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STUDENT LIFE AT OXFORD.

(Extracts from a letter received by Dr. S. M. Wickett from E. J. Kyle, '01, winner of the J. W. Flavelle travelling scholarship in Classics).

The Oxford Union is indeed a fine organization. It comprises three buildings,—a large and perfectly fitted debating-hall, the walls of which are covered with excellent photographs of distinguished members; a very complete library of some fifty thousand volumes; a third building containing reading, writing, coffee and billiard rooms and bulletin-boards. The membership is very large, and hence the whole club is well managed. Since coming here I have availed myself of all the advantages offered, and have particularly enjoyed the Thursday evening debates. The subjects for discussion are all political in nature, and are argued with great vigor, first by four chosen speakers, and then by any who wish to take part. The future of the Liberal party, "Joe" Chamberlain, and Gen. Buller, have so far been the objects of debate. The fellows are Conservative or Liberal from the first moment of their life here. I know of no more hopeful sign for the future of England than this general interest shown by its young men in the political life of the nation. Would that the tradition—I believe that it is nothing more—which forbids the free discussion of political questions in the University of Toronto Literary Society were forced to discontinue its evil influence! The war and the government come in for the most scathing criticism here. In a vote taken a week ago at the Union the war policy was in the majority by no more than five votes. My college, Balliol, is intensely Liberal. The freedom with which opinion is expressed is invigorating after the tin-horn loyalty so prevalent in Canada.

Residence life is delightful. For about an hour last night, however, it seemed rather more exciting than otherwise. A few of the fellows had a "wine," became a little merry, and proceeded to wreck the next staircase to mine. Every few minutes the stillness of the night was punctuated by the crash of glassware meeting the stone walls. I was quite relieved this morning to find my goods still intact. Such occurrences are quite exceptional, because Balliol is a most respectable spot. I have enjoyed the social life ever so much; breakfast, and tea, and coffee after dinner, and indeed the public dinner itself—in the great hall, bring the men constantly together. The men themselves are of course interesting to me. They show the usual type-form, but as a whole take life more easily and lay more emphasis on social intercourse than do Canadian students. They work all morning, take exercise in the afternoon, and are satisfied with three hours reading after five o'clock tea.

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What need is there of my telling you aught of the historical interest of Oxford, or of its manifold beauties?

Only a visit here could enable you to appreciate either. The longer one lives here, the more the charm of the place grows upon him,—the old grey stone colleges and churches, the quaint narrow streets, the broad playing-fields, the fair rivers, and the peaceful English country lying about it all.

"ANTIGONE" AS SEEN BY "THE SHADE OF SOPHOCLES."

The shade of Sophocles, sweet singer of Colonus, and son of Sophillus I am. No longer do I behold the day-star's sacred eye, but for my fate no tear is shed, no friend makes moan. No more do I receive that meed of praise which in the olden-times the ten generals, appointed by Apsephion, awarded me 'gainst Aeschylus. But ever since I broke my voice and snapped the thread of life and went down to the house of Hades, to the great meadow anon in the revolving hours I come again to the bright light of the sun, and haunt the lecture rooms where sophists teach for pay and young men and maidens with dancing black eyes sit together, and bitter cries float around me; wretched man that Sophocles, the son of Sophillus was, he that wrote the choruses, exceeding hard to translate. Then break I forth with my thin ghostlike voice. "Woe, woe! I thrill with dread. Is there none to strike me to the heart with two-edged sword? O, miserable that I am and steeped in miserable anguish." Many other strange customs have these barbarians, and my soul sinks within me as they chatter their ineffectual stuff about low and high stages. But most of all do they err in the choruses, for while in our land we sing and say them rapidly, in their halls and lecture rooms they stumble and hesitate like the voices of birds lamenting. Now it came to pass that two barbarians, Shaw and Torrington, conspired to bring forth the last part of my trilogy, my Antigone. Now, this to me did seem exceeding strange, for in our land when a play has been once given it is very seldom repeated, and I am told that before I came to this city that at two places in the town it had already been given. And I also wondered much at the time of the year for the Dionysia had not yet arrived, but one of the young men standing by, of whom I enquired, said it was the custom in their land to have plays throughout almost the whole of the year. "It is no wonder then, I said, that you have great prosperity, railroads and steamships such as are not seen in our land." "How so?" said he. "Because in the solemn national and religious festivals of the dramas you are ever worshipping the gods. We are wont to say that in our land the great god Dionysus loves the dramas."

"It is not so in our land," replied the youth, "unless it be that some in our great theatres do worship Bacchus. This, however, is only between acts."

"Acts," said I, "and what are they?"

"I have heard said," replied the youth, "that in your land it is not so, but in ours we divide up our plays by dropping a curtain, where you sing the choruses."

So, having thanked the lad, I passed on to the music hall, and feeling shocked that these are not religious festivals, I enquired of the man that sold the tickets if I might not get to some holy place to worship Dionysus. "Go to the gods," he said.

In this land this is very high up in the building. I could not but wonder that they had the play at night for in our land we had them in the morning, and they continued throughout the day. Exceeding small is their theatres, for in our land our theatres held three myriads of people, ten times as many as are in this city. Many strange things did I see. A great light hung down from the centre of the roof, but in our land the great Helios himself lights up the seats. Divinely sweet did seem

Antigone, no less beautiful was Ismene. At my side sat a young barbarian who uttered vain words as Terreseas came on the stage: "Here comes Santa Claus." Now, who Santa Claus is I cannot tell, but I suppose he is one of the gods of the barbarians. Once, too, I saw a youth shaking dice as he sat on the doorstep. This was not so in my time. Proud was I when I saw Creon clothed in red, huge in voice and tall of stature. Music sweet like unto the honey of Hymettus came from the orchestra, but what the big things were so curved and twisting I knew not, but like unto the pipes of Pan was the sweetness. In dancing these Barbarians are much inferior to the Greeks. Indeed a young barbarian said it was not known how to tread in the mazy steps of Hellus. Many more things could I tell of maidens fair and goddesslike, but Pluto calls me to his home for tea.

E. H. O.

Within the Lights.

BY WILLIAM H. INGRAM.

That evening saw Dr. Gilbert Howard occupying a front seat in the stalls waiting impatiently for the curtain to roll up on "The Trend of Events." At last it commenced and he sat there watching the principal figure of the drama as she moved naturally and gracefully about the stage, holding the audience spell-bound at one moment or applauding her the next. But to Gilbert there was no doubt as to identification. She was the same woman, only the agonized face had given place to the varying moods of the character of the play. Having assured himself on that score he was anxious for the finale, and the acts dragged and irritated him by their length. After the majority of the crowd had slowly filed out he sent in his card with the words "In regard to your lost watch" carefully written across the face. In a short time the usher returned and handing Gilbert his card said, "Miss Durward's rules would not permit her granting any interview to a stranger much though she would like it."

The answer was final, and Dr. Gilbert seeing that persistence was useless, bowed to the inevitable, but nevertheless resolved to succeed at some future time. For the next week the affair became so engrossing to Gilbert that the graceful form of the Criterion's star was ever before his eyes. And many a pipe was burnt while he pondered over it in the privacy of his study. But at the end of the week he was no nearer to the explanation of the strange conduct of Laura Durward than he was at the beginning unless —. Impossible! In his dilemma he resolved to see "The Trend of Events" again. That night Gilbert occupied his old place in the stalls, but this time with the little gold watch resting cosily in the inside pocket of his coat.

The drama had now an additional interest to Gilbert Howard, and he beheld the unfolding of the plot with some pleasure. The dual character of the principal fascinated him, and to watch carefully for a weak spot by which he might reasonably return the time-piece. As soon as the curtain had fallen in the last act Gilbert elbowed his way quickly to the stage entrance and brushing past the doorkeeper found himself almost in front of the actress, who was going to her dressing-room. Without a moment's hesitation he called "Miss Durward," at the same time extending his hand with the watch in it. Taken

by surprise a glad smile wreathed her face upon seeing it and she exclaimed, "My watch, my watch!" She recovered herself almost instantly when she perceived what she had done, an angry, set look came over her face. Gilbert went on hurriedly "I am an American doctor practising in London, Miss Durward, and as I saw 'Marion' on it knew it must belong to you. I hope that I haven't done wrong in intruding. If I have I am awfully sorry."

Her face slowly cleared, and then taking the watch from his hand, said: "Would you mind waiting M-r. — "Dr. Howard," supplemented Gilbert, — Doctor, until I come down and then we can chat it over. Dr. Howard bowed, and seating himself on a rickety stool waited patiently for her return, in the meantime listening to such edifying remarks as "Hi s'y 'Arry don't h'it beat h'all the w'y the toffs go h'up h'aganst h'it," from the stage hands.

Miss Durward returned in a short time dressed in a well-fitting, tailor-made gown, accompanied by the wife of the manager, who invited Gilbert to have supper with them at the West Central Hotel, where the company was staying. On the way he told how he had found the watch on Tottenham Court Road, with the name and city of the dealer; the notice in the paper, and the deduction which he had drawn. Mrs. Burchon was loud in her praises of his cleverness, but Miss Durward merely expressed her sincere thanks to the Doctor for his trouble. Dr. Howard, however, had carefully omitted the scene which he had witnessed, believing that at the proper time a satisfactory explanation would be forthcoming.

And so over the smoke of his cigar Gilbert heard the evening's tragedy from his fair guest, while Mrs. Burchon busied herself around the room, doing nothing in particular.

"You know, Doctor," Laura Durward went on to say, "the week I lost the watch was the opening one of the Criterion, and we were all worried over the success of our new play. I am not going to tell you just how hard we studied, but we put in almost eighteen out of the twenty-four hours rehearsing, so that we might not only be letter perfect, but also have the background satisfactory to Mr. Burchon, our stage-manager. On the Satur-

day evening that I speak of I was so nervous and excited after the week's work that I slipped out after the performance to get something for my nerves, going down to a chemist's on the Court Road, where I would less likely be recognized than in any of the shops in Piccadilly or the Strand.

Well, to make a long story short and an honest confession, Doctor, I guess the prescription was too large, because I don't know to this day how I ever reached the hotel. And I have been so afraid ever since that the papers might get hold of it, and not knowing the circumstances, ruin the reputation which I have worked so hard to secure. That was the reason why I was willing to give up any opportunity of securing the watch which I prize so highly because it was given to me by mother. You understand now, don't you, Doctor, and you will forgive me for my rudeness, won't you?"

"With all my heart," Gilbert answered sincerely. "But I must be your doctor if you persist in beng your own," he added laughingly. "All right," Laura Durward rejoined.

Dr. Gilbert Howard occupied his old seat in the stalls quite regularly after that night, and if anyone had carefully read his *Morning Telegraph* a day or so ago he might have noticed the following item in the Theatrical Column:—

Rumour is current that the Criterion is going to lose its popular star at the end of the season, and what is worse, the profession one of its most hopeful acquisitions. When one considers the number of Americans on the metropolitan stage to-day, Laura Durward looms well up in the front ranks. To think that we are going to lose her is very unpalatable to say the least. Still it is consoling to think that we may hear of her in the social circles where it is quite probable that she will be as great a favorite as she was in "The Trend of Events."

Wycliffe Notes

Superintending Editor - F. G. Kilmaster.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., was held the last of the series of inter-year debates, in which Messrs. Wilson and Simpson appeared on behalf of the Seniors, and Messrs. Wilson and Bilkie for the freshmen. An exceedingly debatable subject: "Resolved that unity of the various Christian organizations, excepting the Roman Catholic Church, would be in the best interests of Christendom." evoked a number of weighty arguments on either side. The freshmen spoke on the line of "uniformity in all things, essential liberty in all things, non-essential charity in all things;" they also emphasized the fact of the dissention and lack of spirituality prevalent in the church at the present day, of which the root undoubtedly is, diversity of purpose and aim. The seniors contended that such a scheme was not feasible, and that even were it so it would not be in the best interests of Christendom; they argued that competition (which in reality seems to savor somewhat of the trading system) was but a phase of healthy growth, and divers creeds, quite fitting and in harmony with, the liberalism of this age. The Davids, according to the decision of the judge, had the best of it as far as massing of arguments and lucid presentation were concerned; but the Goliaths excelled in oratory, their graceful action could not be resisted; and now the freshmen will have to wait another year to slay these

giants of the senior year. (Let them remember the old story.)

Wycliffeites are making great preparations for the Students' Volunteer Convention which commences next week. Already a number of us have expressed the willingness to be relegated to a roof-garden which the Council have generously promised to erect in order that the visiting delegates may be suitably entertained in our own rooms. Others, objecting to the airiness of such an altitude, have preferred the basement, where temporary lodgings are to be provided.

We regret exceedingly having to bid Hopkins, '05, good-bye this week. After a somewhat lengthy indisposition he decided to return to his home in Lindsay for a few months rest.

Fraser, '05—"Might I be admitted to the *bar*." The freshman evidently wasn't aware of the new regulations regarding early closing.

How studious some men are? We even take "Browning" and "Missionary Studies" to the theatre.

Two venerable seniors are thinking seriously of investing their pocket money in a *goat*. You ask them why? "It is to satisfy a long felt want."

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

Prof. Fraser's illustrated lecture on Raphael, advertised in the programme of the Modern Language Club for next Monday, has been postponed on account of the failure of a number of slides to arrive from Germany in time. Further particulars will be announced in a few days. Those who have had the good fortune to hear Professor Fraser on Michael Angelo are waiting this new lecture with eagerness. Owing to the change in the club's programme a regular meeting will be held next Monday in Room 6, when Mr. C. H. Armstrong will read a paper on "The Reign of Frederick the Great," Miss Neilson one on "Frederick and Lessing," and Mr. J. W. Sutherland one on "Frederick Sur la littérature allemande." Nominations for next year's executive were made yesterday, and the elections will be held on Monday.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

The programmes for the open meeting to-morrow night (Wednesday) in the Biological building are out this morning. Besides the musical numbers, there will be two excellent short lectures of the instructive-entertaining kind by Dr. Jeffrey and Prof. Primrose, on "Woods" and "Palmistry" respectively. Both will be illustrated on the screen by a wealth of photomicrographs and lantern slides. After the programme the Museum will be opened, and the members of the Association will be present to explain to the uninitiated some of the fine points of the more interesting specimens.

FRESHMAN DEBATING SOCIETY.

At the regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon the subject discussed was: "Resolved that Hamlet was Insane." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Black and Sherry, while their opponents were Messrs. Cameron and McKay. The discussion was most interesting, and the speeches were excellent. While the judges were out several of the seniors who happened to be present entertained the club with congratulatory speeches. The decision was given in favor of the negative.

THE LIT.

The regular meeting of the Literary Society, held in the Students' Union on Friday evening, was a most interesting and enthusiastic one. About seventy-five men turned out, '04 especially being well represented. Dr. Thomson occupied the chair. Under "Notices of Motion" Mr. W. M. McKay gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the society he would move that the voting for the Advisory Board of VARSITY and for the Literary Society Executive be by the dual system.

The final inter-year debate between '02 and '04 was then proceeded with. The subject of the debate was: "Resolved, that the present Immigration Policy of the Canadian Government is not sufficiently Restrictive," and the affirmative was ably upheld by Messrs. Clappison and Soule of '02, while Messrs. Dix and Paulin of '04 looked after the negative in a way that seemed to give intense gratification to the men of their year.

Mr. Clappison thinks that the energies of our Canadian Immigration Agents are spread over too wide a field. He held that the large foreign element in the United States debased the national politics of that country. He pointed out that foreigners without any experience in self-government were being brought into our North-West, and that the franchise was not safe in the hands of these ignorant people. These foreigners underbid Canadian labor, they are not conducive to law and order in our country, they lower our social plane and imperil the homogeneity of our population. In conclusion he maintained that mere numbers do not make a nation great, but that it is common national ideals and aspirations. "We must restrict if we are to maintain our highest moral, intellectual, economic and political well-being."

Mr. Dix was introduced amid great enthusiasm from '04. In answer to the previous speaker *re* conditions in the United States, he held that the present Canadian immigration policy is very different from that followed by our southern neighbor. He showed how immense were Canada's natural resources, most of them still untouched, quoting the late Rev. Dr. Robertson that west of Lake Superior Canada could support a population of 100 million people. He pointed out that our immigration agents have strict orders to see that only suitable people are brought in. He gave two reasons why immigrants come to our country, first, because of the religious or political conditions of their native land, the Doukhobors coming under this head, and corresponding to the Pilgrim Fathers; secondly, because of unfair social conditions in their own country, our Scotch, Irish and English settlers coming largely for this reason.

Mr. Soule of '02 then spoke for the affirmative. He held that our present policy discriminated against British immigrants in favor of foreigners from the continent. Then, "having demolished the puerile arguments of the leader of the negative," he passed on to note that Canada has no restriction on the ignorance of her settlers as has

United States. We should have restrictions against anarchists, and greater restrictions against Chinese immigration. Cheap labor is not efficient labor. Our policy should be confined to the British Isles, Germany, Scandinavia and United States. We want quality, not numbers.

Mr. Pauline, '04, for the negative held that for the sake of the trade between Canada and China we should not make our immigration restrictions *re* Chinese too hard, and that assaults made against the latter are due to pure race prejudice. He claimed that the Doukhobors are a desirable class of settlers. Mr. Clappison in reply questioned this and claimed that these people were five centuries behind the times.

Dr. Thomson decided the debate in favor of the negative. The decision was greeted with unbounded enthusiasm by '04, which year now holds the championship in debating.

The order of business now being resumed, Mr. A. E. Hamilton brought in the report of the committee *re* the amalgamation of the College journals. The report proposes that VARSITY be handed over to the Union. Mr. R. B. Cochrane spoke against this and moved, seconded by Mr. Clappison, that the committee be thanked and that their report be laid on the table. J. W. Cunningham suggested that the findings of the committee be embodied in the minutes for future reference. R. B. Cochrane gave notice of a motion *re* giving the Meds. a share of VARSITY. After Mr. Broadfoot had satisfied himself that the different items of business were all right, Mr. Foulds, '05, favored the society with a violin solo and Mr. Wilkinsn, '02, gave a vocal number, both of which were encored.

Next Friday evening is Constitution night at the "Lit."

FRESHMEN BEWARE.

Trenton, N.J., Feb. 19.—Twelve Princeton students were arrested here to-day charged with malicious mischief for painting the battle monument and a number of houses in the city with the figures '05 in yellow paint.

AN EXAMINATION IN HISTORY.

(Respectfully submitted to the consideration of the proper authorities.)

I. Give a brief outline of Frankish history. Did Charles Martel personally conduct Tours? Was Pippin an apple of discord among the Franks?

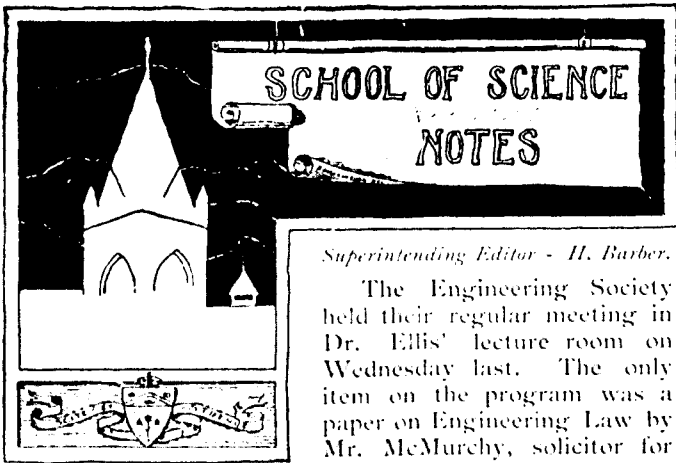
II. Who was Constantine? Constantius? Cornstarch? Tell something about Geiseric's brother Goldbric. Was Rome captured by Paregoric? Who was Candlestick?

III. Compare the careers of Stilicho and Bilighote.
IV. Was Mohammed a Buffalo? Who was Ali? Was he the person known after death as Paradise Ali?

V. Were any coon-songs written in Medinah? Who wrote the Mohammedan hymn "Islam, lam, lam?"

VI. During the persecutions of Diocletian, how long did it take an early Christian to become a late one?

VII. In history, which of a Roman's ears is known as the Roman frontier?—*Harvard Lampoon.*



Superintending Editor - H. Barber.

The Engineering Society held their regular meeting in Dr. Ellis' lecture room on Wednesday last. The only item on the program was a paper on Engineering Law by Mr. McMurchy, solicitor for the C.P.R., which proved to be very instructive for our budding engineers, and was so ably presented that it was also entertaining. He drew attention to the unique position which the engineer occupies in being legally permitted to be a judge or arbitrator of his own work. He cited several important cases in which this has been held, and also referred to a few exceptions that have been taken.

Messrs. H. G. Barker and C. L. Coulson spent Saturday and Sunday at their respective homes—Milton and Niagara Falls.

The Freshmen were again defeated by the Seniors. This time it was the tug-of-war, which was pulled off on Friday night. The winning team was as follows:—Harvey, McLennan, Empey, Beatty, and J. H. Smith.

J. M-k-y (3rd year), is reported to have obtained several interesting snap-shots at the Ladies Hockey match on Tuesday last.

Messrs. J-m-s, G-ll-op- and H-nd-rs-n decided that a study of I. (Beams) causes a weariness of the flesh, so took in a lecture on Browning last week in place thereof.

On Monday last the hitherto invincible miners of the 1st year met their Waterloo at the hands of the 3rd Year Mechanicals. The miners played a superior combination game, but the individual rushes of the Mechanicals were more effective, and when time was called the score stood 3-5. That the game was fast from start to finish must be acknowledged, as the referee was seen to sit down on the ice several times out of pure weariness.

On Wednesday last the third year Mechanicals undertook to give a few hints to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year miners as to the correct method of playing Hockey. But they say that pride goeth before a fall, and so it happened in this case, for the Miners scored 2 to the Mechanicals 0. As usual the success of the Miners was due to the goal ability of "Cully" Coulson, and Montgomery's work on the forward line being also taken into account. The Mechanicals are all stars, so no particular mention can be made of any. The umpire was struck, and so "Rusty" had a two-minute rest. Teams lined up as follows:—Miners—Defence, Culbert, White, Conlon; forwards, Coulson, Montgomery Campbell, Johnson. Mechanicals—Defence, Robertson, Patten, Mace; forwards, Ellwell, Connor, Meunis, Goodwin.

The College Girl.

Superintending Editor, Miss F. R. Amos, '02.



The meeting of the Literary Society on Saturday evening was exceptionally well attended, whether because this was the last regular meeting or on account of the unusual promise of the programme, would be hard to decide. The first number was a piano solo by Miss Louise Mason, which was followed by an excellent paper by Miss Starr, on the "House of the Trees, and other poems," by Miss Ethelwyn Wetherald, about whom, although a Canadian of note, we hear too little. The selections read by Miss Starr were mainly nature poems, and show the mystery and delicate imagery which denotes the true poetic spirit, in particular the "Wind of Death." Miss Hutchison then gave an original and very clever sketch of an imaginary journey in an airship named 'Kim' with Rudyard Kipling as guide. A very sweet solo, "Forgotten," was sung by Miss Tate accompanied by Miss Newman.

The affirmative of the debate, "Resolved, that the death penalty should be abolished," was well upheld for the first year by Miss Strong and Miss Logan, while Miss Archer and Miss Tapscott sustained the negative for the fourth year. All the debaters spoke particularly well and each seemed thoroughly in sympathy with the side she upheld. The judges, Misses Hutchison, Mason and McMichael decided in favor of the negative. The play, "Journeys end in lover's meeting," was then announced by sweet singing from what is supposed to be behind the scenes. The parts of Nellie, Patience and Jack were taken by Misses Weir, Dickson and Fleming. The scene was laid in Tarrytown at a date sufficiently remote to justify powdered ringlets and the quaintest of costumes, but, notwithstanding this effective staging, the play was in such an unusual form that its success depended almost entirely upon the acting, and it is much to the credit of the actors that it was so successful.

It was announced that the nominations for the officers of the society for next year will take place next week and the elections on March 8th.

The meeting of the Y.W.C.A. last Tuesday was addressed by Miss Lough on the subject "And when he came to us he found nothing but leaves."

Delegates to the Missionary Convention to be held this week have been chosen and are Misses Ewing, Amos, Robinson, Brown, Lough, Glass, Wilkie, Straight, Latter, Strong, Steele, Duncan, Cowan, Harrison and Lent.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

Principal Hutton will address the Club on "Hellenism," on Thursday next, Feb 27th, at 4 p.m.

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TORONTO, February 25th, 1902.

EDITORIAL.

MR. KYLIE'S most interesting letter from Oxford opens up a fruitful subject for discussion, viz., the advisability of having for our subjects for debate political questions of the day. As will be learned from his letter the debates at Oxford are held in connection with the Undergraduate Union, and their nature may be judged from the fact that the subjects of the last three were: "The Future of the Liberal Party," "Joseph Chamberlain," and "General Buller." Mr. Kylie says: "I know of no more hopeful sign for the future of England than this general interest shown by its young men in the political life of the nation."

There can be not the slightest doubt of the fact that interest shown by its young men in its political problems augurs well for the future of a nation. It is an indication that the youth of the country are to a certain extent identifying its welfare and its future with their own. The youth is a much more cosmopolitan being than the middle-aged or elderly man. He has as yet formed no strong ties to hold him to any one place, and he has the faculty of adapting himself to changed circumstances and new localities rapidly and easily. Consequently if we see the young men of a country, and especially a young country, displaying a lively interest in its development we may be tolerably certain that that country is likely to prove herself worthy of that interest. College men, from the very nature of the case, should be better able to estimate accurately the advantages of any locality, and, moreover, it stands to reason that the services of a college graduate must be of more use to a country than those of the uneducated man. Consequently we agree with Mr. Kylie when he says that there is no more hopeful sign for the future of England than the interest in her political problems displayed by the undergraduates at Oxford.

Mr. Kylie goes on to say: "Would that the tradition—I believe that it is nothing else—which forbids the free discussion of political questions in the University of Toronto Literary Society, were forced to discontinue its evil influence!" Every undergraduate is interested to a greater or less degree in the political questions of the day,

and there are some hundreds of votes represented in the student body. It is reasonable to suppose, therefore, that it would not be at all difficult to have live political questions thoroughly threshed out in our debates at the Literary Society meetings. There would certainly be a sufficient difference of opinion to render such forensic discussions thoroughly interesting, and doubtless they would be profitable as well, both to the participators and to the audience.

The discussion of such questions by college undergraduates, who would bring to bear on the subjects all their knowledge of the classics, philosophy, history, science, and political economy, would certainly be a relief from the shallow and verbose utterances of the ignorant demagogue, who unfortunately has found a place in our political system. But what of its effects upon the undergraduates themselves? Would not the introduction of such bones of contention serve to stir up bickerings and strife among the students? Would it not have the effect of practically dividing the undergraduates into two hostile camps, and of utterly destroying that unity and co-operation in common aims which the powers that be are at present striving to establish?

Moreover, we occupy a somewhat peculiar position in regard to Dominion and Provincial politics.

The University of Toronto is a Government institution, and as such is absolutely controlled by the political party which happens to be in power. It is supported (?) by the government; its very existence depends upon the liberality and generosity of the government. Moreover that government is more or less closely connected with those who sit in "the seats of the mighty" at Ottawa. It would, therefore, be difficult for us to discuss freely questions effecting either dominion or provincial policies. Complications might easily arise, the consequences of which would be far-reaching and disastrous. We may conclude, therefore, that it is not, as Mr. Kylie states, a mere tradition which prevents the free discussion of political questions of the day at the University of Toronto, but rather the fact that we know upon which side our bread is buttered.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of 'Varsity:

SIR,—High indignation reigns on the Right of the Partition. The "mean things" written about the chit-chatting that has, up to the past week, been going on amongst the female students of the Literary is the cause thereof. It is unjust, they protest, to lay the blame on all the lady students for what is the fault of only two or three—freshettes of course.

This is certainly a pretty defence. It might do for the telephone girls at "Central," but how as regards those much superior persons, the cultured girl undergraduates? Have not these latter a higher conception of their position in the university state, of their rights and obligations as citizens of this *imperium in imperio*, the

right not only of criticizing the powers in control, but the duty of governing themselves? Surely, else silence for the Right as for the Left would not be a request, but a "thou shalt not." Then too have not the senior citizens of this community—those who have been schooled four years in the traditions and the ideals of our *studium*—the right and the duty of requiring a reverence and regard for the best of these cherished traditions and scholastic ideals, from those who have somewhat lately transferred their allegiance from the outer material world? So, if the college girl is to become a true member of this little state, is to be considered something more than a mere ladies'-college girl, must she not be expected to aim at these ideals; and, on the one hand, to look up to her seniors for example in dignity and leadership, and on the other, look down on the giddy freshette with admonition and reproof? Else what are we coming to? A woman guardian for the Right division of the library to walk to and fro the aisles, like the overseer of the telephone girls at the "Central," and to reprove with hushed whisper "her girls!"

Now, girls, where are you at? Boarding school ideals, or college ideals—"self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control."
A MAN-STUDENT.

SATURDAY LECTURE.

One of the most interesting lectures of the course in aid of the Women's Residence Fund was delivered in the chemical building on Saturday afternoon by Mr. F. C. Wade. His subject was a sketch of the development of the Klondike during the four years which he has spent there. The changes which have taken place were further illustrated by a series of photographs which the lecturer exhibited.

In 1898 men crossed the Chilikoot and White Passes on foot; at present they go by railway. For the navigation of the rivers the original open skiffs have been replaced by costly steamers. Dawson from a hamlet of a few shacks has grown until it now has an assessment of \$12,000,000. Instead of the heap of letters on the ground which obtained in 1898, Dawson now has a large and commodious post-office building. The heaps of gold dust instead of being guarded by the Mounted Police are now stored in the Bank of Commerce.

The lecturer gave many other striking examples of the marvellous development of the district. In conclusion he dealt with the administration of justice, remarking that the average British subject showed a striking apathy in this regard.

LINDSAY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE LECTURE COURSE.

The programme for the fifth annual lecture course of the Lindsay Collegiate Institute, which was opened last month by the University of Toronto Harmonic Club concert, is a particularly attractive one. The lectures are: "Boundary Questions between the United States and Canada," by Hon. Clifford Sifton; "The Influence of Canada upon Imperial Policy," by R. L. Borden, K.C.; "The Quebec Act of 1774," by Randolphe Lemieux, M.A.; and "Forestry in Canada," by Wm. Saunders, F.R.C.S.

The committee in charge is to be congratulated upon having provided for the students and friends of the school such a splendid course of lectures.

THE BULLETIN BOARD.

(This poem (?) was handed in by a Senior, who implored us, with tears in his eyes, to publish it. He said that he wouldn't be with us long,—in fact had already had his photograph taken—and wanted to see something from his pen in print before he left College. Can you blame us?)

The Bulletin Board! The Bulletin Board!
All else between Lectures is wholly ignored.
The resort of each student at the end of each hour,
It surely possesses some magnetic power.
A long list of names for whom letters await,
Is eagerly scanned by the small and the great.
No matter how little time he can afford
Every student must visit the Bulletin Board.
A nice furnished room, 63 Major street—
In room 4 the Freshman's Executive will meet—
Some tutors in classics who pupils desire—
The date on which Easter Term fees will expire—
A shield from East Hall on the night of the Dinner
Was taken; if replaced we will pardon the sinner—
A Senior whose rubbers were moved from perception
While he was attending the Freshmen's reception
Impresses the thief with this forcible news
"If he comes to my room I will give him the shoes"—
The Y.M.C.A. subjects for meetings all year,
Poor attendance at meetings (since no one lives near)—
Ma Arabell by Messrs. Brophy, O'Flynn—
In the Janitor's office Vade Mecum's filled in—
A second-hand history by Mommsen for sale—
"Lost, a pair of glasses"; 'tis an every day tale—
"A fountain pen found,"—The Lit meeting postponed—
The Jennings's Cup Schedule at which Sophomores have
groaned—
The Glee Club's next practice—When the Cricket Club
meet.
In this Club every Freshie must take a back seat)—
Each Senior must sit for his photograph soon,
The time limit expires at the full of the moon—
The entries in open and handicap chess
Who is going to win there! Who, Clappison, I guess—
Some ethical essays are due—and how bold
Of some that wrote essays who were not enrolled—
When the Dining Hall Hockey League play their next
game—
The "Brimstones" and "Pan-cakes," what fanciful
names!
And last but not least on this wonderful Board
Prayers at 10 every morn. This is sadly ignored.

"LAUREATE," '02.

THE SUICIDE.

I am a coward, no doubt,
Filching this life, because I fear to live it.
But Life, perchance, had better be unliv'd,
Then spent in hellish semblance of a hell,
When love is hate, the attainable unattained,
Where speech is cant, and perfidy leers in looks.
Enough! Enough! I have satisfied myself.

—KED.



Varsity Won and Lost at the Soo.

HOCKEY.

Summary.

Varsity I.....	3	Sault Ste Marie	5
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Varsity I.....	1	University of Buffalo ..	0
Varsity III.....	4	Upper Canada College ..	6
'02 Arts	8	Dentals	9

VARSDITY I. V. SOO.

First Game :

The first game between these teams was played on Monday, Feb. 17th, and resulted in a victory for the Soo, the score being 5—3. It was a splendid game from a spectators' standpoint, the play being fast and exciting. The game was clean, and the best of feeling prevailed throughout. It is no exaggeration to say that Varsity had the best of the play, but they didn't seem to be able to locate the net often enough. The Varsity forwards outplayed their checks during the greater part of the game, while the College defence was strictly up to the standard. "Doc" Shephard, who adorned the Varsity forward line for some years, played a star game for the Soo. The teams were :

Varsity—Goal, Pardoe ; point, Ford ; cover-point, Isbester ; forwards, Broder, Gilfillan, Wood, Gibson.

Soo—Goal, Scott ; point, Washburn ; cover-point, Macdonald ; forwards, Shephard, Murphy, Sexmith ; Ward. Referee, Mr. Mooney.

Second Game :

The Varsity team showed their true form on the following evening when they trimmed the Soo by a score of 4—3. The home team played a snappy and energetic game, but their forwards were checked too closely to shine. The Varsity men played like demons to wipe out the stigma of their previous defeat, and although the game was fast and interesting the result was not long in doubt. The teams were the same as in the first game.

VARSDITY V. UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO.

This game was played on Saturday afternoon on Rumsey's Lake, Buffalo, and resulted in a victory for Varsity by 1 goal to 0. Varsity had all the better of the play, but the large expanse of ice made scoring very difficult. The Varsity team was :—Goal, Pardoe ; point, Ford ; cover-point, Little ; forwards, Gibson, Wood, Gilfillan, Broder.

VARSDITY III. V. UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

The second of the series of home and home games between these teams took place last Monday night, and as a result of it the Varsity III. team will lay aside their hockey paraphrenalia for a time, the score having been 6—4 against them. The game was not as interesting at the first one, mainly because Varsity III. did

not display the snap and vim which characterized their play at the first meeting. Gladney and Sherry, as usual, were prominent on the forward line, while Carruth in goal was a wonder. Preston and McEvoy were a strong defence. For College, Morrison and Morgans showed up well. The game was a fairly clean one, and Coulson was the only player penalized. There were probably fewer delays during the game than at any other match this season.

The teams were :

Varsity III.—Goal, Carruth ; point, McEvoy ; cover-point, Preston ; forwards, McArthur, Stewart, Sherry (Capt.), Gladney.

Upper Canada College—Goal, Lash ; point, Keys ; cover-point, Constantine ; forwards, Sutherland, Coulson, Morrison, Morgans.

Summary.

First half :

	MINS.
1. U.C.C.Morgans.....	2½
2. VarsitySherry.....	2
3. U.C.C.Morrison.....	8
4. U.C.C.Morrison.....	3
5. U.C.C.Morgans.....	6
6. VarsityMcArthur.....	3
7. VarsitySherry.....	2

Second half :

8. U.C.C.Constantine.....	6½
9. U.C.C.Constantine.....	6
10. VarsityMcArthur.....	6

'02 V. DENTALS.

The first of the games to decide the three-cornered tie in the Jennings' Cup series was played on Friday afternoon between '02 Arts and the Dentals. The spectators certainly got the worth of their money, for there was altogether ninety minutes actual play. The score at full time was a tie 6 all, and it was found necessary to play 30 minutes extra time before the result was decided. The ice was very soft, so that the long game was an intense physical strain on the players. At half-time the Dentals were ahead 4—3, and at full time the score was 6 all. During ten minutes extra time each team scored, making the score 7 all. Ten minutes more were played, and again each team scored one, making it 8 all. In the third extra period of ten minutes the Dents scored again, and '02 were unable to even up. The teams were :

Dentals—Goal, Fife ; point, Hogan ; cover-point, Pettigrew ; forwards, Gilfillan, Wood, Gibson, Somers.

'02—Goal, Cranston ; point, Wilson ; cover-point, Little ; forwards, Magee, Broder, Symington, Isbester. Referee—Wilkie Evans.

"RAM PASTURE'S" V. PANCAKES.

The second in the Dining Hall series of hockey matches was played at Varsity rink on Saturday, 15th, at one o'clock. The game was remarkable for many reasons.

The new and original style of play in lifting, body checking, passing and shooting, threatens to revolutionize hockey in Ontario. The innovations would of course make the game more dangerous, necessitating the wearing of masks and body protectors, but the additional interest and gate receipts would compensate for casualties.

Both teams when lined up looked very formidable. Bryce, who was by long odds the most dangerous looking man on the ice, by his grimaces and double shuffling, completely unerved "Herbie" Hill, and thereby weakened the "Ram Pasture's" defence.

When all was ready "Willy" Woodrooffe sounded a blast on his fog horn and before the "Pastures" could rightly get into the game the "Pancakes," led by "Bob" Baird in person, were fusillading "Jim" Sutherland, whose agility alone saved a score. "Billy" Dixon now secured the puck and by the aid of "Doc" Colquhoun, who cleared the way by heavy body checking, succeeded in making a tally and consequently went to the fence for three minutes. All parties now took advantage of the opportunity afforded by regulations and swore a good round hand. "Jimmie" Lorrinan swore over time and went to the fence. The "Pastures", though now handicapped, went in with a will; their slashing and checking was terrific; pancake after pancake was spread on the ice and another score resulted. From the face-off the puck again travelled rapidly to the pancake goal, and in a mix-up at this point "Charley" Armstrong shoved it through with his head. Treadgold now introduced a new war cry which so demoralized the "cakes" that they never were again seriously in the game. They now played on the defensive and resorted to lifting in their own peculiar way. Treadgold raising his war cry time after time hurled back the puck. The game went on merily until "Herbie" Hill was entrusted with the puck. All eyes were on "Herbie," but, alas, he had not recovered from his previous fright. After an excellent imitation of a drowning man he succeeded, by some indescribable movements, in scoring for his opponents.

Succeeding this event loafing was indulged in to such an extent that all hands, goal keepers excepted, were ruled off. The goal keepers accordingly faced-off and a spectacular contest ensued. Sherrard got away with the puck, but was brought down by a beautiful tackle by "James the trickfull," who at the same time grabbed the puck and placed it in his watch pocket. He recovered his feet and ran for the goal of the "cakes." The "Rams" on the fence cheered lustily. The cheer was short lived, Jimmie's feet went up and his adversary pounced upon him, lifted him off the ice, and might have carried him through the flags had not "Willy's" fog horn rung out and saved Jimmie.

All hands again got into the game. Goldie, who persisted in swinging his stick around his head after the manner of an Indian with a tomahawk, in the hope of doing damage of any kind whatsoever, succeeded at last in nailing "Charley" Armstrong in the eye. The wounded man was carried off the ice and although in a semi-conscious condition, breathed, "Push on brave Ram Pastures." From this moment the "Pastures" made the "cakes" look like remnants on a bargain counter, running up a score of six, which was thought sufficient to humiliate the pride of the "Pancakes."

TIME KEEPER.

CHALLENGE FOR JENNING'S CUP.

The Ontario Agricultural College Hockey Team have expressed their intention of challenging for the Jennings Cup as soon as the winners here have been decided. Home and home games will probably be played.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual meeting of the club for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other important business will be held to-day, Tuesday, in the Gym. at 4.30 o'clock.

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If this weather continues the poor old Jennings' Cup will be wandering around homeless.

Both McGill and Queens want to play Varsity, but it is doubtful if they will be accommodated.

Why was it that the freshmen debaters in discussing the sanity of Hamlet paid particular attention to the love scenes? Is it that his conduct in such incidents is the supreme test of a man's mental balance? Heaven forbid!

Do the freshmen members of the Harmonic Club realize the fact that Stouffville is half-way to Lindsay?

The Harmonic Club sang two or three numbers at the A. O. U. W. Concert in Massey Hall last Tuesday night, and created a very favorable impression.

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During a fourth year lecture in Political Philosophy the other day Ingram showed himself to be an embryonic disciple of the philosopher Nietzsche. Afterwards Prof. Mavor announced that the aforesaid man with the sneezy name is at present domiciled in a lunatic asylum.

J. A. Wilson, '99, who has been confined to the hospital for some time, is again attending lectures at Knox.

The gentlemen of 1904 are to be congratulated on their successes in the inter-year debating series. In two years they have been victorious in every debate in which they have contested, and have twice won the right of having their names engraved upon the little shield emblematic of victory. Ye gods, and they are only sophomores!

Geo. Carter gave the class of '03 some very timely advice on the subject of the proposed year book, warning them not to fall into the errors of their predecessors.

Let no third year man neglect to cast his vote this morning for the year book committee. Put your name down on the subscription list, and use good judgment.

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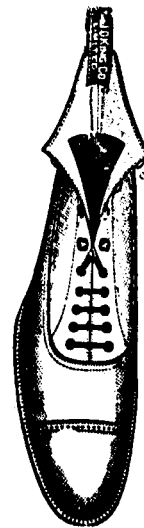
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Toronto, Canada

If we possess any skill whatever in feeling the pulse of general opinion we would venture to observe that the gentlemen of Political Science are almost unanimously opposed to the writing of so many as four lengthy essays per year. To say the least there are two weighty reasons for dividing the number, at least, by two: they required a time out of all proportion to the length of our academic year, and they serve to cultivate in the writer a most refined taste for plagiarism. There should be no essay writing after February.

It is rumored that the visiting delegates to the Students' Volunteer Movement Convention will attend the Dining Hall Series Match scheduled for next Saturday. They will find plenty of opportunities for missionary work.

The Hockey Team were treated like kings by the people of Sault Ste. Marie. There was nothing too good for them.

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CALENDAR**

- January
21. Provincial Normal Schools open (First Session). (3rd Tuesday in January.)
 28. Appointment of High School Trustees by County Councils. (4th Tuesday in January.)
- February
5. First meeting of High School Boards and Boards of Education. (1st Wednesday in February.)
- March
1. Inspectors' Annual Report to Department, due. (On or before 1st March.)
Annual Reports from High School Boards to Department, due. This includes the Financial Statement. (On or before 1st March.)
Financial Statement of Teachers' Associations to Department, due. (On or before 1st March.)
Separate School Supporters to notify Municipal Clerk. (On or before Mar. 1.)
 27. High Schools, second term, and Public and Separate Schools close. (Thursday before Easter Sunday.)
 28. GOOD FRIDAY.
 31. EASTER MONDAY.
Night Schools close (session 1901-1902.)
(Close 31st March.)
- April
1. Annual meeting of the Ontario Educational Association at Toronto. (During Easter Vacation.)
Returns by Clerks of Counties, Cities, etc., of population to Department, due. (On or before 1st April.)
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James G. L., '03, has his work well under control this year and can afford to spend a goodly portion of his time in day-dreaming and gazing from his vantage point on the bend, in the Library.

Thanks, Mr. Brebner.

Varsity defeated University of Buffalo at hockey Saturday afternoon in Buffalo 1-0.

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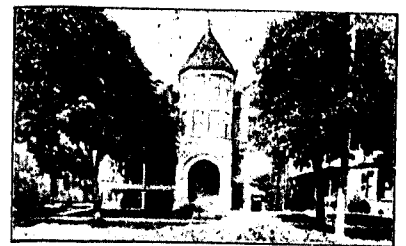
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