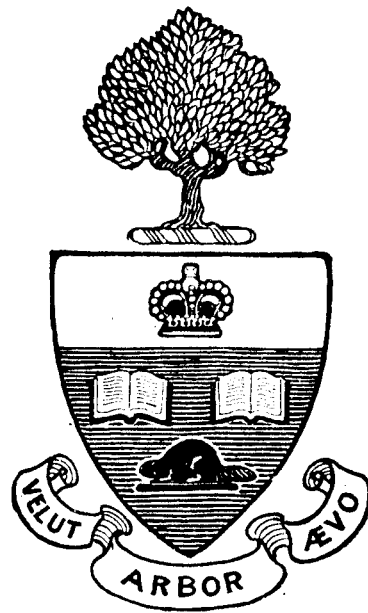
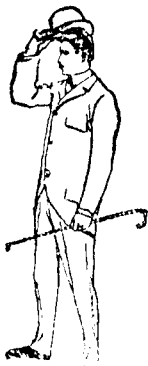


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University Esprit de Corps—Canadian and German

When the Editor of Varsity asked me to write an article for our undergraduate journal, he suggested that I should discuss some aspect of university life as I had met it in German universities. This proposal did not appeal to me favorably at the time, nor indeed does it yet, but the desire which lay back of the request—to know something more of the ways of our fellow students in other lands—is a laudable one and, therefore, I shall attempt to meet Mr. Editor's request at least half way.

The story is told of an old clergyman who desiring to have "a heart to heart talk" with his congregation and yet not feeling free to dispense with the usual text, selected, after much search, the following: "Brethren, let me speak freely unto you." I feel myself in somewhat the same predicament, both in my desires and in the conditions which exist, for Varsity too has its traditions and the members of the faculty from whom articles have appeared in its columns have so far observed these, that, as a rule, the great currents of student life and thought are left undiscussed by them. Possibly when I detail the conditions under which the following thoughts occurred to me, I may be pardoned the slight violation of these traditions which I may make.

Last winter while at the University of Wuerzburg, I received copies of The Varsity and read with much interest the articles and letters in which the relation of the faculty to the students and the Esprit de Corps of students were discussed. I was almost involuntarily led to consider these questions from the standpoint of my surroundings in a German university, and the reflections which I offer to the student body are those which came to me during the days which immediately followed my perusal of these numbers of the 1904 Varsity.

The first thing which occurred to me was that the problems which students in Toronto seem to find in the subjects under discussion are, so far as my observation has gone, utterly foreign to German university life. They arise, I believe, because our Canadian, and, may I not add, even English idea of a university and its work is fundamentally different from the German idea, rather than from any differences either socially or politically between the two countries.

In Germany a university has as its distinctive mark *Wissenschaft* or as we might say science; not of course science in distinction from philosophy or literature, but science as equivalent to the pursuit of knowledge or research. A Ger-

man university is an institution at which everything takes (at least theoretically) second place to investigation, and I have yet to hear the voice of either professor or student raised against that idea. This view is regarded just as self-evident as we might consider the view that a restaurant is a place to which people go to eat. When students go to a university they expect this; when professors lecture they take for granted that the latest views in a given subject must be considered and hence the lectures of German professors are bristling with problems rather than with mere solutions.

The Canadian idea of a university seems to me different from this in one respect at least; viz.: that the majority of our people, among whom I reckon the students, expect that teaching rather than research must be the part of the university's work to which all else is subservient.

This difference is seen in the different systems under which the universities of Canada and Germany operate. The German professor has generally fewer hours a week in the class room—though I do not consider that an essential difference—and he lectures on one or at most two subjects in any Semester. Herein lies the great advantage of the German system so far as research is concerned, for under such conditions one is able to cover practically the whole of the new literature of a given subject whenever it is lectured upon. The professor, therefore, does not teach, he lectures. Hence it may easily occur that students will listen gladly to a man whose material is not well presented from a pedagogical point of view, but whose lectures bring one up-to-date. A German professor is, accordingly, chosen not for his ability to teach but rather for his mastery of a given subject. In passing, I may add, that one of the great men I heard in Germany, one who is known throughout the whole world in his subject, is without any exception the poorest teacher I ever sat under. He, however, has been called repeatedly to the larger German universities and is very highly valued at the university in which he is; students go even from foreign lands to study under him.

Under this system the problem of the relation of professor and student contains only one essential point—viz.: the intercourse they are able to have in their scientific discussions. The social, even moral, duties which some seem to think part of a professor's obligations in Toronto are thus works of supererogation in a German university—they have all been borne by the teachers in the *Gymnasium*, who, as Professor Keys pointed out in a recent issue of Varsity, do this and a good deal more for the students before they get to the university. The *Gymnasium* is for teach-

ing, the University for investigation; the Gymnasium is for youths, the University for men, i.e. for adults who have learned to think and act for themselves.

The problem of the esprit de corps of university men is a more difficult subject, because I frankly admit that I have yet to discover what "pearl of great price" is sought under this name. It has seemed to me that some have in mind little more than the unity of students when something affecting the college standing in the realm of sport is at issue. If every student would turn out to a football match and yell for his university team when they do well or ill, then would the esprit de corps of the students at that university be beyond question.

This problem could not arise in this form in Germany for the university as such does nothing in sport—there are no university teams. All such are regarded as having nothing to do with a university and hence its governing body (the faculty) takes no cognizance of such matters, they being left to the private Student-verein. In other words, in such affairs the students join together just as desire or inclination may prompt them. With us students seem to me to be undervalued by those who see esprit de corps or university greatness only in the herding of men of different faculties and widely different interests into one fold.

If, however, esprit de corps be something higher and be defined as loyalty to the university, the whole problem goes back to the first question raised—viz., the idea of a university. For the German student, loyalty to the university could mean nothing more than devotion to science or investigation.

Just one word further. All systems have to be judged by their fruits, and one may easily be reminded that whatever may be true of Germany, we must have teaching rather than research universities in our new country, for students have to be prepared to earn a livelihood and not merely to investigate nature and her hidden ways. But is it true that a university in which teaching is magnified produces better teachers for example than one in which research stands first? Is it true that the teachers in the High Schools of England and Canada are better teachers than those in the German Gymnasias? Anyone with even a little experience in the matter can give this question without hesitation a negative answer. German gymnasium teachers are not inferior to any corresponding class in the world. To make a long story short, one may say that actual results show that those who are trained in and have caught the scientific spirit are, all other things being equal, the greatest teachers in the world, for they tend of necessity to train truth-loving men. Whether they are the most popular is of course a very different question.

It would be wholly unfair were I to close these suggestive, rather than complete reflections, without saying that among the universities of America Toronto holds an honorable place in the eyes of the old world when her contributions to science are considered. If our university can aid in establishing in her students the love of truth and research she will have done more for the future of Canada in the direction of charity

and broad-mindedness among our citizens, than would a dozen institutions which train "gentlemen" and whose watchword is "culture." I at least am fully persuaded that there is no culture worthy the name which is not founded on the spirit of research, viz., the love of truth, and I would fain recommend to the students in their consideration of esprit de corps and other questions of interest in the academic world a deeper seriousness and a closer attention to fundamental points.

I am well aware that I have not discussed the problems at issue in all their bearings, but I have sought to bring into prominence a few thoughts which may be worthy of some attention.

Albert H. Abbott.



Rifle Association

The annual meeting of the Rifle Association was held in University College, on Thursday, February 23rd. Reports were read for this the first year, showing a most successful season. After this, Col. Delamere presented the prizes won at the first annual competition. Others who gave short addresses, and whose presence was much appreciated, were Principal Hutton, Professors Lang, van der Smissen, Needler, Miller, L. B. Stewart, Kenrick.

In the election of officers which followed, Professor DeLury was re-elected Captain by acclamation; the members showing their appreciation of his services for the past year, by presenting him with a valuable case of rifle requisites, suitably inscribed, and accompanied with the following address:

Toronto, February 23rd, 1905.

To Professor Alfred T. DeLury, M.A.,

Captain University of Toronto Rifle Association.

Dear Sir,—The members of this the Rifle Association have had a desire to make known to you how highly they are valuing your relationship to their body, and in expressing themselves in words to you, they wish to emphasize their feelings, in desiring you to accept a small token of that sentiment, in this case of rifle requisites. While these articles last, they may tend to remind you of the pleasant associations which have taken place between you as Captain and the hundred or more members of this Rifle Association.

This Association being only in its initial stage, scarcely one year in existence, there is of course room for still further efficiency and strength; and much activity and work will be looked for and expected, by many besides those who have a right to receive reports, from its officers, and from you, as its responsible and honored head.

And, sir, allow the members of the Rifle Association to suggest that the same special qualities of heart and head, for which you have very recently been so publicly honored, that enabled you so well to produce the efficient results of your special calling in the class-room, will lead to a large, well trained Rifle Association, such as it is desired and looked for by the military and university authorities.

The members of the Association cannot overlook that much of your valued time was requir-

ed, and has been spent by you, in raising the Association to its present condition and numbers; and it is hoped that you may long be spared to continue in this bringing up the Association to be a model of success to others of a kindred nature.

Complimentary references were also made to the work of the indefatigable secretary, Mr. S. A. Cudmore, who was the promoter and organizer of the Association.

The prize winners in the annual competition were E. Forster, Prof. L. B. Stewart, Prof. W. L. Miller, E. L. McColl, W. H. Brydon, Dr. F. B. Kenrick, R. B. Stewart.

Ernest McColl.



Permanent Year Organization

The idea of having a Permanent Organization was first introduced a few years ago. The scheme proved worthy of imitation and since then the example has been followed by each graduating class in University College.

The purpose of this Organization is to keep the class united as far as possible, to arrange for reunions from time to time and to act as a kind of information bureau concerning the members of the class. I do not think it is an exaggeration to say that no class has ever gone forth from the halls of Varsity more thoroughly united or with a truer esprit de corps than '05. An exceptional spirit of harmony and class loyalty has always been a characteristic of the year. Since this is the case, it is most desirable that this feeling of unity be preserved and that the members of '05, though far apart, may still be one in spirit. Your committee therefore take this opportunity of inviting the co-operation of each member of the class in the duties upon which they are soon to enter.

It was decided at the meeting last fall to have our first reunion in 1908, during convocation week. What form this reunion will take is not yet definitely known.

It is absolutely necessary that the home address of each member of the year be obtained and consequently those who have changed their address since registering are requested to notify any member of the committee and also to communicate any future change of address as promptly as possible.

Any suggestions regarding the nature of the reunion or anything pertinent to the welfare of '05 will be gladly received.

D. A. Macdonald, Secretary.
University College.



The Students' Parliament

The project set on foot by Mr. J. R. McLean, to establish a University Students' Parliament, has been heartily endorsed by all the colleges. All feel the need for such an organization. Only in some such way will the student body of this University come to exert its proper influence.

A constitution committee is at work and the scheme will be presented in more definite form in the fall. Its success depends entirely upon the loyal co-operation of all the students of all the faculties.

The Lit Nominations

The nominations for the Literary and Scientific Society executive were made on Friday evening, March 10. The Students' Union was filled and the meeting was rousing. Considerable other business was transacted. The third and final ballot was cast for the Bristol oratory prize. Messrs. A. M. Manson, J. G. Munro and J. S. Jamieson, the three candidates, made extempore speeches. By vote of the meeting Mr. J. S. Jamieson was declared the winner of the twenty-five dollar prize. The nominating board for Varsity was appointed as follows: Messrs. Bilkey, W. D. Macdonald, Cowan, Morrison and Sovereign. The retiring President, Rev. George Fasken, made a short speech in which he expressed his regret at severing his connection with the Society. Mr. Fred. Stewart, B.A., also briefly addressed the meeting.



Election Returns

- President—E. J. Kylie, B.A., 345; Rev. A. F. Barr, B.A., 200. Δ Y
- 1st Vice-President—J. Geo. Miller, 193; J. J. Gray, 153.
- 2nd Vice-President—C. D. H. McAlpine, 191; C. M. Wright, 152.
- 3rd Vice-President—R. R. Kersey, 195; J. M. Patterson, 147.
- Recording Secretary—H. M. Paulin, 201; H. R. Pickup, 144.
- Critic—R. Wherry, 189; C. McQuesten, 155.
- Treasurer—B. B. Wetherall, 186; H. H. Davis, 161.
- Corresponding Secretary—H. A. McTaggart, 187; H. E. Elliott, 156.
- Curator—T. W. Murphy, 195; G. Rice, 149.
- Historical Secretary—R. Duncanson, 194; A. C. Collier, 148.
- Secretary of Committee—H. C. Hindmarsh, 197; J. W. Sifton, 145.
- 4th Year Coun.—E. S. Little, 193; W. C. McBeth, 151.
- 2nd Year Coun.—D. H. Clark, 184; J. B. Cannon, 157.
- 2nd Year Coun.—D. H. Ross, 192; G. G. Paulin, 149.



The Lit Elections

The annual elections of the Literary and Scientific Society of University College were held on Friday evening, March the seventeenth. The results proved to be a complete and triumphant victory for the old Lit. party. This party has held office for six successive years, and its return to power is a splendid vindication of its policy and administration during that period. The Lit. is the most venerable and one of the few really great institutions in connection with the University. Graduates of long years' standing, who have lost nearly all connection with their alma mater, who have witnessed the passing of their old professors and the gradual weakening of the ties that bind them to the past, still cling with fine loyalty to the old "Lit." where they were wont to meet their fellows on the battleground of speech, and where were formed those friendships that have endured through all time's changes. More than half a century ago the Lit.

was founded as a training ground in public speaking, and it is to the lasting credit of the Old Lit. party that it has never departed to any appreciable extent from the ideals of the founders. Amateur plays and addresses by prominent men serve a very useful purpose in their proper spheres, but have no place in a society whose chief purpose is to prepare men for the very serious duty of giving public expression to their views when circumstances demand the performance of such duty.

The election campaign was shorter and sharper than last year's. It was also distinguished by the publication of campaign literature by both parties. The "Unionist" appeared for five days and was a very clever and original production. On Thursday and Friday the Old Lit. party published "The Retort Courteous," which was a very dignified and effective statement of the claims of the party. On Monday night there was held a highly successful joint meeting, at which several speakers discussed the platforms. One very satisfactory feature of the discussion was the almost entire absence of personalities.

At three o'clock on Friday afternoon the polls for the graduate vote opened down-town. From three to seven both parties worked strenuously. A large vote was polled and many more voted at night. At eight o'clock the polls opened for the undergraduates. From then till a quarter to five Saturday morning the votes poured in. Both parties bent their full energies to the contest, as for some time the results appeared to be doubtful. Then came the arduous task of counting the votes. The results were announced at about half-past eight o'clock, and were received by the small crowd of enthusiasts who remained to the end.

Mr. J. J. Kylie, B.A., who defeated his opponent, Rev. A. F. Barr, by a majority of 145, is an exceptionally eligible young man for the distinguished position of President of the Literary and Scientific Society. The combination, however, of comparative youth with rare ability and ripe experience will make Mr. Kylie the ideal man for a position where sympathy with the feelings and aspirations of young men is a requisite. Mr. George Miller and the remainder of the Executive will co-operate with Mr. Kylie, and the coming year will doubtless be the most successful in the history of the Society. G. M.



Magna Est Virtus Et Prævalebit!

Mr. Editor desires me to write an article which will be an explanation of our minority of 41 acquired at the "Lit" polls Friday night last. To me comment seems superfluous, or, if it must needs be made, why should we not be satisfied with the modest little motto circulated by our one-time opponents which we have quoted above. However, there are a few things which we can say if we are cornered even yet; and here are some of them:—

It is a difficult thing to oust any government. Human nature rebels against the thought of espousing a cause by which little personal advantage can accrue and much may be lost. It is only when an administration has committed some positive outrage that it can be turned out, and

then it is the men of backbone on its own side that do it, and not the mugwumps. They follow and make the defeat a rout, but only because they were satisfied within their own little hearts that the government was done for.

It is to this propensity for looking after one's own skin that I attribute the extent of the Unionist defeat. I do not blame the men who decided to throw in their lot with the winners. It was very, very prudent in them; and after all human nature has a strong inclination towards prudence when there is nothing to be gained by ignoring it. There was something of the sportsman lacking maybe, but then genuine sportsman-like spirit is a thing much more commonly talked about than acted on.

For those who by the exercise of their perspicacity and the violent restraint of their wild exuberant enthusiasm for a hard fight, have secured places for themselves beside the hearth-fire of party patronage we have nothing but good wishes. May their reward be as great—I will not say as they merit, I will be more generous—as they expected. We bear them no malice and they have nothing that we can envy them. A trifle out in the cold we may be—and it gets pretty chilly too when the ring around the governmental fire crowds up and keeps all the warmth to itself—but we would rather be Unionists and shiver than—oh well, anything else.

I do not wish to be misunderstood with regard to the above remarks. They apply only to a small proportion of the victorious party: to the camp followers, the men Fridays, etc., who number, I estimate, about 41. Further than that, I have no wish to impugn the motives of Old Lit men in supporting their side. The party has many legitimate inducements to offer that might well influence fair-minded and conscientious voters. It has been in power for a long time; its administration, looked at from the proper point of view, appears tolerable; it numbers among its older leaders some men of undoubted ability; and indeed there are many other things which might appeal to an honest and even intelligent man. Again, those that are already sworn to the party—whatever may have originally induced them to join—cannot but be expected to support it, nor would we wish them to do otherwise, because it would be as fatal to party politics for one side to back out as for the other. You, whom I have endeavored to exculpate from the imputations that a portion of your party has drawn on itself, we are glad to have as opponents; and some day, when the tide of battle turns in our favor, you yourselves will have the edification of seeing the specious majority which you secured this spring whirled away like so many bubbles to make a fine display of foam on the top of the successful wave of opposition.

One thing more before we admit this chapter in College history closed, and in saying it I feel confident that I am concurring with my friend who has contributed on the same subject from another point of view; and that is that the contest has been a strong one, a fair one and a most enjoyable one on both sides. We have become familiar with men that we might otherwise never have known, and we have discovered quali-

ties in our acquaintances, both as friends and opponents, that have immeasurably increased our regard for them. A good-natured Lit election is one of the best things we have in College; and even if there is nothing but the heels of the Unionist party showing above the deep waters of a minority, as appears from Mr. Murray's recent cartoon,—which I protest I think just as good as the original in the advertising columns of "Scribner's"—we shall still look forward with good reason to another and, we hope to heaven! closer, contest next year. L. Owen.

Women's Lit Elections

The last regular meeting of the Women's Literary Society was held on Saturday evening. The elections were the main business of the evening. The reports for the year were read by the Secretary and the Treasurer. Then Miss Davis, the President of the Women's Literary Society, and Miss Carruthers, the President of the Y. W. C. A., were presented with slight tokens of the girls' esteem and appreciation of their work as leaders throughout the past year.

The voting then began and went on merrily, with its usual accompaniments of candy and dancing. After a very enjoyable evening, the girls all joined hands to sing "Auld Lang Syne," in accordance with the old custom—the full significance of which is realized only by those whose college days are drawing to a close, and for whom all the pleasures and delights associated with the Women's Literary Society are to become mere memories.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

Hon. President—Mrs. Melville Bertram.

President—Miss Kate MacDonald.

Vice-President—Miss Claire Buchanan.

Recording Secretary—Miss Pearl Osborne.

Treasurer—Miss Edith Smith.

Fourth Year Representative—Miss Edith Ballard.

Third Year Representative—Miss Mary Stewart.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Inez Campbell.

Second Year Representative—Miss Irene Trowen.

Varsity Board—Fourth Year, Miss Jessie Adie; Third Year, Miss Berta Bastedo.

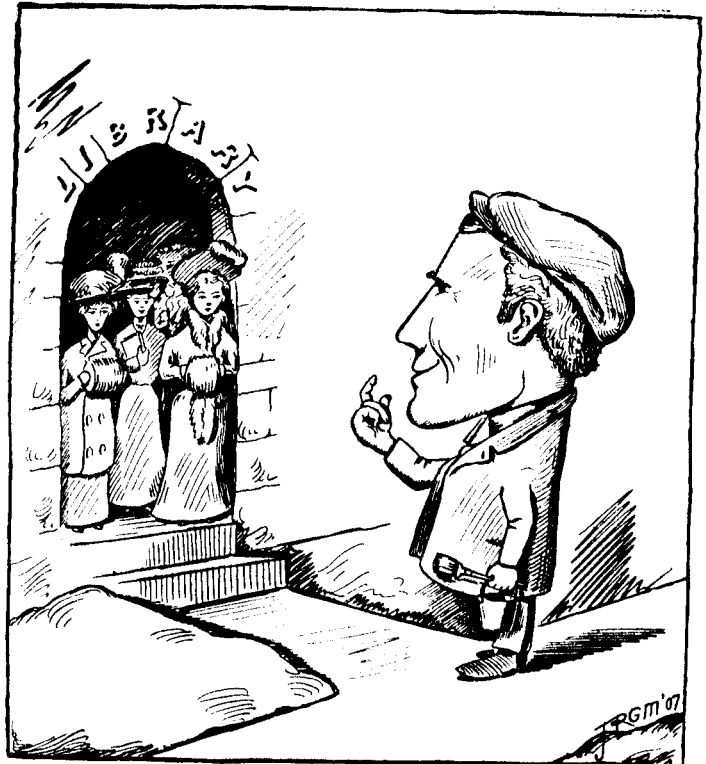
Grace Hall Memorial Committee—President, Miss M. Dunlop; Vice-President, Miss McNichol; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss J. Best.

Women's Residence—Miss Jennie McVannel, Miss K. Stewart, Miss Marion Findlay.

Women's Glee Club

The first annual concert of the Women's Glee Club was held a few weeks ago in the West Hall. It is not too much to say that the concert was undoubtedly an artistic success, and if it was not a financial success, the fault lies largely in the failure of the University men and women to show their appreciation of the work the Club is doing; for University undergraduates, we regret to say, were conspicuous by their absence, and the audience was composed mainly of outsiders.

The work of the Club itself was remarkably good. One who had heard them sing, when they



"Inciting the Students to rebel" on St. Patrick's Day

were first organized, could scarcely have believed that it was the same club which gave forth such a volume of sound, clear, expressive and rich. They showed a precision of attack and quality of tonal shading which reflected the greatest credit on their conductor, Mr. W. Y. Archibald.

The Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo Club, under Mr. Smedley's direction, delighted the audience, while Mr. Smedley's own solos won a most enthusiastic reception.

Mrs. W. Reeves Oliphant and Ross B. McKinnon were also very favorably received, while Mrs. Scott-Rall with her beautiful voice, distinct enunciation and finished reading won praise on all sides. All her selections were good, but perhaps Lytton's "Aux Italiens" proved the most popular. The only College vocalist of the evening was Miss Irene C. Love—the President of the Club—to whom belongs most of the credit for the success of the concert. Miss Love displayed a quality of tone, expression and enunciation which promises a brilliant career in musical circles.

Miss Mabel Steele's accompaniments, played in her usual artistic fashion, added a great deal of charm to the solo work.

We trust that the Women's Glee Club will prove a permanent feature of Varsity life and that their next concert will receive more efficient support from the student body.

Women's Glee Club Officers

Hon. President—Mrs. Benseley.

President—Miss E. M. McKay.

Vice-President—Miss M. C. Buchanan.

Secretary—Miss E. E. van der Smissen.

Treasurer—Miss F. Lang.

Curator—Miss M. Black.

Pianist—Miss L. Bridgman.

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Toronto, March 24, 1905

The fourth annual meeting of the University of Toronto Union was held in the club-rooms on Tuesday evening, March 14. The Secretary-Treasurer's report showed a paid membership of 175, with a number of unpaid fees yet to be received. The deficit of last year had been materially reduced and although quite improbable that the year should be closed free of debt, it was certain that the financial situation would be much better than at the beginning of the year. No amendments to the constitution were offered. The chief discussion was upon the subject of providing more commodious quarters for the Union and a committee was appointed to consider the matter. On motion, the Secretary-Treasurer was voted \$100 as an honorarium for his services during the year, after which the election of officers was held. The results of the poll were as follows:

President—Professor McGregor Young (acclamation).

1st Vice-President—Mr. George T. Clarke, B.A.

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Representative Wycliffe College—Mr. J. E. Gibson.

Representatives from the other colleges to be elected subsequently.



In spite of the late date the annual school dinner may be regarded as being the most successful function ever held by the School. The cutting down of the toast list and the interspersion of numbers by popular entertainers added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. Amongst those present were twenty engineers from the Power Company, Niagara Falls, guests of H. D. Symmes.

Hon. Dr. Montague and W. K. George, President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, have each kindly donated a yearly sum of \$25, to be devoted as the Faculty see fit.



Those in charge of the Women's Residence desire to express their most sincere thanks to the wives of the Faculty, graduates, undergraduates and other friends who have shown their kind interest by so many well chosen and appropriate donations.



At an executive meeting of the Rifle Association held on March 20 a presentation was made to Mr. S. A. Cudmore of a gold fob, in recognition of his invaluable services.



We regret that lack of space prevents us printing valuable contributions that have been received.



With this issue Varsity ceases publication for the present academic year. In pursuance of a time honored custom, the last number has been withheld until after the announcement of the "Lit. Elections."

The Editor, in resigning his duties, desires to thank cordially all, both members of the faculty and of the student body, who have assisted him by literary contributions, by suggestions, or by active co-operation. The members of the Editorial Board have given loyal support; other friends of Varsity have rendered services that are quite as fully appreciated, though perhaps not formally recognized. The Business Manager by generously allowing us to help carry the bag, has placed us under special obligation. We trust that our successor, soon to be chosen, will receive the same kindly encouragement. In the meantime—success to all our readers.



Political Science Club

A special meeting of the Political Science Club was held at 12 on Tuesday last. The only business was the resignation of Dr. Wickett, the Hon. President, and the election of his successor. The President, Mr. H. U. Thomson, expressed the regret generally felt throughout the University at Dr. Wickett's determination to sever his connection with it as a member of the faculty. The Political Science Course and the Political Science Club will alike miss Dr. Wickett. The success of the Club during the last year has been due almost entirely to Dr. Wickett's efforts.

Dr. Wickett also spoke briefly and referred to the position the Political Science Club should have in University life.

Professor Mavor was unanimously elected as Honorary President of the Club.

The COLLEGE GIRL

MISS P. A. MAGEE, Superintending Editor

The very thought that this is the last issue of our college journal for this year, brings about the reminiscent mood specially reserved for a "last occasion" of any kind. And this reminiscent mood is likely to have particular force and poignancy in the case of those who are nearing the end, not only of one year of college life, but of that college life itself, and who have to say therefore the "never to be again!" of the poet, without the comforting conclusion, "Be many more of the kind, as good, nay better, perchance!"

Perhaps this thought, that neither that identical experience nor "many more of the kind" are to return, gives much that makes the fourth year most worth while. Certainly the last year of college life is particularly enriching and helpful. Many responsibilities devolve upon the fourth year girls, and many possibilities for work in different lines, and these various opportunities are likely to be all the more eagerly used, because of the knowledge that they are never to return.

Doubtless many of the influences which help to give a broader outlook and a better understanding of the real value and meaning of certain phases of development, are too intangible and subtle to be consciously realized, much less described, but as we look back over the past year, there are a few outstanding lines of work which may be mentioned as definite manifestations of the college girl's activities and interests.

One of the most important places in the life of the women students, is filled by the Women's Literary Society. The work of the society has been very successful during the present college year. There have been a good many debates, which, besides being usually on subjects of general interest, have been very well presented. The few addresses given by outsiders have been both helpful and interesting. The chief innovations of the year have been the revival of the wearing of the old society pin, the forming of a chapter in connection with settlement work and the sending of a delegate to the Silver Bay Conference. Then, too, the plan of a joint meeting of the women graduates and undergraduates, which was so pleasant an experiment, and which we hope to see an annual occurrence in future, originated with the society of the present year.

But perhaps one of the most marked features of the meetings of the society, has been the large amount of speaking and discussion which showed

the widespread interest in matters under consideration. As one of the aims of the society is to afford an opportunity for the girls to gain a certain amount of readiness and ease in speaking in public, the development along this line has been most encouraging.

The work of the Y.W.C.A. has also been very successful. In this department an effort has been made to dispense, as far as possible, with outside help, and to have the meetings carried on mainly by the girls themselves. As a consequence, a far larger number than usual have taken part in the work, and great interest has been shown. The Bible Class and the Mission Study Class have also pursued their work quietly and earnestly, and the results in both cases are very encouraging.

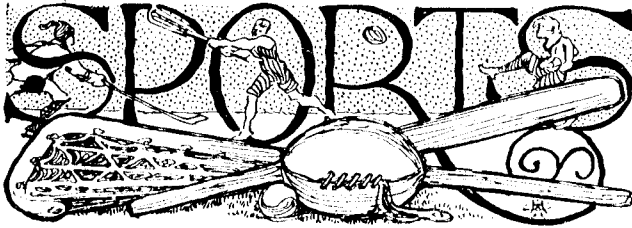
The work of the Athletic Club has gone on with its usual energy and success. The Fencing Club and the Physical Culture Class are the most flourishing branches of athletics. The most enthusiastic members of the club are usually found among the lower years, though this year there have been several seniors who have had interest and energy enough to take an active part in athletics.

The Dramatic Class has also been well-attended, and a great deal of good work has been done. Now that this organization has passed its second year, it may safely be counted among the permanent branches of the college girl's work.

Perhaps the most noteworthy innovation of the year is the Women's Glee Club. It has been one of the most popular organizations among the women students, and has been markedly successful. Judging from the high quality of the work done, and the general interest shown, it seems very probable that the Women's Glee Club also may be considered as firmly established once more.

So much has been said about the Women's Residence that I scarcely feel as if there were anything more to be said on the subject. And yet even in a cursory review of the events of the year, some mention should be made of what has been the realization of such long-cherished hopes. The present residence is full, and it is hoped that next year the building will be enlarged and improved, in order that all the women students who desire admittance may be accommodated.

In conclusion, I wish, as superintending editress of "The College Girl," to thank all those who by their kindly interest and willing co-operation have joined in the endeavor to make our page representative in some slight degree of a few of the interests and activities of the college women, for to their sympathy and assistance alone, is due any measure of success that has been attained.



Superintending Editor, W. J. McKay

The annual meeting of the Gymnasium was held in the Gym., on Monday, March 13th. The following officers were elected for next year:

Hon. President—Principal Hutton.

President—W. Barber.

Vice-President—T. R. Loudon.

Secretary-Treasurer—J. Eaton.

Arts Representatives—A. C. Snively, K. G. Fletcher, J. G. Weir.

S. P. S. Representatives—J. McFarlane, J. Van Nostrand, F. Page.

Med's. Representative—E. Fidler.

Victoria Representative—E. B. Archibald.

Wycliffe Representative—H. A. Ben Ollie.



Baseball Club's Annual Meeting

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the University of Toronto Baseball Club was held Friday afternoon in the university gymnasium. President Ross occupied the chair. The secretary's report was satisfactory. All the old players are back, and many new ones are available. A good team is expected for the ensuing year. The spring tour will be announced later. The officers elected were:—John MacLachlan, President; F. W. Organ, Vice-President; O. K. Lang, Secretary-Treasurer; J. K. Robert, Captain. Representatives—J. De Lury, senior arts; Geo. Carter, junior arts; Wm. Reid, senior meds; J. B. Andrews, junior meds; F. W. Baldwin, S.P.S.; Wm. Greer, Victoria; Joe Dooley, St. Michael's; William Black, Pharmacy; H. Large, Dental.



The Assault at Arms

The eleventh annual assault-at-arms was held in the Gymnasium on Friday night. It was a decided success in every way. The crowd in attendance was the largest in several years. The programme of eleven events was a most interesting one and the exercises were closely watched by the spectators. The Gymnasium class, consisting of Fidler, Reid, Barter, McFarlane, Eaton, Van Nostrand, Fletcher, Kennedy, Archibald, Page, Weir, Loudon, Muntz, performed their work in faultless style and reflected great credit on Instructor Williams. The performances by the whole class were the exercises on the vaulting horse, on the parallel bars and on the horizontal bar.

The tug-of-war, between teams representing the School of Science and the Medical College, evoked great enthusiasm, as each team had many supporters. The contest, however, was not as close as was expected, for the School easily succeeded in pulling the Meds. off their feet.

The most interesting event of the evening was the final round in the fencing contest between Vaughan and Snively. Both of the contestants displayed great skill in the use of the foils and

the result was in doubt until the last point was scored. Snively won out by a score of 5 points to 3. The points were scored as follows: Snively—1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th; Vaughan—2nd, 3rd, 6th.

An interesting exhibition of sparring was given by Mr. Lou Scholes, winner of the Diamond Sculls of 1904, and Instructor Williams. The bout was three rounds in length and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The work of Reid and Fletcher on the flying rings was of high order. The exercises on the flying trapeze and the quarterstaff contest by Archibald and Eaton were good. The performances of the chorus during the evening afforded considerable amusement.

The assault was concluded with a dance, which was participated in by nearly all who were in attendance.

Around the Halls

University College

The interim since our last issue has been one of the most eventful periods in the college year. It has been full of incidents thrillingly dramatic or ridiculously inane, and culminated in a sanguinary struggle on Friday evening. When the election results were announced an armistice was immediately declared, the reign of courtesy and good-feeling was reestablished and peace once more brooded over us. To give a resume of the election campaign is quite unnecessary. Its incidents are indelibly impressed on the minds of all and it would be supererogatory on our part, in fact quite de trop, to express our personal joy in victory or to gloat over those who are hors de combat. We are all glad to have had the opportunity of participating in the struggle, a pleasure of which students a few years ago were deprived. Those alone have anything to regret who did not turn out and take part on one side or the other. In the heat of the election one was disposed to criticize them very harshly, even to the extent of calling them opprobrious terms, but now our feelings are mingled more with pity than with aught else.

The next great event, or as it might more appropriately be called, catastrophe in our college annals is the dreaded May examinations. The Ides of March are come and gone but it needs no soothsayer to tell us to beware the Kalends of May. Few of us can look backward without regret or forward without misgiving and most of us are busily engaged in acquiring mental dyspepsia through hastily bolting huge lumps of undigested knowledge. If any there be who calmly await the morrow and feel no need of that venerable method known as "cram," they must surely be denizens of another world than ours and possessed of more diligence than is human. The inventions of the 19th century discovered nothing more astounding and marvellous than the man who has read all his work. Such a one goes forth not like a lamb to the slaughter but like a raging lion to slay examiners. They hear his roaring from afar and are forced to flee to their encyclopedias and musty note-books in order to prepare for his coming.

Now comes the time when the man who has reviewed a whole year's work in a night, and the man who does his 15 hours' work a day begin to make their boasts in our midst. Now the wise flock to the library at dawn of day and the slothful with wailing and gnashing of teeth and low-breathed malediction find that the book they desire is already signed for. Schedules of studies are on every student's wall and time-saving devices are the topics of conversation.

The splendid aphorism of Prof. Wrong, "History is being made every day" is constantly verified. The list of the world's great battles lately received an addition in the name of Mukden. Likewise the list of the world's great martyr-heroes, Justin, Joan of Arc, Savonarola, Ridley, Latimer and je ne sais quoi Redivivus, now numbers one more since the addition to those august ranks of Robert Martin, our worthy beadle. A swarm of savages daubed and tintured with outlandish colors, swooped down from the wilds, and made a savage attempt to raze our building and slaughter its peaceful inhabitants. Before this barbaric inroad the unwarlike Arts men stood aghast and ran like sheep to the fold. All had been lost had not one man given his life for his people. The beadle alone fled not. Full in the path of the advancing savages he stood, and alone, unattended, he braved their resentment. With blood-curdling yells they seized him, placed on his countenance the badge of martyrdom and rushed on to storm the building. Just a minute too late! Right in their faces the portcullis dropped and the stronghold was secured against attack. For hours the savages raged and fumed against our walls in vain, and then departed to the south whence they came. Our gates were then opened, we issued forth, and saw in a red pool on the pavement all that remained of our departed hero. No tongue can tell, no brush can paint the feelings with which we surveyed that pathetic mark. Henceforth it is holy ground for us and shall be thrice yearly anointed with the choicest of rubrical dyes. The greatest benefactors of the University, Edward Blake, William Mulock, Goldwin Smith have been painted, is it not a fitting tribute that the beadle also should be painted? Requiescat in pigmento.



A Student's Prayer

Ye deities who o'er our fate preside,
And stars and honors with like hand divide,
If Fortune called, or Chance, or Luck, or Lot,

Grant me the knowledge that I have not got;
Make learning easy and forgetting hard,
And o'er my feeble, fickle wits keep guard;
But oh, above all other things you do,
Per omnes vos, oh, see that I get through!
In Extremis.

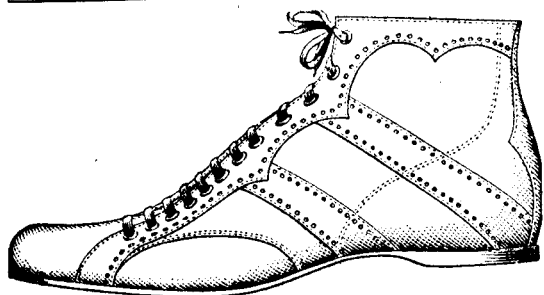


Medicine

Enquiries have been frequent of late regarding the whereabouts of "Varsity." Presumably hope will not be much longer deferred, seeing this is likely to be our valedictory number, and we take occasion to admit that in the brief space it has been our fortune to represent this department that we might possibly have done better. We extend to our successor of the coming year, Mr. T. O. Hutton, '07, the cheerful injunction "to hoe in deep," and to express himself fearlessly upon all that transpires around the medical quarters. Unfortunately the space allotted to medicine is small in comparison to the support that is expected from us in regard to the College paper, and not a few objections have come from subscribers and others that the Arts Department has been running a monopoly. Regarding the statement recently appearing in the evening papers re the Personnel of next year's "Varsity" Board and assuming superior claims for "Arts" representation by virtue of larger circulation, an answer may be found for the relatively small number of "Med" subscribers, as was seemingly complained of, by merely looking over the space allotment given to us. At this late date we are laying no complaint against the retiring board, in following out the earlier systems by allowing "Arts" the preference. It is to be expected that the Medical Society will enquire into the policy of next year's managing board, while at the same time we might possibly support the University paper more aggressively than we have done this year.

While we are referring to "Arts" we would like to mention the poetical effusions of a gentleman named "Owen," seemingly of that ilk. The latest specimen in dialectics has impressed us strongly, that we are na sae daft as tae tak' him for a brither Scot, leastways he'll hae tae be a hale lot mair carefu' o' compasietion an' the spellin' o't—an' blether na mair neixt year. Tak teut o' that ma' laddie!

A very important event last week was the presentation to the student body by Dean Reeve of the Faculty trophy for football. The cup, which is a very handsome one, was committed to our charge in a very happy speech. Mr. Rogers, on



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behalf of the Athletic Association, made a fitting reply, and then committed the cup into the charge of its first winners, the second year team. We were gratified to learn that the gift of this cup was due largely to the generosity of Prof. A. B. McCallum. We are pleased also to know that the Faculty have so hearty a fellow-feeling and interest in the active affairs of the student body. The Wright-Caven and Faculty Cups represent a great deal to the athletic side of our College life. We are hopeful also, that by virtue of the very increased interest shown by "Meds" in next year's Rifle Association affairs that the Faculty will see fit to recognize the competitive character of this connection and give to the Medical membership something tangible to fight for. We would also in passing throw as a final suggestion that something should be done by the Association to widen the scope of winter sports by the introduction of the good old Scotch game of curling. We consider a rink as managed by H. A. Stewart, '06, and with possibly some venerable members of the Faculty, might startle the sons of Caledonia down-town. Scotland forever! Give this your consideration, gentlemen!

The final meeting of the Medical Society on Friday afternoon, although poorly attended, was as lively as could properly be expected. A further consideration of Mr. Cameron's resolutions, postponed from a former meeting, was the main business. The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. F. W. Rolph of the year's expenditures of the Society. After some discussion the report was adopted, on motion of M. V. Cameron, '05, and H. A. Stewart, '06." The further discussion of the amendments brought out many speeches and amendments and not a little cross-firing, which added considerably to the interest of the meeting. The adoption of a compromise amendment to the first proposition—namely the holding of a meeting every third week until March—was unanimously carried. This brought up the second, and most severely discussed proposition,—that the Executive should submit to the approval of the Society all large or extraordinary expenditures. The fairness of the suggested change was called into question by many members of the new Executive. It is regrettable that the defeat of this amendment was accomplished solely by the solid vote of the Executive, the vote upon this being held back until several in favor of it had left the meeting. It was no wish of the supporters of this to embarrass the Executive in any way, but to retain for the Society this right even though not rigidly. Under the circumstances it might be possible to reintroduce this clause for debate at some more representative meeting hereafter should it appear that the future action of any Executive be such, as might be inferred from the speeches of one or two Society officers, i.e.: that they had been constituted a close corporation and any overture from the Society would be an interference with their prerogative—or otherwise—they are no longer concerned with us as private members of the Society, which they formerly were. However, we are content with what has transpired, having shown clearly that the Society constitution can be amended—and has been in at least two points already. Having elected our Executive duly, they now enter upon

their official duties, and we feel personally confident that they will collectively honor the trust we have reposed in them.

In connection with the King murder trial at Edmonton a second honor has come to the University Medical Faculty in the selection of Prof. Primrose to give expert testimony at the trial. Prof. Primrose has just returned, and it is hoped he will give us some account of his experiences in the far West.

It becomes our sad duty to announce the intelligence that has lately reached us of the death last October of Mr. Arnold Patterson, of Ingersoll, formerly a member of class '06." At the expiration of the May examinations of 1903 Mr. Patterson, already a victim of that dread disease, tuberculosis, sought relief by a sojourn at Gravenhurst during the summer and winter. In his courageous effort to regain health he went in the following spring to Denver, Colorado, but no improvement of his condition resulted. He returned home to Ingersoll in August and later passed away, deeply regretted by friends and relatives. The members of class, '06, and others associated with his presence of the first and second years remember Mr. Patterson with kindly feelings, and will join sincerely friends and relatives in mourning our deceased classmate. Being numbered for a brief space with our associations and ambitions for our life's work, although not permitted to see the fruition of his labors, we trust the kindness and wisdom of benedict Providence will accord him the honors and place we ourselves would hope to claim in the roll-call of Eternity. Being stricken on the march, by the enemy he had hoped to combat in others, his claim to our fellowship still remains and cannot be forgotten by those who conscientiously follow the beckoning hand of science and humanity to the ultimate goal of life.



Applied Science

The date of the Eng. Society elections is drawing near, and as usual the contests for each office will be lively. Sisson, Charlebois and Carson are mentioned as candidates for President. K. A. McKenzie and Cousins for Vice-President, Jos. Beaman for Treasurer, Sherriff and Crosby for Corresponding Secretary, Oxley for Recording Secretary, and Barber for Varsity Board.

Geale Hewson, Secretary-Treasurer-elect of the Students' Union, is to be congratulated as the first School man holding that important position. Mr. Hewson has shown himself by his executive ability on different committees to be eminently fitted for the position.

Notwithstanding the firmness of the authorities the School was able to exchange a few pleasantries with Meds. and Arts on the 17th. No serious damage was done, but a great deal of pigment was used, and to good advantage.



Wycliffe Notes

The annual Mock Parliament was held in the college last Friday under the auspices of the Literary and Theological Society. Rev. T. H. Cotton was present in the capacity of speaker. Just Escaped Purdie appeared in full regalia as serjeant-at-arms, the duties of which office he

was compelled on more than one occasion to exercise, owing to the obstreperous behavior of the Irish element which endeavored to obstruct the proceedings of the House. The following were some of the measures introduced:—

A law setting aside specified hours for recreation and appointing uniform times for quietness in our halls.

That a musical trimmer be appointed to pare down the high notes in chapel.

A contract be let to provide means for regulating the ebb and flow of Raymond's laugh.

To establish a line of boats between Bell's Point and Purdie's Island.

To increase the salary of librarians and send them away to recuperate after their arduous labors.

A law to prevent Burch from monopolizing the conversation at table number two.

To retire Harry Perry to the freshmen's senate, at his own request.

To appoint Just Escaped Purdie a final court of appeal in all matters of comparative scholasticism.

That a master of ceremonies be employed for the refectory.

The members were asked to vote the following supplies:

1. \$7,999 for the retiring allowance of Mr. Samuel Jackson owing to his persevering services in the capacity of usher during these many years.

2. \$13,000 for the establishment of a Wagnerian monastery on Bruce peninsula near Bell's Corners.

3. A sum not exceeding 13 cents to provide additional magazines for the reading room, so that one man in ten may be able to get a look at them.

The Cabinet consisted of the following gentlemen:—

Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier Perry (unseated).

Right Hon. Chunk Lilliputian Bilkey (Ottawa).

Right Hon. Highly Educated Elliott (Forest Primeval).

Right Hon. Harmonious Lyre Haslem (Fiji Islands).

Right Hon. Thoughtful Workaway Murphy (Hamilton Mountain).

Right Hon. Rambunctious Bombastus McElheran (Minico).

The Opposition benches were disgraced by:—

Juggling Exhibitor Gibson.

Little Emily Davis (Kindergarten).

Aunt Rachel Beverley (Deaconess' House).

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The adoption of the Speech from the Throne was moved by Jocular Sarcasm Carrie, and seconded by Truly Devoted Bell. Gamey Gray was clerk of the House.

The final inter-college debate will be fought out March 21st between Osgoode and Wycliffe. The Conservatory of Music will probably be the scene of the struggle, as it must take place on neutral ground. The subject chosen is, "Resolved, That the Canadian Senate, as at present constituted, should be abolished." Wycliffe, represented by E. A. McIntyre, B.A., and R. B. McElheran, will have the negative, while Messrs.

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Macdonald and Mason, of Osgoode, will support the resolution.

The annual meeting of the Literary and Theological Society was held last Friday evening. The business before the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen will compose the new executive:

President—R. B. Grobb, B.A. (acc.)

First Vice-President—H. I. Haslam.

Second Vice-President—T. H. Perry (acc.)

Secretary—C. I. Bilkey (acc.)

Treasurer—A. J. Vale (acc.)

Curator—A. Keyes (acc.)
Fourth Division Representative—A. J. Bruce (acc.)

Third Division Representative—J. S. Carrie.

Second Division Representative—T. N. Lowe (acc.)

Mr. A. H. Sovereign was elected Wycliffe representative on the Inter-College Debating Union for next academic year, and Mr. C. I. Bilkey was re-elected as Wycliffe correspondent to the "Varsity."

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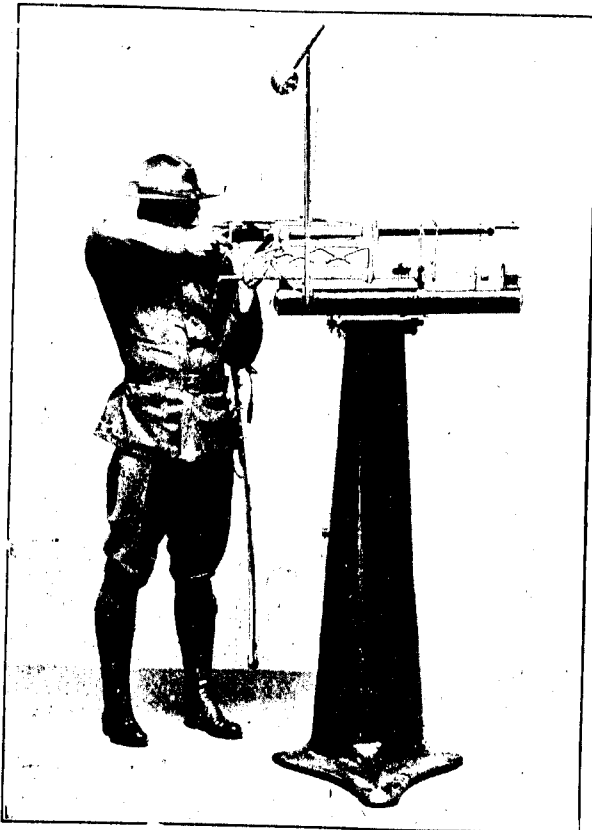
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