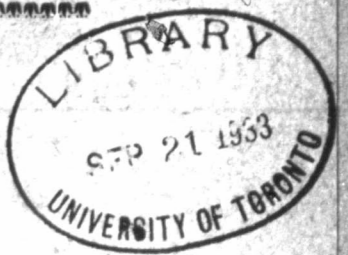


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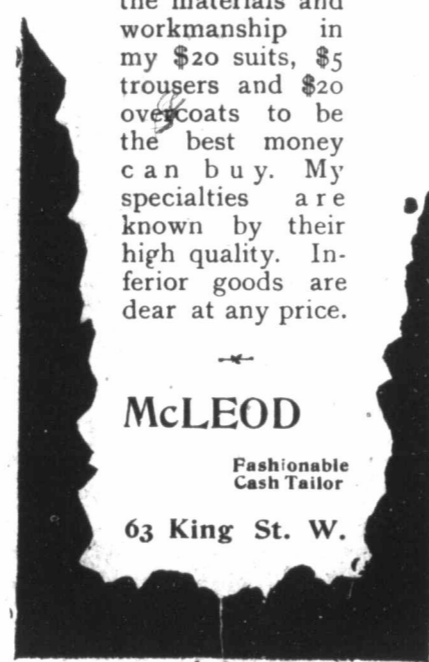
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CANDIDATES ARE CHOSEN.

Nominations for Next Year's Varsity Lit Made Friday Evening.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

Platforms of the Two Parties Aply Discussed—Speeches by Prominent Leaders of Both Sides.

Students Union has seldom held a larger audience, and certainly never a more enthusiastic one than assembled Friday evening to attend the nominations for the officers of the University Literary and Scientific Society for next year.

It is estimated that between three and four hundred students were present. After the routine business of the meeting was finished nominations were in order.

Charlie Carson, the famous leader of the Alma Mater party, was the first to ascend the platform. In a clever little speech he stated that he wished to propose for the next president of the Lit. Mr. MacGregor Young. The applause which greeted the name of this year's president suggested in a slight measure the great esteem with which Mr. Young is held by both parties of the society.

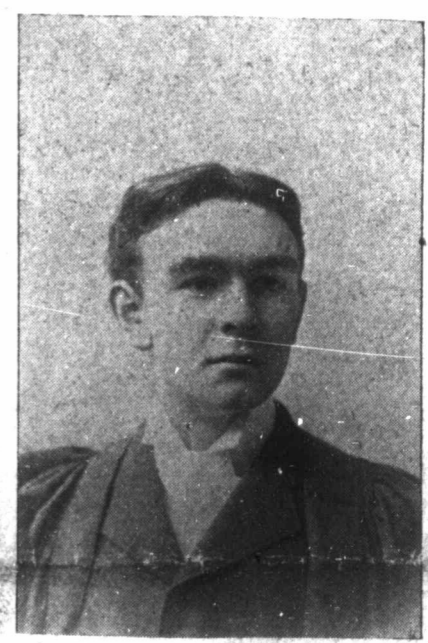
In responding to the nomination Mr. Young stated that as much as he would like to, it would not be possible for him to accept the office for another term. In his own happy way he thanked the members of the committee for the assistance rendered him during the winter and also stated that he was much pleased with the aid rendered by the society in general.

At the conclusion of his remarks, which were loudly cheered, Findlay Perrin, B.A.,

H. H. Narraway then took the centre of the stage, and in a felicitous speech named Dr. Wickett as the candidate of the Old Lit party for president. He then entered into a discussion of the planks in the platform of the party and the policy of the Alma Mater party. He condemned the present method

William Henry Moore, B.A., the candidate of the Alma Mater Party for the office of President of the Literary and Scientific Society, is a graduate of 1894. He matriculated from Woodstock College, and from his first year he showed marked ability. He entered the Political Science department and always took a high stand in his course, graduating with first class honors.

In '95-'96, '96-'97 he held the position of Fellow in Political Science, and last October began his duties on the Faculty as Lecturer in the same department. Throughout his whole college course he evinced the keenest interest in the University affairs and as an under-



WILLIAM H. MOORE, B.A.

graduate was a constant attendant at the meetings of the "Lit." In his final year he made the splendid record of missing only three meetings. This popularity as an undergraduate is shown by the offices he was called upon to fill; in his second year he was secretary of the Political Science Association, in his third year vice-president of the Class Society and treasurer of the Literary and Scientific Society, while in his fourth year he upheld the honor of old Varsity down at McGill. Since becoming a member of the Faculty his popularity has grown and he has won a place of high esteem among the student body, both in and out of the lecture-halls.

of the Editorial Board of the Varsity, and also the action of the present Lit executive in dispensing with the mock parliament. He spoke on the plank in the Old Lit party platform concerning the conversat, and strongly advocated having this annual social function primarily a students' affair. He considered the platform of the Alma Mater party "a thing of rags and tatters." As an example of the utter absurdity of some of the planks of that platform he cited No. 5. "They might as well have stated," said he, "that we look with great pleasure at the rapid increase of population throughout this planet." In conclusion the speaker stated many reasons why the student body should support Dr. Wickett for president. Charlie Carson followed, and nominated for vice-president John R. Bone. He then took up several of the questions at issue. He claimed that there would be no necessity for means "to retard the downward progress of the society," if the students themselves would take a trifle more interest in the society's welfare. As an instance of this lack of interest he stated that in the last inter-year debate he was compelled to solicit every man in the fourth and first years before he could secure speakers for the debate.

Concerning the conversat, he stated that there were five or six social functions each year for the students alone, and that the conversat was the only opportunity the students had of inviting their friends from the city and province to their university. He also spoke of the mock parliament of previous years, and claimed that last year the proceedings had relapsed into a most uninteresting state of affairs.

"Bill" Martin, the able champion of the Old Lit party was the next speaker. He thought that there were but two planks in the platform of the Alma Mater party which

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A NIGHT AT THE GRAND.

The arrangements for the students' turnout at the Grand, Saturday evening, are almost completed, and there is little doubt but that the theatre will be packed with students to greet W. J. Thorold, an old Toronto student, who takes one of the leading parts in "A Lady of Quality." The theatre will be decorated in college colors, and a programme of college songs will be given during the intermissions. Mr. Thorold graduated from McMaster in '95. He then took up dramatic work under H. N. Shaw, of the Conservatory Dramatic School. Since his debut as Morel in James O Neil's "Monte Cristo," he has played Guereau in "The Courier of Lyons," Rosencrantz and the Priest in "Hamlet," Marcus in "Virginius," Malboir in Beerbohm Tree's "Wooden Legged Blacksmith," Major Carrière in "The Seats of the Mighty," Gladhill in "Henry IV" and in different parts in Wilson Barrett's "Sign of the Cross." In "A Lady of Quality" he appears as the Earl of Dunstanwolde.

DENTS TO HAVE A DINNER.

For the first time in the history of the Dental College a class dinner will be given this year. It will be given by the junior year the members of which have many times before displayed their originality and progressive spirit. The affair will be held at McConkey's, Friday evening, the 25th. As this will be the last day of exams everyone will be in the right mood to have an enjoyable time. G. Grieve will act as chairman and will be assisted by the following committee: E. J. Sanderson, secretary-treasurer, W. A. McLaren, R. R. Ross and C. A. Bell. Besides an elaborate spread there will be toasts by the faculty and students of the school. An orchestra will also be in attendance and an excellent programme will be rendered during the evening.

At a mass meeting held last week several changes were made in the constitution of the Society. Messrs. J. G. Devitte and A. E. Rudell were appointed a committee to look after the Varsity sports and Halloween demonstration.

A committee is being appointed to arrange for next year's programmes.

A. C. Caldwell, who graduates from University of Pennsylvania this spring, will take his final year here next term.

Dr. Williams will practise in St. Thomas next summer.

"Bob" Elliott will hold down his old position on first bag with Varsity's baseball team this year.

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HEARD IN THE HALLS.

This will be the last issue of COLLEGE TOPICS for this term.

The Women's Residence Association of University College gratefully acknowledge the following additions to their building fund:—A subscription from Dr. and Mrs. A. H. T. Barbour, of Edinburgh, £25 sterling; cheque from Ladies' Glee Club, \$19; proceeds of the Kipling lecture, \$118.

W. P. Cohoe, B.A., instructor in Moulton College and demonstrator at the School of Pharmacy intends to take a post course at Harvard next term.

A very largely attended meeting was held in Guild Hall, McGill Street, last Friday evening, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor and Students' Volunteer Unions of the city, to listen to reports of delegates who attended the recent Student Volunteer Convention held in Cleveland. Addresses were delivered by Mr. H. Warren of Victoria University; Mr. F. W. Anderson of University College; Miss Dr. Skinner, of Women's Medical College; Mr. R. J. M. Perkins, of Wycliffe College; Rev. R. P. McKay, of the Presbyterian Board of Missions, and Rev. Elmore Harris, of the Bible Training School. A student quartette supplied very suitable music for the occasion.

On Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock a meeting of the girls of '99 was held to elect three of their number to represent them on the '99 Year Book Committee. Miss B. Jamieson, Miss L. K. White and Miss A. Morrison were chosen.

A most enjoyable At Home was given by Mrs. J. F. McCurdy, Saturday afternoon, from 4.30 to 7, to the University students. Mrs. Fraser and the Executive of Women's Literary helped Mrs. McCurdy to entertain her guests. The room was prettily decorated in blue and white. Mrs. Fraser, Miss Salter, Mr. and Mrs. Brebner, Mr. De Lury, Dr. Needler and Dr. Toews represented the faculty.

The affairs of the Modern Language Club will be in the hands of the following committee during the coming year:—Hon. President, Prof. Fraser; president, W. A. K. Kerr; 1st vice-president, B. A. Simpson; 2nd vice-president, Miss Alexander; corresponding secretary, J. B. Hunter; recording secretary, M. Millman; treasurer, Mr. Irwin; assistant treasurer, Miss Cole; second year representative, Miss Hutchison.

Mr. T. M. Martin gave a very entertaining talk Friday evening on "Art in Education" at the Ladies' Presbyterian College. The lecture was much enjoyed, as was the musical programme, rendered by the following:—Miss Muriel Bickell, Miss Ethel Johnston, Miss Margaret Nasmith, Miss Annie McCowie, Miss Mabel Chew, Miss Jessie Stevenson. Mr. Yeigh fulfilled the duties of chairman in a very satisfactory manner, and after the programme refreshments were served.

"The Development of Vocal Method" was the title of a very interesting lecture given by Dr. C. E. Saunders to the students of Moulton College on Friday evening. Dr. Saunders discussed the Italian methods, introductions of science, and our modern systems, and in doing so gave many valuable hints to those interested in the subject. This lecture was the last of a series of very entertaining lectures which have been given at the college during the season.

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of May.

Varsity men are reminded that exam fees are to be paid before next Saturday.

C. C. Bell, B.A., of Toronto Meds leaves shortly for a trip to Jamaica.

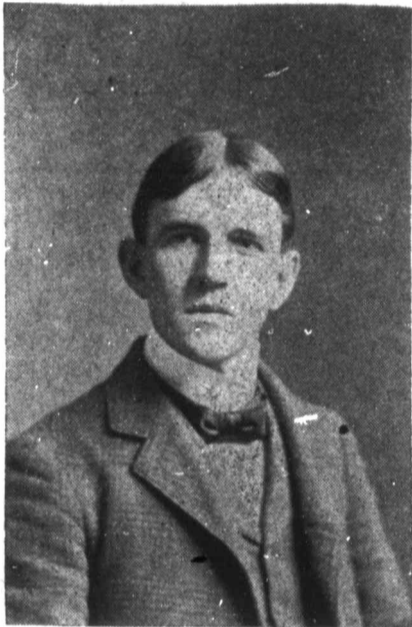
Charlie Cowan, '99 Arts, went home on a short visit last week.

CANDIDATES ARE CHOSEN.

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pertained to the Literary Society. One of these was concerning the business society which he considered impracticable, and the other was the movement to erect a chapel.

John R. Bone, the Alma Mater party candidate for the office of vice-president of the Literary Society, is one of the best known and one of the cleverest men around the University. Before coming to Varsity he showed signs of the ability which he has ever since displayed. He matriculated from the London Collegiate Institute with the highest honors, capturing the first scholarship in mathematics and science. During his first year at Varsity he succeeded in maintaining his previously brilliant record, by standing first in chemistry and mineralogy, first in physics and chemistry, and second in



JOHN R. BONE.

mathematics, an achievement which he duplicated last year. His abilities have more than once been recognized by his classmates, who during the year 1896-97 bestowed upon him the office of class president, as well as various other positions which he has held at different times. He has now been unanimously chosen by the members of the Alma Mater party to head the undergraduate portion of their ticket in the coming Lit elections, and supporters and opponents alike acknowledge that no stronger candidate could have been placed in the field.

As to the latter he pointed out that there were a sufficient number of other chapels in the city at present which the students could attend.

In regard to the present condition of the society he thought it was very lax. He stated that last year only four men of the present executive took part in the programmes. During the whole term there were only fourteen members of the Alma Mater party whose names were on the programme while twenty-six men of the Old Lit party took active part in the debates, etc. He believed that the board of the Varsity should be strictly non-partisan and that the college paper should be controlled by the Literary Society. He denied that he had ever voted to throw the School of Science out of the society. In conclusion he nominated for vice-president John McKay. The mention of the name of Knox's orator brought forth a storm of applause from the Old Lit side of the house.

O. M. Biggar nominated for 2nd Vice, L. E. Jones. Mr. Biggar then made a rousing speech in defense of the platform of his party. He said a number of nice things about "Residence men," and believed that if they held a large number of offices it was because they deserved them. (Cheers from the men of Residence.) J. T. Shotwell followed and nominated T. E. Brown for 2nd Vice. He claimed that the two parties represented two classes—one endeavoring to keep in office—the other endeavoring to raise the standard of the Literary Society. He did not consider the platform of the Alma Mater party practicable and saw only two planks which applied to the society. These had been previously discussed. "Jack" Hobbs nominated R. Davidson for Recording Secretary. He also pointed out that the erection of a chapel and convocation hall was within the range of possibility. He believed that it could be brought about by the students themselves. The Students' Union, he said, was the result of student energy, and he did not see why the same force could not bring about the construction of a convocation hall, which he thought would be a great acquisition to the University.

Hugh Munroe named R. B. LeSeuer as the candidate for Recording Secretary of the Old Lit party. Hugh then discussed the "scrap" and ridiculed the boast made by the other party that the scrap was purely Canadian.

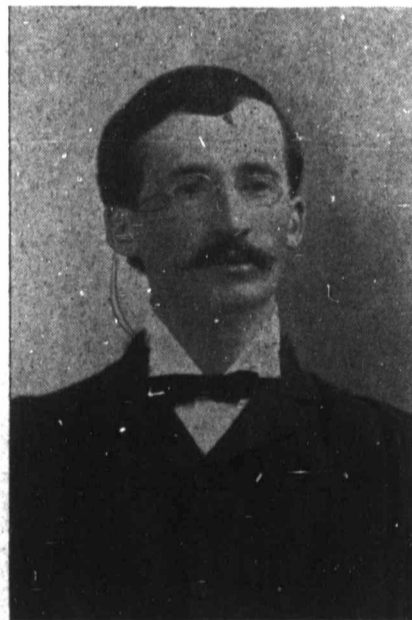
"We can claim as much for the Canadian thistle," said he. He, too, thought that the conversat should be a students' function. The management of the Lit last year he thought was poor.

The irresistible "Nick" Hinch nominated F. L. Hogg for 3rd Vice. "Nick" then then told how the "men of Residence" were reinstated after having resigned from '98 executive. He also exonerated the Lit executive of last year from all blame by reason of the decline of the mock parliament. He claimed that it was not managed by the executive. As to a reference made by a previous speaker that his party characterized the members of the Old Lit party as farmers he emphatically denied. He was a farmer himself and was proud of it. A. E. McFarlane named Walter Campbell for the office of 3rd Vice. In doing so he stated that Mr. Campbell would make as able a full back for the society as he had for the association team.

The speaker stated that the student body was gaged by the present partisan method of running the Varsity. He thought if the erection of a chapel was to be considered, the credit should be given to John Gunn, who first proposed the scheme, and not to the Alma Mater party. The plank in the other party's platform concerning a free access to the books in the library, he considered, could not but be favorable to the whole student body. He had always fought for it and felt that it would be a good thing.

A. Smith, of the School, named C. B. Gordon for Corresponding Secretary. W. G. Clendenning nominated John Patterson as the Old Lit party's candidate for that office. George Black nominated "Billy" Cleary for Curator. George told how advantageous it would be to have a large convocation hall where convocation, Saturday lectures, concerts, etc., could be held. He believed that if the agitation was started that inside of two years the hall would be erected. John Gunn, in a short but clever speech, nominated D. Macdougall for the office of Curator. "Freddie" Cleland was the next speaker, and nominated E. H. Cooper for Treasurer. "Freddie" then spoke on the management of the Varsity and said most emphatically that the Lit should control the paper. A discussion then followed between the speaker, Mr. McFarlane and ex-editor Gahan concerning the publication of a letter last term. In the midst of the discussion President Young asked what direct bearing this matter had to the Lit elections. As it apparently had none, the discussion was discontinued. "Billy" Alexander next took the platform, and his popularity was once more made apparent by the rousing reception which greeted his appearance. He spoke strongly against the partisan method of con-

John McKay, '99 the candidate of the Old Lit party for the office of vice-president, is known among his colleagues as one of the best fellows at Varsity. Before coming to College he acted for some time as substitute master in Owen Sound Institute. Later he graduated from the Model School at Goderich, and in his class stood *facile princeps*. He then taught school for two years at Holyrood, Ontario. He entered Varsity with the class of '98 in the Easter term; but despite the late date of his entrance, the first year exam. presented no obstacle to him. During 1895-96 he remained out of academic work, having charge of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Detroit, dur-



JOHN MCKAY.

ing that time. Returning to Varsity he stood first in the honor department of Philosophy in the Sophomore class. His progress and record since that time needs no description, being well known to his fellow-students. It may be added that while in Detroit, Mr. McKay took an active part in literary work, and acted as occasional reporter for the Detroit *Free Press and Journal*. As a public speaker he has few equals around Varsity. At the public debate last fall he distinguished himself admirably on the platform, and on various other occasions he has shown himself to be an able and forcible debater. His qualifications for the office to which he has been nominated by his party are therefore of a very high character, and he will, if elected, grace the chair which he may on occasions have to occupy.

ducting the Varsity, and discussed the policy of both parties in an able manner. He then nominated D. E. Kilgour for the office of treasurer. Billy Ross nominated F. G. Lucas

for Secretary of Committees. Billy took exception to the cry of the Old Lit party, that it was time for a change. The Tories claimed that, too, in the last elections, said he. "Tommie" Russell nominated E. M. Ashworth for Secretary of Committees, and at the same time made the best speech of the evening. He showed what the members of the Old Lit party did for the University. He claimed that only two men from Residence were members of the Gymnasium. He said that the erection of Students' Union was the work of the opposers to the Alma Mater party. The reason, he said, that the seven men were reinstated on the '98 executive was that they refused to go in the class photo unless a reinstatement was made. Don Ross, the next speaker, denied most emphatically that the men who had resigned from the executive refused to go in the photo. He attributed this charge solely to the opposite side. He claimed that the erection of the Students' Union was the result of efforts on the part of the old members of the Alma Mater party. Mr. Ross nominated G. C. King for historical secretary. R. H. Haslam nominated W. A. Groves for this office. For 4th year councillor J. H. Fisher nominated D. A. Sinclair.

The remaining nominations were as follows: A. Macdougall nominated J. Hogg, for 4th year councillor; A. H. Birmingham, A. C. Campbell for 3rd year councillor; N. R. D. Sinclair, W. J. Donovan for 3rd year councillor; W. F. Mackay, A. W. Greene for 2nd year councillor; W. A. Docker, M. A. Buchanan for 2nd year councillor; A. N. McMillan, C. D. Collins for 3rd year S.P.S.; T. Shanks, E. G. Yeates for 3rd year S.P.S.; H. G. Gregory, T. W. Thorold for 2nd year S.P.S.; and W. S. Davidson, J. C. Johnson for 2nd year School of Science.

NOTES OF THE ELECTION.

A few more days and the terrible contest will be over.

Both parties held enthusiastic rallies this afternoon. The candidates for presidents and a number of prominent undergrads addressed the meetings.

The cartoons of "I. Collier Downe" and Atkinson are the best seen around Varsity in a long time.

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THE SCENE OF DEATH.

I was taking my usual after-dinner walk one pleasant June evening about three years ago, when my attention was attracted by the momentary stare of a young man, and at the same time a kind of shiver ran through me. In an instant I seemed to lose all control over myself, for I immediately turned and followed him. Why, I do not know, and, although I have often thought over it since, I have as yet arrived at no satisfactory explanation. I followed him from street to street until at the end of a quarter of an hour he stopped before a large, old-fashioned stone house. With its high gables and fantastic carving, it looked as if it might once have been the city residence of a well-to-do country squire, but from the neglected shut-up appearance one might think it was uninhabited. When I came up, he glanced sharply at me and simply said, "Come!" and, still following the same irresistible impulse, I obeyed.

We entered a narrow hall, and climbed up a pair of creaky old stairs to the second story. He unlocked the door, showed me in and, while he was locking it, I had a moment to look around me. I had entered a moderately-sized room, not elegantly, yet comfortably and tastily furnished. The wall was hung with several fine oil-paintings, and in the centre was a table, scattered over with magazines, papers, cigars, pipes, etc. In one corner was a lounge, in another a bookcase, and a cosy armchair, with several other chairs, completed the furnishings of the room.

After he had securely fastened the door, my "host" motioned me to the armchair, which I gladly took, drew up another chair, and thus opened the conversation: "Mr. James—ah!" he said, "I see you are surprised at my knowing your name, but you will understand that later—Mr. James," he continued, "you are, no doubt, very much astonished at what has happened to you tonight, and will be curious to know where you are and why you are here. In the first place, you are in the house of Mr. Barclay, by profession an artist; in leisure a scientist. Now that I have introduced myself, I may as well explain why I have brought you here."

At the word brought I felt convinced that it was not from any natural inclination that I had followed him. Noticing my surprise he smiled slightly, and continued:

"About three years ago I conceived an idea which it has been my sole ambition to bring into realization, and for the sake of which I have withdrawn from a genial society, and shut myself up in this old house so that I might work unmolested. When about a month ago, I considered myself sufficiently prepared, there was yet left undone one thing most important to the successful issue of my project, namely, I had to find an assistant or companion. Ah," he said, "I see you wonder why I choose you—a total stranger. Your being a stranger was one thing which strongly recommended you, but why I do not think you could appreciate, even if I should explain. Suffice it to say that about three weeks ago you attracted my attention, and, to be frank, I at once set about finding out all I could about you—that is how I happened to know your name—and, as far as I could learn, you were the very man I was looking for. I feel I may not confide in you the details of my plan, but I assure you, if you trust yourself to me, you will never regret your night's experience. Will you agree to become my assistant?"

"Well," I hesitated, "the peculiar circumstances under which I have become acquainted with you, and my total ignorance of who you are, and of the part you wish me to play to-night, would naturally make me feel some hesitancy in agreeing to such a proposal."

A look of disappointment spread over his face; then, fixing his keen black eyes on me again, he said, slowly and earnestly, "Mr. James, I ask once more for your confidence." I shifted uneasily in my chair, looked nervously around, then, again giving way to what I feel was adverse to my natural inclination, I yielded to his request.

"Now," said he, "we may as well proceed;" and, turning an electric switch, he showed me into another room. I was rather surprised at what met my eyes—a room about twenty feet long by fifteen wide and ten high, painted a dead black—surely nothing extraordinary. Out went the lights; I heard a creaking of wheels, as of a curtain going up; on went the lights again, and I saw before me a truly magnificent picture—magnificent, both in workmanship and size. It fitted one end of the room exactly as if it had been especially built to receive the picture. The subject was a landscape.

Some beech and maple trees, with their little trees nestling thickly around them and a large elm, with its tall vine-clad stem, took up the foreground. In the background, a massive hill, clothed with tall pines, raised its rugged head to the clear blue sky. And, looking closer, I saw wild flowers peeping forth here and there from among the under-

growth of vines and ferns, and caught the glimmer of a little stream through the trees.

I turned to Mr. Barclay and inquired, "Did you paint that?" He nodded "yes," and said, "That, Mr. James, is only, as it were, the mechanical part of the experiment, the scene of our—or, perhaps, I should say *you*—adventures to-night."

I was so fascinated by the picture that I did not take much notice of his words, and kept looking from it to him, wondering if a man could possibly produce such a counterpart of nature. Every leaf was so distinct, and the coloring; but here I was interrupted in my meditations by Mr. Barclay saying, "I call this picture 'The Scene of Death.'"

Such a gloomy name for so happy a scene rather surprised me, and I expressed myself so; but he only said, "Wait."

"Now, that you have become acquainted with the scene of action, I suppose we may as well proceed."

Out went the lights again, and I once more became conscious of those eyes of his being fixed on me. A kind of drowsy feeling crept over me, and I have but a faint recollection of some one supporting me and offering me a glass of—well, I must confess I don't know what—which I mechanically took and drank. In a few minutes my senses had returned, keener and more alert than before.

Mr. Barclay whispered, "Look at the picture." At first (much to my surprise, I could not see anything, but my eyes were so intently fixed on where the picture should be that I do not believe I could have removed them, even had I wished. Then the sky became overspread with a ruddy light, which gradually faded and faded until it melted into the clear blue of a bright summer day, giving form to the confused mass of landscape. The melodious notes of a skylark first gave life to the scene, and, one by one, the other birds awoke and made the forest ring with their voices. A gentle breeze rustled the leaves, and brought to my ears the murmurings of a little forest stream. The wild flowers slowly unfolded their tender petals to the sunlight, gladdening the happy scene with their bright faces.

The day wore quickly on, noon passed. The birds had become less restless now, and only gave evidence of their presence by occasional chirpings. The shadows grew slowly longer. Night was rapidly drawing on, and the distant shouts and cries which I had been hearing for the last quarter of an hour grew gradually nearer and nearer. Suddenly a band of a dozen Indians burst on the hitherto quiet scene, bearing at their belts the grim relics of the massacre. They were dragging a man, whom, by his shaven head and long black gown, I perceived to be a priest—possibly their missionary. My mind instantly flew back to the stories I had so often read of the cruel tortures to which these human devils subjected their captives. Could it be possible that I was to be a witness of one of these terrible scenes? Was I to see with my own eyes what men have labored to describe with words?

The Indians gathered together, consulting in hoarse whisperings, doubtless, how they should kill their captive. My attention was attracted and my admiration excited by the serene countenance of this man, who must have been conscious of the nearness of death—yes, far worse than death. He was standing there, his back to his captors his head inclined a little, and his thin, bloodless lips moving slightly in prayer. Then the Indians, with a hideous laugh—more of a shriek—possibly moved by some ingenious mode of torture devised by one of their number, scattered, some soon returning with wood and dry leaves, others with willow bands. They bound him to a tree, and made a pile of leaves around him. I understood all now; they were going to roast him alive with a slow fire. Could I not rescue him before it was too late? No; I was rooted to the spot. I simply couldn't move a muscle, and was compelled to be a mere spectator of this grim scene.

They formed a ring around him and began their fiendish dance, grimacing all the while their hideous painted faces. They kept continually replenishing the fire with leaves, and—but why describe this terrible scene? You have all read of similar ones.

The sun slowly set, and in the growing darkness the already impressive scene was rendered the more so. The ruddy light of the fire shone on his face, writhing in his death agony, and on the faces of the Indians, beaming with a grim smile of satisfaction. The fire died out, and with it the last spark of life of this venerable monk. The Indians lay down drunk with blood and the moon rose serenely, bathing in its soft light, alike, forest and mountain, living and dead.

The next thing I can remember was that I was riding along in a carriage with someone who had his arm around me supporting me. This turned out to be Mr. Barclay, who at once enquired how I felt.

"A little weak," I replied. But at this point the carriage stopped and I looked out to find that we had arrived at my residence.

My "host" of the evening helped me to the door; and after telling me that I would be all-right soon, thanked me for my services and bade me good-night.

I heard the carriage rattle away, carrying with it the mysterious Mr. Barclay—a man whom I have never seen since.

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ATHLETIC NOTES.

McMaster men expect to have a crack baseball team this year. Among the old favorites on the team will be Phipps, Imrie and Schutt.

The baseball fever has again caught hold of the boys at St. Michael's College and not even the prospect of international wars seems to check their eagerness for the re-opening of the season. If enthusiasm is a factor this spring will witness a great revival of interest in the game of the diamond. Never before has there been such material as is now to be found in the ranks of St. Michael's baseball players. Many of the old champions are back, and new men with good records will be found to fill the places of those who are gone. The old reliable and successful battery, McDermott and Fitzgerald, will again occupy the positions of honor, after taking on a few pounds during the winter months. The gymnasium has kept Mac in good trim and it will no doubt help him in the early contests. Mac is quoted to be the cleverest twirler in Toronto and vicinity. Fitzgerald is in robust condition and the patrons of the game will be delighted with his work this season. Collins will again hold down third base which he has so admirably done for the past three seasons. Roach, with his eagle eye and good judgment, will play left field. Nallin, of the Pennsylvania State League, will cover the initial bag, whilst Morrow, of hockey fame, who made a record for himself last year in the Waterloo aggregation, will also fill a responsible position. With the above mentioned players, and having ninety others to choose the remainder from, every indication points to the prospects of a fast and well-proportioned team. Among those who are recommended to avail themselves of the first opportunity of practicing are: P. O'Connor, who possesses no mean ability as a pitcher and who will likely fill a position on the seniors this year. Pickett, who last year showed up well on the juniors, and who can cover much more territory in the field than most amateurs, has a good chance for the senior team. John Lynott, formerly of Niagara University, is a good man at short and is a very likely man. MacDonald of last year's Sandwich College team will be a great acquisition to the team in the field position. McCann of this city who is an all-around man, and fast enough for first team is also worthy of consideration. Roach, Cullon, and Chris. Manley are also expected to do great work this year.

L. W. B. Broughall will captain the Trinity Cricket team this year.

Trinity Athletic Association elections will be held Tuesday, the 22nd inst.

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THE LACROSSE CLUB.

The University Lacrosse Club this year has the most promising season ahead of it of any in its existence and already quite a number of men have signified their intention of playing the national game.

The team each year takes a trip through the New England States and games have already been arranged for at Hobart, Lehigh and Columbia Universities and Crescent Athletic Club, New York, with every probability of games at Harvard, Boston Athletic Club and the Montclair Athletic Club of New York. Thus the trip this year will probably be the most enjoyable on record.

The prospect of this opportunity of seeing something of the country to the south, as well as the opportunity of maintaining the reputation of the national University in the national game, will certainly be enough to cause many men to "turn out" and get into shape.

Very moderate rates have been obtained for the use of the gymnasium for the lacrosse men for the season, and work will begin there not later than the 21st of this month.

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ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.

The annual St. Patrick's Day entertainment will be given Wednesday evening, in the College Hall to an invited audience. The Panegyric on St. Patrick will be delivered by Mr. A. Walsh, whose reputation as a litterateur is by no means stunted. The Dramatic Society, under the able direction of Mr. Shaw, will present the 2nd scene, Act II, from "Damon and Pythias." No doubt this will be successful, as the leading actors of Richelieu will fill the caste of characters. No further recommendation of the "dramatis personae" need be made, than the mere mention of such histrionic talent as Messrs. Lymott, Kelly, O'Boyle and Powers, with Mr. H. N. Shaw to assume the leading part. The caste of characters will be as follows:—Damoctes, J. Lymott; Dionysius, S. H. O'Boyle; Philistius, J. E. Kelley; Procles, Chris. MacRae; Damon, Prof. H. N. Shaw; Senators, D. Powers, P. O'Connor, F. McCarthy, J. Mahady, Myles Gibbons.

The farce, "The Confidential Clerk" will be repeated by special request. Those who have witnessed it will laugh as heartily as before, and those who have not, should not fail to see it, as it contains much mirth, with abundance of clever acting. The following is the caste:—Jonathan Dobbs, J. R. Lynch; John McCormack, P. Hart; Horatio Lushington, H. Sheridan; Charles Valefine, M. Creedon; Dick Sharp, J. E. Kelly; Harry Dalton, J. Redmony. The following programme will also be given: Solo, "Believe Me," Mr. F. X. Mercier; piano selections by Messrs. Hurley, Moonan and Fay; Solo, "My Love for Thee," Mr. F. McCarthy and a chorus; "The Harp that once through Tara's Halls" by the College Glee Club.

James McPeak who was injured while playing hockey recently is rapidly recovering, and is expected around shortly.

Rev. Father Teefy, M.A., L.L.D., will lecture Thursday evening at the A. O. H. entertainment in Massey Hall.

Rev. Father Whelan, of Caledon, was a guest of the College last week.

At a meeting of the St. Michael's Lit. Saturday evening, the president announced that the essayists for the literary medal this year should take La Salle as their subject. The essays are not to be a mere biography or history, but rather an appreciation of the character of the man.

Rev. Dr. Tracy, of St. Michael's Cathedral, was a visitor at the college last week.

McMASTER HALL.

An open meeting of the Literary Society will be held Friday evening, March 25th. At this meeting there will be an oratorical contest, in which representatives from the four years in Arts and the theological men will participate. Mr. G. T. Webb will represent the theologians; A. B. Cohoe, '98, and his oration will be on Abraham Lincoln; P. C. McGregor, '99, will speak on Chrysothom; S. E. Grigg, '00, will have Gladstone as his subject, and Albert Gazley, '01, will speak on "Success." Dr. Thomas will act as judge.

I. G. Matthews and J. F. Vichert intend to go to Manitoba next summer.

Davie Catchpole is winning fame as a psychologist.

R. E. Sayles, '01, is spending a few days at his home in Brantford.

Phipps, Thomson and Brophy paid a visit to Trinity, Sunday. They speak highly of the hospitality of Trinity men.

A large number of McMaster men will attend the Grand Saturday evening, to welcome W. J. Thorold, B.A. of "The Lady of Quality" company. Mr. Thorold graduated from the Hall in '95.

F. N. Goble went to Woodstock last week, ostensibly to visit relatives.

Milton Troop is taking a week's rest at his home in Brockville.

Brophy is growing thin, at least he thinks that he is. It took three of the boys two hours one day last week to convince him that he had not changed the least bit in appearance since he commenced to work.

At the meeting of the Tennysonian Club, Friday evening, Editors M. D. Colman, '00, and C. Watson, '01, gave the annual reading of the Argosy, which was enjoyed very much by those present. Miss Boggs, '01, rendered a violin solo very pleasingly, and Miss McLaurin, '01, favored the audience with a solo which met with generous applause. Miss Clemens, '01, was the accompanist.

Dr. Rand spoke before the Theological Society last week, on the subject of Dr. Strong's lecture, which was given recently at the Hall.

It is expected that Rev. C. A. Eaton will lecture in the near future on "Preaching of the Age."

"Key West" is as attentive as ever.

Wood is working unusually hard these days.

J. C. McFarlane, '99, and D. Bobington, are away from college on a short visit.

Lecturer McLay delivered a lecture on Browning in the Chapel last week.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

The Wycliffe Theological and Literary Society will hold its annual election of officers on Thursday evening, March 17th. The following men have been nominated for the different offices: President, G. W. Howland, B.A., R. J. Perkins; 1st vice-president, Messrs. Roy, Howe, Sangfeldt and Haslam; 2nd vice-president, Messrs. Wilson and Docker; recording secretary, Messrs. Bourne, Taylor and Kinder; treasurers, Messrs. Simpson, Savory, Adams, Murphy, Carpenter, Armstrong; 4th year councillor, Messrs. Goodheart and Rennie; 3rd year councillor, Mr. Rusbroke; 2nd year councillor, Messrs. Covert, Cotton, Ben-Oliel, Ritchie. After the Literary Society elects its officers for the coming year, the Students' Missionary Society will hold its annual election of officers.

Miss Thomas addressed the students in the chapel last Monday evening on the "Gleaners Union."

The Students' Missionary Society will hold its annual meeting this evening. The Bishop of Toronto will be in the chair and addresses will be delivered by the Rev. G. C. Wallis and the Hon. S. H. Blake, Q.C.

At the last meeting of the Literary Society a very clever prophecy was read. It summed up the past history and gave a word of warning to each student. The production was a work of art and reflected great credit on those who composed it.

Two parties are already organized for the Literary Society elections under the names of "Party of Progress" and "Wycliffe First Party." The results are at the present time very uncertain, and each party is trying to get ahead of the other in the getting out of cartoons and campaign literature.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cycle of Prayer will be held on Saturday evening, March 19th in the college chapel.

Rev. Rawlings A. Robinson, of Fergus, paid the college a flying visit last week.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.

The class picture is being executed by Farmer Bros. Nearly all the boys have been shot and expect to reap the reward about May 1st.

Mr. Farmer is turning out nice pictures and has given the boys good rates.

The large picture is to be about 5½ feet by 4 feet. It will be one of the best in the College.

Mr. Horatius Thomas, Pharmacy's crack tenor, has had his whiskers cut off and the boys now call him Father Thomas. He says he tried to cut them off himself, but had to go to Hud Joy to finish them.

Prof. Heebner is doing great work, in the "prescription reading exercises," which take place every Thursday evening from 7.30 to 9.30. He has the happy faculty of making the boys enjoy the exercises by introducing a few side lines.

A number of the Grads attend the prescription reading exercises on Thursday evenings.

Where the boys intend going if successful:

A number of them are going to try their luck in New York.

Mr. Mitchell intends running a store in Hamilton.

I. A. Snider intends starting a store in British Columbia. He has not yet decided upon the place.

Some are going to Klondike.

Messrs. G. H. Worthington, McKinnon, Thomas, Ross, are going to New York city.

W. C. Dickson intends going to Montreal.

C. J. Cunningham to North-West Territory.

There are a large number of the boys who intend taking up the optical course at the Montreal Optical Company's school, of which Dr. Hammel is principal.

Dr. Fotheringham has been laid up for past two weeks and it will be another week before he will be able to lecture again.

Mr. Kendall, O.C.P., '97, is taking Dr. Fotheringham's place in lecturing in Materia Medica. He understands his work and puts the boys through their facings.

The boys are all working hard now. They see the exams in the near future.

The O.C.P.Y.M.C.A. meetings are still having good attendance, and great interest is being taken in the Association.

W. H. McCullough, Pharmacy, '97, is working in the city.

Thos. J. Day, '97, leaves for San Francisco (Cal.) in a few days, where he has a good position.

Mr. MacDonald has been compelled to go home on account of sickness. Pharmacy men hope to see him back soon.

I. T. Lewis, regular treasurer, is very busy at the present time, preparing for coming examinations.

KNOX COLLEGE.

The Knox College Students Missionary Society election was held last Tuesday evening. The following executive was elected: President, J. T. Taylor, B.A.; 1st Vice, T. C. Hood, B.A.; 2nd Vice, B. M. Smith; Treasurer, W. A. Beattie; Recording Secretary, J. W. McNamara; Financial Secretary, P. Keith; Corresponding Secretary, M. McArthur; Secretary of Committees, J. L. McPherson; Councillors, W. Bremner, W. Ross, F. J. Maxwell, R. M. McDermid.

Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College, arrived home from Baltimore, Md., Thursday, bringing with him his son, Dr. John Caven, who, while practising in that city, was seized with blood poisoning. Principal Caven went down on Monday in response to an urgent summons, but it is anticipated that Dr. Caven will recover under careful treatment here.

Last Wednesday evening there was organized a new society in Knox College, the formation of which attests the proximity of the theological examinations. It goes by the name of "The Latter Day Workers." The following are the officers:

Hon. President, W. B. Findlay; President, W. A. Rae; Secretary, F. H. Barron; Treasurer, A. H. McGillivray; Inside Guard, Thos. Dodds; Rear Guard, Geo. Arnold; Chaplain, J. C. Smith.

Among the charter members it was a satisfaction to see the names of J. L. Murray and John W. Little.

The following is the allocation of mission stations for the summer:

Comox, B.C., J. Rex Brown; Crows Nest, J. W. Stephen; Longlaketon, N.W.T., A. W. Hare; Ellisboro, N.W.T., R. S. Scott; Gilbert Plains, Man., H. J. Pritchard; Bethune, B. M. Smith; Warren, T. C. Hood; Buxton, W. A. Bremner; Collins Inlet, A. H. McGillivray; Iron Bridge, T. Kendall; Sturgeon Falls, W. Beattie; Cook's Mills, P. Reith; Rainy River, A. McTaggart; Mills, D. McKernoll; Carling, R. J. McAlpine; Dorset, R. C. McDermid; Franklin, J. W. McNamara; Rat Portage Mines, T. Dodds; South Bay, A. H. McLeod; Loring, A. L. Burch; Kippewa, J. T. Cheyne; Washago, J. D. Cunningham; Depot Harbor, J. L. McPherson.

TORONTO MEDICAL.

Lectures are wearing away to a finish and this week will almost see the end of them, as far as the students in the six months' course are concerned. The fourth year Medicos are plugging hard, and much interest is centered on the medal winners. Speculation on this line is in vogue. Herbie Hewish is bookmaker and his quotations are as follows: Bustard Ferris, 3 to 5; Shep. Shepard, 15 to 18; Hiram Walker, 1 to 1; Jimmie Baker, 3 to 2; Clancy Moore, 2 to 1; A. D. Webster, 5 to 3; Mack Crawford, 10 to 1; Vic McWilliams, 40 to 8; Bernie Holmes, T. B. McDonald, Jack Coreovan, and Mac MacRae also ran.

Trinity medical students although theoretically given to athletic sports (e. g. baseball and football) are practically "not in it," as far as hockey is concerned. The much blowed of hockey team did not appear on ice, or if they ever did, they were only put on to be kept cool.

Mr. Kelly, of the third year, was seriously injured a few days ago by a moving van. It appears that a loaded truck started down an inclined plane with a tremendous rush, and the popular Chathamite put out his foot to stop it. He has only one foot now. The other is about six feet down in the mud. On being interviewed about the accident Mr. Kelly said he didn't care as there was a corn on it anyhow.

Ethan Conolly will be quite busy next week showing the sights of the city to "Charlie," who is to arrive in a day or so.

It is assured that next fall the University Medical Faculty will shine in all branches of athletics. There is much interest taken in organization already, and the present first year will by no means be silent members in general sports. There is nothing that advertises a University more than the quality of its athletics. Who hears of Yale, Princeton or Harvard, hears also of their prowess in rugby as of their glorious regattas. Everyone should take an interest in the college sports, and contribute time, skill, or money, to the advancement of them.

The students of the second year are very hard at work in anticipation of a severe examination. Most of them have finished fooling their time away and are fast becoming friends of the midnight spirits that hover about the gas-jet or the flickering lamp. Very few have stopped dissection, dreading to forget their anatomy.

AMONG THE VETS.

The annual junior dance Thursday evening was a grand success and everything passed off with *clat* with the exception of a few thefts, which included hats, gloves, overcoats, etc.

The class picture is nearly completed and will be on exhibition at Shorey's, Yonge St., in a short time.

The last meeting of the Medical Society was held Friday evening at the usual time. D. R. Smith, M.D., V.S., was in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following programme was then given: Essays, J. A. McDonald, Shoeing; W. E. Fairbanks, Nux Vomica; G. W. Higginson, Lithotomy; F. M. Hayward, Ophthalmia; J. P. Howland, Chlorodyne; E. B. Truitt, Ovarectamy; J. L. Short, Creolin; W. H. Carey, "Class of '98"; J. P. Howland, Aesopagotomy; E. B. Truitt, Tympanites; J. Dixon, Pectoral Injury; C. Owens, Strychnine Poisoning in Dogs; G. T. Van Tine, Spasm of Diaphragm. Chairman made a few remarks and the Society closed for the Session.

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TRINITY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

A movement is on foot looking to the re-organization of the Literary Society on such a basis as shall make it of greater practical value to the student body. Hitherto the functions of this Society have been largely those of a Students' Executive, and the appellation Literary has certainly been something of a mis-nomer.

It is now proposed to organize a Parliamentary Debating Society and to hold fortnightly meetings at which topics of interest will be discussed. If the animated debates around the corridors during the progress of the late provincial election campaign may be accepted as any criterion we have with us a number of promising orators and a great amount of interest will be taken in the new scheme.

The many friends of Morley Fallis, '98, will learn with pleasure that his condition of health, which for a time caused some anxiety, is being slowly improved under careful treatment.

The annual dinner of the graduating class of this college will be held on the 30th inst. Ernest C. Ashton has been elected president and Ralph C. Williams secretary. There will be a hot time in Leader Lane that night. The class of '99 have elected Bob Palmer, the Tory orator, to represent them on the occasion.

Lectures are now over and the Ides of March—those days of anxious hope and fear—are almost upon us. Happy he who has heeded the warning of the soothsayer and forborne to waste his days in idleness and his evenings at the Lakeview. Now verily will the industrious man reap the reward of his toil and unto the idler shall it be said "Depart, I never knew you to attend my lectures," and he shall be cast into the outer darkness, shorn of his feathery adornment, to wait for the supplementals.

Sam Eagleson, '99, has secured a position as House Surgeon in an Owen Sound hospital during the summer.

"Doc" Hutton, has not been seen around the college for some time and has presumably returned to the Klondike.

The Bodega Ambulance corps is being organized for special service on the 30th, Jimmy Hogg will be in charge.

D. A. McCallum and G. B. Oliver of the final class will continue their medical studies in London, England, at the conclusion of the present session.

It is rumored that Mark Pascoe will join the ranks of the benedictines and commence his practice in Sofia.

"Col." Robertson, will take a post-graduate course in his well known speciality at Bellevue.

"Dunc." Anderson has accepted a position in the Foreign Mission service.

OSGOODE HALL BRIEFS.

Nominations for the Board of Directors of the Osgoode Hall Amateur Athletic Association were held to-day in the law school. There was a large attendance of students and barristers. President Church presided and Secy. Burbidge read his annual report. All the reports were adopted. It is likely that George Kapelle and Hartley Dewart, Crown Attorney, will head the two respective election tickets. Election day will be held on Tuesday next at Osgoode Hall. "Jim" Merrick will be returning officer.

The students at the school are getting excited over the elections of the Athletic Association. The student party, led by Messrs. Healy, Johnston, Perrin, Kingstone and Powers are placing a strong ticket in the field.

The Athletic Association decided to give up their fine rooms at 146 Wellington St. West. Where will they get rooms next fall?

Eddie Beatty, of Varsity, and other crack Rugby men, are going to play here next year. He will, it is said, be captain of Osgoode II, although Captain Kingstone thinks he is worthy of a first team position, where he will likely play.

Capt. Courtney Kingstone has resigned the leadership of the Rugby Club. Action on the matter has been deferred until next fall.

A number of Osgoode law students will write on the annual law exams in May and June at Varsity and Trinity.

Several Osgoode men on the O.R.F.U. Executive favor Varsity's re-instatements free from all conditions in the union.

The final year men are dreaming now where they are going to strike a place to earn a livelihood.

W. H. L. Nelles, of '97, is practising at Brantford.

"Joe" Atkinson, of II Osgoode scrimmage, is making quite a hit as the "Varsity old Lit's party cartoonist."

J. C. Elliott, of '98, is going to practice in Glencoe.

Students of the final year cannot get a copy of the new revised statutes for love or money. The profession are also complaining of the time the government have been publishing the statutes.

S. S. Sharpe, B.A., L.L.B. (Varsity '96), whose criticisms of Judge Dart-

nell, of Ontario County, in the Uxbridge papers last fall caused some fun, has been summoned to appear before the benches of the Law Society and defend himself.

Lectures are being delivered on Saturdays in the second and third years. The school will close on Thursday, April 7th.

J. B. Lucas, M.P.P., '92, carried Centre Grey for the Conservatives by 1,200 majority. He is doing well at Markdale, Ont.

Some members of the class of '98 talk of going to the Klondike.

Charlie Cross's bosom friend, W. J. Moore, M.D., was in town last week, at the Conservative caucus. Billy's work on the stump helped to make Joe Haycock an ex M.P.P.

W. A. Hollinrake, of '97, is practising at Brantford.

Messrs. G. K. Labatt, Fred Wilson, W. C. Mitchell, Jack Strathy, H. V. Duggan and C. Flood will play Rugby with Osgoode next fall again.

ELECTIONS AT VARSITY.

PLATFORMS OF THE TWO PARTIES.

The following is the platform of the old Lit Party:

In view of the condition of this Society at the present time and the opportunity which the impending election affords to the free and independent voters of the University to retard the downward progress of the Society, a decadence which has of late become painfully evident to all discerning minds, and at the same time to insure a more energetic course of action with regard to Lit affairs in the future, desires to place itself on record as upholding the principles enunciated below:

1. We favor maintaining in their integrity the traditions and conservative character of the Literary Society as originally constituted; and therefore declare ourselves in favor of free elections without intimidation in the shape of brute force to the electorate.

2. We favor maintaining unaltered the present membership of the Society, including in the undergraduate portion of the same all male undergraduates of University College and the School of Practical Science.

3. (a) We believe in the assertion and maintenance of the constitutional principle giving the Literary Society full control over the Editorial and Business Boards of Varsity, —an authority undoubtedly vested in the Society in virtue of the fact that the report of the Nominating Committee is subject to its approval or dissent.

(b) We express our sincere conviction that appointments to the Editorial and Business Boards of Varsity should be made on a strictly non-partisan basis.

4. We favor a more energetic management of Literary Society affairs in general, and shall, if we secure the support of the electorate, endeavor to achieve the same to the best of our ability.

5. We believe in making the Annual Conversazione a Student function and not a mere Society event, and in so reducing the price of tickets as to bring it within the power of every student to attend.

6. We favor the resurrection of the Mock Parliament on a basis befitting gentlemen and University undergraduates.

7. We believe that immediate steps should be taken by the incoming officers of the Society towards attempting to form an Inter-College Debating League, the same to comprise McGill, Ottawa, Queen's, Western, Knox, Wycliffe, Victoria, MacMaster, Osgoode and Varsity.

8. We view with the extremest pleasure a move made in the same direction by the formation of the Canadian Inter-College Rugby Union, which in the very nature of things is bound to draw into closer confederation the great Universities of the Dominion.

The following is the Platform of the Alma Mater Party:

It is evident from events which have transpired in the Literary Society within the last few weeks that a determined effort is being made to secure victory at the approaching elections for a section of students who have followed no other policy than that of obstruction. We believe that never has there been made such a desperate attempt to traduce the entire student body with so little guarantee of good faith and sincerity. Accordingly, we desire to place before the undergraduates the following platform, embodying those principles for which we have always fought, and in defence of which we now ask the hearty support of the unbiased portion of the electorate.

1. We believe that the time has come for the formation of a business organization which should be thoroughly representative of the students in University College and the School of Practical Science. In order to carry out this plan, which heretofore has been more or less visionary, we propose that next year a movement be set on foot to make membership of the Literary and Scientific Society compulsory on all male students in University College. We are confident that by this means our student societies would be placed on a firm financial basis, and that their management could be accomplished with much more success and much less labor.

2. We are firmly of the opinion that a healthy College spirit could best be nourished in a residence capable of accommodating at least half of the student body in University College and the School of Practical Science.

3. We deprecate the attempts which have been made to abolish the most distinctive and enjoyable features of the Annual Elections.

4. We advocate the erection of a building which would be suitable for a Chapel and also as a Convocation and Literary Hall.

5. We emphatically endorse the proposal that each class on graduation should leave some fitting memorial. We will do all in our power to forward any scheme which will bring the alumni into closer touch with the Alma Mater, and favor the custom common to American Universities, of holding a re-union of graduates during the week of the Annual University Commencement.

6. In order to provoke a greater esprit de corps among undergraduates, we intend to further, in every way possible, any attempts to have a student demonstration on Halloween, and heartily endorse the steps which have already been taken with that end in view.

7. We favor the presentation of a petition to the Senate requesting a freer access to the books of the University Library.

Dr. Kirschmann, of the Philosophical Staff at Varsity, although one of the foremost psychologists of a nation noted for its great thinkers, is not very widely known among undergraduates. Those, however, and they were in number nearly seventy, who heard the doctor last Friday afternoon give a talk on "the two most remote problems of Natural Philosophy," will be long in forgetting the entertaining and instructive way in which the subject was treated. The Natural Science Association had been invited, and they showed their appreciation of the invitation by the numbers who took advantage of the courtesy of the sister society.

It is impossible in so small a space to attempt to give the theories advanced, or over-thrown in regard to the end of the world and life on other planets, which fit appears are the two most remote problems of natural philosophy. Although the subjects involved much rather dry reasoning the speaker never for a moment allowed his audience to weary. Dr. Kirschmann has a keen appreciation of the humorous aspects of things, and this, combined with his perfect grasp of his subject, made the lecture not only instructive, but very enjoyable. Should Dr. Kirschmann favor the undergraduates with another such address, no one who appreciates the privilege of hearing a noted scholar, who is at the same time a pleasing speaker, should miss the opportunity of attending it.

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WOMEN'S LITERARY ELECTIONS.

The most exciting meeting of the year and probably the closest elections for a good many years, were held Saturday evening at the Varsity Women's Literary Society. The question of the continuance of *Sesame* was again discussed and a vote taken, by which it was found that nearly all the members wished it kept up.

Nominations were then held for its editorial and business board:

Editor-in-chief, Miss C. Benson, '99, elected by acclamation; 4th year representative, Miss B. Tennant and Miss B. Jamieson; 3rd year representative, Miss L. M. Mason; 2nd year representative, Miss C. MacDonald; business manager, Miss A. W. Patterson elected by acclamation; 3rd year representatives, Miss L. Wegg, and Miss E. Flemming; 2nd year representatives, Miss E. Darling, and Miss B. B. White. The elections for officers of the Society were then held resulting as follows:

Pres., Miss L. K. White; Vice-Pres., Miss B. Tennant, elected by acclamation, as Miss Benson, the other nominee, withdrew; 4th year councillor, Miss H. Wolverton; recording secretary, Miss Wegg; 3rd year councillor, Miss M. E. Mason; treasurer, Miss Lang, corresponding secretary, Miss Darling; 2nd year councillor, Miss B. White.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the rest of the elections (representatives on board of *Varsity* and Women's Residence Committee and the board of *Sesame*) were postponed until Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. At the close of the meeting Miss H. B. MacDougall, in behalf of the Society, presented Miss G. Hunter (the president) with a very pretty leather writing case, and thanked her most heartily for her energy in the interests of the Women's Literary during her presidency. In return, Miss Hunter expressed her gratitude, saying she had always met with the greatest kindness and most willing assistance from the members, which had transformed the duties of her office into pleasures.

TRINITY TOPICS.

The regular meeting of the Institute was held in the hall on Friday night, Mr. C. A. Heaven in the chair. The attendance was increased somewhat by the usual number of delinquents, who were anxious to qualify for franchise at the elections next Friday night. The usual opening routine, minutes and roll-call, the literary programme was proceeded with. Mr. Broughall read a rather long but humorous selection which was received with applause. The essayist of the evening, Mr. E. A. Johnston, failed to put in an appearance. He sent apologies, however, and pleaded press of work. The debate was "Resolved that the Prison Labor System tends to develop the progress of a country." The quartette appointed to debate the question were Messrs. Owen and Hewitson for the affirmative, Messrs. Whittaker and Mockridge for the negative. Of these four gentlemen, Mr. Owen alone was present, Mr. McEwen, however acting as Mr. Whittaker's substitute. Mr. Wright and Mr. Boyle were asked to fill the other vacancies. Mr. Owen opened the discussion with an excellent speech, well-prepared and well-delivered, which stamped him at once as one of Trinity's best speakers. Mr. McEwen followed rather briefly, being at a disadvantage in having little time for preparation. Mr. Wright was also very brief, his address being altogether impromptu. Mr. Boyle followed, and, though unprepared, succeeded in utilizing his full time. Mr. Owen closed the debate. The decision went to the negative on the merits of the speeches. On the question itself, the vote resulted in some slight irregularities, and an appeal was made against the chairman's ruling on the question. However, as there was no business to be transacted, a motion of adjournment at this juncture closed the meeting.

The Literary Institute elections will be held next Friday evening and an exciting time is expected. The following men have been nominated for next year's executive: President, N. T. S. Boyle, and D. A. Madill, B.A.; vice-presidents, J. R. H. Warren, R. H. Stacy and L. McLoughlin; secretaries, A. Lee Ireland and H. S. Mucklestone; treasurer, E. P. S. Spencer, H. McCausland and E. M. Wright; librarian, W. H. Mockridge and F. H. Hansfield; curator, A. S. Lucas, R. B. Nevitt and L. W. Jones; councillor, F. W. Walker, H. C. N. Wilson and D. T. Owen.

Divinity supplementals began yesterday. There are five men writing on them.

An inter-college debating league would receive the hearty support of Trinity men.

H. McCausland, who has been suffering from an injured foot for some time, has gone home.

E. S. Senkler B.A., of Brockville, was a guest at Residence last week.

The great and only annual Episcopon supper will take place as usual Thursday

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evening, St. Patrick's night. J. G. Macdougall will be the scribe, and, it is rumored, has some good things to tell this year.

The Meds will be here March 21st for their exams. A very cordial welcome is awaiting them as they make things lively during their stay.

Some of the Divinity men were disconcerted upon hearing the news that there would be no ordination this year.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Hugh Munroe will take up theology next year in Montreal.

Arrangements for next year's Halloween Demonstration have not yet been completed. The committee meets this week and expect to get things pretty well in shape before the close of the month.

"Nick" Hinch, '98 Varsity, expects to go to the Normal College, Hamilton, next year.

A meeting of the committee appointed by the class of '99 Varsity, last year, to arrange for the publication of a Year Book was held at University College last week. R. Mullin was selected as editor-in-chief, W. H. Alexander as literary editor, and E. N. Armour as business manager. It is the intention of the committee to publish a book quite different from that published by the class of '98. The greater portion of the work will be devoted to literary matter. No personalities will be introduced, but a sketch of each member of the class will be one of the features. They will commence active work on it in the near future, and it is expected that the publication will be ready in the early part of next term. The following compose the committee: R. Mullin, W. H. Alexander, E. N. Armour, E. A. Cleary, J. R. Bone, F. D. McEntee, N. T. Johnston and J. T. Richardson.

George Black, '98 Varsity, intends taking up a Ph.D. course next year.

F. B. R. Hellems, '93, who secured a travelling fellowship from University of Chicago, has been appointed professor in classics at the Colorado University. Mr. Hellems has spent the past two years studying in Greece and Rome.

"Billy" Love, '97 Varsity, writes from the city of Mexico and states that he is enjoying life to the full.

William H. Greenwood, B.A., '97, is on the staff of the *World*.

Base ball enthusiasts will doubtless see a great revival of the game at Varsity this year. The amalgamation of the St. Michael's and Varsity will form a team that ought to take first rank among the amateur teams of the city. Manager Jack Hobbs has been quite busy the past few weeks arranging for the spring tours. It has been about decided that the first home games will be played by the amalgamated teams. The old Varsity I. team will make a western tour about the 25th of May and it is also possible that the II. team will also make a short tour. Later in the season the amalgamated team will probably make an American tour and there is little doubt but that the strongest that ever represented the University of Toronto. Among the old Varsity players, who will be seen on the diamond this spring are: "Dick" Greer, Freddie Barron, "Jack" Elliott, Jack Hobbs, Billy Stratton, "Jack" Perry, "Dan" Sinclair, Eddie Beatty, "Bud" White, Jack Meredith and "Count" Armour. The first game of the season will probably be with the T. A. C. team on Good Friday April 8.

CHICAGO GLEE CLUB SCORED.

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Thirty-five alleged musicians from Rockefeller school disappointed a crowd at Hedding College last night, for not one of them could sing even "a little bit." Each of these city dudes had his hair parted strictly in the middle. This was really the feature of the show. It was inauspicious that they did not wear ladies' gowns and complete the transformation of sex. Manifestly they intended to appear pretentious, lofty, and paralyzing—it is the way of the dude.

These young dudes finally essayed to sing, but though the notes were freighted with floral perfume it was easy to note they were not the clear quill.

They wanted praise because they needed it. They expected great hunks of it in Peoria and did not get a smell. The noise

they made was a synonym of the howling of a pack of famished wolves. Perhaps this gave rise to their taking the nickname of "Rockefellows Pups."—Abingdon (Ill.) Argus.

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That parting of the hair in the middle is the symbol of a broad and evenly developed culture. It is necessary for an exact distribution of weight on the brain. It is an awful thing for a glee club collegian to have more pressing matters on one side of his mind than on the other.

Nor should the editor of the Argus be too critical of that concourse of sounds which amote upon the quivering ears of him and suggested the devastating appellation, "Rockefellows Pups." Coming from the editor of a great newspaper in a metropolis like Abingdon, Ill., it sounds most uncharitable.

The young men who wear their minds parted in the middle are real angry, and we don't blame them. It would serve the editor of the Argus perfectly right if they went back to Abingdon, got him in a 24-foot ring, and sang to him until he dropped from exhaustion.—Chicago Times.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

AT THE THEATRES.

The character of Clorinda the heroine of "A Lady of Quality," the dramatization of which Miss Julia Arthur and her company will present at the Grand Opera House Thursday evening, is one of rare fascination. The time of the story is that of Queen Anne, and it might be said the character of Clorinda is a specimen of the new woman appearing 200 years before her time. All the scenery is carried here and the presentation the most elaborate ever seen in this city. The event will be of double import, as it will introduce Miss Arthur in her initial starring tour, and Mr. William J. Thorald, B.A., graduate of McMaster Hall, and former pupil of H. N. Shaw of the Conservatory Dramatic School.

Miss Arthur's recent connection with the Irving Company in England and her previous triumphs here, have stamped her as one of the most popular American actresses of the day. Miss Arthur's rare beauty and powerful magnetic personality will have an ideal scope in the picturesque character of the dashing Clorinda. The play is produced under the stage management of Mr. Napier Lothian, Jr., who was stage manager for Mary Anderson until her retirement.

The students at the Conservatory Dramatic School are preparing for a series of plays to be presented next month under the direction of H. N. Shaw, B.A., principal of the school. Among the pieces will be "The Honey-moon," "Caste," "Naval Engagements," and "Comedy and Tragedy." It will be remembered that two of these pieces, Caste and Comedy and Tragedy were given by John Here at the Grand last season. All of the plays will be handsomely staged and the casts carefully selected.

The first part that Julia Arthur ever played was that of Zamora, in "The Honey-moon." This was at the age of eleven, in an amateur performance given at her home in Hamilton.

James Herne's new play, "The Rev. Griffith Davenport," proves to be taken from a novel, "An Unofficial Patriot."

"When I have my repertoire complete," Nat Goodwin is reported as having said, "I shall be playing from the extreme of comedy to the extreme of tragedy—and I don't think anybody has done that since the days of Davenport."

Ernst Hastings, B.A., University of Toronto, is rehearsing with the "Beside the Bonny Briar Bush" Company in New York. "Shore Acres" cost H. C. Miner \$1,800. It has thus far yielded \$100,000.

Pinero, author of "A Pair of Spectacles," used to be a member of Irving's company.

"Thomas Grady" formerly of the Cummings' Stock Company is playing with the "Boy Wanted Company," now touring the West.

Miss Helen Byron is in Ottawa this week in "Woman Against Woman," which is being played by the Cummings Stock Company there.

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