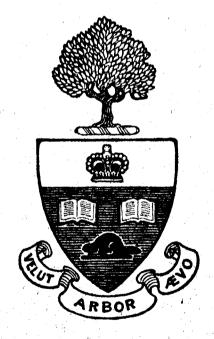


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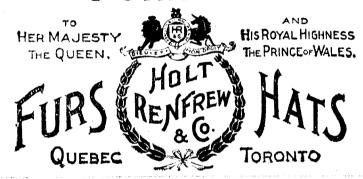
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#### BURNING CLOUD

BY W. HODGSON ELLIS.

HE lover of the picturesque, if such a person over turns over the pages of the University Calendar, cannot but be struck by two names which stand out prominently among the rest. The first is that of His Gracious Majesty King Edward, who heads the list of undergraduates, the second that of Oronhyaktekna, M.B., 1866, M.D. 1867. These two personages, the British sovereign and the Mohawk chief, are linked together in a curious way by the late Sir Henry Acland, late Regius Professor of Anatomy at Oxford.

Sir Henry accompanied the King, then Prince of Wales, on his visit to Canada in 1860 as medical attendant. He seems to have been keenly interested in the aboriginal inhabitants of our country. We learn from Mr. J. B. Atlay's recently published memories that "while the Prince of Wales lay in his cot overcome by the pitching of the ship, he (Acland) enlivened the tedium of the day by reading to him four cantos of 'Hiawatha.' '

During his stay in Canada Acland, who was an accomplished artist, lost no opportunity of drawing any Indians whom he could persuade to sit to him for their portraits.

One day at Toronto he saw two of these people standing in the passage, and persuaded one of them to give him a sitting. "He was a young man," wrote Sir Henry, "herculean, with a large ring in his nose, and painted. I placed him and began to sketch. 'Do you hunt or fish?' 'Hunt, never; fish, not often.' 'What is the Indian for pike? Sturgeon is nama!' 'Not in Maharuk in Olikhamari' Sturgeon is nama!' Mohawk, in Ojibbeway it may be so; but in my dialect, which is Mohawk, there is no word which requires closing the lips, and therefore any person who knows Mohawk can at once eliminate a great many words, such as Nama, and say they cannot belong to Mohawk.' 'Indeed,' I said, 'then you have paid attention to the structure of your language?' 'Certainly, I desire to be acquainted with whatever is of importance to my people.' 'Are you a chief?' 'I am a chief of the Mohawks.' 'Is that hereditary or elective?' 'Sometimes one, sometimes the other, sometimes both, as in my case.' 'I am sure you will forgive me for asking such a question, I am a stranger and like to know all things. Why do you wear a ring in your nose?' 'I told you I take delight in all that concerns my people; this ring is part of the old Indian dress.' 'Well, but it is not a pleasant custom.' In a sad tone, 'It is the custom; that is enough,' 'But

surely you do not mean to advocate every custom, you might scalp me in no time.' 'Certainly not, by coming to your room you are my friend; I may and shall support all the customs of my people that are harmless because I please them by so doing, and can therefore better aid them in their true elevation and in all that will develop their intellectual faculties and raise their moral sense. For this reason I am indebted to Longfellow. His Hiawatha is intended to purify and perpetuate the Indian sentiment, and it is an admirable purpose. 'Really, sir, I must beg your pardon, but first what may I call you?' 'Oron-hya-tekha.' 'Pray say it again: what is the English of it?' 'Burning Cloud.' 'Well, I was about to ask your pardon, Burning Cloud, for having asked you to come to sit (especially when I make you so ill-looking). But, of course, I could not know where I saw you, what kind of mental cultivation you had; so pray forgive me now, I cannot help it.'

"The great drawback which any Indian of real cultivation finds is that he is looked upon by the white man as an inferior being. Those, even who are appointed by your Government to care for us, look on us as children and treat us so. As long as this is so there will be no real manhood.' 'That is, I. dare say,' said I, 'partly the fault of individual superintendents, partly your own; tell me now what else depresses your race. 'I should say the condition of our women. No cultivated Indian can find in his wife a suitable wife. The schools provided for us are not advanced enough. I have two sisters, my heart's desire is to give them a good education. I cannot do it; I went myself all the way to Ohio and lived on charity to attend the University. I became apprentice to a shoemaker to get maintenance, and then what I learnt as well as I could.' In taking leave Dr. Acland asked Oranhyatekha to write to him and promised to help him. 'Your red brother thanks you; you will hear., ;;

They had another interview at Niagara, where Oronhyatekha spent the evening with Dr. Acland and was by him introduced to the Governor-General. Not long after his return to England Dr. Acland received a letter from Oronhyatekha saying that he was coming to Oxford. He worked his passage out and arrived shortly after. Acland befriended him to the utmost of his power and got him entered as a student at St. Edmund Hall. While there he prepared a grammar of the Mohawk tongue for Professor Max Müller, but left Oxford without a degree. He returned to Canada and was entered as a student of Medicine at Toronto. While there he was a member of the University Volunteer Corps and was a capital rifle shot. I recollect his taking the prize at one of our annual competitions, after which we had a picnic, provided by Mrs. Croft, the hospitable wife of our captain. After lunch we drank to the health of the winner. Oronhyaatekha replied in a fluent and, I have no doubt, eloquent speech, and finished by saying: "I've just proposed Mrs. Croft's health, but you don't seem to take any notice!" There is no need to say that the toast was duly honored.

After he took his degree he was appointed medical attendant in the Indian Reserve. I can testify to the interest which he then took in the welfare of his people. He used to lecture to them on physiology and hygiene, and had a number of drawings and diagrams to illustrate his lectures. I remember being amused at his showing me one demonstrating the evils of tight lacing. It had not struck me before as a danger against which Indian women needed much warning.

Of the further career of the chief of the Order of

Foresters there is no need to speak here.

Mr. Atlay tells us "He never ceased to correspond with Sir Henry Acland, and would often send him small specimens of his handwork, and on his visits to England on business connected with the Foresters, he seldom failed to pay a visit to Oxford and to Broad street. He once brought with him his wife and daughter to show them, as he said, the man but for whom he would still be a wild Red Indian."

### A JOURNEY ROUND MY ROOM.

It was while I was detained in my room nursing a wounded eye that I made this famous trip. The cause of my detention was this: For supper one evening my landlady provided us with what she thought were lovely tea biscuits. Indeed, they were levely-to look at, particularly if you had no eye for appearances. However, our main purpose in the entering the dining room was to eat, so our regard for the beautiful had to be sacrificed to our appetites. I, however, was a little late and found no tea biscuits near me, so one of the boys volunteered to toss me one. His aim would have been true but for the fact that as he released the biscuit his arm was struck up, and with a sudden upshoot the dainty morsel of food encountered my eye. Now, I have played many games and had all kinds of luck. I have stopped a puck (unintentionally) with my head instead of my stick; many a hard thrown baseball has broken its flight against my ribs; but never have I been waylaid by such a proposition as that tea biscuit. Stars, whose brightness was never equalled by any in the blue sky, in the theatre or in May, lighted every corner of my throbbing brain; comets and shooting stars added their touch of realism. But words fail me. My greatest problem was how to spend the days which must elapse before my eve could face the light and sunshine of the outside world. I was weary of study; novels were too tedious; the house was new and no cracks had yet appeared the ceiling whose counting might while away the

Suddenly—a thought. Now a thought to me is valuable; a thing not to be despised. How often have I murmured as I sat in the examination hall—a thought! a thought! my kingdom for a thought! But a thought at present I had. A Frenchman has wearied to death

the candidates for Junior Matrie with his "Voyage Antour de ma Chambre." Why could I not revenge myself on the world by a similar brilliancy?

Forthwith I settled myself comfortably on my bed and began. Before me flashed a bevelled mirror above a handsome fireplace. Gracefully draped over it is one of my pet furnishings—our family tartan. How the blood swelled in my veins as I dreamed of my ancesters trooping over the Scottish hills and dales with their noble plaids streaming in the wind. But my spurits fell; I had been conquered—by a biscuit. On the lower shelf of my mantle a dainty water color, as yet unfinished, holds the central position. On each side stand a few photos of old schoolmates. Further along, like sentinels, stands a pair of vases whose beauty's only serious rival was probably their cheapness. Gracefully leaning against the posts of the mantel are Torontoensis '02 and '03; shall I ever be able to add '04?

The upper shelf is lined with photos. What different scenes do they all bring back! One, particularly, reminds me of my happy Collegiate days. Harry's twinkling eyes even yet fill me with longing for those days of yore. What jolly times we had at school—we, the midgets! I can see him yet, as he disappears backwards down the aisle at the urgent request of a heavy hand on the back of his collar. Again, I hear his laugh as I slide rapidly in the opposite direction with a large strong hand around each foot. Has the janitor ever discovered why the floor there was always so free from dust? I do not know. How jolly it seemed to climb out of the window when the master's back was turned; to fire up the old boiler on a cold winter's morning and burst a flue! But "those days of yore will come no more."

To the left of the mantel hangs a picture so ugly in its hideous gold-painted frame that I have covered it up with invitation cards. 'Tis here I preserve my begus bid to the '07 receptions. Below hangs a dainty panel—"The Lady in Scarlet." Why was she? What was she? When and where did she live? Did she dance? Did she sing? Was she the mere fancy of an artist's brush or the evil genius of some daring novelist? Alas, I do not know; she is all mystery.

In the far left-hand corner stands my dresser with its array of necktie covers and such other necessities as are usually found in a boy's room. Two ornaments the property of house-also occupy a prominent place there. One might more properly be described as a "hornament," as it consists of a pair of horns embracing a small mirror, a tray of hern, and matchholders of the same likeness. The other consists of a brass frame enclosing a small mirror, a tray and two perfume bet-The latter are very dainty affairs which were originally intended to stand erect, but at present one has a slant of about forty-five degrees. Despite the fact of the slant it is not full and never has been since my arrival. Another distinguishing feature of this bottle is that its cork will not fit in, which seems to prove that at one time it has been so full that the cork has not yet recovered.

Passing the triple window through which enters the light which arouses me every morning after breakfast is over, I come to the picture of a man who is apparently respected even in a Tory house—the Hon. Geo. Brown. As if, however, to lessen the affect of his neble presence, my landlady enclosed him in one of her hideous gold frames whose glaring brassiness disturbs the eye. Immediately below stands the dispenser of heat,

commonly known as a radiator, while above it to the right is a picture which is not the property of my landlady—my ballet girl. Again the old question arises—who, when, where? Have I ever seen her at Sheas? Or did her shadow ever fall on the stage of the Princess? Or did others see her in the calicum light of Toronte's Theatre of the Planets? Again—I do not know.

On either side of my four poster hangs a picture belonging to a series which, I am pleased to say, is not completed in my room. One is entitled "Alone at Last," the other, "Dreams of the Future." The first has two figures, the latter one. This, I think, is a sufficient de-

scripition of them.

Another picture yet remains to be spoken of. It is flanked on the one side by a picture of H. R. H. the Duke of York; on the other side by his handsome Duchess. As if to explain the purpose of this picture the words, "An Anxious Moment," are painted beneath. The foreground is occupied by a couple seated on a brick wall; behind them is a sea-green bond, probably eighteen inches in depth; while forest occupies the background. The artist apparently was dwelling in a land of giants when he committed this outrage, as the hero is a magnificent specimen of manhood, probably eight feet in height, while his sweetheart is a tender, clinging, In using the word little thing of a similar altitude. clinging I do not wish to insinuate that she has been actually doing so-at least not while I have been looking. Her beauty is enhanced by her evening dress, a pink waist with white skirt, while her headgear consists of a farmer's large straw hat, worth probably five cents (at Eaton's) trimmed with about six feet of wide ribbon, pink in shade. I should be highly pleased if the offending artist would come back and tell me what it all means, though probably it would be cruel to bring him back from his warm nest, especially when the weather in this world is so cold. I should, however, like to know the meaning of the "Anxious Moment."

My journey, alas, is nearing its end. The carpet alone remains to be eulogized, and as it is on the floor I feel that it, like a great many things in a boarding house, is beneath description; it is at least beneath me.

Poor Willie.

### UP IN MEADOW LARK.

BY W. KINLOCH MILLAR, M.A. (McGill).

I wonder if a course in the study of prediction secular or religious, would enable one to prediction a single event in the life of Meadow Lark, or a course in diplomacy help one to with her citizens. When I think of Meadow Lark I think of the Northern Kingdom, the North Country and everything of interest in history or geography which has this particular direction attached to it, for you must not forget that the town is very far noth. I wonder what causes one to write "very far north"! I was doubtless thinking of the winters there, when the mercury drops into the bulb and men's ears freeze. But when I reflect on summer, I would be tempted to designate this town as a southern one, since many of the dog days dimly pass before my memory. Whether I am accurate in speaking of the far north or the far south in reference to Meadow Lark, there is no danger of misconception, if I affix "the glorious," and in doing so I am quite free from the terrors of homesickness.

There is a round of gaieties up there worthy of a country's capital. The servant question is, I believe,

very acute, and one observing lady was tempted to write on her invitations, the commonplace "brooms" instead of the customary "thimbles." The guests did not bring the required implements, but looking for novelty found none, for with them, too, the servant question was a vexed one.

In no biographies of famous men are you likely to find illustrations marked "The Birthplace of Charles Brown, Meadow Lark," or "The Spot where Charles Brown met his Catherine, outside Meadow Lark." Nevertheless, there is a literary air in the place, and it is the desire of many of those who frequent the Thimble Teas and the Bachelors' Balls to inhale this. The most exclusive club is the Striving Readers' Club, the membership being limited to those who have made some mark in local literary annals, the size of the mark to be judged by the executive. Reading as a means of preparation for the litterateurs is recognized desideratum.

The Browning Club includes many who were quite ignorant of that author when they subscribed their names to the club pledge. But shortly afterwards they were relishing Pippa and the Ring with the aid of the Browning Cyclopædia The president is prone to giggle and a superfluity of advice. She poses principally as Constance, but is too busily engaged in hunting Norbert to give the members of the club that consideration they require. Many of this aspiring circle consider it their duty to attend the weekly Theological Club in St. Saviours, but whether they benefit themselves or their neighbore in so doing, I know not. Their logic is quite good, for if the club is synonymous with It or The Thing, all outsiders are castaways. Poor outsiders! These good people feel it not. Their studies are the studies that count and their satisfaction is at a premium.

The Moszkowski Thirteen are neither superstitious nor musical. They are in opposition to the club just mentioned, and hate the adjective "literary." "Why should we be dissatisfied if we be exponents of the highest art?" is a characteristic question of the Thirteen. I believe there is a musical education for those in connection with this society which takes the places of a conservatory in the town.

"We do amongst ourselves the work of the College of Music, though we are more exclusive." I tried to understand. The exclusiveness extended both socially and from the standpoint of curriculum. I was shown the typewritten prospectus of work. It began with "Musical Studies by Beethart, in fifty-eight volumes."

"I suppose you are at the twentieth or so by this time?" I ventured.

"Oh, no! We try to be thorough. We are as yet only at the introduction."

I was about to remark that there might be thirteen graves in St. Saviour's churchyard before the fifty-eighth was reached, but prudence enveloped me and I returned the prospectus to the secretary. She was indeed a very estimable lady and seemed under obligation to honor me. On my departure she handed me her photograph with this key, "Yeurs Musically, Clara Schumann Smith." She was evidently of a musical family or had been baptized anew.

Nor was this the end of my connection with the Mosz-kowski Thirteen. A month or so after my visit I was presented with a beautifully bound book, "Memories of Chopin," with the author's compliments. Clare Schumann Smith again! It appeared that Miss Smith had

never met the musician outside of his works, but that the Memories were dreams, estimations and criticisms! I was grieved that one like myself, who could be nothing more than an appogiatura in the common time of the Moszkowski Thirteen should be singled out for all these marks of favor. Memories of Chopin, "with the author's compliments," and the photograph of "yours musically."

My Memories of Chopin are as not when compared with my memories of Clara Schumann Smith. A character in Penelope's Experiences declared that Edinburgh without its history would be Weimar without its Goethe or Boston without its twang. If he had but known he might have added "And Meadow Lark and the Moszkowski Thirteen without Clara Schumann Smith."

The president of the Striving Readers' Club gave me her estimation of the musical secretary of the rival society. "Ali tells us that the remembrance of yourh is a sigh, but does not foretell that the memory of Miss Smith will be a groan."

Was I severe? Since I had written the above a strange feeling came over me, and the engagement of Miss Clara and myself was published in the Meadow Lark Weekly Satellite. By some unfortunate accident she came across a little article entitled "Up in Meadow Lark" and declared that the ring would be returned if I did not publish what I had written word for word, with an appendix thrown in. This I am doing, knowing that the world will see with my eyes, for Clara has declared that I am the world.

### ESPRIT DE CORPS.\*

There is a certain law in human nature, which may be termed the law of unity. The more advanced civilization becomes, the more apparent becomes the existence of that law. Men, municipalities, corporations and nations seek to unite in order that their forces and endeavors, instead of counteracting and being at variance with one another, will be co-operative. We find in examining this growth of unity in mankind, that a certain spirit is a great factor in the development, and that spirit "for which the speech of England has no name" we call "Esprit de Corps." By the way we hear the term applied, and also by the way we apply it ourselves, we are sometimes led to think of Esprit de Corps in a narrow sense. We understand it to mean that spirit of loyalty and brotherhood which manifests itself in the members of any particular organization or institution. But if confined to this application, Esprit de Corps would be selfish. Although it would unite the members included in one small circle of society, it would also exclude all 'Tis true this is Esprit de Corps, but it does not confine itself to that application. It has a wider meaning. It is a progressive spirit and its ideal is universal union. Its cradle is the home and its scope of influence the world. It grows with civilization and freedom, and equality of mankind. It is as a seed which is sown in the soil. The seed sprouts. Roots and rootlets spread far around in the earth, all coming together in a common union, the trunk, and bringing to it their substance. The trunk again spreads forth into branches, and by the strength supplied them by the roots, the branches bear fruit. This spirit, this Esprit de Corps is sown in that common love of man,

the love of home. The roots spread far and wide in the hearts of men and bring them into a common union. This united influence is spread abroad again as the branches bearing the fruits of peace, liberty and justice.

The ancient Britons gave evidence of this Esprit de Corps, as they clashed shields proclaiming one of their number king over his tribe. The Scottish clans, as they lived in their mountain fastnesses and made war upon one another, no doubt had a sturdy spirit of loyalty. The different sections of the older inhabitants of Ireland each showed its enthusiasm to its own faction, as they wrangled and quarrelled with one another. But when in the course of history the Union Jack floated over a united British Isles; when from their shores went forth sons to seek homes beyond the seas; when the little colonies which these founded in the distant parts of the earth, had grown into nations; when from the dark continent of Africa came the bugle call to war, and English and Irish regiments, Highland clan and contingents from Canada, Australia and India answered that call. and stood shoulder to shoulder under a common flag and mingled the best blood of their countries in a common cause, we have the true, developed British Esprit de Corps.

We have said that Esprit de Corps grows with civilization, and we have also shown that it is the secret of national greatness. The ancient Greeks had fervent patrictism but it was too narrow. Each Greek was willing and glad to die for his native city, but that loyalty remained too much closed up within the city walls. It did not spread out and bind the city states into one cooperative union, and consequently Greece fell. Romans cherished a superior quality of Esprit de Corps to this. The home was the foundation of the city state and the city developed into the Empire. The same spirit. which was festered in the breast of Romans under the guardianship of his household gods, prompted him to stand up for rights and justice in Assembly and Senate, and steeled his heart as he followed the adventurous Cæsar or Pompey into unknown perils of foreign war-

Our purer homes, our truer love, our higher ideals have bred in us a yet superior quality of Esprit de Corps. The word "home" awakens within us the memory of our dearest associations. The traveller in far-off lands listens to that word and within him is awakened visions of peace, and comfort, and love, and security-visions which the most sublime scenery or the most enchanting company are not able to bring to him. It falls upon the ear of the outcast as the far-off sounding of sweet music, and his heart swells with a longing. which can only be appeased by the realization of some place which he can call home. Whether it be a cottage or a mansion, a farm house or a city residence, it is all the same the source of our sweetest thought, the fountain of our purest joys, the inspirer of our truest This spirit of love and loyalty, which is affections. eradled (as I have said before) in the home, develops into the love of our institutions, the love of country, the love of empire and, as civilization advances, it shall grow and broaden out until it reaches its highest ideal, the love of all humanity.

This, then, is Esprit de Corps in the largest sense of the word. And what are the factors in the development of such a spirit? We shall note three of the more important of them. In the first place there is the factor of freedom; and the truer, the more well-governed that freedom is, the stauncher will be the Esprit de Corps.

<sup>\*</sup>The address in which Mr. McEachern won the oratory contest in the Literary Society last week.

Those of us who have the privilege of attending in our childhood days one of those seats of learning generally known as the "old brick school house," we can remember how much our liberty affected our like or dislike for school going. If the teacher were a man who always sought to discover the faults in us and punish them accordingly (and oftentimes unduly), who was ever laying traps into which we might fall and incur his displeasure, who in other words was a tyrant in his little domain, we know how we disliked the teacher, the school and our attendance of it. On the other hand, if the teacher was careless, and did not seek to control us but allowed misdemeanors and good behavior go alike unnoticed, we disliked his rule as much as that of the other. But when our teacher was a firm, kind, well principled man. who sought the highest interests of the school and his pupils, who trusted in our sense of manliness but corrected our misdeeds and faults, then we prided ourselves in our school and teacher, and sought to do our best to succeed in our studies. We had the true, well-governed freedom, and as a result of it we cultivated the true Esprit de Corps. In the second place, there must be the feeling in the member that he is part of the organization and that the organization is part of him. He must feel that he is an essential member in the home, and the home is an essential part of his life. He must feel that the flag of his country floats for him and that he fills a place beneath that flag no other man can fill. He must feel that he is a member of the human race and that its progress or decline, its success or failure affects him, and that his life more or less affects it. Then there is the third factor-the knowledge that the institution to which we belong is playing an important part in the world's history. Whether that institution be the home, the municipality, the seat of learning, the country, or the empire, we must feel that the world can not do without it, and that it has a place in working out the world's destiny.

The Esprit de Corps in University life, thought by many to be entirely different to the corresponding spirit, which manifests itself in other life, is nevertheless the same. University spirit does not altogether consist in the upholding college traditions, rooting our teams to victory in athletic or literary contest, and taking an active interest in the affairs of University life. These are but the effusions of Esprit de Corps, the spirit itself lies deep in the hearts of the students. Let us examine the University spirit along the same lines as we examined the general Esprit de Corps of life. The first factor we notice was that of liberty. Liberty is also a developing factor of the University spirit. The college man is not an isolated being, but has instincts, qualities and laws of life common to mankind, but these are, or ought to be, developed to a higher degree than those of the ordinary rank and file of humanity. His liberty therefore should be deduced from the same standard as that of the ordinary public. It should not manifest itself in ways that would indicate that law is not binding upon the University man, but rather that he needs no law to bind. The truer, higher liberty also needs to be developed in order that we may cultivate and sustain the true Esprit de Corps. Freedom of thought, freedom of opinion, freedom of action constitute the highest type of liberty. When we are able to think independently and truly, when we are able to judge things and men according to their real merit, when we are able to act according to our true convictions, recognizing our duty to ourselves, our fellow students and our University, we shall have a

factor in our Alma Mater which is bound to develop the true Esprit de Corps. We also must feel that the University is a great force in the upbuilding of our manhood. The intellectual training of the studies, the strong influence of the professor, the associations which weave themselves about us in the meeting and knowing of the best young men which our country produces, are all perhaps the mightiest forces in our lives; and we should realize and appreciate that fact. Then there is that other side—the feeling that we are part of the University. Every success of ours is that of the University, and every failure her loss. Every noble act of ours lends a leaf to the garland that is weaving about that "old grey tower," and every "deed of shame" is certainly a blight upon her well-earned laurels. Then comes the pride in the University for what she is, and the part she is playing in the advancement of the county, the empire, yea, even the civilization of the world. Surely the stately old grey pile, and the edifices of her affiliated colleges with her campus and beautiful situation is incentive enough to stimulate fervent pride in the most selfish student heart. Surely the fact that our University is the cornerstone of our Canada and the hope of her future, that she is a most potent power in the upbuilding of a mighty nation and a noble people, solicits our stanchest loyalty to our Alma Mater.

And when we have reached that stage when we truly love, and revere, and uphold our University; when our class spirit and college spirit shall diffuse into fervent University Esprit de Corps; when we recognize and realize the importance of our University and her duty to our country and to the world, and when we are willing to spend and be spent in the accomplishing of that duty (for the highest interests of the University are our highest interests); then shall we have a united, co-operative, aggressive strength. Then our loyalty and Esprit de Corps will be such that we shall weave in a royal bine and white banner that old motto, "Excelsior." and we shall climb the steep pathway to success. And when we have reached a point far up the height, which now challenges our highest ambitions, we shall still cry "Excelsior" and climb further upward. For our success will be a stone in the wall of the University and a thread in the warp that is weaving the destines of mankind.

Norman A. McEachern.

### CATULLUS CI.

Thro' many peoples, brothers, over many seas,
I've come to these untimely obsequies,
To pay last tribute to the dead. Alas! alas! in vain
To invoke thy ashes, deaf to all my pleas.

O fortune blind, that stole my love's life breath away,
Unhappy brother! O untimely day!

I bring these last sad gifts, our fathers' ancient rite

I bring these last sad gifts, our fathers' ancient rite; Gifts much bedewed with brother's tears are they.

Accept them, till I come, once more with thee to dwell, In lands where blooms sweet-scented asphodel; Take meanwhile, brother true, these sorrowing gifts of mine.

And now forever hail thee and farewell.

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TORONTO, MARCH 9th, 1904

DITORIAL exposition of the needs of the University has appeared during the week in every leading newspaper in the city. The public has been definitely informed of the more immediate of these and in the face of the plain facts thus pointedly brought to their notice a cordial consideration of the means of satisfying those needs must follow. The zeneral public have had their interest awakened; the alumni associations throughout the country are showing active sympathy. and the undergraduates are organizing to assist them. Just what action should be taken by the student body is a problem. A solution will undoubtedly be found by the committee appointed by the various classes. suggestion is a petition signed by every student, asking for the necessary money to build and equip a Physical Laboratory as the most pressing requirement; the establishment of the Department of Forestry and inaugration of a policy by which the general development of the University toward the highest state of efficiency will be a goal to be arrived at with all possible speed. Another plan is submitted by an undergraduate in science. It is to organize a monster deputation, such as waited upon the Government in 1901, when the new Science Building was promised. Speakers from the various departments should present the question from the student point of view, and thus supplement the claims made by the Trustees and the Alumni Association. Whatever course is decided upon the Board of Trustees are assured that, in any action they may take in advancing the claims made, they have the unanimous support of the student body. The situation in the Department of Physics is fact becoming intolerable; the establishment of the Department of Forestry has been unduly delayed, and altogether there is need for a little enthusiastic consideration by the students of ways and means by which relief is to be secured.

URING the year there have been many social functions of one kind or another in the University reports of which appeared and were expected in The Varsity. To only two or three of these the editors

received complimentary admission. Even the Saturday lectures were written up by reporters who paid for their tickets just as did others. The faculty dinners, with one exception, favored the press generally, but not the University journal in particular. The many dances, with the same number of exceptions, were equally delinquent. This is hardly fair to say the least of it. The editers-in-chief do receive a little remuneration for their services, but the other members of the staff serve for the glory and experience they find in the work. Press invitations should be the rule rather than the exception, and a representative of THE VARSITY should be at every game, dinner, dance and reception held under University auspices during the year.

VERSTUDY will be the rule for the next two months, and it will not be long before the old story will be told once again of bright and ambitious students breaking down beneath the strain. There is no need for such violations of the laws of health. The pity of it is that it is not the idlers who suffer for their intemperance in work after a long season of abstinence. It is the clever, and usually, the young student, who feels the dreadful impulsion of parental pride forcing him to attain class standing in order to justify the hopes reposed in him. The examination system has its good points, but this dreadful stress of working against time is one of its glaring defects. Hard work does not kill students so long as the effort is under direction of a sane judgment. It is very questionable sanity that leads a student to study for sixteen hours a day under the stimulus of caffeine or of strychnine, even though the effort should not extend over any long period of time. honors may be purchased at too great a cost.

Torontonensis before ceasing publication, but the privilege was denied him. A brief description of the book, which is now in the press is published in another column, and the business manager has an announcement among the advertisements. Evidently the committee is to be congratulated on their efforts, and it is to be fondly hoped that they may receive the hearty support of the graduating class of '04.

ALEDICTORY remarks are often commonplace. It is always to be expected that a valedictorian will say certain things as a matter of course. Such a series of remarks some columns long was conceived by the editor, but lack of space forbids their utterance. With this issue we close the volume intrusted to us for completion. For the first time the chief editor has come from the Faculty of Medicine, and he has all along been keenly conscious of that fact. The work was done with the idea of justifying the opinion that among students in every faculty are those who are animated with the

University spirit. In such a spirit the work has been done, however perfect or imperfect it may appear. To the members of the Editorial Board the editor-in-ch of owes his grateful thanks. To many members of he faculty particularly to Professors Macallum, Young, McLennan, Wrong and Ellis, an acknowledgement of much assistance is gladly made. To the printers, who make all manner of allowances for inexperience, we can only return thanks, but with sincerity. The prosperity of The Varsity will ever remain among our best hous, and all of the store of experience gained during our ferm of office will be unreservedly offered to the committee into whose hands the magazine will pass with the opening of another college year.

### THE COLLEGE GIRL

MISS J. A. NIELSON, Superintending Editress.



In spite of rain and sleet and wind and snow the Y. W. C. A. held its weekly meeting last Tuesday afternoon. The main business of the meeting was the election of officers for next year. The following are the successful candidates:

Hon. President, Mrs. Cameron (acc.); President, Miss Carruthers (acc.); Convenor of Membership Committee, Miss Ketcheson; Convenor of Missionary Meeting, Miss Strong (acc.); Librarian, Miss McNichol; Mission Study Class, Miss Steele (acc.); Bible Class, Miss Cowan; Recording Secretary, Miss Adie; Lunch Room, Miss Elliot (acc.); Corresponding Secretary, Miss Burt; Musical Committee, Miss Ewing Treasurer, Miss Logan; Vice-President, Miss Breckon.

The Mission Study Class also took place last Friday afternoon, Miss Cooke presiding. Miss Allan, '04, read a very interesting paper on Methods of Missionary Work in Japan, and Miss Neilson a brief account of present conditions of Japanese missions. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and a hymn was sung, the

Study Class departed.

Are wet skirts inducive to thought? They must be the cause of a poetical line that keeps running through my head, "The vapors weep their burthen to the ground." When nothing has happened around college that belongs exclusively to the girls' column, what is there to write about except the weather and examinations? I know that if I attempt to give a dessertation of the latter I shall have all the Varsity subscribers falling on me with dire intent. Hence I am limited to the weather.

It has been quite damp lately. Sometimes it has rained. This rain falls in several places on a substratum of ice. So that a considerable zest is given to the exercise of pedestrians. Life is full of snares and pitfalls of hidden dangers and slippery paths on which heedless

feet may stumble. The whole world is bounded by a dull gray horizon which scarcely distinguishes a dull gray earth from a dull gray sky. The "drought of March," of which Chaucer so feelingly writes is not at present very apparent. The weather is of all kinds, shades and degrees of moisture.

The hounds of spring are on winter's track. We, perhaps, do not appreciate this phase of spring at its real worth, for there is a beauty in everything if we only look far enough to see it. Should we not be grateful to escape the deadly monotoy of the blinding glare of sunlight, the interminable twittering of the song birds, the hard beaten paths which we will walk in company with the ghosts of the examinations which later months will bring?

### THE S. P. S. CLUB OF PITTSBURG.

The idea of forming a club or society of S. P. S. graduates who are located in and around the great iron and steel centre of America was first suggested by Mr. F. N. Speller, '93, of McKeesport, Pa. He first mentioned the matter to Mr. F. M. Bowman, '90, of Pittsburg, and later to G. M. Campbell, '96, and H. P. Elliott, '96, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., all of whom approved, and Messrs. Campbell and Elliot undertook the task of locating the S. P. S. graduates in the vicinity. After they had succeeded in finding fourteen they wrote Mr. F. M. Bowman, asking him, as the oldest graduate, to call a meeting, but with characteristic modesty of those who have been trained at the abode of the "meek and peaceful" he replied that he could not claim the honor of calling the initial meeting as the oldest graduate, and referred them to Mr. A. R. Raymer, '84. Mr. Raymer was accordingly consulted, and he also approved of the scheme, and at once called the meeting. The initial meeting was held in Mr. Raymer's office in the P. & L. E. Ry. station, on a Saturday afternoon in the latter part of November, 1901, and of the fourteen who had been located, twelve were present, the other two being unavoidably absent. After discussing the matter, a preliminary committee was formed, consisting of Messrs. Raymer, Campbell and E. B. Merrill, '90, who were to ascertain the names of all School men in the district and call a regular meeting.

The first regular meeting was also held in Mr. Raymer's office about the middle of the following month, and eighteen or twenty were present. They then decided to hold a banquet sometime in the following February.

The first banquet was held on February 28, 1902, in the private dining room of the P. L. E. Ry., and the guest of the evening was Principal Galbraith. By referring to the School the committee had been able to locate twenty-seven graduates in the district—of these twenty-five were present. This banquet proved to be a most enjoyable one, so before parting they formed themselves into a society and the temporary officers were made the regular officers for the year. The first officers were: President, A. R. Raymer; Secretary-Treasurer, E. B. Merrill, and member of committee, G. M. Campbell. It was also decided to hold meetings about every two months at the call of the Secretary.

Previous to the next meeting M. F. M. Bowman made arrangements with the University Club whereby the society were enabled to hold their meetings in suitable and comfortable quarters in the club building. Several meetings were held during the year and were enjoyed by all.

That the engineer is a victim of the strenuous conditions so much in evidence here, is shown by the fact that the society had as yet neither an official name or constitution. This, however, was rectified at the meeting to elect officers for 1903, when the society adopted a constitution and a name-S. P. S. Club of Pittsburg. The officers were: President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, to be elected annually ,and office holders were made ineligible for re-election. The first officers under the new constitution were: President, A. M. Bewman, '86; Vice-President, F. N. Speller, '93, and Sectary-Treasurer, to be elected annually, and office holders. The second banquet was held in February, 1903, at

the University Club, and was as enjoyable as the previous one. Principal Galbraith was again the guest of honor. Since then the club have met regularly and have had not only enjoyable but instructive meetings, thus bringing back the pleasant recollections of the old college days, strengthening the good fellowship so characteristic of "School men," and maintaining unabated their affection for their Alma Mater.

D. H. P., '03.

### S. P. S. BANQUET AT PITTSBURG.

The S. P. S. Club of Pittsburg held their third annual banquet at the University Club on Friday, February 26. About thirty members were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent discussing new thoughts and old times, although keen disappointment was felt by all owing to the unavoidable absence of Dr. Ellis, of the S. P. S. staff, who was to have been the guest of honor, and representative of the Faculty. Mr. D. Burns, '83, occupied the chair and acted as toastmaster. The "Profession" was ably handled by Mr. A. R. Raymer, '84, while Mr. J. A. McMurchy, '96, performed a similar duty for "the land in which we dwell." Messages were read from Dr. Ellis regretting his inability to be present, and from Dr. Galbraith, who sent the greetings of the Council and regretted that their representative had been "detained by the hands of Justice." J. A. Ross, '92, of Cleveland, Ohio, brought the greetings of the graduates who are located in the great Lake Erie city. The menu card forms an attractive souvenir, it being a neat folder having conventional cuts of Varsity on the front page and of old Fort Pitt block-house on the back. Music was supplied by the Lone Star quartette, and later in the evening everyone joined to sing a few of the old D. H. P., '03. college songs.

### MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The last meeting of the Modern Language Club for the Easter Term was held on Monday afternoon, 29th

Two of those who were to have read papers were absent, but a very interesting paper on "Quietism" was read by Miss McGee.

The election of officers for the following year was

then held, and resulted as follows:

Hon. President, Prof. Fraser; President, Mr. A. N. McEvoy, '05; First Vice-President, Miss E. Ewing, '05; Second Vice-President, Miss G. Strong; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. D. A. Gilchrist, '05; Recording Secretary, Mr. A. F. B. Clark, '06; Treasurer, Mr. N. L. Harton, '07; Assistant Treasurer, Miss McVannel, '06; Second Year Representative, Miss E. Roebuck, '07.

### THE UNIVERSITY LUNCHEON.

The suggestion made by Professor VanderSmissen in THE VARSITY has borne immediate fruit, as the institution he proposed was inaugurated within a week of its publication. On Friday the dining hall was filled to overflowing with professors and undergraduates of all faculties, who had gathered to hear Hon. L. P. Brodeur, ex-Speaker of the House of Commons and Minister of Inland Revenue. The speaker was heartily received, and his address on the loyalty of the French-Canadians was listened to with the greatest pleasure and interest. Mr. Vance tendered the thanks of the meeting in a wellturned speech, after which the guest of honor was shown over the college buildings. In the rooms of the Undergraduates' Union an informal reception was held, at which many of the students took the opportunity of meeting Mr. Brodeur. The affability of the new Minister made it an easy matter to discuss with him University affairs in which, especially from the undergraduate viewpoint, he evinced the greatest interest. The first luncheon arranged on such short notice was a thorough success and fully justifies a regular recurrence of an event so interesting and profitable to the student body. After Professor VanderSmissen the chief thanks is due to Professor McGregor Young and Mr. W. H. Vance for the successful inauguration of the University luncheon.

### SATURDAY LECTURE.

The last of the series of Saturday lectures was delivered in the Chemical Building on March 5 by Hon. Geo. E. Foster. The subject was "Some Considerations of Empire." The growth of Great Britain in population and in territory was compared with that of Russia. Germany. France and the United States, each of whom in thirty years had surpassed her in these regards. similar comparison was made with respect to the development of resources and area of production. Again Great Britain was seen to fall behind other leading nations. She was becoming more and more dependent for food upon foreign nations, and her wealth of coal and raw materials was being steadily diminished. The prophecy was made that in twenty-five years the face of the world would be turned to the Pacific Ocean as it is now turned to the Atlantic. The trend of the times appeared to be toward the consolidation of the five great powers in military and naval organization, and also to trade and commerce to the detriment of lesser powers who would in turn be absorbed by the others. The very scattering of the integral parts of the empire were shown to make for increased strength in the consolidation to which it it tending. No other power in the world outside of the British Empire was able to live within its own resources. In a concluding peroration Mr. Foster dwelt upon the grandeur of an Imperial ideal with a mission to elevate the world and the inspiration which such an ideal should afford.

### CHESS CLUB.

The election of officers for the season 1904-05 took place on Tuesday, March 1. The following candidates were elected:

Hon. President, Prof. Hutton; President, W. W. Hutton; Vice-President, C. E. Freeman; Secretary-Treasurer, H. Keys; Curator, J. Sutherland; Graduates' Representative, R. Hunter; School Representative, J. Lang; Medical Representative, A. Rolls; Fourth Year Representative, F. Watt; Third Year Representative, G. Nugan; Third Year Representative, R. Halliday.

### IS UNIVERSITY LIFE TOO STRENUOUS?

The excessive zeal which characterizes this western world in its pursuit of pleasures and dollars, has, in one sense, infected the general student spirit. Not that anyone will accuse the students at large of too great a zeal for learning. It is rather the unthinking rush for learning that is to be deprecated—the idea of devouring large volumes, without taking the time to digest them—the absolute reliance on the words of others, without the exercise of one's own reasoning faculties. It is not enough that one should spend four years in college, gorging the information which others have amassed. It is essential that the creative and critical faculties should be developed.

"As it was better, youth Should strive, through acts uncouth,

Toward making, than repose on aught found made."

The sombreness of imitative periods are in sharp centrast with the sprightliness of the creative eras. The Golden Age of Athens and the Elizabethan Age of England synchronized with a general optimism and brightness of life.

It is not difficult to see the results of this excessive carnestness in our college. There is a decline in the piquancy, the brilliancy, of University life. The facile wits of former decades were seen rather in the elegance of poetry and the pungancy of pointed paragraphs than in the heaviest style of composition which has characterized the last few years of University journalism. It may be urged that the acquisition of such accomplishments would not justify a college course. But it may be taken for granted that the man who has these, has others. An educator recently remarked that the boy who, after the class had read one of the "Lays of Ancient Rome," would sit down and of his own volition, write a bad poem in imitation of the manly verses of Macaulay, would be a greater joy to him than ten who knew every reference in the poem. He had got the spirit of the poem: the others had got the bones.

So one may say of those who had the easy graces of the pre-strenuous days. The light literature which they produced indicates a ready wit, some imagination, a mind open to impressions. With what three faculties could a man go through college better? They provide the adaptability which is essential to all existence. They provide the inceptivity which is a prerequisite to the acquisition of knowledge. They provide the elegance in common intercourse, which cannot be valued too highly. Dr. Samuel Johnson once made the profound remark that "it is only when you get close to a man in conversation that you discover what his real abilities are. make a speech in a public assembly is a knack." We think we have not time enough now for conversation. It is a mistake. There is nothing that will bring out all that is in one more than conversation. Let a man take what position he will on a subject, and the very fact that he has taken it will cause him to exercise all his ingenuity to support his contention. He will become quick to discover fallacious reasoning on his opponent's part, skillful in summoning to his command all the facts which bear on the question. Knowledge, imagination, resourcefulness and richness of language are all developed by conversation. Literature and conversation may be said to induce a certain quality in a body of students as well as to reflect that quality when it is present. By these you may know them.

Fabius.



### THE UNIVERSITY PIN.

The University Pin Committee, representing the Council and the undergraduates of the faculties of Medicine, Applied Science and Arts (University College, Victoria and the Women's Literary Society) have unanimously recommended a design which is herewith represented. It consists of the University crest and motto, and is distinctly representative of the whole eminently irrespectative of faculty or year. The design is being registered in the name of the University, and the pin will be sold on obtaining certificates from the Registrar of the University or at Applied Science to:

(1) Members of the faculty.

(2) Graduates of the University.

(3) Undergraduates of the University of second year

standing.

The pin will be manufactured by Ambrose Kent & Son, 156 Yonge street, in either brooch or stick-pin style at a cost of \$2 for 18-karat gold and \$1.65 for 14-karat gold, three initials being engraved free of additional cost. The pin will be on sale in a few days and it is hoped will be worn by a very large percentage of those for whom it has been designed.

### TORONTONENSIS.

Torontonensis, 1904, now coming out of press, is, as it was to be expected, the best yet. Published by the graduating classes in Arts, Medicine and Applied Science, it has a solid University tone, and in its comprehensiveness of detail should appeal to the men of all the years in these faculties.

The art features of the '04 Year Book are especially fine. The frontispiece is a splendid engraving of the new University pin. The ordinary sketch of the University is succeeded by a very attractive engraving in blue and black, giving in emblem the leading facts in the history of our Alma Mater. The decorative headlines and title pages—mostly from drawings by the cannent artists, Mr. C. W. Jeffrey—are a feature that places the present volume far in advance of its predecessors. The finest of the University views are printed in appropriate tints.

The historical section includes the brief biographies and half-tone engravings of the nearly four hundred graduating men and women, and sketches of the different faculties and classes. To these are added articles descriptive of the many student organizations and all branches of athletics. We note that the Engineers and Alumni Associations have each their portion. Throughout, the humorous view is only prominent, but not overdone, both students and faculty being subjects of the caricatures by Messrs. Bengough, MacConnell and Kyle and student artists.

Literary contributions by Mr. Arthur Stringer, Mr. W. J. Alexander, '99, Mr. George F. Scott and undergraduate writers.

It is not without significance that the 1904 volume is dedicated to Dr. Reeve, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

The book will be of wide interest to all friends of the University as well as to the undergraduates, alumni and faculty.

### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

There will two more University sermons this term. One next Sunday, March 13, and one on March 27. Canon Welch will speak at the former, Mr. Robert E. Speer, of New York, at the latter. Owing to a wildly expressed desire to hear Mr. Speer the committee have decided to hold that service in the gymnasium. The tickets for next Sunday's service are now out and may be had from the various representatives or from the secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

A proposal of far reaching importance was made at the regular meeting last week. It was that a University Y. M. C. A. should be organized. The plan proposed is the one working at Yale. An Advisory Committee and a representative executive shall have control of the Association work affecting more than one college, while separate executives shall have charge of the work in the separate colleges. The University Association shall have a general secretary who shall supervise all the work. University College and the Meds will no longer have a secretary of their own, as they have at present.

This week Mr. George Sherwood Eddy, one of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries of India, is with us in the interests of the Student Volunteer Movement. He will address the University College on Thursday.

Owing to the fact that the proposed plan for the University Association will be discussed at that meeting it will be held at 4.30 instead of 5 p.m.

### CORRESPONDENCE

UNIVERSITY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of VARSITY:

Sir,-I have heard a number of reasons assigned for the agitation of a Rifle Association—love of notoriety, desire of making political capital, etc. Perhaps it would not be out of place, then, to tell the students of the University why the Association has been organized and why they should support it.

In the first place, there has been no provision made up to the present for the training of the man who would like to be able to serve the country in case of need, but whose academic work is too heavy to allow him to attend the numerous drills, parades, etc., of the regular military organizations of the city. There are many such in the University.

The Association also furnishes a healthy form of sport for the men whose constitution and training have not fitted them for the ordinary athletic sports of the Uni-

The value to the country of such an Association in the University should not be estimated altogether from the number of men we can put into the firing line. It would make an interesting article for VARSITY if some of our students who are blessed with abundance of leisure would go over the lists of the old University company and find out just how many of those who are most prominent in the history of the Canadian militia received their first military training in "Company K." What we want to do is to develop national sentiment, to help to train the leaders, to interest men in the work of Canadian defence, which is the defence of the Empire. And our organization is not an isolated or spasmodic effort in this direction. Men who have come into the University from the numerous cadet corps established throughout the Province during the past two or three years are taking an active part in the movement. The new militia programme of the Dominion Government provides for an available force of 100,000 men instead of the present 40,000. The Association must succeed. We are in harmony with the spirit of the times.

Any attempt to secure personal or party advantages through the Association must weaken it. Our aim is to strengthen and enlarge it, and for this purpose we heartily invite the co-operation of every student in the University of Toronto and its affiliated colleges.

Sedley A. Cudmore, '05.

P. J. MONTAGUE, Superintending Editor-

The Annual Assault-at-Arms took place Friday evening in the University Gymnasium, and proved, in every way, a grand success. The Gymnasium team, under the watchful eye of Professor Williams, went through a series of "stunts" on the horse, a arallel bars, horizontal bar and mat, which filled the audience with wonder and admiration, and brought forth round after round of well-merited applause. Two events, whose results were eagerly awaited, were the finals of the senior fencing championship and the inter-faculty tug-of-war contest. In the former "Casey" Baldwin proved victorious over

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S. C. Snively in a hard-fought contest, and in the latter the School had once more to admit defeat at the hands of the doughty Meds, who won in two straight pulls. There were also exhibitions of sparring, sabre vs. sabre, sword vs. bayonet, quarterstaff and fencing. This last event, between Sergeant Williams and W. C. Greig was one of the most skilful bouts seen here in several years. Cock fighting, pick-a-back, wrestling and the ludierous work of the two clowns, who proved themselves no mean acrobats kept the large audience in good humor. After the main business of the evening had been concluded a largely attended reception was held, and several pleasant hours spent in gliding about to the strains of an excellent orchestra.

### FENCING.

The Senior Tournament was brought down to the finals on Tuesday, March 1. Mr. Baldwin had won his group by defeating Overend, Jameson and Burwash, and Smart looked to have the best chance in Group II., but Snively sprang a surprise by winning from him by 5-3. This score put Smart out of the running and left McQuesten and Snively tier. On the fight-off Snively won after a close, hard bout by 5-4, thus winning his place in the finals.

On Friday night at the Assault-at-Arms Baldwin won by his superior defence, and by his quickness in reposte. Snively worked in good form, and did most of the leading. The bout was most spectacular from one point of view, three blades being broken in close succession. The score, 5-1, does not indicate the evenness of the contest, as at no time did the winner have much the better of the

S. C. Snively ...... 0 0 0 1 0 0-1

Referee, Prof. Williams; spotters, Louis Gibson and Thrift Burnside; scorer, Addison.

Later in the evening Mrs. Loudon presented the winner with the Fencing Club's handsome prize-a complete fencing set, pair of foils, pair of masks and glove.

### JUNIOR FENCING TOURNAMENT.

As is the custom, all the juniors will enter the Annual Tournament, which begins next Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Fencing Room of the Gymnasium. Entries must be in the hands of the secretary by Saturday, March 12.

### UNIVERSITY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Association held its organization meeting in University College on Friday afternoon, March 4. The following officers were elected: Hon. President, President Loudon; First Lieutenant, E. M. McCall, Arts; Second Lieutenant, N. K. Wilson, Meds; Secretary, S. A. Cudmore, Arts; Treasurer, Emerson Wickett, S. P. S.; Committee, A. N. McEvoy, Arts; C. Murray, Meds; Mr. Hertzberg, S. P. S.; R. E. Johnston, Victoria. office of Captain was left open for further consideration.

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### TRACK CLUB ELECTIONS.

At a recent meeting of the University of Toronto Track Club the following officers and representatives

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Hon. President, Dr. W. E. Willmott; Hon. Vice-President, Dr. E. R. Hooper; President, Dr. George Porter; Vice-Presidents, J. P. Mentague, W. R. Worthington; Secretary-Treasurer, W. M. Currie; Representation; tatives: Meds, J. Jordan Field, E. Robertson; S. P. S., W. Barber, C. S. Acton; Arts, '05, D. A. McKay, '06, G. Little, '07, P. McLeod; Dentals, E. Kelly, A. II. Dayward; Victoria, G. Watson, F. Hamilton; Wycliffe, F. H. Hopkins, J. Sovereign; Knox, J. C. Ross, T. W. Graham. Pharmacy, St. Michael's and '08 Arts to be elected.

### MEETING OF U. OF T. TENNIS CLUB

A meeting of the Lawn Tennis Club was held in the Students' Union last Friday, at which Dr. C. E. Pearson presided. After the Secretary-Treasurer's report for the past year was read, officers for the coming season were elected, which resulted as follows:

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After the election of officers the prizes won at the fall tournament were presented by Dr. Hooper. The Tennis Club is looking forward to a very successful season.

### Around The Halls

EVERYTHING INTENDED FOR PUBLICATION IN THIS DEPARTMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 10 A. M. SATURDAY Address-Editor, THE VARSITY, Main Building, U of T.

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

The Literary Society will meet on Friday evening to nominate officers for the coming year.

Time-5 p.m. any Sunday-Bob leaves hurriedly for parts unknown. Time-7 p.m.-Bob returns, changes coats and disappears again.

Messrs. Dix and McGregor are financial secretaries for their respection parties. This is a guarantee of purity in the coming elections.

The Commencement Exercises Committee of '04 are arranging to hold a dance, and either a moonlight ex-

cursion or a boat trip to Niagara.

At a meeting of the Literary Society, held before the Oratory Contest on Thursday evening, the following were elected the Nominating Board of Varsity: Messrs. Coleman, McGregor and McAllister.

A meeting of the men of the Fourth Year was held in the Undergraduates' Union on Friday to discuss the question of a new Physics Building. It was shown that the number of men in Science was increasing every year and it was agreed that the Government should take some action to better the facilities for scientific study.

The first University luncheon was held last Friday in the University dining hall. The Hon. Mr. Brodeur gave an address, which was much enjoyed. The success of the luncheon is due to the efforts of Professor Vander-Smissen on the part of the faculty, and Mr. Vance of the students.

The esprit de cœur with which a fair co-ed bestowed a hearty slap on the back of a well-known naughtyfiver in the east corridor the other day was deeply ap-

preciated by the happy recipient.

Dr. F. Tracy was absent from the University, attending the second annual convention of the Religious Education Association, which is being held in Philadelphia on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. This association, which was organized in February, 1903, and has already over 1,600 members, aims to do for religious and moral education what the National Educational Association does for education in general. Dr. Tracy is a member of the Council (being the only Canadian on it) and gave and address on the scientific basis of religious education, treating it from the standpoint of ethics.

### APPLIED SCIENCE.

In the opinion of some of the Third Year were slightly premature in hanging their Graduating Class picture. The crowd who from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. stood before it admiring themselves blocked all traffic through the hall and was an unmitigated nuisance. It was hence deemed wise last Friday afternoon to remove the obnoxious picture and substitute in its place apainting in five colors depicting the manner of their graduation. Whether they

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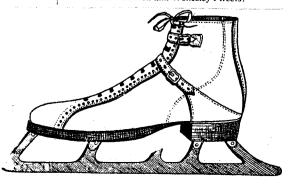
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have as yet asked out the hiding place of their group is at the time of writing uncertain.

At the recent annual elections of the Tennis Club Messrs. Hara and Curry, '04, were elected councillors.

The lecture in the dining hall last Friday was not as popular amongst the School men as it might have been under different circumstances. No doubt arrangements will be made whereby the inconvenience caused by overcrowding will be remedied and regular attendants of the dining hall will be given the preference.

The Fourth Year have been indulging in a few pleasantries lately. A subscription was made for the '04 Class picture which created a good deal of merriment in the cages downstairs.

Great was the disappointment when it became known that the socialists would not be able to indulge in choice viands or even sing, and "they were \$3.00 tickets, too, boys." However, singers have been developed who would never have been known as such under any other circumstances.

A good story is told concerning popular fallacies. Two boys were passing a yard when a dog rushed out, barking fiercely.

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"Oh, yes, Ikey, I know that; you know that, everybody knows that; but—does the dog know it?"

Examinations are drawing near, and everybody is settling down to systematic work. Some wonderful timetables are being made out. One was shown which involved twelve hours work a day from now till examina-

### MEDICAL FACULTY.

R. R. B. Fitzgerald, '05, is in the General Hospital this week. He is recovering from a dangerous hamorrhage, following an operation on enlarged tonsils.

Union room U, captained by Joe Rogers, were again the winners last week, in the Unit room hockey series when they defeated Captain Powell's aggregation from room P. They are open to all challenges.

The Medical Freshmen had another brush with the Arts men last Friday. The Medicals bottled up the Arts men in the Main Building, and then carried off all available booty in triumph.

J. W.'s many friends are wondering why he is to be seen so often at the University rink instead of at Moss Park as of yore. He assures us that it is just loyalty to University institutions. The ladies have nothing to do with it.

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Dr. Fotheringham, one of our ablest and most popular professors, is this week in the General Hospital battling for his life, as the result of infection, following an operation in which he was engaged last week. The boys as a slight token of regard, made arrangements to have flowers placed daily in his room. They all hope he may soon recover.

At a meeting held Thursday Messrs. Kindred and Mowbray were appointed as representatives from the Medical students to the committee which is to interview the Covernment regarding the erection of a new Physics building.

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The Medical team, composed of Messrs. Burwell, Fyle, Waterson, McQuade and Moorhouse (anchor), defeated the S. P. S. in theo tug-of-war Friday evening. Poor School! The Medicos will continue to hold the championship.

### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

The hockey team had an experience at Newmarket that will not soon be forgotten, as the game was decidedly their roughest of the season. The home team indulged in all kind of rough and off-side play, which was fully permitted by the referee, while the slightest errors of the visitors were carefully punished. Despite this the half-time score was 2—1 in Pharmacy's favor. Early in the second half a mix up occurred between the goalkeeper and one of the Newmarket forwards, and in a moment over a hundred spectators were on the

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ice hustling the visitors in great style. The goalkeeper was injured to such an extent that he could do very little during the remainder of the game. Shortly after play was again commenced Kennedy, the captain of the visiting team, was injured, and had to retire. After this Newmarket fared better and when time was up the score stood 7—3 in their favor.

Mr. Bob Easson is wearing a face these days that is not a very enviable possession. Bob was on the defence of the Stratford hockey team in their game against Watford on Tuesday night, and collided with the puck as a hot shot was made on goal. The result was that his upper lip was badly cut and a few teeth loosened. The things he saw for a few minutes were pictures no artist could paint. However, he expects to have enough of the adhesive plaster removed to be able to attend lectures in a few days.

When the chemistry lecture opened on Friday morning a number of us wondered if there had been a fire down town the night before.

At the Y. M. C. A. meeting on Friday afternoon a very interesting address was given by Rev. Dr. Chewn, of Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, on "The sin of not doing good." The discourse was much enjoyed by those present, and the speaker's return at some future meeting will be warmly welcomed.

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Act III.—Scene—Mr. Wagner's room. Chemistry man enters with a mixture of H2O and soap on one side of his face a razor in one hand and a towel in the other. The inmates are horror stricken at the strange apparition. With the other side of his face now also pale, the "young shaver" makes a hurried, rather than elegant exit. Mr. Wagner explains to his friends that he had never been introduced to the unlooked for visitor and proceeds to tell Purdie. Exeunt comes.

A search party has been organized to set out immediately for the North Pole to carry "supplies" to the celebrated Haliburton explorer, Mr. J. S. Carrie. It is rumored that, like the "Youth in the Dismal Swamp." he has lost a more vital part of his body than his head.

Mr. M. H. Jackson, '05, has decided that the invention of the telephone has not tended to increase the happiness of the race. Some wag by unfair means led him to call up A—— Hall and the Central Prison, but desired apartments could not be obtained in either place.

Mr. Purdie is around the corridors once more, though his "pins" are somewhat shakey. Mr. Smith regrets the rapid recovery, for now he will have to buy his own sugar.

At the regular meeting of the Literary Society last Friday evening, Mr. Vance's motion to arrange a definite allotment of executive officers for each division was carried. The mover's method of procedure, however, was questioned by Mr. McEcheran on "constitutional" grounds, and by Mr. A. J. Connor, who quoted freely from Hoyle. On the nominations, which followed, Messrs. E. A. McIntyre and W. H. Vance were named for the office of President.

The Sophomors on Saturday arranged their program in the form of a "toast list." Drinks were clear. Mr. Vance ably acted as critic.

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The Rev. Canon Dixon delivered a most interesting and helpful address to the students on "Mission Work" on Wednesday evening of last week. This is only one of the many proofs of the good work and skilful management of the Mission Society interests by the present executive during the past year.

The many friends of Mr. Birch, '07, will regret to hear that his attempt to be sick the other morning proved a "miserable" failure.

Mr. Vale is still somewhat "down in the mouth." His frantic attempts to make a "bristling frontage" are causing his friends, the Sophomores, much concern. They expect to visit him in the near future. "Oh. let it be soon!"

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### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

# CALENDAR.

Nov. 9 .- King's Birthday.

Dec. 1.- Last day for appointment of School Auditors by Public and Separate School Trustees Municipal Clerk to transmit to County Inspector statement showing whether or not any county rate for Public School purposes has been placed upon Collector's Roll against any Separate School supporter.

8 - Returning Officers named by reselution of Public School Board. Last day for Public and Separate School Trustees to fix places for. nomination of Trustees.

9. - County Model Schools Examination begins.

14.-Local Assessment to be paid Separate School Trustees.



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