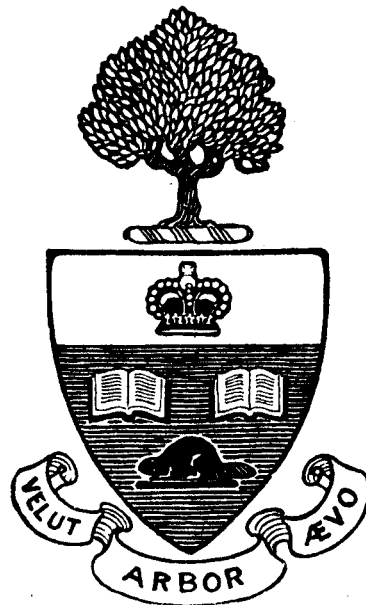




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## A New Poetical Venture

### Some Undergraduate Poems



HE late Hon. David Mills once said: "There is a time in his career when the average youth drops—or soars as the case may be—into poetry. In common every day life he may be a good fellow, full of fun and jollity, but in poetry he is a pessimist, a prophet of weird things, a writer of dirges to dead hopes. Melancholia is a symptom of the seizure, he teems with it."

In the pretty little volume, "Some Undergraduate Poems," just brought out by a group of college boys we find very little that is pessimistic or melancholy. We may therefore conclude that T. L., C. E. H. F., W.S.W., A. F. B. C., L. O., and C. A. L. are not on a plane with the "average youth." It is a significant fact that in this, the commercial age, these college students care enough about the muse to write and publish a book of verse. "Faulty!" exclaims the severe critic. Of course the work is faulty—youth is the time of promise not of fulfilment—but it has life in it and that subtle something which ever call the human touch, and which suggests real joys, real sorrows, real sympathies. A poem may be faultless in construction, finished in a way to make it a thing of beauty, but, lacking this quality it carries no message of weight. Another poem may be crudely put together, may be faulty of measure as of expression, but the thought vivid, real, it holds, gives to it a sweetness and power not to be gainsaid.

So in this little volume from the press of William Briggs the severe critic afortime mentioned will find something to condemn, and the lover of fresh thoughts, bright descriptive bits, pretty fancies and philosophies, much that is pleasing, and real, and true. There is about it a flavor of youth which more than compensates for such errors as are bound to be a part of any first venture of this sort. There is enough of real genius to be discerned in these fifty odd poems to warrant us in hoping that in the years to come not only the College which claims them, but this Canada of ours, will have reason to be proud of the lads who wrote the little volume modestly christened, "Some Undergraduate Poems."

We would close this review, or appreciation rather, with a quotation from each author represented. From A.F.B.C.'s "Water Song":

"And I in those secret places go  
Where the shy young stars come forth at night  
To see themselves in the lake's deep glass,  
Where darkness has banished the curious light,  
Oh, floating along  
To the waters song,  
Where the lake is a palace of pillared fires  
Or a city of churches with silver spires  
Drowned for eons with cross and choirs  
That still chant all night long."

From "I Cannot Understand," by T. L., who also contributes "Evening," the poem used as a frontispiece to the book.

"O Brooklet, silver string of nature's lute,  
With golden moss inlaid along thy strand  
Thou art so eloquent, but ah! so mute,  
I hear thy lay but cannot understand."

"Ishvara," by C. A. L., one of the strongest poems in the book, ends with this stanza:

"He seeks no more the outer world  
Of wealth and fame and art,  
But from the heaven within unfurled  
He sees the host of darkness hurled,  
Great Lucifer who strove to storm  
The God within his heart."

"A Vision," is by C. E. H. F., who contributes some half-dozen poems in all.

"Aweary seeking some new key  
That would unlock life's mystery,  
Myself adown I threw;

Where, as I lay, I seemed to see  
An airy form, of fay, maybe,  
A nymph with eyes of blue.

And in those azure orbs, for me,  
Lay love's world-old philosophy,  
So clear, so deep, so true."

From "Loquitur Senex," by W. S. W.:

"The door is old, world ancient  
And old are mine own hands  
That feebly grope their blindfold way,  
Along its mail-ribbed bands.



The two following are from the pen of L. O.:

"A glittering of the wakeful stars,  
A wan moon's solemn, lonely face  
Flicked with wisps of flying cloud,  
Crisp rustling of leaves, and sough  
Of evening winds among the pines;  
The lapping waves upon the beach  
Like voices from eternity."

"She wears a snood each gusty day  
An' draws it tight,  
An' gin the win' tweeks out a spray  
O' hair in spite,  
She laughs an' gies her head a toss  
Wad tak old Plato at a loss."



### THE RHODES SCHOLAR

The selection of R. C. Reade, B.A., '05, as the second Rhodes scholar from Toronto University has been received with complete satisfaction by the student body. Very appropriately in an award like this, the decision of the authorities coincides with the consensus of student opinion. Mr. Reade received his preparatory education in Jarvis Street Collegiate and Woodstock College, and in 1901 matriculated from Harbord Street



Collegiate with the First Scholarship in Classics together with first class honors in mathematics. During his course in Classics in University College he took a high stand and last year graduated with first class honors.

From an athletic standpoint, too, Mr. Reade is well qualified, having played football, hockey and cricket on college teams. He was on the Senior Afts team that in 1903 won the Mulock Cup. But it is as a cricketer that he is best known being recognized as one of the best players in the Province.

Bob, as he is commonly known, is a versemaker of no mean ability, and his bon mots are quoted with gusto by his friends. A keen sense of humor, and an unflinching bonhomie combine to make him one of the most entertaining of companions when the air is blue with tobacco smoke.

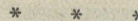
He has been a frequent and welcome contributor to these columns both before and after graduation. And it is with feelings not unmixed with regret that The Varsity extends its congratulations and wishes him a pleasant and distinguished career in his three years at the Mother of Universities.



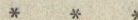
### A VARSITY PRIMER

By Arimem

Do you see that Book? That is "Some Undergraduate Poems." No, not "Bum Undergraduate Poems" — "Some Undergraduate Poems." Didn't you know it was out? Why yes, Something like \$80.



That worried looking Individual? That is the Editor of Varsity. He is worrying about his Paper. Some Girl has promised to write him an Essay for his Paper. Has n't she written it? Yes she has. That's what's the Matter.



You do not know what College Spirit is. You should read The Varsity more carefully. College Spirit is the Intangible Bond which unites the Devotees of Higher Education into an Harmonious Whole. It is the beautiful principle of Giving that you may Receive. Why is there not more of it just now? Oh, just now we are troubled with a Plethora of Receivers.



### THE SPIRIT OF THE RURAL PRESS

Rev. E. M. Smith's baby met with a sad accident on Monday. It swallowed a red balloon.

Tower, Minn., Herald.

J. W. Webb's house is now being repaired in consequence of an explosion of canned goods in his pantry.

Maywood, Ill., Times.

John Davis has happened to a very painful accident. He broke his wooden leg.

Sackville, N. B., Orient.

J. P. Harrison was suddenly taken with a chill on Sunday night and shook three slats out of his bed. Parry is very fond of his achievement as he now holds the Haldimand record for hard chills.

Dunnville, Ont., Reformer.

A travelling man says that Emo is the windiest town in the Province. A recent storm blew a sheep off its feet and drove it against the side of a barn twenty feet from the ground and held it there four days until it starved to death.

Fort Frances, Ont., Gazette.

"An exquisite blush, delicate as the rose's bloom, crept over her face, and a smile of almost sublime tenderness curved the lovely mouth."

—St. Margaret's Chronicle, Xmas, '05.



The height of subtle irony—One who has not yet paid his Union sub. smoking in the Parlor while reading The Country Gentleman.—Glasgow University Magazine.



HOR. I., ii.

Seek not to tear aside the veil that hides  
Thy fate by God ordained,  
Beware, Leuconoe, the spirit world  
Its solitude profaned.

'Tis better far to wait with stoic calm  
The inevitable hour,  
Careless if yet another winter's clouds  
Shall o'er thee lower,

Or this one be the last whose blasts now rave  
O'er the Tyrrhenian sea.  
Be wise, enjoy the kindly wine, nor hope  
Life's little span by thee

Can be prolonged. Ev'en as we speak the hours  
Relentlessly glide by.  
So pluck the blossom of to-day, nor yet  
Into the morrow pry.



THE LOST OYSTER

By R. C. R.

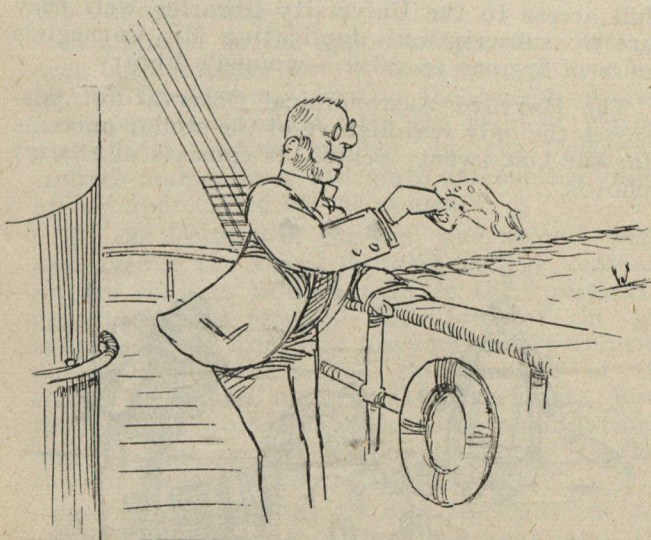
The missing link between consommé and oyster soup.

Oyster soup is never plural;  
He who thinks so is a dupe.  
It is consommé at times, but oyster,  
When the oyster 's in the soup.  
—Two weeks the Dining Hall's dispensed  
Soups, regardless of the cost  
Ev'ry kind of soup but oyster,  
For the oyster has been lost.

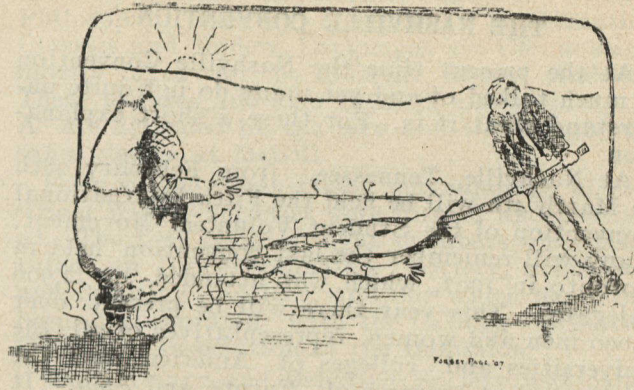


Irate Poet—"So you think yourself the chief engineer of The Varsity?"

"No, sir, I'm not the engineer; I'm the boiler."  
And he proceeded to "boil down" a canto or two of poetry into a limerick.



There was a cantankerous banker  
Whose wife used him ranker and ranker.  
She fell into the sea  
And he chuckled "He! he!"  
As he heaved her an anchor and sank her.



THE PENALTY FOR INTERFERENCE WITH CENTRE

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The young die good.  
Distilled waters run high.  
No debenture no one skinned.  
Many men have n't any minds.  
Go to the library thou pluggard.  
A student is known by the company his father runs.  
Only the brave can stand the fare—at some boarding houses.  
He who fights and runs away will live—to laugh at the fellows who came up before the Discipline Committee.



A big due-bill was overdue  
It bothered Bill and also Lou,  
And that due bill was due because  
That's the kind of a Jew Bill was.

R. M. M.



LITERALLY SPEAKING

A book of 200 p.p.  
Was written, 200 B.C.,  
By a rev'rend and ancient D.D.,  
Who weighed 200 l.b.  
The subscribers numbered C.C.  
The book was sold C.O.D.,  
With a bottle of Burdock's B.B.  
But yet the sale was n.g.  
Likewise the reverend D.D.  
The publisher certes was I.T.  
He went broke altogether, i.e.  
He lost all his wad q.e.d  
The author was never p.d.  
And called in a portly P.C.  
(For P.C.'s there were in B.C.)  
The publisher called a K.C.  
To defend him before a J.P.  
Now the lawyers got hold in B.C.  
Of "Publisher versus D.D.,"  
And stuck like leeches D.V.  
Till the case ran on to A. D.  
Then the D.D. was doubly D—D.  
And the bones of the pub. an M.D.  
Had preserved in the best '83,  
As both parties were now hors D.C.  
And of money there wasn't N.E.  
The lawyers gave up in A.D.  
This case they began in B.C.

Etc.



## THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION

At the present time the Nashville Convention is much talked of and yet many do not quite understand what it is. For these a short explanation:

At Nashville, Tennessee, from February 28th to March 4th will be held the Fifth International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement. Many will remember the last convention held in Toronto in 1902, which was attended by 2,900 delegates. This year there will be present over 3,000 men and women, representatives of all the universities and colleges of America and the great student centres of Europe and Asia. It promises to be the greatest student convention ever held and will give unrivalled opportunities to study the problems of world-evangelization, while those who attend will have the privilege of meeting the great student leaders. John R. Mott will preside at all the meetings. Besides Mr. Mott, such men as Robert Speer, Bishop McDowell, Harlan P. Beach and Bishop Thorburn, of India, all well known to Toronto men, will address the convention.

Since these conventions are held at intervals of four years, this will be the only opportunity to attend that students now in college will have. A University Committee has made all arrangements for the Toronto delegation. From the Grand Trunk has been obtained a single fare rate of \$22.50 and sleeping-car rate of \$4. Three private cars will go through to Nashville and the party will visit en route Detroit, Toledo, Cincinnati and the Mammoth Cave. All delegates will be entertained by the people of Nashville.

The number of delegates is limited and all who desire to attend must notify the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. before February 10th. This is a rare opportunity for men who wish to study the student problems of to-day and to learn the part they can play in the evangelization of the world.



## CHRIST AND MODERN CULTURE

One of the most remarkable of the University sermon series was delivered by Prof. MacNaughton of Queen's. In the midst of close thought, terse epigrammatic flashes abounded. Christ did not remove the primal curse, which is not the curse of labor, but the unwillingness to do it. Toronto has seen a revival which curiously combined modern business methods with the thought modes of the Paleolithic Age. A divided allegiance is what Jesus most disdains. He will not enter a mind which in order to let him in must deny its guardian, Reason, on the threshold. Is it possible for us University men to be perfectly honest? If we are to begin to belong to Jesus we must first of all be honest in religion and in thought. From the unsatisfactory realizations of Christianity in creeds and churches let us appeal to the Christ Himself.



Pennsylvania received in gifts and endowments last year \$1,300,000. The University now has thirty-two buildings.

## CARPING CRITICISM

Most people, students included, follow the blind god of Custom. As a case in point, consider the constant covert criticism of the staff around this University,—not because the critics have any serious grievance, but merely because it is the custom to criticize. Were the opposite custom to prevail, those who now criticize would as readily eulogize. Speaking of a certain department a graduate recently remarked, "There has got to be a revolution for things cannot go on as they are." But things will likely go on just as they are for, after all, things around here are not half bad. And even if the conditions were as unsatisfactory as the chronic critics and grunting grumblers affirm, why publish our defects? Each kick leaves a scar. Each subtle inuendo in private conversation biases a mind. Captious censure carelessly circulated comes to be credited. It is small wonder if outsiders conclude that there is something really rotten in the state of Denmark. Charges of professional inefficiency empty no chairs—except it be the students benches. Each candid confession and roorbach rumor is a feather in the gaudy cap of Queen's. Undergraduates are not the chief offenders, as they usually confine their criticism to professors outside their own faculty or course concerning whom they know little. It rather seems to be the peculiar privilege of a graduate to draw himself up to the full length of his elongated stature, confidently criticize, and proudly pronounce the doom awaiting everything in general. 'Tis wonderful how the callow critics can love,—as they publicly profess to do,—such a lamentably inefficient institution as their Alma Mater. Let western wisdom point the moral and adorn the tale:—

"If you can't boost, don't knock."

Censor Censorum.



The women of Radcliffe College, Harvard, have full access to the University libraries, yet they are by subscription duplicating Mr. Carnegie's offer of \$75,000 to raise a women's library.

The Harvard Astronomical Observatory possesses the only real history of the stellar universe for the last twenty years. It consists of 182,277 photos.



P.C.F.07

Young Willy from his father fled  
Upset his mother's pan of bread.  
Oh! How much dough will Willy knead  
Before he is well bread indeed.



# THE COLLEGE GIRL

Edited by Miss J. M. Adie.

## THE ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE, MONTREAL

By an R. V. C. Student

With the opening of the Royal Victoria College in the autumn of 1890 a new era was begun in the history of the education of women at McGill University.

Ever since the classes had been opened for women in 1884, the women students had been located in the "east wing" of the Arts Building, where the lectures of the Arts course were repeated to them, only the honor students attending the same classes as the men. This original compromise between entire co-education and separation of the classes for men and women has always been adhered to. The Royal Victoria College is now, however, the centre for all the women students of the first two years, while it is the residence of about a third of the total number of undergraduates.

Built and endowed by Lord Strathcona with a lofty conception of the environment most fit for the studious life, and provided with well appointed class-rooms and spacious public rooms, the College serves the three-fold purpose of being a residence, a university building, and a most appropriate place for large University gatherings.

Indirectly, a medium of art education is provided in that the walls of the corridors and public rooms are hung with reproductions of many of the great paintings, which are always a source of interest to the students.

Those in residence have the choice between sharing sitting-rooms, or having study bedrooms to themselves, while the ideal of responsibility of self-government held up to the students contributes greatly towards a proper appreciation of the College course.

In addition to the opportunities there are in such a community for the formation of true and lasting friendships, is also the benefit derived from personal contact with the resident Warden and tutors, whose interest in the University courses maintains a collegiate atmosphere most highly appreciated by the students.

All the lectures of the first and second years are given in the Royal Victoria College, only the science subjects being taught in their respective departments at McGill. Since four of the five subjects in the first year are compulsory and two out of four in the second, this division of the classes facilitates matters as to their size. Both the men and women have the same examinations, and the ranking includes double classes, so that there is no lack of competition.

Latin, English, Physics and Mathematics are obligatory subjects in the first year, and the first two are also required of each student in the second year course. Formerly there was no specialization until the third year, but now this is begun in the second year. The B.Sc. course in Arts has only recently been established. This and the honor course in Natural Sciences being

the only courses in Science open to women. Philosophy, History, English, Mathematics, Classics and Modern Languages are the subjects mostly taken up by different honor students. These lectures and also those of the ordinary B. A. are attended by the men and women in the same classes at McGill.

Even in the uninspiring surroundings of the "East Wing," societies were formed and flourished. The first class of eight members only instituted an Undergraduate's Society, a Literary and Debating Society, and one which has since been incorporated with the Young Women's Christian Association of the Dominion.

The Literary and Debating Society was called the Delta Sigma, being named from the initials of Sir Donald Smith, now Lord Strathcona. The annual lecture, delivered by one of the University staff, and the system of inter-class debates, are interesting features of the Delta Sigma, while the encouragement given by the professors and tutors to this and other College societies is much appreciated.

The Common Room in the Royal Victoria College is where the meetings of the societies are held. Last but not least is the Royal Victoria College Athletic Club, one which came into existence owing to the advantages offered by the College gymnasium and grounds. Keen interest is taken in basket ball, hockey and tennis, and in the two former this is largely maintained by the inter-class competitions.

In concluding an article of this kind, in which only a very general impression can be given, some mention of the Assembly Hall may be appropriate.

Among the many social functions held in it, the McGill Junior dance is perhaps the most popular. Given by the third year of all the different faculties, and largely attended by the society of Montreal as well as by the students, it is always a great success.

Besides being used as a lecture hall on special occasions, the Assembly Hall has been the scene of three convocations, and in it was held the memorial service on behalf of Queen Victoria, whose name the College bears.



The college magazine should exercise a potent influence on the life of a student; and in order to do so, it must appeal to every phase of student life. It should stimulate his ambition, refine his taste, amuse him, increase his loyalty to his Alma Mater, strengthen his moral courage, develop his versatility and teach him the joy of fellowship. The standard education which is generally accepted, is the highest mental, moral and physical development of man; and the influence of the college magazine should be directed to the attainment of this aim. It must be cosmopolitan also, for the concentration required to complete any one course, necessarily leaves a vast sea of knowledge unexplored. The magazine should keep the student in touch with every advance in science and art, and in the progress of the world; that his outlook may be broad, and his capacity for usefulness developed to the fullest extent.

—H. G.

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### It Rests With The Students

The Varsity has published the opinions of some prominent men regarding student control of discipline, and has received letters upon this from others, including one from President Schurman of Cornell, which may be given to our readers later. Since we began to publish these letters and interviews we have received information, through letters from members of the Faculty and otherwise, which justifies the statement that the Faculty generally are not opposed to the principle we advocate, and would be quite willing to allow the students to try the experiment of managing their own affairs. It only remains for the students to act. Will they rise to the occasion?

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### An Election Promise

One of the many planks which have helped to elect many generations of officers for the Engineering Society, is the establishment of a reading-room in the "School." Still, though apparently practicable, it has never materialized. Many of the other colleges have common-rooms where their students can satisfy the gregarious instinct. The Medical Society has for some time maintained such a room with complete success, and why not the Engineering Society? In it might be housed the library and the engineering periodicals which in their present location cannot attract any but the most enquiring reader. It is to be hoped that this long expected boon will soon arrive and that the project will not always be relegated to obscurity after the elections, only to be exhumed by the candidates of the next year.

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### Is It Worth Three Dollars?

The Technical School as a student clubhouse would afford a half-dozen cozy banquet rooms where innumerable small student societies could meet periodically for dinner, thus partly realizing the Oxford ideal of student life. Friends could meet at any time for a chat over a cup of coffee. It would relieve the congestion of the

gymnasium, for its upper story was designed for such, and the basement contains commodious swimming baths. It would relieve the congestion of the library. It would promote University spirit continuously and far more effectively than is done by the men of different faculties meeting occasionally on the athletic field. The question is, are these advantages worth three dollars a year to each man in University College and in the Faculties of Medicine and Applied Science?

\* \* \*

The President of the Engineering Society has organized a Discipline Committee of representative students of the School of Science, but it remains for the Council to recognize them as such. The School man can be led where he cannot be driven, and the professor as guide and friend would be infinitely more popular and influential than the professor-policeman. Even the prim Knox students were refractory before the House Committee of students were given control of discipline. If T. R. Loudon succeeds in establishing student self-government at the School he will not soon be forgotten.

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### Encourage or Resist

Why, said the scoffer, should a class incapable of initiative be eligible for higher education. This remark roused our wrath, since he referred to the lady undergraduates of our College, as it were our better half. But it did more, it set us asking why so little evidence with which we might refute him. Is it that those repressible influences incident to college life and useful to the more egotistical sex, deadens initiative in our more sensitive brethren. Or is it, that the conventional surveillance over "sweet girl undergraduates" in our College is exercised in a harsh or interfering manner? It might be pointed out that in so far as the first is true, it should be sought to modify the second, making it encouragement in the right direction rather than negative restriction.

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### Proposed Freshman Banquet

No class function should be allowed to interfere with the success of the annual banquet of the S.P.S. The freshmen are just now torn between an honest desire to do what they can to make this a success and a pardonable longing to have a dinner of their own. That no envious criticism is heard amidst the general expressions of satisfaction at the success of the recent second year function is due partly to the courtesy with which the representatives of other years were treated, and is partly because it was held at the right season. But all loyal School men would be



sorry to see a freshman or other class dinner held within a week or so of the School Banquet.

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**Y.M.C.A. Statistics** In Mr. Thorlief Larsen's article in our last number, "The Y.M.C.A. and What it Stands For," it is stated that taken as a whole there is not more than one young man in twelve who is a Christian,—but inside college walls one man in every two is a Christian. Letters have come to us asking for our sources of information regarding these statements, one of them being from a well known publicist who apparently does not agree to them. All we can say at present is that the above were taken from estimates made by Mr. John R. Mott, and we believe they are substantially correct according to a basis of estimation to which most of us will agree. It goes without saying that estimates of this kind cannot from the nature of the case be so accurate as, for instance, the Government statistics of the number of foreign born people in the State of Maine—as there can be only one opinion of what constitutes foreign born persons.

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**College Journals** In looking over our exchanges one is struck with their lack of freedom in dealing with the events and situations which are most interesting to their readers. When in any college there comes a question which really excites the student mind, it is generally the very question with which the college journal dare not deal. But there are a few bright exceptions to this rule, for example, the "Harvard Crimson" and the "University of Glasgow Magazine." These periodicals have a very large circulation and they must be the best kind of advertisement for the universities they represent. They are published by separate societies of student writers and so are bound by nothing except the good taste of cultured readers. Hence their freedom, their influence, and even their financial success.

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#### AT THE SIGN OF THE GOWN

The Stroller is not a Socialist or a Leveller, but he has been often struck with the inequality of opportunity in the academic world. An example of this came up at the University College Lit., a week or so ago. It was pointed out that the Governor-General's Gold Medal is given to the graduating student who ranks highest in English and in any one of the following courses: Classics, Philosophy, Natural Science, and Mathematics and Physics. That is, students in Greek and Hebrew, in Political Science, in History, in Orientals, and in Moderns, have no chance to win this medal at all. Why this differentiation? Why should a student of History not have as much right to a medal given (one imagines) to encourage the study of English, as a student (say) of Philosophy? Surely a know-

ledge of English is quite as essential in an historian as in a philosopher or a classical pundit.

Take another matter. Why is it that in some of the honor courses a student can go through his four years without paying out a single cent for tuition fees, while in other courses he has to pay, pay, pay every year? In Classics or Moderns or Political Science, the man who heads the class list always reaps a scholarship worth \$50 or \$75; but in English and History, in Modern History, in Greek and Hebrew, the man who is first in first-class honors never gets a sou. This is doubtless because some munificent magnate has not yet founded scholarships in these courses. But that fact does not get over the injustice of the inequality of opportunity that is here. It does not excuse the authorities of failing to do the fair thing by all concerned. The very least the authorities could do, it seems to The Stroller, under such conditions, is to remit the tuition fees of such students as head the class-lists in these unrewarded courses, until such time as scholarships are founded in them. That seems the very least the authorities can do, if they are to avoid the stigma of injustice—the injustice of meting out unequal rewards with which the Discipline Committee was so enamored. The Stroller knows one student at University College who has headed his course for three years, but has never got a penny in the way of a scholarship. He has had to pay every cent of his tuition out of his own pocket.

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The Rhodes Scholarship has just been awarded, and every one will be pleased at the good fortune of the successful candidate. But here also there is inequality of opportunity. We do not refer to the fact that a knowledge of Latin and Greek is necessary to the candidate, but that is a sine qua non of attendance at Oxford. We refer to the fact that Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, as well as the two new Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, have, equally with Ontario and the State of New York, no less than one scholarship per annum. This means that whereas in some states and provinces the competition is keen that good men never get a look-in at the scholarships, in other places it goes by default to inferior men—as Mr. E. R. Paterson witnesses in his article in last month's "University Monthly." Last year there were literally dozens of places in the United States where no one qualified for the Rhodes, and a number more in which the man who got the scholarship got it without competition. We understand that this year there were two candidates for the Rhodes in British Columbia; this probably means that next year there will be one candidate.

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On the other hand, in Toronto University or McGill, or Queen's, there will probably be always a half-dozen men who could do credit to their Alma Mater at Oxford; but each of these universities, under the existing arrangements, will have a chance of electing a Rhodes scholar only once in two, or three, or four years,—while the Galicians and Doukhobors of the Province of Saskatchewan will have the privilege of sending a scholar to Oxford once a year without fail. The Stroller feels like turning Socialist.

The Stroller.



## THE STUDENT'S LETTER WRITER

By Matthias Rex

Every man, particularly every student, should be able to write letters. Most students can write ordinary letters, but it has been thought advisable to insert a few samples of the most common but still most vexatious forms of correspondence which the undergraduate finds necessary.

The first given is perhaps the commonest. It is the first letter home for money:

Dear Father,—I am writing to tell you that I made a slight miscalculation in the amount of money it was going to take to run me through the month. Counting board, laundry, and the books I need from time to time will cost more than I figured on. If you could let me have five dollars I think I could pull through without any trouble. I am working hard, etc., etc.

The next letter might profitably be familiar and lead up to the main issue by degrees:

Dear Pop,—I met an old friend of yours yesterday, Mr. Jones. He says you would remember him, you went to school together. He was telling me about the good time you used to have together and how you used to run shy of money.

I guess I take after you, Pop. That is a trouble I have too. I guess you found it pretty hard getting along when you were young. I know I do. I was going to ask you for a five so that I can get some books I need. If you could send it I would be much obliged. I am working hard, etc.

The third call will have to be an emergency one and should describe the advance as a loan:

Dear Father,—Everything went wrong with me last week. There was a hustle on and I tore my best coat. I am sorry for the accident and if you could lend me ten dollars I would pay you back in the summer holidays when I intend to get a job. I am working hard, etc.

Another popular form of letter is a reminder to relatives who are good entertainers in the holiday season:

Dear Aunt Susie,—It is a cold, disagreeable day here, so I thought I would write to you. I am working hard. (Insert news if any). How are all the folks at your place, Uncle Jack, and the girls and Teddy. I hope they are all well and in form for a good time like we had last year. I hear Kitty Merritt is going to be with you over New Year's. Is that so? Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Your affectionate nephew,

An invitation is a very necessary form:

Dear Miss Blank,—No doubt you will be surprised to get a letter from me, considering the short time I have known you. I want to ask you if you will come with me to the football game on Saturday. I think it will be a pretty good game. If you can let me know by Thursday I would be very much pleased. I am,

Yours sincerely,

The reply to the reply is also very important:

Dear Miss Blank,—I received your letter and I am very sorry that you are engaged for Saturday

afternoon. All I can hope is that some time I may be "first." I shall see you at the game.

Yours sincerely,

In time of financial stricture the following form is invaluable:

Messrs. Needle Thread & Co.,

Dear Sirs,—I think I can pay your account on Saturday. On that day I will receive an installment from home. If you can only wait until then the account will be paid in full. It is no use writing home to my father as you suggest. My father is dead.

I am, yours respectfully,

You would do well to post a letter like the following early in January:

Minister of Lands and Mines:

Dear Sir,—I enclose a letter of recommendation from Mr. Binks, M.L.A. for my town, and would like a place as fire ranger in Northern Ontario for the summer. I am strong, healthy, and have a good character, and I think I could do the work. I would like a place as near Barrie as possible as I have friends there. I understand the salary is \$20 a week and expenses.

I remain, yours sincerely,

This letter had better be sent after the last, any time up to June 1st:

Messrs. Views and Views:

Dear Sirs,—I am favorably impressed by your offer and am in a position to work all summer. I shall call and make arrangements about territory, salary, etc.

Yours truly,

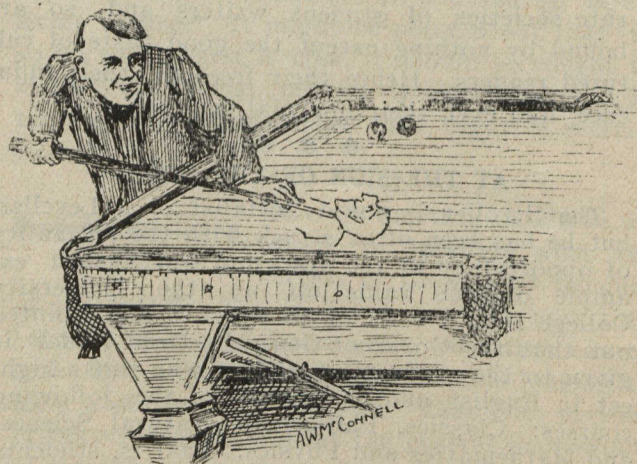


Said a maiden whose name was Van Smissen,  
The ways of young men "Wir nicht wissen."

When I gave him that swat

He apparently thought

That I did not believe in boys' kissin'.



OUR 'STAFF' ARTIST

Willie Winkie—Give Peppy the cue and he can draw anything, even Knox from the knockers.

Billy Buster—Anything but his salary.



# SPORTS

Edited by H. D. Scully

QUEEN'S, 12; VARSITY, 4

This was the sad and disappointing result of Friday's Intercollegiate game at the Mutual Street Rink. Queen's proved themselves superior to Varsity in every way, and won a fast, well-played game on the very best of ice in easy fashion. Compared with their performance against McGill, Varsity's play was very discouraging, and it would be hard to believe they were the same team that defeated last year's champions. The better team won, but Varsity were hardly out of the game as much as the score indicates, and with a few good practices on keen ice, such as that of Friday night, the team could give a much better account of itself. As it was, the hard ice was new for Varsity and their lack of speed, practice and combination gave the Queen's team a great advantage. Queen's have a well balanced team. The forward line combines well and are very swift skaters, while the defence plays a close game, refusing to be drawn out at all, and feeding their speedy forward line, often near their own goal.

Varsity seemed to have lost all the combination they used against McGill, although probably the sharp checking of the Queen's line explains its absence more than anything else. The defence played well in the first half, but in the second the cover seemed to play out too far, which threw the bulk of the work on Hanley and Keith, who could do little against the persistent combined rushes of the Queen's men. With the exception of Davidson, none of the forward line helped out the defence to any extent, while the Queen's line always followed back with the puck.

For Varsity, Davidson was the bright particular. Compared with the last game his work was a revelation. He completely outplayed his check, and rushed down the side time and time again. That he did not score is due to the excellent work of Mills. In addition he checked back closely and in the second half saved goals by intercepting Queen's passes right in front of the Varsity posts, returning to attack the Queen's goal. Outside of Davidson, the team played a very poor game. Clarke at centre played hard but ineffectively, and while Martin at rover

checked and broke up rushes in good style, he fell down badly in attacking and shooting on goal. Toms suffered greatly by comparison with the brilliant work of his check, Richardson, the fastest man on the ice. However, Toms was off-color on Friday, and could do much better. His shooting was the only good feature, he securing two goals. Broadfoot played a fair game, was inclined to play too far out in the second half. Hanley did most of the defensive work, playing a hard, useful game. Keith, in goal, played well in the first half, but slumped in the second.

Walsh and Richardson were far the most brilliant and effective for Queen's, and could have beaten Varsity without their other forwards. Their stick handling, skating and combination rushes were the features of the game. Mills, in goal, saved many times, and prevented Varsity from making a more respectable showing.

In the first half play was fairly even, but towards the end Queen's showed great speed and looked like winners. Varsity got two goals on long shots by Broadfoot, but Queen's lead by 4 to 2 when the whistle blew. After the first few minutes, Varsity were hopelessly outclassed in the second half, although they played hard all through. The prettiest play of the game was the combined rush of Martin and Toms which the latter completed by shooting a clean goal from quarter way. After this it was a procession for Queen's until near the end, when Toms got another. The teams:

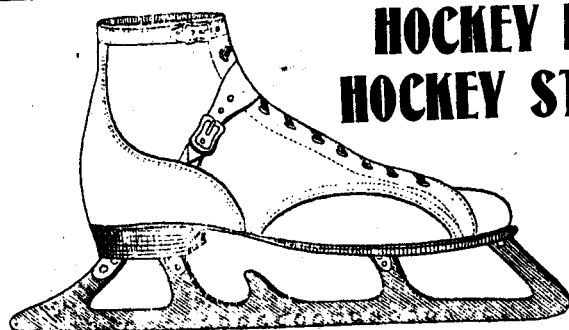
Varsity.	Queen's.
Keith ..... Goal.....	Mills
Hanley ..... Point.....	McDonnell
Broadfoot ..... Cover-point.....	Sutherland
Martin ..... Rover.....	Walsh
H. Clarke ..... Centre.....	Crawford
Toms ..... R. wing.....	Dobson
Davidson ..... L. wing.....	Richardson
Referee—Roy Thomas, Barrie.	

NOTES

Queen's victory practically gives them the championship as unless a miracle happens they will beat McGill in Kingston next Friday.

Varsity has an off week, but will probably play an exhibition game out of town. If the ice lasts they will practice hard in order to defeat McGill on February 16th.

There seems to be something wrong with the shooting of the team. Outside of Toms none of the forwards have much success, although they get just as many chances. The team could show great improvement in this respect and much practice should be given to this part of the game.



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## OTHER COLLEGES

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Cornell publishes an eight-page daily of metropolitan news.

Columbia is taking steps to establish a faculty of fine arts.

Michigan has netted \$25,000 profit on the 1905 football season.

Johns Hopkins University is planning to remove to Homewood.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt visited Harvard, the guest of the Cercle Francais.

Seventy-six students are entering Columbia this month as the year of 1910.

Harvard is increasing her fees so that the increase will fall on starred students.

Harvard's three most desirable residential buildings have been reserved for seniors.

An effort is being made to establish a Pasteur Institute for the University of Pennsylvania.

The cadets of the Royal Military College, Kingston, have been ordered to wear moustaches.

The professor of political economy in Wesleyan University has been elected Mayor of Middleton, Conn.

Among her athletic reforms, Yale is demanding reduced gate-fees and exact accounting and auditing.

Columbia has this year 4,755 resident students, for whom the officers of administration and instruction number 573.

Princeton is awaiting the results of mid-year examinations. It is expected that this system will result in fewer final failures.

The football rules being evolved at the New York Conference will be tested in a field laboratory, probably at West Point.

Leland Stanford will have the largest college gymnasium. It will be 298 x 178 feet, and a covered quarter-mile track will surround the building.

The convention of the Student Volunteer Movement, which last met in Toronto in 1902, will be held from Feb. 28th to March 4th, in Nashville, Tenn.

Yale has established a City Government Club and is inviting other universities to do likewise and to form an intercollegiate union of such clubs.

The Young Women's Christian Association of Cornell has established itself independent of the Young Men's Christian Association, of which it has hitherto been but a branch.

New York City College has obtained the desk used by ex-President Cleveland when a schoolboy in Fayetteville. The desk bears the name "G. Cleveland" carved with a jack-knife.

To the Nashville Convention Harvard will send forty-one delegates, Columbia forty, and Yale thirty-three. About three thousand delegates are expected from over five hundred colleges.

The mild winter will enable the contractors to finish the Rockefeller Hall of Physics and the Goldwin Smith Hall of Humanities at Cornell in time for dedication ceremonies during commencement week.

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## Around the Halls

Edited by A. J. Connor.

### Coming Events

Thursday, February 8th.

Princess—"The College Widow."  
Grand—Bickel, Watson & Wrothe  
in "Tom, Dick and Harry."  
Shea's—Arthur Dunn and Marie  
Glazier.

Massey Hall—Ben Greet in "Henry  
V."

Mathematical and Physical Society  
meets in Room 16 at 4 p. m.

Friday, February 9th.

Theatre Night, in Massey Hall.  
Students will leave Students' Un-  
ion, in marching order, under con-  
trol of the College Marshal.

Massey Hall—"Macbeth."  
School of Science graduates' dance  
in East Hall at 8.30 p. m.

Hockey match, McGill vs. Queen's,  
in Kingston.

Saturday, February 10th.

In Lecture Theatre of the Chemi-  
cal Building, at 3 p. m., "The Ar-  
thurian Romances," by Henry Scho-  
field, B.A., Ph.D.

Massey Hall—"The Merchant of  
Venice," at 2.30 p. m. At 8 p. m.,  
"Julius Caesar."

A Tour of Europe, by Miss H. M.  
Hill, at 8 p. m., in Conservatory  
Music Hall.

Monday, February 12th.

Princess—Mr. Wilton Lackay, in  
"The Pet and Trilby."  
Grand—Charley Grapewin, in "It's  
Up to You, John Henry."

The Students' Parliament; R. L.  
Borden, M.P., speaker.

Tuesday, February 13th.

Open meeting of the Philosophical  
Society, in Room 2, at 4 p. m.

Massey Hall—Mendelssohn Choir.

Wednesday, February 14th.

Massey Hall—Mendelssohn's opera,  
"Lorelei."

Thursday, February 15th.

Charity ball in the Temple Build-  
ing.

Friday, February 16th.

Fourth Year Medical dance, in  
East Hall, at 8.30 p. m.

Monday, February 19th.

Arts dinner in Temple Building;  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier the guest of  
honor.

Friday, February 23rd.

University College oratory con-  
test, in Wycliffe Convocation Hall.

### The Evesdropper

Cruickshanks—There is a scheme on  
foot in which I have a hand, and  
which I think will go a-head, if we  
can detail some-body to take the bull  
by the horns and rush it along. At  
any rate it will do no 'arm. Who  
knows?

H. W.—I have a big job to do. I  
have to read the British Hansard for  
fifteen years.

P. T.—Gee! How old will you be  
in 1921?

Speck Harton—I'm not appreciated  
around here at all. The fellows don't  
seem to have any sense of the ridicu-  
lous.

P. G. B. (B. & P.)—I have a fine  
brain at home.

C. J.—Why don't you bring it out  
with you and use it once and awhile?

Percy Briggs (watching a game of  
chess in the Union)—Do you know,  
chess is the only game I ever played  
in which I lost my nerve.

W. D. C.—Say, you were at the  
"Lit" last night. Who was there?

E. M.—I forget his name.

Knox Student—If you want to loaf  
all day, don't want to sleep at night,  
and don't care what you eat, try  
Knox.

Prof. Wrong (fourth year lecture)—  
In an article in the Queen's Quarter-  
ly, the head of the Kingston Insane

Asylum—Do any of you remember  
his name? (Laughter.)  
Calvin McQuesten—Dr. Clark, sir.

### University College

At the last meeting of the "Lit"  
the question of student discipline was  
laid over for a time. The question of  
arranging dates so that meetings of  
the "Lit" should not prevent mem-  
bers from attending the intercollegiate  
hockey matches aroused much discus-  
sion. R. Duncanson, who was ap-  
pointed our representative to Royal  
Military College, reported that upon  
his arrival there he found that the  
dance had been postponed, and that  
in consequence he was an "extra."  
The cadets kindly treated Robert to  
a personally-conducted tour of the  
city, and we have his word for it  
that he showed an intelligent appre-  
ciation of the sights. A resolution  
that the present fine of 50 cents per  
diem imposed for keeping books out  
of the library be sustained was car-  
ried by a good majority. It was also  
resolved that competition for the  
Governor-General's gold medal be open  
to all courses, and that examinations  
should be held twice a year.

Messrs. Iazenby, Cruickshank and  
Dyke have a strong scene in "Mac-  
beth" at Massey Hall this week.  
For a whole scene they hold the  
stage, and although no word is spok-  
en the "hit" is a great success.  
Shakespeare's original draft of the  
play reads: "Enter servants bearing  
dishes," and in accordance with the  
wishes of the deceased Iazenby,  
Cruickshank and Dyke do so.

We regret to hear that Mr. S. Little  
is still in very poor health, and con-  
fined to his room.

The condition of Mr. W. B. Moore,  
'05, who is in the General Hospital,  
is slowly improving, and we are  
glad to say that good hopes are en-  
tertained for his speedy recovery.

C. D. Farquharson, '06, supped at  
Wycliffe on Sunday, and his solemn

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### Faculty of Applied Science

The twentieth annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers was held in Toronto last week, and attended by those School men who are student members of the Society. It is probable that a branch of this Society, which has its headquarters in Montreal, will shortly be established in Toronto. This will fill a want not supplied by the Engineers' Club, and, if a library is formed in connection with it, the branch should be of interest to all Civils who intend to join the Society.

At the meeting of the Engineering Society on Wednesday, Mr. H. E. T. Haultain, C. E., who graduated in '89, spoke on a system of electrolytic assaying which he has devised. Mr. Haultain, who is now located at Nelson, B.C., was the first President of the Engineering Society after Dr. Galbraith gave up that office.

The School dinner will be held this year at McConkey's, on Tuesday, 27th inst. The Executive of the Engineering Society are acting as Dinner Committee this year, since they are responsible in case the dinner proves a financial failure. The First Year have given up the idea of a year dinner, and will support the School dinner.

Exchanges for the "Papers of the Engineering Society of S. P. S." have been received from Colorado University, Michigan Engineering Society, and Cornell Society of Civil Engineers.

The D. I. S. Association will hold both preliminary and final examinations here, beginning on the 13th inst. Mr. A. J. Latornell, '03, who is back for his fourth year, will try his final D. I. S. The O. L. S. Association will also hold examinations, beginning on the 12th inst., when several School grads. will try.

Varsity III. have made a find in Holton, '08, as a goal-keeper. He played his first game against St. Andrew's on Friday of last week, and made good.

'08 will likely send two delegates to the Nashville Convention. The election of these will be held on Monday.

J. A. Buchanan, '08, is in Grace Hospital, suffering from pneumonia.

J. S. Wallace, '08, is out of School, owing to illness.

K. W. Holcroft, '08, who has been ill for some time, has improved so far as to be able to be moved from the hospital to his home.

W. J. Foster, '07, who has been suffering from an attack of pleurisy, has returned to School.

Mr. R. A. Zimmer, '06, was taken ill last Wednesday with appendicitis. It was found necessary to perform an operation, which, we learn, was successful, and the patient is improving rapidly.

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The fourth year dance is to be held in the Main Building on Friday evening, February 16th. Tickets, \$1.50.

The third year are rather undecided as to what form their social function will take. Those who are in favor of a dance have formed a committee, and are prepared to act as soon as they can get a sufficient number of supporters. A great many members of the class do not know what form the affair should take, but yet desire one of some kind. Probably at next meeting these men will have arrived at a conclusion.

The phrenology specialist had an encounter with the reporter who sends news to this column. He objected to the remarks made about him last week.

**Wycliffe College**

On January 28 Wycliffe, represented by Messrs. Bilkey and Gibson, defeated Osroode Hall in debate on the subject, "Resolved, that Trusts are in the Best Interests of Society." Wycliffe upheld the negative of the question, and Messrs. Sedgwick and O'Sullivan the affirmative.

"An Evening With Wilberforce" occupied the attention of the "Lit" on Friday evening. "The Life and Times of Wilberforce" was discussed by Mr. Cotton, and Mr. Taylor exposed W. as a moral reformer. Mr. Purdie's intelligence was unequal to the task of discovering Bishop Wilberforce's abilities as a statesman. Mr. Purdie consumed much time in announcing the fact.

The Rev. Dvson Hague, M.A., arrived here from London to deliver a course of lectures. His voluminous notes on the subject having arrived on a Grand Trunk dray, became a conspicuous landmark in the rotunda.

The Rev. E. A. McIntyre, who during the recent warm spell sought the sylvan coolness of London-in-the-Bush, returned to the head table last week, having repaired his old nuns by the addition of a few London witticisms.

The Rev. M. H. Jackson, B.A., '05, is suffering from acute indigestion, brought on by worrying over his love affairs. He dines solely of a mixture of bread and milk, commonly called "pan."

Messrs. Collier, Burch and Vale were elected our representatives to the Nashville Convention.

Hornby, our six-foot freshman, was lately discovered reading a pamphlet entitled "Learn How to Grow Tall."

Purdie (always sociable, to stranger at the Wycliffe-Osgoode debate)—"See that tall gentleman there on the platform? That is Dr. Hoyles, Chairman of the Council. Very fine man, I assure you."

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The open meeting of the Missionary Society for the spring term will be held on the evening of February 8th. An attempt is being made by the Society to make this meeting novel and interesting. Mr. Frank Robinson, B.A., will give a lecture, illustrated by a series of lantern views on the work of the Missionary Society in various parts of Canada. At appropriate times short talks from personal experience will be given by Mr. W. F. Nichol, B.A., on British Columbia; Mr. A. M. Dallas, B.A., on Alberta; Mr. C. McQuesten, on the Indians; Mr. W. H. Andrews, M.A., on Saskatchewan; and Mr. Arch. Barker, on lumber camp work in New Ontario. All friends of the Society are cordially invited.

The deep sympathy of Knox College men is extended to Mr. A. C. Cameron, who, recently bereaved by the loss of his brother, has again been called home by the death of his mother.

The weekly conference of professors and students was conducted last Friday by Principal McLaren.

Last Wednesday evening W. D. McDonald was presented with a carefully-wrapped present and an illuminated and poetical address. Mr. McDonald being too full for utterance, his thanks were expressed by his dear friend Lane.

**Societies**

There was a large attendance at the first meeting of Mr. Calvin McQuesten's Bible class in the Union on Sunday afternoon. Mr. McQuesten discussed the life of Christ historically. The class is non-sectarian, and promises to be a big success.

The Iconoclasts' Club met in the Dining Hall on Wednesday evening. R. C. Reade was Dictator for the session.

C. A. Lazenby delivered another of his talks on Christian Mysticism in the Lower Room of the Dining Hall on Sunday. Mr. Lazenby treated the Biblical account of the creation from the viewpoint of the Christian Mystic. There was a good attendance of those interested in the subject.

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