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GLIMPSES OF A GREAT WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

THE Pacific coast of the United States from the time of its colonization in '49 to the present day has yielded to no other section of the American Republic in its reputation for progress or in its ability to keep abreast of the times. The truth of this has been demonstrated in a variety of ways, but in none more strikingly than in its universities. If it be true that education is the real measure of advance, the State of California must always be considered as a unique example of energetic progress, for here within the limits of the one commonwealth we have two great universities of extended fame, the University of California and its collaborator and rival, the Leland Stanford Jr. University. The latter of these was founded by private beneficence in the early nineties, but though very young it is a healthy and pretty noisy infant. The State University, situated at Berkeley on the shores of the Bay of San Francisco and opposite the city of the same name, was originally known as California College when it began its career in 1868. From that time when its graduating classes numbered perhaps a dozen, to the present day, when some 2,700 students are enrolled under 250 or more professors and instructors, the University of California has steadily progressed through vicissitudes of one kind and another to the high place it now occupies among American educational institutions.

There is a tendency among easterners, to whom the situation is not clear, to confuse Stanford and the U. C., as they are familiarly known. It is the old story of a university privately endowed as compared with a State institution; the glamour that hangs round the magnificent donation that founds a university lends the institution a reflected glory which well nigh extinguishes the lustre of the college maintained by the people and for the people. Just as McGill gets into the papers, so does Stanford; Toronto and the U. C. must dispense perforce with such fame. Conditions are changing here, however, as one hopes they will at Varsity; and the liberality of Mrs. Hearst, who has donated large sums to the University of California, has done much to equalize this institution with Stanford in point of advertising.

The government of the University of California is so like our own that it calls for practically no comment. Like our own university it might easily be made the victim of changes of political feeling, but in practice, I believe, such a thing as partisan interference does not often occur. One point, however, that strikes the stranger in reference to university administration here is the unusual amount of red tape that twines itself around every process in an amazing fashion; no doubt in time this unnecessary performance will be outgrown. There is one thing on which all political parties are agreed, and that is that there shall be no fees for instruction in the State University. Ontario might well take a lesson from California in this respect, for as long as a tuition fee of practically \$40 a year is charged at Toronto it cannot be said that our higher education is freely open to the people. In this state a fixed proportion

of the taxes accrues to the University and constitutes its income, and this might just as well be done in our province as here.

Like the University of Toronto, the University of California is a central name under which are included many technical and professional colleges affiliated to the main institution, and these different schools are, as is the case at Varsity also, widely separated in point of distance. Here at Berkeley we have the Colleges of Letters of Social Sciences, of Mining, of Chemistry and of Agriculture; across the bay in the city of San Francisco, some dozen miles away, are the Medical School, the Law School, and the Colleges of Pharmacy and of Dentistry, besides the School of Art, while fifty miles to the south there is the great Lick Observatory, the pride and glory of the astronomical department. Since this is the case there exists here as there does at Toronto the great problem of welding these diverse institutions into an organic whole, of creating a common university sentiment throughout the different professional schools. Anything being accomplished in this line is due practically to Arts graduates of the U. C., who afterwards follow some professional study; this circumstance bears a marked resemblance to some of our experience at Varsity.

Although these different schools I have mentioned are all integral parts of the State University, yet, of course, the seat of the University is Berkeley, where by far the larger number of the students are at work, and where the bulk of the buildings is situated; and so, naturally, some description of Berkeley must occupy a generous portion of my letter.

The founders of the University of California, when after some changes, they finally decided upon Berkeley as its permanent abode, proved for all time that they had an eye for the picturesque. As you stand under the University flag pole, where the star-spangled banner floats every day in the breeze—something Toronto could afford to imitate—if you look to the west you find yourself facing the famous Golden Gate, flanked on either side by beautiful hills whose color changes with the time of day and the clearness of the air, facing, too, the great city of San Francisco, the occidental emporium of the Orient, veiled in the smoke of many a factory and surrounded on every hand by the shipping of a world; while if you turn to the east your gaze rests upon the wonderful Berkeley hills, ranging up to 1,800 feet in height, and, though in summer they are sere and brown, now clad under the vivifying influence of the rains with a soft coat of emerald green. This is the general outlook; the grounds and buildings themselves are hardly in agreement as yet with that majesty of Nature surrounding them. They look especially unkept to the eye accustomed to rest upon the stately beauty of University College with its trim lawns and campus, but one must always remember that at Varsity we have been a good many more years on the ground than our California brethren. There are, however, single spots of rich beauty in the grounds, such as the famous Berkeley oaks, which give visions of dreamful ease on warm, bright summer days; and Strawberry Canyon, which, while dry most of the year, is in the rainy season the bed of a rushing torrent. Nor must I forget the wonderful natural

amphitheatre in the extreme eastern part of the grounds where in class days the graduation exercises are held, for this is one of the chiefest beauties of California, that so many gatherings and meetings of one kind and another can be held without discomfort in spots shaded by the tall eucalyptus trees in parts, but otherwise open to the deep blue of the California sky.

The only buildings which you can call at all handsome are the Mechanics' Building, the Chemistry Building and the Library. The first of these is a handsome white brick building with a large glass-roofed courtyard in the centre; it is handsomely equipped with machinery of all kinds and will no doubt compare favorably with anything of its kind in the country. The Chemistry building, a one storied structure in red brick, quaintly decked with Flemish gables, up which the ivy climbs caressingly, is rather pretty, but does not compare in cleanliness or equipment with the magnificent building at Toronto. The Library, which includes under its roof an art gallery as well, is an exceedingly attractive building in the interior. One section of it, in form a large circle, constitutes the Stack room, containing some 75,000 volumes; the remainder of the space on the first floor is devoted to pleasantly lighted and well furnished reading rooms, which are, however, quite inadequate to accommodate the student body of to-day, while directly above these rooms is the Bacon Art Gallery, also employed as a study. In point of external appearance and internal accommodation Toronto has an easy lead, but the University of California library has great advantages over the Ontario institution, first, in the fact that access to the books is perfectly free here, so that you can find out what is in the library by going and looking at it, and secondly, in the fact that it is open in the evenings. While free access to the books has some disadvantages owing to the depredations of dishonest students, it is a system vastly superior from every other point of view to the niggardly and policeman-like style of treating the students at Varsity, for many students go through the University of Toronto without ever finding out the real treasures its library holds.

Of the other buildings it may in truth be said that none of them even approaches in beauty to our own S.P.S., but we are rejoicing in the prospect of edifices which will not merely be better, but will be as good as the world can show. The Phebe Hearst architectural competition is now a matter of history, but an outline of it may not prove altogether uninteresting.

Mrs. Hearst is a wealthy lady of this State who has in a variety of ways evinced her public spirit. Seeing clearly that there would in the near future be a radical change made in the buildings of the State University, she thought it would be for the best that the new buildings, as they went up one by one, should be in accordance with one single general plan. Accordingly she instituted a great competition in which the architects of Europe and America engaged; the plans submitted were examined at Antwerp a couple of years ago and eleven were chosen from the whole number. The designers of these eleven plans were all brought to Berkeley at Mrs. Hearst's expense, in order that they might understand the nature of the situation better and change their plans accordingly. A committee of four prominent architects sat upon the eleven plans finally submitted, and as a result M. Benard, of Paris, secured the coveted honor of becoming the architect of the greater University of California. Mrs. Hearst has conducted this competition entirely at her own expense, and is going to give the first building, the College of Mines, besides. It is with great anticipations then that every supporter of the U.C. looks to the future for the fulfilment of the fair design of the Parisian victor.

No description of the University would be complete which neglected to touch upon athletics and their accommodation here. The Harmar gymnasium is large and ample, but hideous beyond compare; if some of Toronto's benighted students could see what other institutions have to put up with in the way of gymnasiums, they would lend our own a heartier support. Then there is the oval where the track and field work is done—not very good, but better as far as track goes than anything we have (or had) at Toronto. Adjacent to it is the football field, a thing to which the eye of the easterner takes long to grow accustomed. It is hard after knowing those beautiful lawns on which we play football in Canada to imagine how in the world men ever get accustomed to playing on the earth fields which they use here. The football field is got in shape by plowing up the ground and harrowing it; this no doubt softens the surface, but it still looks rather forbidding ground on which to sustain a heavy fall.

So much for the general appearance and nature of the University of California. I hope in a second article to describe life and thought among the students of the Pacific slope, as far as I have been able to understand them.

WILLIAM HARDY ALEXANDER.

NOTES.

If these "Notes" reach the editor's waste basket, so much the worse for them; if they reach the VARSITY they will read somewhat as follows:

Concerning the different reports given in the local papers of Friday evening's meeting of the Literary Society, it may be "noted" that the correspondent who called the debate on the Vice-President's resolution a "heated discussion" was nearer the truth than the one who called it a "forensic contest." Debates at the Lit. will become less "heated" and more "forensic" just as soon as speakers cease to belittle one another's arguments and make some attempt to answer them. It may also be added that the words of the amendment "conducted decently and in order" will perhaps be a more applicable characterization of the Lit. meeting just as soon as a resolution is carried, "That in the opinion of this society the use of *hissing* at student meetings is not in the best interests of the students or University, and that this society wishes to place itself on record as opposed to its use at meetings controlled by the Literary Society." Hissing is never in accordance with good taste, even at the end of an argument, and is much less so at the beginning. This latter lack of good taste was exhibited during the discussion Friday evening. When one speaker rose and attempted in a conscientious and far from sacrilegious manner to prove that the resolution could not be defended on Scriptural grounds he was immediately hissed by some of those present, who seemed to believe in prohibition of "free speech" as well as prohibition of "intoxicating liquors." Readers will please "note" that the writer used the word "perhaps" above, for the end would be much more easily obtained by a resolution expressing the wish that "everything should be done decently and in order" at the Lit., for just as a man, who has no very strong objections to your advising him to be good, nevertheless rightly claims it as his prerogative to decide what is good, so a man who has no very strong objections to your advising him to be decent and in order, nevertheless rightly claims it as his prerogative to decide what is *decent and in order*.

Here beginneth a few "notes" with respect to the dinner which is to take place on Dec. 15th. A writer in The Toronto World gratuitously offers the opinion that

"you won't find at the table a baker's dozen" of those who voted for the "prohibition" resolution. Judging from past dinners this gratuitous opinion is justifiable, but we will hope that it will not find confirmation as well as justification on Friday evening, Dec. 15th. We are praying that every "Varsity" undergraduate will be at the dinner, and if we can get some "righteous" man to say "Amen" to the prayer, we will have some hope of its being answered. The writer, having spoken strongly on one side of the recent discussion, expects nevertheless, to be present at the dinner, and will be unless something unexpected prevents him. Neither does he think that his presence will be inconsistent with his position on the late question, but will find its analogue in the present attitude of many of those who thought that England would not be entering upon a just war if she invaded the Transvaal. For these the question is no longer whether the war is just or unjust, but impressed upon their minds is the fact that 'tis England's war, and so for us the question should no longer be whether the dinner is to be a wine or an un-wine dinner, but impressed upon our minds should be the fact that 'tis Varsity's dinner. And so, Varsity, may your dinner be a grand success, and, though we should have preferred to have drunk your health with the sparkling wine, we shall do so no less heartily with the "limpid stream."

If space permits "Notes" will have something to say later on concerning College Spirit and College Institutions. For the present it sufficeth to say that among the latter "Varsity" and the "Lit." should occupy no mean place.

ALEX. I. FISHER, '01.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

A. P. Misener, of Victoria, has been temporarily appointed as the Collegiate Secretary in the place of Dr. H. G. Barrie, who went to the Transvaal with the Canadian Contingent.

A bright room is provided in the building for men who desire to eat their lunch there. Hot water is also supplied. All students are welcome to this, as also to the use of the piano, games, reading-room, etc.

Every student should read Geo. Adam Smith's life of Henry Drummond. It has just been added to the circulating library by a few of the students who know how it reads.

Every student is invited to hear Dr. Milligan preach in the Students' Union, on Sabbath, Nov. 19th, at 3.30. This is the second of the series.

The week of prayer service is bringing a goodly number out, from night to night. Meeting, 5-5.45.

Students are always welcomed at the morning year prayer meetings. 8.30-9.

Frank Pratt speaks at the Thursday meeting this week. Hear him.

It was a generous and highly commendable thing of the couple of dozen students who gave from 6 to 8 square inches of their skin, last Wednesday morning, to replace that burnt off the back of a 10 year old boy now at the Sick Children's Hospital. Most of the volunteers were from '02.

THE COLLEGE GIRL

WOMEN'S LITERARY SOCIETY

The girls who did not come to the meeting on Saturday night may consider that they have missed something exceptionally good. It is unfortunate that the girls do not turn out in greater numbers to support those who spend their time and energy in making the meetings of the Women's Literary Society interesting and profitable.

Miss Allan, '03, was good enough to step into the breach caused by the absence of Miss Thompson, and played a piano solo. It is a thing "devoutly to be wished" that the girls who are able to contribute towards the programs would do so with the same willingness which characterizes Miss Allan. Miss Bena Roseburgh sang for us and was much applauded by the audience. Miss Grace Hunter, '98, read a Literary Report. She first mentioned the large number of articles which are known as the Klondyke Literature. The Spanish American war has been the source of endless articles and essays on such heroes as Hobson and Dewey. In biography, there are the love letters of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning; and a new life of Thackeray is to be placed before the public. In the realm of poetry there is Edwin Markham's "The Man with the Hoe," which has aroused afresh the discussion of the labor question. The war in the Transvaal has given rise to an outburst of patriotic odes, Kipling's contribution being "The King." In fiction we have Grant Allen's "Hill Top," Anthony Hope's "The King's Mirror" and the popular novel in America "David Harum." In England there appeared Ellen Fowler's "A Double Thread"; "No. 5 John Street" by Richard Whiteing; "The Market Place" by the late Harold Frederic and "When Knighthood was in Flower," by Caskoden; all of which have won great popularity.

The event of the evening was the debate between the first and second years: "Resolved, that women are justified in entering the professions." Miss Norton, '03, opened the debate and dwelt on some of the reasons which justified women in entering the professions. Women had proven that they were able to cope intellectually with men, and had practically demonstrated that they were able to grapple with the necessary problems. She quoted the fact that in 1898 a consultation was held in Harvard University on the relative qualities of the male and female brains, the result of which was that women have been admitted to the study of the professions at Harvard University. Miss Norton made a very conclusive speech, and when she had finished it was only left for us to choose our profession and get to work.

But before Miss Phillips, '02, had spoken very long, we began to see that there were two sides to the subject, and our hearts began to fail when she described the beauty of woman's sphere, and the halo which surrounds the reigning queen of the home. She remarked very aptly, it was thought, that it ill became a woman to wish to enter the sacred precincts of what was fundamentally man's domain, as it was a tacit admission on her part that the place which was originally designed for her by Providence was less worthy of respect than that of man's. To clinch the argument, she remarked that it was not customary to find men wishing to take upon themselves womanly duties. I must confess that many other reasons, I thought, might be assigned for this; but as the negative were only intent on proving their own case, and the affirmative did not see

fit to answer the argument, far be it from me to offer a solution to the problem.

Miss Martin, '03, the third speaker on the debate, may be said, without at all disparaging the others, to have made the speech of the evening, so far at least as delivery was concerned. She did not attempt to read her speech, and spoke clearly and deliberately throughout. Apropos of the argument concerning woman's true sphere, the home, she begged to intimate that all women did not have homes in which to reign. For this lamentable class, at least, it was surely justifiable for them to enter upon the professions. She believed, however, that the training received by women in their higher educational advantages would so train and develop the mind that they would be fitted to assume any duties which might devolve upon them. She spoke of the realms into which women had gone, particularly into that of literature, and showed that a new era had dawned with woman's advent into this profession. The growing demand for women journalists and writers justified women in entering this profession.

Miss May, '02, on behalf of the negative, spoke very feelingly on the subject of women's domestic duties. Woman, by nature, being of so much finer sensibilities than man (appreciative applause), could not maintain her lovely nature in her constant contamination with the baser sex. Women, by entering the professions, and having to submit to this constant irritating influence, would become peevish, fretful and altogether unlovely. Now this, we know, is man's special privilege in the economy of nature, while woman's is to be the cheering, helpful and consoling companion. A committee consisting of the President, Miss Butterworth, '00, and Miss White, '01, were appointed to give the decision. Miss Hughes said, in announcing the decision, that the debaters had proven themselves to be about equal in their debating prowess; so that on account of the fact that Miss Martin, '03, spoke so well without using a manuscript, the decision was given in favor of the affirmative.

The Annual Concert of the Ladies' Glee Club will probably take place in the early part of December. Mrs. Agnes Knox Black, the elocutionist, who is so well known as to need no comment here, has consented to take part on the programme. The interval between now and the concert is very short, so that the members of the club should be particularly careful to attend all practices and be punctual.

Miss May, '02, has been elected to fill the place on the Editorial Board of Varsity left vacant by the resignation of Miss Easson.

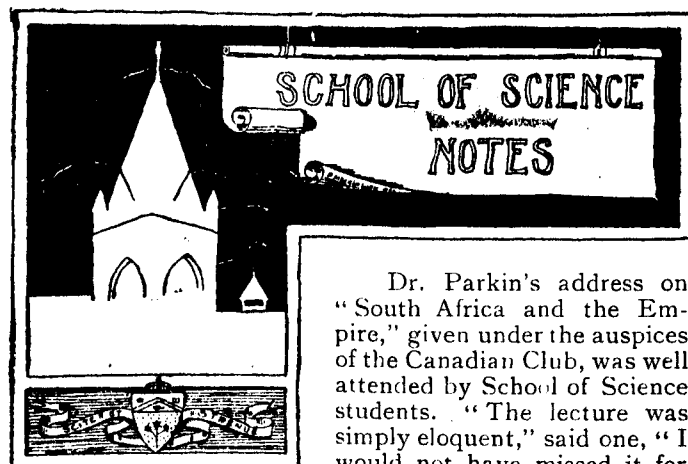
Y. W. C. A.

Last Tuesday, instead of the regular devotional meeting, the Y. W. C. A. held an "information" meeting. The first part of the hour was devoted to business. Later two or three papers were read regarding the work among women students in other countries.

The Missionary Study Class met as usual on Friday. Miss A. C. Macdonald gave a description of the three most important religions of Japan, viz.: Shintoism, Confucianism, Buddhism.

RECENT CHANGES IN EDITORIAL BOARD.

Several changes have been made of late in the editorial board of VARSITY. Miss A. May is now the representative of '02; Mr. F. E. Brophey is looking after the Rotunda column; and Mr. F. F. Clarke has charge of the S. P. S. report. The other S. P. S. representatives recently appointed, are Messrs. A. A. Wanless and A. C. McDougall.



Dr. Parkin's address on "South Africa and the Empire," given under the auspices of the Canadian Club, was well attended by School of Science students. "The lecture was simply eloquent," said one, "I would not have missed it for an examination." The stu-

dents left the building strongly impressed that every engineering student in Canada should have a knowledge of military engineering also. It has aroused great enthusiasm, and South Africa is the sole topic discussed in the draughting rooms.

S.P.S. Dinner.—A mass meeting of the students was held on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, to decide upon having a dinner. Mr. Shanks, President of the Engineering Society, was appointed Chairman. Upon the question being asked by the chairman, "Shall we have a dinner?" there was a great show of hands. The following committee was elected: Mr. Shanks, Chairman to be assisted by J. A. Johnston; Mr. Neelands, Treasurer, and Mr. Clarke, Secretary. The year representatives are: Messrs. Burnside, Revell, Thorold, Johnston (J. C.), Rigsby, Bertram, Macdonald, and Gourlay. At the Committee meeting on Thursday, the date was fixed for December 1st. It is expected that all the students will turn out and make the dinner a success. The Committee are making arrangements for two hundred.

At a meeting of the Engineering Society, held Nov. 1st, the following officers were elected: VARSITY Editorial Board, 3rd year, F. F. Clarke; 2nd year, M. McDougall; and 1st year, Mr. Wanless. The Assistant Librarian is now Mr. Easton. The 1st year representative to Engineering Society is Mr. R. A. Macdonald.

It would be well to remind the 1st year that they are now members of the Society, and they are expected to attend every meeting.

To the 2nd year,—If any freshman asks you where Prof. Graham's Office is, please do not tell him it is on the fourth floor. The number of inquisitive freshmen around the third year draughting room has become unbearable.

Mr. Weir has entirely recovered from his troubles. He says he can now sit the four lectures out without becoming weary.

Mr. Thorne has become tired of his work; he has gone out to the woods in Muskoka. He need not come back to the school if he is empty handed.

It would have done Mr. Stewart's heart good to see Mr. Horace Phillips perched up on the chimney of this house at 3.00 a.m., on the morning of Nov. 14th, looking at the meteors through a pair of opera glasses.

The unusually fine weather this year is gladdening the hearts of the men who are doing field work.

Mr. Piper says he has a cure for the pipe.

THE NEWS

CALENDAR.

Thursday, 16th.
 Debate—Political Science Club. 4 p.m., Room 5.
 Friday, 17th.
 Mathematical and Physical Society. 4 p.m., Room 16.
 Literary Society. 8 p.m., Students' Union.
 Monday, 20th.
 Modern Language Club. 4 p.m., Room 4.
 Tuesday, 21st.
 Classical Association. 4 p.m., Room 2.
 Thursday, 23rd.
 Mr. J. S. Willison on "Journalism." 4 p.m.
 Tuesday, 28th.
 Rugby Dance. 8 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 8th. Literary Society, open meeting.

THE LIT.

Anyone who questioned the student body's interest in Literary Society affairs would certainly have a point against him in last week's meeting. The hall was so well filled that some were standing at the back. On the platform were five graduates. When once the meeting had been opened the discussion continued for two hours without a break. Three recommendations were made by Mr. Cochrane from the General Committee, and all were adopted: to change the date of the public mock parliament to December 8th; to have an oratorical contest in January, at which a prize was to be given; and to give the Executive power to nominate a dinner committee, which committee was to have full power over that function.

Nominations being invited for S.P.S. representatives to fill vacancies on the Executive, Mr. Henderson from the third year, and Messrs. Broughton and Haymer from the second were nominated.

Mr. Cornish then introduced his motion. In brief—that the use of intoxicants is not in the interests of the students or of the University, and that the society place itself on record as opposed to such use at its functions. He said that he believed that the motion, if carried out, would bring honor on the student body, and would remove an influence that was hurtful. He trusted that all students would abide by the decision of the meeting, and that in the face of a direct voice of the student body in favor of the motion no one would so ignore the Society's decision as to bring liquor with him to the dinner.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Geo. Kay, who said that he was confident the motion would pass and that the students would abide by the decision as they had done on a former occasion in connection with the election scrap. Mr. A. I. Fisher opposed the motion; he thought it was unnecessary; that freedom should be exercised in this as in other matters. He cited instances from the customs among German students. He questioned the intoxicating effects of wines such as had been used in the year before. Mr. P. Carson agreed with the general tenor of Mr. Cornish and Mr. Kay's remarks, but thought the motion was too sweeping. Messrs. Ingram and Cunningham spoke in the same line, opposing the motion. Mr. Addison, '02, and Mr. Good, '00, favored the motion. Mr. Campbell, '00, thought that it would do more good if the men in favor of the motion would go and not take liquor than to go and show a good example when it was impossible to show a bad one. Mr. R. J. Wilson, in favoring the motion, said he regretted that a previous speaker had referred

to party politics. He said that this was a matter in which a conscientious opinion should be expressed by every man. Mr. F. E. Brown opposed the motion on the ground that the matter should be left in the hands of the dinner committee which the executive had already got permission to appoint. Mr. Martin, '00, and Mr. Cassidy, '01, favored the motion.

An amendment was made by A. I. Fisher, seconded by P. Carson, that the matter be left in the hands of the dinner committee to do as they thought to be in the best interests of the dinner and most conducive to its success. The amendment was lost and the motion was carried by a considerable majority.

The rest of the program was postponed. Messrs. McAlpine, Burch, Cook and McKerrol, graduates of '99, who were on the platform, favored the audience with short speeches and the meeting broke up after singing "Soldiers of the Queen."

RUGBY DANCE.

The lady patronesses are Miss Mowat, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Harcourt, Mrs. Mulock, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. McPhedran, Mrs. Galbraith, and Miss Salter. This will be the dance of the Michaelmas term. Tickets \$1, are now on sale at Secretary's office, Students' Union.

OSGOODE-VARSITY DEBATE.

"Resolved, that the governmental ownership of railways in Canada would be more beneficial than the existing system."

Affirmative.—D. I. McNeece, B.A., and Harold Fisher, B.A. *Negative.*—Alex. McLeod, and Geo. A. Cornish. To be held November 24th at Osgoode.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

The subject of "City Government" was fully treated by Dr. S. M. Wickett, at the meeting of the Club on Thursday. The paper was admirable, and showed not only a careful consideration of statistics and literature on the subject, but also considerable original thought. The speaker recommended among other things that the mayoralty be made of two years' duration, and that the aldermen be elected from three wards to hold office three years, one-third retiring annually.

THE CENTURY YEAR-BOOK.

The Year-book is still an uncertainty. Every effort is being put forth, however, in the right direction. The project of a "University of Toronto" Year-book is being placed before the various colleges and should meet with their support.

DR. PARKIN ON THE TRANSVAAL.

A very large and representative audience greeted the eminent speakers on Imperial affairs on Thursday evening. The address of Dr. Parkin was eloquent and to the point. He emphasized two points in particular, that England was in the right, and that out of justice to herself and to the natives in her charge she had to hold South Africa. The students occupied the top gallery and led the audience in patriotic songs.

GYMNASIUM.

Swimming class meets Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m., and Thursday, 10 to 11 a.m.

Instructor Williams has formed special classes in boxing.

Special meeting of all who wish to join gymnasium class during year on gymnasium floor to-day (Thursday, 16th) at 5.30 p.m. Besides the direct value of this physical exercise, it has a financial value to any who desire academic work.

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THE DINING HALL SCHEME.

ALL those who are concerned about the Residence question will doubtless be pleased to learn that there is an immediate possibility of our having what is regarded by many as the most important feature of a College Residence life, namely, a dining hall. The committee appointed to consider the feasibility of the scheme has worked energetically and arrangements are now complete by which, granting a certain approval and support of the students, we shall have a creditable and well conducted dining-hall in full operation when the college re-opens after the Christmas holidays. It but remains for the students to approve of the project and the College Council will probably take action at once.

It is proposed to re-open the dining room in the Residence building, and to have a few rooms in connection with it furnished as conversation rooms. A reliable caterer has been secured who will furnish good table board at \$2.25 per week, or \$1.00 for seven occasional meals. Hours that would be convenient for the students will be arranged; the library will be opened at 8.30 a.m. to enable students to proceed to work without loss of time, and any other minor arrangements that would conduce to the satisfaction of the men will be made.

But an immediate expression of opinion is necessary on the part of a considerable number of students to enable the committee to report somewhat definitely as to whether the scheme meets with general approbation or not, and whether there is probability of such support from the students as would ensure the success of the undertaking. Convocation assembles again on Friday of *this* week; the report of the committee will then be brought in, and if it prove favorable, it is highly probable that the College Council will take action at once. The necessity for an immediate expression of opinion will, therefore, be apparent to all; and as a means of facilitating this, lists have been placed in the Library and in the Janitor's office,

which every man is requested to consult and, in so far as he can, state to what extent he expects to patronize the College dining hall, whether he would take the full week's board, or occasional meals, mentioning the probable number per week where possible.

Now it is hoped that the students will give this scheme of the dining hall as much support as possible; for even though it be not the complete realization of the desires of some, it is at least an approximation to them, and the best that can be provided under the present circumstances. The low rate for board should be an inducement to many, and with the vast majority of the students the advantages to be derived from the intercourse thus to be had are unquestioned. Furthermore, the matter of conversation rooms is one that has long been before the student mind here. It has been proposed from time to time that these should be in the gymnasium, but for various reasons the proposal never seemed to meet with general favor. If the distance was an objection it is one that will be quite overcome under the present arrangement where we have a building contiguous to our main building.

We might refer in this connection to the Randall Dining Hall of Harvard, a large handsome building which has accommodation for 528 persons. The Hall is conducted under the rules and regulations of the Harvard Dining Association, and has the patronage of the students, such as a well conducted institution of its kind deserves. Meals are served on different plans, one of which is a "combination dinner," which is provided for sixteen cents. Every consideration for health and comfort is made, and yet the cost to the student is but a nominal sum.

Let every man, therefore, give this matter his immediate consideration, and as soon as possible before Friday evening, place himself on record as to what he feels prepared to do; for upon the expression of individual opinion in this manner must depend, for the present at least, the success or failure of this splendid scheme.

Some Desirable Improvements Before the winter sets in it would be a most creditable act on the part of the College authorities to replace the sidewalk in front of the library with a new and wider one. It is supposed that the purpose is to lay a concrete walk, such as we have in front of the College building, but the delay certainly is not admired by those who require to use the present narrow walk, which could scarcely be said to do credit to a country town. The walk leading to Hoskin Ave. is of a similar kind.

Another little matter which it might be well to mention, is that of the library telephone. This is a constant source of interruption and annoyance to a large number of students. There seems to be no cabinet for the telephone, and the ringing of the bell and the echoes of the speaker's voice are often very disturbing. We hope that the matter will soon be given attention, as it has probably escaped the notice of the authorities.

PROGRAMME OF LOCAL LECTURES

The following is the list of lectures for the academic year 1899-1900: Mr. A. H. Abbott, B.A., Color and Color Theories (with lantern slides). Professor W. J. Alexander, (1) The Novel: Its Origin and Use; (2) Tennyson's "In Memoriam"; (3) The Poetry of Browning. Professor Alfred Baker, (1) "The Hard-grained Muses of the Cube and Square"; (2) Genius in Science—Sir William Rowan Hamilton; (3) Astrology; (4) Hero of Alexandria: A Study in Greek Mechanical Science; (5) The Science of the Ancient Greeks, and the Debt we owe Them; (6) The Nebular Hypothesis; (7) The Beginnings of Astronomy. Mr. J. Home Cameron, M.A., Zola and the Realists. Mr. St. Elme de Champ, (1) Le Paysan dans le Roman Français; (2) Le Midi de la France et ses Romanciers (both in French). Mr. C. A. Chant, B.A., (1) Wireless Telegraphy (to be given only in Toronto); (2) Diffraction of Light; (3) Complementary Colors. Professor A. P. Coleman, (1) Canadian Gold Fields; (2) The Lakes of Canada; (3) The Rocky Mountains. Mr. A. T. DeLury, B.A., The Sun; Its Relation to Life and Terrestrial Energy. Prof. J. G. Hume, (1) The Preparation for Christianity; (2) The Ascetic Life; (3) Faith and Doubt in Modern Controversy; (4) A Great Modern Reformer; (5) Problems of Social Reform; (6) How to think; (7) Philosophical Views of the late George Paxton Young. (Professor Hume is also prepared to deliver a series of Lectures on the History of Philosophy and Theory of Ethics.) Professor Maurice Hutton, (1) The Statesmen of Athens; (2) Greek Virtues and Theories of Life; (3) The Women of Greece; (4) Some Oxford Types (1st series); (5) Some Oxford Types (2nd series); (6) The Mind of Herodotus; (7) Some Aspects of Classical Education; (8) The Roman, the Greek, the Englishman, and the Frenchman (one or two lectures as desired); (9) Plato on University Education; (10) The Antigone of Sophocles; (11) Athenian Literature (1st period); (12) Athenian Literature (2nd period); (13) Roman Life, Literature and Later Analogies (two lectures); (14) Plutarch; (15) The Tyrants of Greece. (Professor Hutton is also prepared to deliver a series of Lectures on the Antigone of Sophocles, on the History of Gracchi, and on the History of the Tyrants of Greece). Mr. D. R. Keys, M.A., (1) The American Humorists; (2) The Life and Times of Shakespeare; (3) Macaulay; (4) Thackeray; (5) Scott; (6) Gladstone as a Writer; (7) Matthew Arnold, the Apostle of Culture; (8) Oliver Wendell Holmes; (9) The Italy of the Ring and Book. Professor A. B. Macallum—(1) A Visit to Brittany; (2) Man in the Stone Age; (3) The Structure and Function of Nerve Cells. (All with lantern slides). Professor J. F. McCurdy, (1) The Bible and Altruism; (2) The Message of Israel; (3) Our Debt to the East; (4) Bible Lands and Peoples; (5) The Beginning of the World; (6) Our Eastern Words and their Story; (7) The Bible and Education: Needs and Obligations; (8) The Bible and Education: Difficulties and Methods; (9) The Poetry of the Bible; (10) Jeanne d'Arc; (11) Greece, Rome and Israel. Mr. W. S. Milner, M.A., (1) The Watershed of History; (2) The Expansion of the Roman and American Republics; (3) The Fall of Paganism; (4) Greek Education; (5) Cicero and the Great Companies of Rome. Mr. R. G. Murison, M.A., B.D., (1) A Buried Civilization; (2) Phœnicia and the Phœnicians. Mr. G. H. Needler, B.A., Ph.D., (1) The German Empire and its People; (2) The Nibelungenlied, with Sketch of German Poetry of the Middle Ages; (3) Martin Luther from the Literary Standpoint; (4) Frederick the Great and German Literature in his Time; (5) The French Revolution and German Literature; (6) Heinrich Heine. Mr. W. A.

Parks, B.A., The New Ontario. Mr. F. Tracy, B.A., Ph.D., (1) Socrates, the Man and the Philosopher; (2) The Republic of Plato; (3) Stoicism and Christianity; (4) Relation of Psychology to Pedagogy. Mr. S. M. Wickett, B.A., Ph.D., (1) City Government in Canada; (2) Money. Prof. G. M. Wrong, (1) Oliver Cromwell; (2) Roman Society about 400 A.D.

Literary or scientific organizations desiring the services of lecturers will communicate with the Secretary. The terms will be \$5 for each lecture (to be devoted to University purposes), and the payment of the personal expenses of the lecturer.

J. SQUAIR,
Sec'y of Committee.

OPEN MEETING OF CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

The open meeting of the Classical Association on Tuesday evening last was not as well attended as in former years, although the programme provided was certainly of as high a standard, and of a less technical nature. Mr. P. J. Robinson, B.A., of the New St. Andrew's College read an excellent paper on "Socrates," sketching clearly his domestic life, his philosophical ideals of life and knowledge, and his tragic end. Dr. Bell, of Victoria, did not read a paper, but gave a very interesting and enjoyable talk on German Universities, telling of their historical value, their professors and methods of study, and giving many a little anecdote which he himself had personally experienced, or which had become "history" in the college walls of Breslau University. In conclusion Dr. Bell warned all students of the danger of deprecating the work done by other universities.

The cello solos by Mr. Lucas were also very fine and much appreciated.

NORMAL COLLEGE NOTES.

In spite of the heavy rain on Friday night the first reception was well attended and proved a most enjoyable one. The Assembly Hall had been fittingly decorated and the committee is deserving of praise for the manner in which it discharged its duties.

P. T. Jermyn, '99, and W. J. Glanfield, '99, wish that the Y. M. C. A. would publish a city guide map before the next reception, so that there will be no risk of being kept on the streets more than two hours in the middle of the night.

Jack Robertson, '97, while making some calls on Hallows' en, was not careful to have his movements unknown. A band of serenaders mixed things up for him on Wellington street.

The football team expected sure defeat last Saturday at the hands of St. Mathew's. But in the first two minutes Jermyn scored a goal. O. N. C. pressed the goal hard against the wind till half time. In the second half the play was fast and always in the St. Mathew's territory. Within 10 minutes of the end the Saints evened things up. But our boys are confident of winning the cup yet.

A prominent clergyman of the Episcopal Church, while traveling down the backwoods of Maine, was obliged to spend the night at a farmhouse. In conversation with the farmer's wife, he asked: "Are there many Episcopalians about here?" She replied: "Wal, really, I dun know, the hired man killed some sort of a critter the other day out back of the barn, but I think he 'lowed it was a woodchuck."—*Short Stories.*

THE SPORTS

VARSIITY WINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Friday morning the Varsity I. football club started for Montreal to make secure their hold on the Intercollegiate Championship for 1899, and so well did they accomplish their work that they are now in possession of that prize, as the game with Queen's can make no material difference in the standing of the clubs.

On Saturday afternoon Varsity appeared on the grounds sharp on time, and after a long and tiresome wait McGill appeared. The day was wet and slushy and little flurries of snow would at times almost blind the players, but in spite of this the game put up was fast and clean.

In the first half Varsity scored on a rouge, two touches in goal and a try, which Brown secured after a beautiful run of about fifty yards. This left the score at half time 7-0. In the second half Brown again secured a try on a pass from George Biggs, this ending the scoring for Varsity. After this McGill forced matters and it was decided to put Percy Biggs at quarter and move Fleck to the line.

It now became so dark that it was almost impossible to distinguish the players, and in the confusion of a scrimmage in mid-field McGill managed to secure the ball and land a try, which they failed to convert. This ended the scoring and it was so dark that Referee Jack Counsell called the game with 9 minutes to play.

For McGill, Johnston and Young played the best game, while Brown, Darling, Beale, Biggs and McCallum played well for Varsity. Varsity's wing line throughout played a strong, aggressive game, and completely out-matched McGill.

The teams lined up as follows:

Varsity—*Back*, Beal; *halves*, Brown, Darling, Biggs; *quarter*, Fleck; *wings*, Meredith, Telford, Gibson, P. Biggs, Harrison, McCallum, Capt. Barr; *scrimmage*, Malloch, Mullin, Isbister.

McGill—*Back*, McDougall; *halves*, Savage, Glassco, Johnson; *quarter*, Young; *wings*, Percy, Cowan, Trihey, Beck, Shillington, Molson, Duffy; *scrimmage*, McKay, Hampson, O'Brien.

GOLF AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Golf has gained a firm hold on both faculty and students of University College, and with the improvements in the course made during the summer, its position as a university sport will be greatly improved. This summer saw four more holes added to the course, which now consists of eleven holes, which are kept in excellent condition. A professional is always in attendance, who gives lessons for a nominal charge.

This week the annual match between the faculty and the undergraduates was begun, each side being represented by about twenty-five men. Last year the faculty won this match, but they will have to fight hard for it this year. The matches will be going on all this week, and those interested are cordially invited to come and see them.

"It's pretty tough," sighed the small, sickly tree. "There are ten girls in this street learning to ride the bicycle, and I am absolutely the only object they can run into. If there was only a hydrant or something!"—*Larks.*

DAS BLATT.

Warum fällst du schönes Blatt,
Nieder von dem Baume,
Alle Äste lässtest matt
In des Waldes Raume?

Bleibe unvergänglich weh'n,
Dich wir lieben immer,
Mit dir alles ist so schön,
Ohne dich ist's nimmer.

Früher grün und später gold
Noch warst du bescheiden,
Desto älter desto hold
Über Berg und Heiden.

Willst du fliehen so bald fort
Wie die Blas' im Meere?
Ach! es bleibt ein Mangel dort,
Und ein' traurig' Leere.

J. J. W. S.

BITS OF FUN.

The following slightly perverted version of the Homeric legends is served up, amongst other similar "Leckerbissen," by Trimalchio at that famous dinner of his:—

"Diomede and Gangmede were two brothers, whose sister was Helen. Agamemnon carried her off and surreptitiously substituted a hind in her place for Diana. So, as Homer tells us, the Trojans and Tarentines fought together, but Agamemnon conquered, and married his daughter Iphigenia to Achilles, which drove Ajax mad."

At this, a boiled calf with a helmet on its head is brought in and placed on the table. The actor dressed to represent Ajax falls upon it with sword in hand, as if mad, and after hacking and hewing the meat to the bone, to the great surprise of the guests, hands the morsels to them in turn on the point of the sword.

—A London paper says that in the Exeter days of Archbishop Temple, when he was suspected of heterodoxy, a young curate came to him one day and said: "My Lord, it is rumored that you are not able to believe in special interpositions of Providence on behalf of certain persons." "Well?" grunted the bishop. "Well, my Lord, here is the case of my aunt. My aunt journeys to Exeter every Wednesday by the same train, and in the same compartment of the same carriage invariably. Last Wednesday she felt a disinclination to go, and that very day an accident occurred by which the carriage of the train was smashed to pieces. Now, was not that a direct interposition of Providence on behalf of my aunt?" "Can't say," growled the Bishop; "don't know your aunt."

—Mr. Clement Scott, in telling the story of his early career as a dramatic critic, says: "I began silently and secretly—I suppose in the usual way. I answered an advertisement asking for a young and capable journalist. I was young, but certainly not capable. I was appointed a kind of utility man—drama, of course, included—at the fabulous salary of £5 a week. I never got one farthing of the salary, and I ended by lending my proprietor £25 out of my modest War Office salary, with which he promptly levanted."

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ABOUT PEOPLE.

John S. Carstairs, '92, is assistant classical master in Harbord Street Collegiate.

Mr. J. Furze, who took his first two years at Western University, is now with '01.

Clure McGibbon, '01, has many good stories of his fishing expedition up north this summer.

Mr. Strong and Mr. Henderson, Goderich, attended senate meeting on Friday night.

D. T. Owen, of Trinity, who was at Varsity for a year or so, and Mr. Roland, B.A., are two of the debaters at Osgoode open meeting on Friday next. The subject is "Imperial Federation" pro and con.

R. B. Page, '97, of the Junction High School, was about the Halls on Saturday.

There is a report that "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be given one night at the Grand.

R. A. Evey, B.A., Mathematical Master, London Coll. was about Varsity last Saturday.

Mr. F. H. Phipps, '02, who spent his first year at McMaster University, is taking Political Science here.

J. B. Hunter, '99, is private secretary for Jas. Sutherland, Minister without portfolio in the Dominion Cabinet.

The Varsity Glee Club did some very creditable work at Dr. Parkin's lecture, the elder portion of the audience seeming to prefer the harmonious choruses to the "braying" college yells.

Mr. H. E. Goodhue, '01, who met with a painful accident in which his collar bone was broken, is getting better.

Quite a number of the cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" took part in a recital at the College of Music lately.

Invitations are out for the open meeting of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society to be held on Friday evening, November 17th, at 8 o'clock. Tickets are 50c.

The executive of class '01, met last week and arranged for their annual reception. The date was fixed for Saturday afternoon the 25th inst. Committees were appointed to look after the details and a pleasant time is assured.

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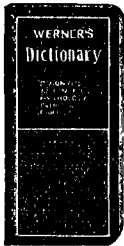
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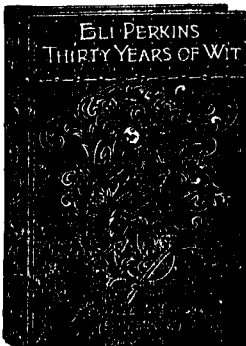
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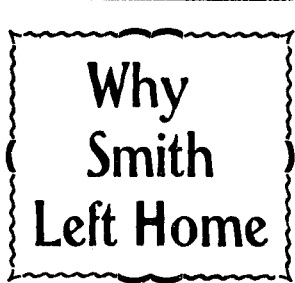
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R. N. Wilson was up Friday for his degree of B.A.

T. Laidlaw, '98, had his M.A. conferred on Friday.

Miss M. A. Smith and Miss A. M. Morrison (Normal College) received their degrees on Friday.

Miss E. A. Durand, '96, who has been ill for some time, leaves for the Southern States next week.

On Friday last, H. F. Crook and J. S. Wren were at Varsity for their degrees, and returned to Normal School, Hamilton, to play football.

Lorne McDougall, '93, was in the city several times last week. He is a junior partner of Mr. Latchford, who is to become Minister of Public Works in the Local House.

Mr. F. M. Chapman, '01, Political Science, is at present in Manitoba, where he has been in business for himself the past summer. Mr. Chapman will return to Varsity shortly.

F. W. Anderson is in the North-West on Y.M.C.A. work.

Miss E. J. Guest, '99, is on the staff of the *Christian Guardian*.

Mr. Shaw, B.A., '99 (McMaster), is taking fourth year Mathematics at Varsity.

N. W. DeWitt, '99, is on the staff of the Woodbury Academy, Woodbury, Tenn.

Alexander McDougall is engaged in Ottawa in that section of the Government having to do with the boundary award.

J. F. M. Stewart, '00, will probably take a minor role in the production of "Under Two Flags" with the H. N. Shaw Co.

Mr. A. H. Montgomery, '98, takes more than a passing interest in the affairs of his Alma Mater, and is especially interested in the Women's Residence question.

Mr. Geo. Black, '98, was married in August last to Miss Stewart, daughter of Senator Stewart, M.D., of Clarksburg. Varsity wishes Mr. and Mrs. Black a life of uninterrupted felicity.

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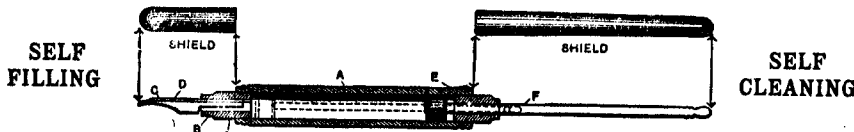
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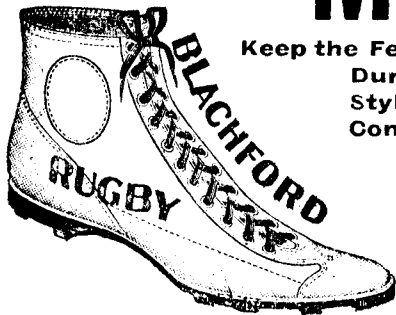
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