thus it is that our association team has succeeded in upholding their reputation of last fall. But the final tugs-of-war, so to speak, are yet to come. Berlin and

the Grand Trunks of the eastern association have to be beaten, and then the championship of Canada is again ours to be proud of. We have no doubt our team will fight well and nobly, and as a result, we hope, will bring back to old Varsity the Championship of Canada. The following is the score of the matches played:—

	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
Varsity	4	0	0	8
Legals	2	1	1	5
Scots	1	1	2	4
Marlboro's	1	2	1	3
St. Michael's	0	4	0	0

SECOND RUGBY ONCE MORE ON TOP.

On Saturday second Varsity easily defeated Trinity College school by a score of 17 to 0. During the whole of the first half Varsity kept the leather well down towards the school goal. Two tries were secured by the men in blue in this half, one of which was goaled by Cronyn. The second half resulted in a try and goal for Varsity, and a rouge by Trinity.

The feinting and passing of Varsity was splendid. Trinity put up a good forward game, but their wings and halves, with a few exceptions, were decidedly weak. Parker and McLaren at half and Smith at quarter played a plucky game for Varsity, while Hutchins and Moss also did good service amongst the Trinity boys. Ferguson, Barker, Ogilvie and Meikeljohn were conspicuous by their good play.

VARSIITY VS. QUEEN'S.

Queen's scored a fair victory over Varsity at Kingston on Saturday, the contest resulting in our demise from the series by a score of 29 to 5. The team, accompanied by a corps of backers, indulged in the luxury of a special car, which was thoroughly appreciated, and hove-to in Kingston when the natives were still shrouded in the silence of sleep. The morning was very pleasantly spent in inspecting prisons and colleges. Under the guidance of the Warden, our aggregation got an idea of convict life within the walls of the Penitentiary, and found the visit both instructive and interesting. The Royal Military College was next honored, where the artistic eye of the team was pleased to find a more *recherché* variety of uniform. From there to Queen's and thence back to the "Peterborough," which was our terminus.

The team reached the grounds at three o'clock, and Mr. John S. McLean immediately entered a protest against Marquis, who, it was alleged, was not qualified to play, according to the Union regulations respecting the composition of a college team. The teams were as follows: *Varsity*—Back, Gilmour; halves, Senkler, McKay, Bunting; quarter, McClean; wings, Moss, Lucas, Burson, McLaughlin, Claves; forwards, Pope, Symmes, Lash, Vickers and Boyd; spare man, Bain. *Queen's*—Back, Curtis; halves, McRae, Webster, Parkyn; quarter, Farrell; wings, Echlin, Hunter, Stewart, Ross, White, McCammon, Scott; forwards, Cameron, Marquis, Grant.

It was easily apparent, when the two teams lined up, that Queen's had a decided advantage in weight, and this fact was chiefly instrumental in winning the game. Our limited space will not permit of our publishing a detailed report of the match, which was in every respect a splendid exhibition of Rugby football. Mr. E. McColl acted as field captain for Queen's, and Mr. William Skinner was an apology for a referee. His decisions were at times somewhat peculiar, although we contend that no perfectly infalible referee exists. He was not partial to either side, and declared against Queen's as much as he did against Varsity. He was a Union referee, however, and we think that that body should exercise better judgment by choosing its officials from among those who know the rules of the game. Pope kicked off, and Queen's was somewhat surprised when Varsity scored a rouge in about a quarter of a minute. However, this rate of scoring unfortunately did not last.

The forwards worked like demons, but Queen's scored two rouges and a try in quick succession, and soon the score stood 16 to 1 against us. Then there was a change. Varsity braced up and dribbled the oval up the field. There was a scrumage, McClean passed to McKay, who sent it on to Senkler, and, after a brilliant run, "Ivan" got over the line and made a touchdown. But the referee had a strange dislike to tries at goal, and decided to give Varsity four points without a kick. After that there was no further scoring, until play was resumed after the usual interval at half-time.

The charging and dribbling of Queen's forward line won the game for them, and as a consequence of the weight of a few of their forwards, they could afford to play more wings than we could, and these, since they were unchecked, were very effective in charging our quarter and halves. White scored two tries in quick succession, and then the play was in Queen's territory. Varsity took the aggressive for a short time, but did not score. Webster made a good point and Queen's followed up, forcing Gilmour to rouge. The game was fast and rough, and Queen's scored another try. Varsity got the ball down into Queen's twenty-five, and a succession of scrummages followed, but the score stood at 29 to 5 when time was called, and the defeat was taken gracefully.

It was generally admitted that Varsity played a faster game than their heavy opponents, but Queen's average of 182½ lbs. was always there. The score is not an index of the relative strength of the two teams, as the game was keenly contested all through. The individual play of our fifteen was good all through, and every man played the game creditably and well. There was none of the unpleasantness which commonly characterizes an important match, and the utmost good feeling prevailed, partly, perhaps, in consequence of the kind attentions and hospitality shown the guests. During the course of the evening a mob assembled around the car, and called upon President Moss for a speech, which was accordingly delivered with becoming eloquence and gravity. The team arrived home on Sunday morning, a sore, a sadder and a wiser combination, but quite satisfied that they were fairly beaten by a team that ought to beat Hamilton here next Saturday.

THE SECOND TEAM LOSES.

On the wretched grounds on St. Mary Street our second Association team underwent their first defeat, their vanquishers being the Stanleys. Another game was in progress until after four o'clock, which made it very probable that it would be dark ere the second game was finished, and the Varsity, therefore, protested the game before commencing to play. The result proved that their foresight was correct, as the last fifteen minutes of the game were played in almost total darkness. Our team was in a very crippled condition, Hammill, Hooper and Peat being off, and Merrill being entirely unfit for playing. The Stanleys scored the first goal and Varsity the two following, Orton and Govenlock scoring. Then the Stanleys scored again and once again, this time in the dark. This defeat spoils the team's promising chances for the championship, but they are not out of it yet. Their opponents next week will be the Victorias, and the match will probably be played on the lawn.

The Residents defeated McMaster Hall at football by 2 goals to 0.

The Niagara *Index* appears in a brand new cover, which gives it a very good appearance. Within its covers there is a large number of well-written and thoughtful articles on "The Soul," "Sentiment," and "Shakespeare's Treatment of Persons and Things Holy."

The Methodists have opened a large college with a liberal endowment at Salt Lake City, Utah.

NOTICE.

All reports of meetings or events occurring up to Thursday evening must be in the hands of the Editor by Friday noon, or they will not be published.

'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

The first meeting of the Oriental Club will be held in Knox College this afternoon.

Mrs. Sheraton is "at home" to Wycliffe students every Tuesday evening.

During the progress of the games on Friday, S. J. Robertson, '92, entertained a company of friends to tea in his room in residence.

Prof. Alexander is arranging for a seminary in his department. The seminaries in Political Science and Philosophy have been begun again.

Messrs. Andrew and Holmes, of Wycliffe College, have been appointed to attend the Inter-Collegiate Alliance to be held in Montreal next month.

The executive of the Victoria University Board of Regents have decided to proceed at once to award contracts for the new building in Queen's Park.

The Treasurer of the Association Football Club wants the members to pay in their fees. How many of those who kick the ball every day on the lawn ever join the club at all? Pay up, gentlemen.

The Mock Parliament will be opened at the Literary Society next Friday evening. The debate on the reply to the Speech from the Throne will probably take up a considerable portion of the evening.

In the theatre of the Normal School, on Thursday evening, Miss Kate Jannalt Woods, of Boston, spoke on "Old Moravian Customs in America." Her lecture was very interesting, and was attended by many of the lady undergraduates.

On Friday evening President Wilson lectured on "One of the Rights of Women" in Association Hall, in aid of the News Boys' Home. By way of defining Woman's Rights, he said: "Whatever she can do well, she has a right to do."

Prof. Henry Drummond, of Glasgow University, author of "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," was in the city last week, and while here visited Knox College and delivered a short address to the students. Prof. Drummond is better known to college men by his being the inaugurator of religious work in the Scottish universities.

There was an ominous-looking notice on the board last week, announcing the fact that a "competent committee had been appointed to look after the interests of the Freshmen, and that due notice of the deliberations would be given to all philanthropists of the old school." It had a chilling effect on some of the Freshmen.

The Y.W.C.A. held the first meeting of the year last Tuesday afternoon. The hour was wholly taken up in discussing the accumulated business of the society. It was decided to hold the meetings on Wednesday of each week at five o'clock, instead of Tuesday as heretofore. A slight change was made in the constitution—namely, drawing a distinction between active and associate members. The following committees have been appointed: Devotional—Misses Watt, Hillock and Young; Musical—Misses Platt, Jones, Green, Telfer and Howson; Membership—Misses Rose, Rogers and Watson.

On Monday, the 21st, the ladies of the class of '91 met in the Y.M.C.A. parlors, with the object of forming a class society which should not only give pleasure during this year, but serve as a tie to bind the members together after commencement ceremonies shall have made them no longer students of University College. The society propose holding a social and literary meeting once every month. The officers are as follows: President, Miss F. U. Keys; Secretary, Miss L. L. Jones; Treasurer, Miss E. Bunnell; Poet, Miss M. McOvat; Historian, Miss C. Platt.

The Political Science Association of '92 completed their organization on Thursday. The officers are: President—Professor Ashley; Vice-President—J. A. Cooper; Sec.-Treas.—S. C. Wood. For the latter office Tennant and Sinclair were also nominated. The debate on "The Justifiability of Usury," proved to be interesting and instructive; arguments, historic and modern, being brought forward by both sides and stated very forcibly. Professor Ashley's remarks, while intensely critical were beneficial, and were spoken with a view towards improvement in style of speaking, and towards encouragement of original observation and thought. The debate for next Thursday (at 9 a.m., in Wycliffe) will be on the subject, "Resolved, That the rate of wages should be fixed by the State." Pro., Lamont and McLean; con., McCraney and Ross. The men are enthusiastic over their new association, and are bound to make a success of it.

The Mathematical and Physical Society held its first meeting of the year last Tuesday, and judging by the attendance the outlook for the year seems to be very favorable. The President, J. McGowan, B.A., gave a very thoughtful paper on the utility of the study of mathematics, showing how it develops all the different faculties, failing only in that of language, which could only be remedied by the study of English. Mr. F. Seymour, B.A., followed with some of the most successful and also most gorgeous experiments in color by means of polarized light the society has ever had

the pleasure of witnessing. He polarized the light from a projective lantern and caused the rays to pass through crystals (chiefly mica) each of varying thickness, the refracted rays after passing through an analyzer being projected on a screen, thus producing all the colors of the spectrum a thousand and one different forms. The experiments were very clearly explained by Mr. Seymour. A vote of thanks was tendered Messrs. McGowan and Seymour, to which they briefly replied. Mr. Riddick, B.A., of Parkdale Collegiate, an ex-member of the society, paid the society a visit and replied in a short speech to a call from the chair.

THE MOCK PARLIAMENT.—Mr. McKinnon, who was elected to lead the Government, announces that he has formed the following Cabinet:—

Premier and Minister of Interior—A. J. McKinnon.
Minister of Finance—A. T. Kirkpatrick.
Minister of Public Works—G. Ferguson.
Minister of Justice—J. A. Cooper.
Minister of Railways and Canada—J. McKellar.
Minister of Militia—H. I. Wales.
Minister of Customs and Revenue—W. Clark.
Minister of Marine and Fisheries—R. H. Knox.
Minister of Agriculture—H. Little.

Secretary of State—W. Parks.
Postmaster-General—E. B. Holt.

Y.M.C.A.—The regular meeting of the association was held on Thursday afternoon. There was a short business meeting, at which Mr. W. MacIntosh, '91, was appointed a delegate to the Inter-Collegiate Mission Alliance Convention at Montreal, N. B., 6-9. Thirty-four new members were received into the association, and a number of other proposals made for membership. The devotional meeting—a very interesting one—was led by Mr. E. A. Henry, '93. The lecture took about ten minutes in opening up the subject, and then the meeting was thrown open, when quite a number took part. Next Thursday afternoon the first monthly mission meeting will be held. Gale and Leira will be the subject. A brief description of Gale, the association's missionary, and an outline of his work in Korea. Mr. F. Tracy, B.A., will preside. A cordial invitation is extended to the lady undergraduates to be present at this meeting. It is hoped there will be a large attendance. Students are always welcome at meetings.

The western man who runs the "oration factory" is said to have done a \$1,000 business with Cornell last year.—*Wesleyan Argus*.