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THE FOOTBALL MATCH.

Eccc cauti formos alius jacturque plerum.

High was the wind, and cold on the day that we played with the Knoxmen, Played the well-fought tie on the wide-spreading grounds of the Univer.

Snow, too, lay on the field, which made it easy of slipping, And with a crash to the earth brought full many players on both sides.

Strong are the Varsity men and well-skilled players of football, Able to raise the ball o'er the ear of Phœbus Apollo.

Not so strong are the Knoxmen, but playing better together— Charge on the goal like yelling Zulus going to battle. These are the names of the Varsity team that played for the silver.

Cup that is offered yearly by the Association: First on the list is McDougall, the captain of our eleven, Keen of eye is he, a goal-keeper lacking an equal,

Swinging a skilful foot, and butts like a ram in the spring time, Long-legged Knoxmen spilling mid shouts of ear-splitting laughter.

Next to him comes Laidlaw, Sec. to the club, and a brave canner of many scars to the shins of unhappy players, After him is Laidfoot, man with appropriate surname.

Though short in the legs he never misses the football, Haug will I mention now, a half-back and excellent player, Swift as the wind is he, out-speeding the flight of the roe-buck.

When he flies for his life to escape the chase of the hunter, McKay, too, played for the Univer, taking the place of an absent.

Greatly he frightens opponents as being a player of Rugby, Who fear for their delicate limbs and shun the heroes of Detroit.

Veterans, they, every one, those shin-bruising lovers of football, Milligan, slight of form, by no means playing a bad game, Works for the Varsity well, and never tinks nor is windied.

Nor must I here omit to mention the name of McCallum, If you do not wish to be spilt, charge, him not, be sure to remember.

Next on the list are Carruthers, tall, and broad in the shoulders, Lee, the winner of races, and Elliot, skilful at passing.

And though last on the list, not least, is Neil McEachern, For know well that I give the names not in order of merit, Hot as each suits best the flow of the Homeric rhythm.

Such is the great and glorious team that played with the Knoxites, Played for the silver cup and lost, for quick-running Broadfoot.

Slipped on the snow as he raised his foot to deliver One of his well-aimed kicks, but missing came down on his elbow.

And the ball at once passed through the goal of the Univer; Then there arose a shout from all of the Knoxites, Shout that reached to Phœbus above the roll of his ear-wheels.

As he drove his tired steeds to their crimson stalls in the westward, Many a day shall see before this match be forgotten, Ere a class shall pass through the halls of non-mearring.

Univer, In the memory fade of the match we played with the Knoxmen,

Who gave you boast, and forget that pretty Miss Fortune is a fickle.

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The prizes won at the recent company rifle match have been received and will be distributed in a few days. Color-Sergt. McDougall gets the horse.

MR. WM. ALEXANDER, an old Hamilton boy, who took the Gilchrist scholarship some years ago, and graduated at the University of London, has entered the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

THE COLLEGE WORLD.

PRINCETON COLLEGE is at last out of debt.

Each recitation at Oberlin opens with a short devotional exercise.

GAMBETTA has been made a doctor of philosophy by the University of Athens.

ONE of Bowdoin's professors has held his position in that institution for fifty-five years.

TWENTY-TWO young women have applied for admission to the Woman's College, Harvard.

The number of students in American colleges in 1856 was 8,438. Now about 30,000 are in attendance.

WM. H. VANDERBILT has given \$100,000 to Vanderbilt University for a scientific hall and a gymnasium.

PROF. VON HOLST, of Freiberg, Germany, the author of the History of the United States, has been elected to the chair of History at Johns Hopkins.

The Yale medical course has been extended from two to three years. The school of fine arts has established a practical course in architecture under a special instructor.

JOHNS HOPKINS University has thus far had seventy applications for admission—two being from Canada and two from Japan. Of the 113 students of last year, a large number have returned.

At the recent Oxford examination, 2,163 candidates were examined, 731 of this number being seniors. 240 of them passed; among them being 220 girls. Of the 1,412 juniors, 850 were successful, 211 being girls.

The collection of books in modern Greek, which has had the special care of the late President Felton and Professor Sophocles, has recently been rearranged for use in the library. It is by far the best collection of modern Greek works in America.

The number of honorary doctorates that are annually issued by the four hundred American colleges and universities is about three hundred. 1818 for 1879 comprise 164 names that have been ornamented by 37 different colleges—78 of them with D. D., 57 with LL. D., and 29 with Ph. D.

In 1800, when Bowdoin College was organized, there were eight students. One building was used as recitation room, dormitory, chapel and presidential mansion, the president being in the habit of warning the students of chapel time by rapping on the stairs with his cane.

The American college papers are busy discussing the presidents' reports of their various seats of learning. It seems the practice there is for the president to draw up an annual report in which he furnishes statistics exhibiting the progress of his college, suggests improvements, and discusses its wants, and the best means of supplying them.

Of the thirty-five seniors at Williams College, twenty-four are First Traders, seven are Protectionists, one is a disciple of Ruskin and one of Malthus. In politics, twenty-four are Republicans, four Democrats, four Independents, one is on the fence, and one rises high and dries above all parties. Two are to become lawyers, five physicians, nine ministers, and four teachers; four are to be business men, one is to be a journalist, and nine are still undecided.

OURSELVES.

For the first time since THE WHITE AND BLUE was started we now make a short reference to ourselves. The paper was sent out without any pretensions whatever—we determined to make a small beginning and leave it to time, to our own endeavors, and to the support of graduates and undergraduates for better things. And here we might just say that a good college paper is not made in a day. It is some time before students, who have been united to a college paper, get in the way of writing for such a journal, and it also takes time for a good exchange list to be formed. Neither are advertisers nor subscribers got in a day. But satisfactory progress has been made in all these directions, and we have received words of encouragement from quite a number of sources.

We want to make THE WHITE AND BLUE a medium for the opinions of graduates and undergraduates of the University of Toronto, and to this end our columns will always be open to the views of students or alumni. Let our students, then, do whatever is in their power to make THE WHITE AND BLUE a paper worthy of the College and the University. Let them send us plenty of matter—it is only by having abundance of material that the editors are enabled to make a selection. The size of the constituency from which the 'copy' is drawn will assuredly have a great deal to do with the merit of the publication.

Our exchange list is beginning to take shape, and it is our intention to place the papers so received on the files of the reading room. A perusal of the college journals is often suggestive of ideas that could be worked up into readable paragraphs or articles.

As to subscribers: we want every student who can afford the dollar—and who of us cannot—who has not already subscribed to come forward and do so.

We have not been able to publish at the time promised, but this is a defect we hope will not occur during the Easter term. The Committee of Management is now about complete, and we hope on resuming publication after the Christmas holidays to keep faith with our subscribers as regards the date of publication, and to make the paper more worthy of their support.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

The gentle reader must not expect from my heading an article on tariffs and national policies. The unjust discrimination to which I would draw his attention concerns the University of Toronto, and University College, and more especially that department of these two institutions known as Mental and Moral Science, Civil Polity and Logic. Perhaps it is best to at once take the gentle reader into my confidence and tell him that I am an undergraduate in this department, and that the other evening being in a mood somewhat statistical, somewhat pensive, I went through various documents connected with the College and the University, and made the discovery of what I claim to be a huge injustice as against the department in which I have cast my lot. But I do not ask the gentle reader to take my mere statement—I proceed at

once to lay the result of my investigations before him.

THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES.

The University of Toronto offers annually in the five departments of the arts faculty 34 scholarships amounting in all to \$5,805, besides five gold and five silver medals, and ten prizes in books of the value of \$10 each. The scholarships are distributed among the departments as follows:

| | Class. | Math. | Mod. | Nat. | Med. |
|-------------------|--------|-------|------|------|------|
| Jun. Matric | \$120 | 120 | 100 | | |
| Sen. " | 120 | 120 | | | |
| 1st year | 230 | 230 | 160 | | |
| 2nd " | 250 | 250 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| 3rd " | 250 | 250 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| | \$970 | 970 | 470 | 270 | 270 |

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|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Medals | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Book Prizes | 4 | | 4 | 1 | |

I have not taken into consideration in this table the scholarships allowed for general proficiency.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PRIZES.

University College offers 48 prizes in books, each varying from \$5 to \$10 in value, and the Macdonald bursary (for general proficiency). They are distributed thus:

| | Prizes. | Am't. |
|---|---------|-------|
| Classics | 7 | \$ 65 |
| Mathematics | 4 | 40 |
| Moderns | 16 | 135 |
| Natural Sciences | 11 | 85 |
| Mental and Moral Science, Civil Polity and Logic | 4 | 35 |

PROFESSORS.

I find that the professors of University College are apportioned thus:

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| Classics | 2 |
| Mathematics | 2 |
| Moderns | 4 |
| Natural Sciences | 5 |
| Mental and Moral Science, Civil Polity and Logic | 1 |

OTHER COLLEGE FIGURES.

Then as to the disposition of the buildings: Classics has the two best rooms in the college; Mathematics one lecture room and two or three rooms for apparatus; Moderns, four lecture rooms and museum accommodation; Naturals, the School of Science and one-half of the upper portion of the college building; Mental and Moral Science, Civil Polity and Logic, one small room wherein students are literally packed.

Next, as to assistants, the professor of Mathematics has a man to look after his instruments, and the professors of the Natural Sciences four such assistants.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

The popularity of the several departments may be ascertained from the following figures taken from the honor class list of the University for 1879, the second, third and fourth years only being used, and no notice being taken of pass men:

| | Class. | Math. | Mod. | Nat. | Med. |
|----------------|--------|-------|------|------|------|
| 2nd year | 15 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 29 |
| 3rd " | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 15 |
| 4th " | 7 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| | 29 | 11 | 16 | 16 | 48 |

For the present year the figures are still more pronounced as to the popularity of the latter department.

WORK.

Here is the place where the department of Men-

tal and Moral Science and Civil Polity gets its due. In whatever it may be lacking as regards other matters, there is plenty of work laid down in the curriculum for all who enter it. Page for page, there is probably two pages in department five for one in any other, and as for getting it up, I verily believe that there is more brain work in ten lines of Metaphysics than fifty of Classics.

But I will not ask the attention of the gentle reader further. By this time he will have been overwhelmed by the facts I have presented. But I do not ask his sympathy in order that any of the other departments may be reduced, and department five get the benefit of that reduction; rather let there be a leveling up in the way of additions to my department of entirely new interests.

PRODUCTS.

COLLEGE SONG.

We were glad to see so much interest taken on Friday night in the matter of a college song. University College seems to be alone among the colleges in having no song of its own, and it is to be hoped that before long some undergraduate will give us one, which will be in some way characteristic of the college, and in which all students may unite in adopting. At the last competition two were handed in, but no prize was awarded. The better of these was the one signed 'Argo,' and it was as follows:

Tolle nunc 'Io Triumphe,
Strenue clamorem fac,
Libris et scholis relictis,
Magna voce clamor sit.

Semper sit pax hac in terra;
Hic doctrina floreat
Mars sin cornu rancum sonet,
Nos ruemus in hostem.

Esse servus quis tam turpis?
Cara nobis libertas.
Terram transmarni amamus,
Canadensem maxime.

Alma Mater tu in sacula
Aeris monumentum stes:
Sol effulgens stes datus
Luceo forti populo.

Focis semper tueantur:
Sincus nostra fideles.
Sit ruina, caelum ruit
Choles sumus memores.

Tolle nunc 'Io Triumphe
Strenue clamorem fac,
Libris et scholis relictis,
Magna voce clamor sit

'Some thoughts about some things' is the heading of an article in *The Portfolio* (Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton). After the heading comes the opening, thus: 'On looking from the window this autumn day, we are struck by the general appearance of desolation and decay.' Now, if our recollection of the 'ambitious city' is correct, the window referred to either looks out on King street, or if toward the rear, on the blank wall of a flouring mill. Does the fair writer of the article wish to insinuate that the N. P. is a failure, and that Hamilton is going to the dogs, or that the Morgans are not grinding as much wheat as in past years?

COLLEGE ITEMS.

THE building of the Society is still without a name.

THE Conversazione will be held on Friday, February 6.

MR. FRED W. JARVIS has won a bursary of £20 per annum for three years since going to Edinburgh.

THE energy shown by the College Council during the past year in taking care of the grounds has been officially recognised by the trees, for several of them have already put forth their buds. But perhaps the weather had something to do with it.

A MEETING was held on Thursday afternoon for the purpose of forming a Glee Club. There was quite a number of students present. The following officers were elected: President, W. A. Shortt; Secretary-Treasurer, W. Laidlaw; Committee, W. T. Herridge, W. S. Milner, D. J. G. Wishart, W. Wright. An instructor is to be engaged and practice commenced immediately on the opening of the Easter term. Those wishing to join the Club should hand in their names at once.

OWING to the length of time taken up at the meeting on Friday night in questions of business, the literary part of the proceedings were dispensed with. The debate is accordingly adjourned till the next private meeting of the Society, when the same speakers will take part in it. However, there is some talk of having the subject chosen thrown out as being political. The question is: Is Protection for the benefit of young countries. We fail to see how Canadian politics must necessarily enter the discussion.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The Society met on Friday evening last, the vice-president, W. T. Herridge, being in the chair. Mr. A. Wissler was declared a member of the Society. Mr. James Ballantyne nominated Mons. Emile Pernet as an honorary member of the Society.

A recommendation was brought in from the General Committee by the secretary, A. E. O'Neara, recommending that this Society hold its next public meeting on Friday, January 16th, 1880, and its annual conversazione on Friday, February 6th, 1880. This report was passed.

Another report was brought in by Mr. Brennan, on behalf of the House Committee, recommending that the Society's building be known in future as 'Crooks Hall.' Amendments were made to this report; one by Mr. Tyrrell, suggesting that it be called 'Moss Hall,' and one by Mr. Milner, recommending the name of 'The Society Buildings.' Both these amendments and the original motion were lost. Afterwards, under new business, Mr. Acheson moved that this building be known as 'McCaul House.' Other names suggested were 'McCaul Building' and the 'McCaul Institute.' These names were also rejected.

Mr. F. W. D. Hill asked for the opinion of the chair concerning Mr. E. P. Davis' election last Friday evening, and moved, seconded by Mr. Ponton, that this election be declared void. Considerable discussion arose on this motion, which was ultimately lost.

Election for readers, speakers, etc. at public debates, resulted as follows: Essayist, Mr. J. M. Lydgate; reader, Mr. H. R. P. Hamilton; debaters, D. McColl, B.A., T. G. Blackstock, B.A., A. C. Courtice and R. Y. Thomson.

AN EXPLANATION OFFERED.

I have no objection to giving 'Lucius' an explanation of my meaning when I state that, because the Blake Scholarship is evidently doomed under the present arrangement to become a prize for competition among pass men, the noble object of its founder is certain to be to a great extent defeated. Perhaps if you had said 'pass men only' my position would have been better understood, for that is what I meant. Surely 'Lucius' will not say that when a man founds a scholarship for the encouragement of a certain branch of learning in a university his object will not be to a great extent defeated, if, by force of circumstances, a considerable proportion of the undergraduates—and these not the least intelligent or capable—are practically debarred from the competition. The number of honor men in the third year is always a large percentage of the whole class, and if they must choose between working for honors in some other department, with a view to graduation and competing for the Blake scholarship, with the prospect of taking out a pass degree as the result, what need of argument to show that in some way the object of Mr. Blake has been defeated? That is all I am now contending for; the remedy for this state of affairs I have already shown to be the creation of a new graduating department, a change that is extremely desirable on far higher grounds than this.

M. A.

COLLEGES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

St. Peter's College, also called Peter House, the most ancient college in the University of Cambridge, was founded in the year 1257, by Hugh de Balsham, Bishop of Ely. Its charter, which was granted in 1284, was revised by Her Majesty in 1849.

Clare College, which was first known as University Hall, was founded in 1346. The buildings having been destroyed by fire, they were rebuilt in 1347 by the Lady Elizabeth de Burgh, sister of Gilbert, Earl of Clare. This lady also endowed the college and named it in honor of her brother. Clare College is mentioned by Chaucer as Solere Hall.

Pembroke College was founded in 1347, by Marie de St. Paul, Countess of Pembroke, in memory of her husband, Aymer de Valence, who was slain in a tilting match upon their wedding day. It was originally known as Marie-Valence Hall, but afterwards received its present name.

Caius College, also called Gonville and Caius College, was first founded as Gonville Hall by Edmund Gonville in 1348. In 1350 it received from William Bateman, Bishop of Norwich, the name of the 'House of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary.' In 1557 it received a new charter from Dr. John Caius, under the seal of Queen Mary, and it has since been called by his name.

Trinity Hall was founded in 1350 by William Bateman, Bishop of Norwich, with the special intention of instructing young men in canon and civil law.

Corpus Christi College was founded in 1352 by the united guilds of Corpus Christi and the Virgin Mary; as one of the guilds worshipped in St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, this college is sometimes called Benedict College.

King's College was founded in the year 1441, by King Henry VI. The chapel, which is one of the most beautiful in the world, was commenced in 1447 and completed in 1544.

Queen's College was first founded as the College of St. Bernard, by a charter from Henry VI., in 1446. A second charter was granted in 1447, which was revoked by a third in 1448, which gave license to Queen Margaret to found the Queen's College of St. Margaret and St. Bernard. Queen Elizabeth further endowed this college in 1465.

St. Catharine's College, also called St. Catharine's Hall, was founded in 1473, by Dr. Woodlark, at that time Chancellor of the University of Cambridge.

Jesus College was founded in 1496 by John Alcock, Bishop of Ely, under license from Henry VII. The building of the suppressed nunnery of St. Radegonde (which had been founded by Malcolm IV. of Scotland), were granted for this purpose.

Christ's College, which was originally called God's House, was founded in 1439, by Bingham. In 1446 it was endowed by Henry VI., and called Henry the Sixth's College. In 1505, Margaret, Countess of Richmond and Derby, under license from her son, Henry VII., re-established it under the name of Christ's College.

St. John's College was founded on the site of the hospital of St. John the Evangelist, in accordance with instructions in the will of Margaret, Countess of Richmond and Derby, who died in 1509.

The College of St. Mary Magdalene, commonly called Magdalene College, was founded by Thomas, Lord Audley, in 1542, on the site of Buckingham House, the residence of the Duke of Buckingham, who was executed for high treason in 1551.

Trinity College was founded by King Henry VIII. in 1546, out of the revenues of several smaller institutions, the principal of which were Michael House and King's Hall. Both Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth contributed largely to the endowment.

Emmanuel College was founded in the year 1585.

Sidney Sussex College was founded in 1588, according to instructions in the will of Frances Sidney, Countess of Sussex. New statutes were granted by Queen Victoria in 1861.

Downing College was founded in 1800. By the will of Sir E. Downing, dated 1717, instructions were given that on the failure of his heirs, his estates were to be appropriated to an endowment of a college in the University of Cambridge.

It is understood that gongs, sounded simultaneously by electricity at the expiration of each lecture hour, are to be placed in every lecture and recitation room in the New York School of Mines, and the new college building, for the purpose of securing uniformity, in the commencement and conclusion of lectures.

COLLEGE SPORTS.

FOOTBALL—THE RUGBY MATCH AT DETROIT.

We take the following account of the match played at Detroit, between University College Football club (Rugby) and the club of the University of Michigan, from the *Chronicle*.

The first day of this month the *g. a. m.*, Kalamazoo accommodation, pulled out from our station with four cars cozily filled with students bound for Detroit to see the match at foot-ball between the Toronto eleven and our own team. The day was clear and bright, though a little cold, which seemed to stir the blood of the boys, causing them to open their mouths and pour forth their joy, like tuneful 'owl-eagles.' All the college songs were sung and resung, so that when the train reached Detroit it was a very husky lot of boys that formed a line and marched up to the *Free Press* office. At the *Free Press* office three rousing cheers and a University tiger were given to show that the boys can appreciate a friendly act, even though that act be only what justice or even common decency demands. The headquarters for the team were at the Brunswick house, and there the Toronto boys were found, to the number of about twenty. Every body was of course, glad to see everybody, and the morning was passed in getting acquainted! And just here we may say that a pleasant, more gentlemanly lot of fellows no one need ever wish to meet, than these same representatives of 'Canuckdom.' After a good dinner the teams donned their suits and were driven out to Recreation Park, where everything was in readiness for the game. The grounds could hardly have been bettered, short, firm turf, level as a floor, and not a stick or stone to turn the ankle. Toronto took the field, giving our boys the kick-off, and from the time DeTarr sent the ball flying toward their goal to the close of the game our team had the advantage, except once or twice, and then only for a few moments. Why this was, it is hard to say, for Toronto played a strong game, and in almost every individual point seemed to excel; Gwynne and Woodruff can hardly be equalled in running and dodging; it was all Chase could do to take care of the big-tailed Macdougall in the scrummages; while, when tackled, they have a sly way of passing the ball to a player behind them. They do not throw it, but hand it back, and in close play, owing to their familiarity with the Association game, they are quicker with their feet and work the ball ahead better. Some, too, noticeably H-Ineken, are tremendous kicks. Of our boys, DePay made the prettiest run of the game, though a claim of a foul, not his fault, lost it to him. Barmour, as usual did some neat dodging, while all the boys played with that bull-dog pluck and real grit which distinguishes them. This is seemingly the great reason of their success, that they never give up, and Capt. DeTarr has such perfect control of them and of himself that they never lose their head. They obey his slightest hint, and this is a great aid to victory. It was a particularly close and exciting game, and as the ball was carried backward and forward, some Toronto man were tackled and brought to the ground after a long run, our boys then taking the ball and forcing it back to their goal, the lookers on attested their interest by shouts and yells that would have graced a lot of Indiana. The excitement was especially intense when during the last few minutes of the game the ball was kept within a few feet of the Toronto line our boys trying to force it through or get a drop, for goal, then the crowd seemed determined to take a part in the play. But no goal was made, and when time was called it went up in a long hearty cheer for Toronto and Ann Arbor. Our boys seemed satisfied not to have lost, as well they may, considering their youth in Rugby and the high standing of Toronto among Canadian teams. Then, too, they hardly played their game, they did not make any of their famous kicks that might several times have given them a goal, and they did not run so well as usual. At the depot on their return,

they were welcomed by the Ann Arbor band and conducted to the court-house square. This was a most kindly act of courtesy, which was duly appreciated by all the team and their fellow students. Thanks were tendered by Captain DeTarr in behalf of those thus honored, and then all departed backward well pleased with the events of the day.

EXCHANGES.

The *College Argus*, from Wesleyan University, (Middleton, Conn.) is a well edited sheet. The editor in the last number, however, resorted to a very ancient editorial trick. The *Acta Columbiana* contained an article on 'The Jersey Girl' which to the Wesleyan editor was decidedly below the standard—that is, it was rather spacy, and so he set about finding a way by which he could copy it without incurring odium. He gave the *Acta* praise for its generally good reading matter, but there was one piece that was 'decidedly below the standard,' and that his readers might confirm him in his opinion he printed a long extract of the article in question—of course selecting the spiciest paragraphs. He wound up thus: 'Such writing is not worthy of the *Acta*.' We gallantly place on our exchange list *The Portfolio*, a monthly issued by the students of Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton. This is the second year of publication. *The Portfolio* has a financial editor on its staff, but we see no financial article in the number before us. But perhaps 'financial editor' means 'business manageress' among the young women of the W. F. C.

THE MUSEUM SPECIMENS.

Prof. Wright, on the occasion of his visit to Europe last summer, ordered from Naples a large collection of specimens illustrative of the Invertebrate Fauna of the Mediterranean. The cases containing these have arrived, and the professor and his students are unpacking and arranging them in the museum. The specimens are all in a good state of preservation, even the extremely delicate Jelly-fishes and Ascidians retaining their natural tints. The principal orders and families of the Invertebrata are well represented, especially the Crustacea and the Tunicata. A gigantic Squid is confined in a bottle which, though the largest to be had, is much too small to display the monster to advantage.

The students in Natural Science will find these acquisitions to the museum a valuable help in familiarizing themselves with the different forms of animal life; and they will, even if regarded as mere curiosities, well repay an examination by all.

THE CONVERSATION QUESTION.

In the last number of *THE WHITE AND BLUE* an article appeared suggesting to the Society and students the propriety of again reviving the conversation. The advantages of such an entertainment are neither few nor unimportant. Many might be alluded to which the article in last week's issue does not discuss; but they need no discussion, as they are patent to all. The great fact to be regretted is that our conversation ever ceased; and surely every student should feel it to be his duty to use his efforts to again start one of the leading features of college and society work into renewed existence. All must admit, with the previous writer, that this entertainment does much to bring the students and their work prominently and favorably before the citizens of Toronto. The Society may see fit to alter or increase the suggestions formerly made with regard to numbers admitted, but on the whole they cover the ground. One more remark. It is not those who take most interest in the Society that stand lowest on the class list, but often the reverse; for the *esprit* of the Society and its public meetings—as well as conversation—is to impart a tone of life and energy to their other work.

TORONTO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

The fifth regular meeting of the Literary and Debating Society of the School was held on Thursday evening, H. W. Atkins, B.A., the president, in the chair.

After a good deal of general business regarding the constitution, honorary members, public meetings, etc., the programme of the evening was gone through with. The first was an essay by P. H. Bryce, M.A., which was well received. Mr. G. H. Milne gave a reading from Byron.

An interesting debate then followed, on the subject, 'Does the present curriculum of Toronto University advance the best interests of medical education in connection with Toronto School of Medicine and the University?' The affirmative was sustained by Messrs. J. H. Duncan and W. E. Edmonson, and the negative by Messrs. J. Ferguson and H. Watt. The president ably summed up the arguments, after which he decided in favor of the affirmative.

The two schools' medical propose withdrawing from the Football Association as separate teams and then re-entering as one to be called the 'Medical Team.' F.



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