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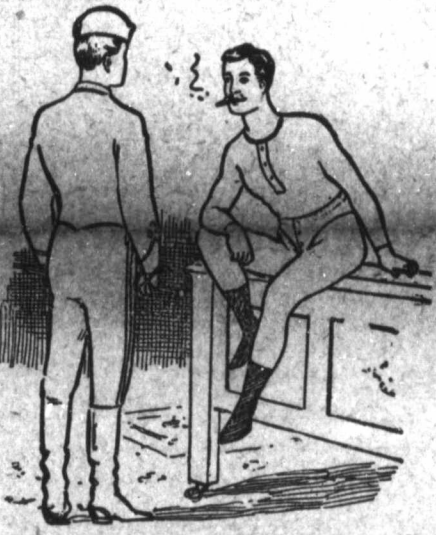
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TRINITY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The regular meeting of the Medical Society was held on Tuesday evening. Although the weather was very unfavorable an unusually large number of students was present. Among them was a goodly representation from Toronto Medical College and the Women's Medical College. The teaching staff was represented by Drs. Sheard and Fotheringham and Professor Kirkland and the General Hospital by Drs. Lange and McEachren.

President Hogg occupied the chair, and discharged the duties in his usual graceful manner.

The first paper was by E. C. Ashton, '98, on Exophthalmic Goitre. The subject was very cleverly handled and the paper met with marked approval. Mr. Ashton's remarks were punctuated at frequent intervals by very pertinent queries from the rear benches. In the discussion which followed Frank Porter and Dr. Sheard took part.

Dr. Sheard delivered an address on "Plumbing and Draining," and gave a great deal of information of much practical value. Messrs. Wrinch and Ashton contributed to the discussion.

Dr. Fotheringham followed with a paper on Thoracic Aneurism.

The selections by the Glee Club were much appreciated, as was also the solo by H. G. Johnston '99.

Dr. J. H. Allin, a graduate of '96, who is now a successful practitioner in Denver, Col., was a visitor at the College last week.

The many friends of Mr. Morley Fallis, '98, will regret to learn that his continued ill-health compels him to abandon his medical studies for this session.

The class of '99 purpose holding a Dinner at the conclusion of the spring exams., that will doubtless eclipse even the Diamond Jubilee Banquet. The function will be conducted after the fashion of Dr. Sheard's student days. Invitations have been sent to all the institutions in the city.

Rastus Brent and Charlie Service are in daily training for the banquet.

It is rumored that Jimmy Moore will be the Conservative candidate in East Toronto.

Morrison, a new man, will probably hold down third for St. Michael's this year.

Isbester and Shepard will go on the American hockey tour.

VARSITY DEFEATED IN DEBATE.

McGill Men Carry Back the Honors for First Time in Years.

THE ARISTOCRACY UPHELD.

Large Audience at Conservatory of Music Hall to Witness the Annual Conflict.

Last Friday two Demosthenes from McGill's large and assorted stock of orators arrived in town to do battle with Varsity men. It was the occasion of the 155th annual public debate and the strangers came up with blood in their eyes and fully primed for the wordy contest. For a number of years Varsity has succeeded in bearing away the palm from these intellectual struggles with her sister University, but Friday night she met defeat after a long and well fought contest.

In past years either Association Hall or the Gymnasium have been the scene of these oratorical contests, but this time the committee were fortunate enough to secure the Conservatory building. The hall is finished in brick and has a gallery at the lower end, which together with the ground floor is capable of accommodating between five and six hundred people. On this occasion it was filled to its utmost capacity and the censors were put to their wits' end to find seats for the many friends of the college.

Professor Wrong took the chair shortly after eight o'clock, and along with him filed in those who were to take part in the programme. They received the usual ovation of sallies and witticisms from the gallery.

When each member of the gallery had questioned those on the platform to his heart's content things quieted down, and Prof. Wrong announced that W. A. Sadler would favor the audience with a piano solo. He rendered Godard's Second Mazurka in his usual fine style. Mr. James T. Shotwell followed with an essay entitled "Signs of the Times," a subject admirably suited to such an occasion, and which allowed him to sink himself in reverie and see with his mind's eye the workings and relations of events past and present and hint at things to come.

His hearers gave him marked attention throughout the essay, a fact which speaks volumes for their appreciation. Mr. Jackson, who was such a favorite soloist on the Glee Club tour this fall, was prevented from being present, but the number was most acceptably taken by Mr. W. Flaville Prizer, also one of the Glee Club's favorite soloists. He possesses a most pleasing baritone voice, which he controls with the greatest of ease. His first number brought him a well deserved encore, to which he was kind enough to respond and gave "The Anvil Chorus." This well-known selection gave ample scope for the exhibition of the wide compass of Mr. Prizer's voice and won him hearty applause. The reading given by "Nick" Finch was very happily chosen. It was the story of an Englishman's suit for the hand of a Spanish lady, and of the duel between him and a Spanish cavalier, his rival for the lady's affections. Multifarious were the loop holes afforded for the gallery critics, and time and time again the situation or some touch of sentiment struck a sympathetic chord in the breast of someone in the gallery, who forthwith loudly voiced his private feelings.

The debate on the subject "Resolved, that the British Aristocracy does actually render such service to the state and society as to warrant its retention of present status," composed the rest of the programme. Professor Wrong in introducing the speakers and welcoming the visiting debaters announced that each speaker would be allowed twenty minutes and the leader of the affirmative an additional seven minutes to reply.

S. G. Archibald, B.A., thanked the chairman and Varsity in general for the welcome that he and his colleagues had received. He said that the subject for debate naturally divided itself into two divisions, duties to the state and duties to society, on the part of the British aristocracy. He intended to discuss the first, while his supporter would take the second. The many advantages of the second House in England were pointed out and a contrast drawn between it and the American Senate, which was by no means favorable to the latter. The British lord, he said, had a political training which no other statesman in the world possessed, for he breathed, from his cradle one might say, the atmosphere of politics. They had leisure, money and education to devote to their country's welfare and they did it most faithfully. Besides this they were incorruptible, a striking contrast to many American statesmen of the Platt type.

"Jock" Inkster received cheer after cheer from the gallery when he rose to defend Varsity's interests and incidentally to

prove the uselessness of the British aristocracy. His first step in this direction was to strike the leader of the affirmative's arguments out of existence on the ground that Mr. Archibald had missed the point. Jock then gave instances to prove that the House of Lords had nearly always hindered the Commons whenever there was any legislation brought forward which might have been beneficial to the people. He then spent considerable time in showing that aristocracy from the palmy days of Greece and Rome to the present has had rather a detrimental effect on the advancement of society. In England the House of Lords had opposed the Habeas Corpus, disestablishment of the Irish Church, freedom of the press, and too many other good measures to be mentioned in an account of this length.

Mr. Heney, the second speaker for McGill, made probably the most fluent speech of the evening, his gestures particularly being especially good. He began by pointing out some of the disastrous legislation which had emanated from American democracy. There the almighty dollar rules everything and everybody, but in England the aristocracy inherits great estates and this regrettable feature is never found. Regarding the social position of the British aristocracy he admitted that mistakes might have been made, but who has not made some mistakes during his career. If we remove the British aristocracy we remove the social atmosphere in which the Queen and her Court move, and we strike the first blow in the conflict which will lead to the downfall of the monarchy.

Hugh Munroe made an able speech, although it was a little too ironical to be as pleasing as it might otherwise have been. The speakers were divided into the two classes, aristocrats and commoners. He hardly believed, or he at least hoped, that all the instincts of statecraft were not given to one class and even in this class only to the eldest son. What had aristocrats done for England more than had been done by commoners. It was not a question whether a second chamber was useful or not as one of the affirmative speakers seemed to think, because a second chamber could easily be maintained without an aristocracy. Lord Roseberry has said that the House of Lords, as now constituted, is a menace to society. Even Salisbury advocated a change in the second House.

After Mr. Archibald had replied Professor Wrong summed up the debate, managing quite skillfully to compliment every speaker in a different way. It was of course, very difficult to decide a debate of this nature, especially when both sides had done so well, but taking everything into consideration, he thought that the visitors had slightly the better of the argument and he accordingly awarded them the debate. The visitors were loudly applauded by the audience, which broke up after a most pleasant and instructive evening.

The following Varsity men acted as censors in the hall:—Messrs. G. H. Black, D. A. Ross, F. D. McEntee, G. W. Ross, R. A. Armstrong, A. H. Adams and L. Allen.

VARSITY'S CONVERSAT.

For two weeks or more the committee entrusted with the arrangements for the Conversazione have been working diligently, and they are now assured that their guests on next Friday evening will be most royally entertained. With the building elaborately decorated throughout, music supplied by three large orchestras, refreshments served by Webb, and dancing in the two large examination halls, the six hundred guests who are fortunate enough to obtain invitations for that evening will find that the hours pass only too quickly. Nor has the committee forgotten the intellectual side of the entertainment.

The Natural Science and Philosophical Associations and the School of Practical Science have conceived many new ideas, which will add new interest to their exhibits. These displays will represent the class of work done in these departments at the present time.

The interior architecture of the building has made it possible for the decorators to arrange many pretty cosy corners, which are always so popular.

It is a pleasure to be able to look forward to the fact that the uncomfortable crowding which has heretofore been the only feature that detracted from the perfect enjoyment of the event will this year be avoided. The committee last year failed in their attempt to limit the number of tickets, such a great number having been issued, but this year only the requisite number has been printed, and it will therefore be impossible to have more than the six hundred guests present.

The following will be the lady patronesses: Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. Hutton, Lady Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. George Gooderham, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Gzowski, Mrs. Irving Cameron and Mrs. Hume Blake.

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HEARD IN THE HALLS.

The course of lectures by eminent Q. C.'s to the third year at Osgoode will begin shortly.

The results of the Osgoode Christmas exams pleased all. Only two failed in the second year and none in the third.

T. L. Church, of '97 Varsity, has been elected a High School trustee for the city of Toronto. There were about thirty candidates and he was the second of the six to be elected. Six ex-aldermen got defeated for this board.

"Jim" Kerrigan, '97 Varsity, of London, was in town last week as was also W. J. Moore, '97, of Madoc. Both are practising law and are doing well.

Albert Napoleon Demosthenes John Richard Hassard is still the orator of the Osgoode "Lit."

Students who want to enter the Law Society next term should give to Secretary McBeeh Osgoode Hall, by April 15th.

Victoria Glee Club gives a concert in Victoria chapel this evening. Among the artists who will be present are: Miss Agnes Forbes, Miss McPherson, Miss Mabel De Gurree, Mr. Courtic Brown, Mr. A. E. Jackson, Mr. H. M. Blight and Mrs. H. M. Blight, accompanist.

"Nick" Hinch, Varsity, is contemplating a short trip home. It will be remembered that it is now three long weeks since "Nick" has been away from Kingston.

At last week's meeting of the Varsity Political Science Association the following papers were read: "Recent Economic Development," A. McGregor, '98; "Practical Value of Economics," W. F. Mackay, '99; "Recent Important Strikes," A. F. Fisher, '99.

The Mathematical and Physical Society at Varsity held a ladies' meeting Friday afternoon, which proved to be very interesting. The following was the programme: 1. Paper on the British Association. Miss Northway, '98; 2. Debate, Resolved that the study of Modern Languages is a better training for women than that of Mathematics. Affirmative side: Miss Dawson, '98, and Miss Hall, '00. Negative: Miss Wooster, '99, and Miss Macdonald, '01. 3. Physical experiments: Miss Moore, '98, and Miss Harvey, '98.

"Rex" King, '99 Arts, has returned from a visit in Montreal.

Professor Robinson, the popular lecturer on the Old Testament at Knox, resigned last week, and will accept a position on the staff of McCormick Seminary, Chicago.

The Saturday lecture this week will be given by Mr. J. B. Tyrrell on "The Possible Resources of the Barren Lands of Canada." The lecture will be given in the Biological building and will be illustrated.

At a meeting of the Modern Language Club yesterday afternoon Miss E. M. Sealey, '99 read a very interesting paper on "Scribe" and Mr. R. H. Rowland discussed "Labiche."

Miss Serene Cowan, of Forest, is the guest of Miss M. Hutton, '98 Arts.

Ross Gillespie, '00 Arts, is not doing much work this week.

There was an unusually large attendance at the meeting of the Philosophical Society on Friday. The feature of the meeting was an essay on "Leibniz" read by Miss Helen MacDougall '98. Most essayists would find it difficult to make a philosophical subject at all interesting, but Miss MacDougall certainly succeeded. The usual method of drawing a hard and fast line between the life of a philosopher and his philosophy was avoided and in an exceptionally interesting way the essayist presented the picture of one of the greatest thinkers of the eighteenth century. He was depicted as one whose character was

ennobled by an unwavering search for truth, and as one to whom we are indebted for the light he has thrown upon the way that leads us nearer the goal of complete knowledge. Prof. Badgley, Prof. Hume and others spoke briefly, complimenting Miss MacDougall on the excellent paper she had prepared. It seems too bad that at the meeting of the Departmental Societies so much that is worthy of preservation, and of being presented to a larger audience is comparatively "wasted on the desert air." Since the failure of the *Quarterly*, however, the problem seems to be without a solution.

A very pleasant evening was passed at the Women's Lit. Varsity, Saturday evening. The programme consisted of several musical selections given by members of the Society and a highly interesting farce by Dean Howell, called "The Mousetrap." Misses Rumball, Burgess, Gibbs, Lawson, Diekey, and Hutchison made up the dramatic personnel.

The musical programme consisted of selections by the Misses Flavalle, and Misses Rosenstadt Gall and Langlois.

Do not fail to see H. N. Shaw in *Richelieu and Romeo and Juliet* at the Grand, Monday and Tuesday evenings, Feb. 14th and 15th.

It is expected that the Varsity Banjo and Mandolin Clubs will give a concert in Association Hall on Feb. 16th, and in all probability the Glee Club will assist them. Following the concert the clubs will go to Hamilton and Guelph at the latter place being under the auspices of the Ontario Agricultural College.

Dean DeLury entertained the seniors in Varsity Residence at a very pleasant supper last week, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one for his guests. Those present were Messrs. H. P. Hill, J. W. Hobbs, F. A. Cleland, G. H. Black, B. Gahan, W. G. Fitzgerald, N. E. Hinch, and J. M. Gunn.

An audience which completely filled the lecture room in the Biological building was present Saturday afternoon to attend the lecture given by Prof. Robinson on "Palestine." The lecturer gave a very picturesque sketch of the Holy Land, and with the aid of illustrations made the lecture intensely interesting.

The attendance at the Saturday lectures is becoming so large that it will doubtless be necessary to engage more commodious quarters for the remaining lectures in the course. It is estimated that over three hundred people were turned away from the lecture Saturday.

WYCLIFFE AT-HOME.

Wycliffe College was en fete Friday evening, upon the occasion of the annual "At-Home" an event which is eagerly looked forward to by both the students and their friends.

The interior of the building presented a grand appearance. The beautiful roomy corridors and lecture rooms were set out to the best advantage. The rotunda of the main entrance was very prettily decorated with flags and bunting of every description, and in the centre was arranged a beautiful bower of plants and flowers, while from the ceiling was festooned bunting of various colors. The spacious college library was draped with the blue and white of Varsity, while in the lecture rooms were arranged the colors of the various colleges in the city. Between the different rooms were hung heavy Persian curtains in soft folds. Upon the blackboards could be seen some exceedingly clever cartoons of the Faculty, the graduating class and several other students. The rooms of the students were also specially decorated for the occasion and were thrown open to their friends.

The guests as they descended from the cloak rooms were ushered into the college chapel, where they were received by the patronesses and the reception committee. The supper was spread out upon tables beautifully decked with plants and flowers, and situated in the college refectory. The menu was of the best kind, and was thoroughly appreciated by all present.

Music for a short promenade was furnished by D'Alessandro's orchestra, and during the evening an impromptu concert was given in which Miss Hodgert and Dr. Carlyle took part.

The lady patronesses were: Mesdames Hoyles, Mason, Caldecott, Sheraton, Cody and Hague; and the committee in charge of the "At-Home" were: C. W. Holdsworth, B.A., chairman; R. H. A. Haslam, hon. secretary; and Messrs. Goodeve, McClean and Docker, all of whom are to be congratulated on the success of the affair.

The representatives from the different colleges were:—Diocesan College, Montreal, Bertal Heaney; Trinity, E. P. Spencer; Knox, F. S. Wrinch; Victoria, W. H. C. Leech; McMaster, B. W. H. Teakles; Osgoode, J. G. S. Stanbury; Varsity, F. C. Harper; Dentals, Mr. Denton.

Among those present were noticed the following students from the different colleges in the city:—

Misses Allan, Ashwell, Alexander, Crawford, Covert, Day, Hannington, Hand, Hurlbert Hutton, Cowan, Hoyles, Hessin, Macrae, Mason, Pierce, Sealey, Swanzy, Sifton, VanderSmitten. Messrs. F. Anderson, R. A. Armstrong, G. H. Balls, Brown, Bowles, Cormie, Carley, Elder, Field, Postick,

Groves, Gregg, W. J. Hamilton, L. H. Haslam, F. Harper, Johnston, Lefroy, Leech, Merrick, Millman, Stanbury, Martin, McDougall, Nichols, Robb, Stone Stacey, Stevenson, Stoddart, Teakles, Van Wickel, Wrinch.

From Havergal Hall were:—Misses Smith, Fitzgerald, Kirkby, Girdlestone, Kennedy.

From Miss Neville's were:—Misses Helliwell, Burwell, Ansley, Chaffe, MacDonald.

OSGOODE'S MOCK TRIAL.

As the time approaches for the production of the much-anticipated Mock Murder Trial, to be held at Osgoode hall, Thursday evening, the interest taken seems to be increasing. Owing to the great success of last year's trial, the members of the Legal Society, in response to a number of demands for another trial, have made complete arrangements for a production unique in its conception and abounding in humorous and dramatic situations. The court itself, and its personnel, will be in strict accordance with an English High Court of Justice, with its imposing dignity. The play will be produced under the management of Mr. J. A. Macdonald. To prevent overcrowding the committee has decided to issue only a limited number of invitations which may be obtained from members of the following cast:—Judge, Mr. A. Claude Macdonnell; Sheriff, Mr. Evan H. MacLean; Chaplain, Mr. W. Finlayson; Clerk, Mr. H. J. Sissons; Orier, Mr. H. A. Burbidge; Stenographer, Mr. J. D. Falconbridge; Police Officer, Mr. A. Courtney Kingstone; Tipstuffs, Messrs. M. Ross Gooderham, Fred Martin, H. Cassels; Counsel for Crown, Mr. John T. C. Thompson and Mr. Theo Hunt; Counsel for Defence, Mr. W. T. White and Mr. A. R. Clute; Witnesses—Messrs. J. A. Macdonald, A. Courtney Kingstone, J. G. Merrick, C. F. Atkinson, W. Ernest Burns, C. W. Bell, F. E. Perrin. Ushers—Messrs. Reg. Temple, R. I. Towers, R. L. McKinnon, J. Jennings, Martin Griffin. Jury—Messrs. H. A. Kingstone, M. J. Kenny, J. D. McMurrich, E. Glynn Osler, D. S. Bowlby, R. F. McWilliams, A. J. Kappela, D. Stuart Storey, Arthur Hardy, W. R. Wadsworth, J. C. Elliot, Joseph A. Thompson.

LECTURES AT TRINITY.

Very pretty cards in red and black with the Trinity and St. Hilda's coat of arms, are again issued for some pleasant afternoons at Trinity University. A most attractive course has been arranged for this season, beginning Saturday, February 26th, when Mr. John Francis Waters M.A., of Ottawa will give an afternoon with Nathaniel Hawthorne. Although Mr. Waters is a comparative stranger in Toronto, he comes with a high reputation as a great orator and public speaker. *The Montreal Gazette*, in speaking of him, says: "Mr. Waters has evidently made careful study the result of which he presents to his audience with oratorical skill and taking eloquence. Possessed of a pleasing presence, splendid voice, great literary culture and rare elocutionary powers, it is not to be wondered at that he carries his hearers by storm." On Saturday, March 5th, Surgeon-Major Napier Keefer, late of H. M. Mengal Arms, will give his charming lecture on "Eastern Types." It is needless to say that this will be a most attractive subject and has listened to by many highly appreciative audiences. On Saturday, March 12th, a very unique and delightful afternoon will be given by Mr. Albert Ham, Mus. Doc., organist and choir-master at St. James' Cathedral, on "The Madrigal," when he will endeavor to show that British composers in mediæval times, were very important factors in this branch of musical art, which is purely vocal in character, and which will be illustrated by a small choir of trebles and altos (boys), tenors and basses. On Saturday, March 19th, Dr. Parkin, M.A., Principal of Upper Canada College, will no doubt attract a large audience, by his masterly address on the "Geographical Unity of the British Empire." This lecture is sure to be in keeping with the high reputation which Dr. Parkin has gained in Toronto as a scholar and public speaker. On Saturday, March 26th, Mr. John Francis Waters will conclude the series by an afternoon with Dickens.

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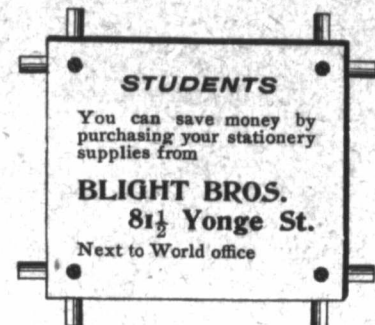
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OSGOODE BRIEFS.

The Osgoode Hall A. A. were defendants in a case in the Division Court the other day before His Honor Judge Morson. Frank Armstrong, plumber, sued the association for \$27 balance of a contract claimed of \$85, to put in shower baths in the rooms, 146 Wellington St. W. The association disputed the amount, claiming the contract price was \$38; they had paid \$57 and would pay no more. The association have paid all their debts promptly, and this is the first time they have been in court. The court room was packed with Osgoode men and much fun was created during the case which lasted two hours. The defendants were T. L. Church (president), H. A. Burbridge (secretary), R. F. McWilliams (treasurer), and C. W. Cross, A. C. Kingstone, Temple, Healy, Boddy, McLean, Merrick, J. McDougal, Henry, Medd, McMurrich, Tudhope, H. G. Kingstone, and Claude Macdonell. Crown Attorney Curry was to have handled the association's case but could not be on hand. Each of the defendants was represented separately by counsel, and a long array of the Toronto bar were present in the case. Judge Morson objected to the number of lawyers in the case, and asked Mr. T. L. Church to represent all the defendants. The case proceeded. Is the association incorporated? asked the Judge. "No," said counsel for the defendants. "Except for benevolent purposes, I suppose," said His Honor. President Church asked that the case be dismissed as against all the other defendants but himself, and if a verdict was obtained for the plaintiffs he would pay judgment and costs. The judge and counsel for plaintiff would not agree to this and the following witnesses were examined: H. A. Burbridge, A. C. Kingstone, R. F. McWilliams, W. R. Wadsworth, M. B. Tudhope, T. L. Church, and F. Healy. Can I recall myself? asked counsel for the association. Certainly! said His Honor, anything to please you. The minute-book was in constant demand but Secretary Burbridge did not have it with him. He had left it at home and had no idea in the world where it was. Where did you first see the plumber? asked the plaintiff's solicitor. On Tuesday, Sept. 14th, at 11.30 a.m., said the well-coached defendant's witness. The plaintiffs did not prove their case, and the defendants brought out the fact that they had limited the amount to \$38. Judgment was reserved.

It now transpires that after the trial the judge, who is an Hon. Pres. of the association along with counsel for the plaintiff and defendant, wants the case settled out of court, adding, "that he will help chip in and settle it up." The defendants above, on enquiry, are all rated "A1" at Bradstreets, and it was their first appearance in a suit. Their reputation is still good, and none of them appear to be at all hard up after all the excitement.

The Osgoode A. A. A. smoker last night at the T. A. C. was a great success. Messrs Harvey, Carruthers, Scholes, Powers, Thompson, Parker, Boyd, Stovel, W. Boyd, and others assisted. Trinity Banjo Club and Glionna's Orchestra rendered music, and speeches were made by Ald. Hanlan, O. A. Howland, E. F. B. Johnston, Q.C., O. H. Ritchie, Q.C., Crown Attorneys Dewart and Curry, and others.

The committee under whose management the smoker was given were: T. L. Church, president, R. F. McWilliams, E. McLean, A. C. Kingstone, S. Sharpe and J. G. Merrick.

"Dimp" Cassells, of the first year, is one of the most popular men in the school.

Tom White has a great speech ready for the mock trial.

Lieutenant Towers, of the 26th Lambton Borderers, is back again, as is also Doc Culbert.

His Honor Judge Morson, Hon. Pres. of the Rugby Club, heard vain questions asked several times as to Mr. Burbridge's whereabouts and that of his minute-book. His Honor is very popular with the boys of the black and white, for is he not himself one of them still.

The directors of Osgoode Hall Amateur Athletic Association made a neat sum out of their smoker.

The Osgoode A. A. elections will be held about the end of February. It is said two tickets will be formed, one for and one against having outsiders on any teams of the association.

The mock murder trial on Thursday night promises to be a great success. Dancing will follow after the programme.

The At-Home will be held on Friday, the 18th. The committees are at work already.

The Hockey team contains only one Hallman. "Jack" McMurrich, and the students are not pleased at all over it.

Osgoode men are beginning to get down to work for the spring exams.

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Geo. A. Ross tendered the new president his resignation, and Mr. Kent was appointed in his place as treasurer. The committee are to appoint a secretary.

Mr. McJones has his hair cut and very artistically mown. He must have been down to see Hud Joy.

Horacius Thomas sang a very fine solo at the election while the ballots were being counted.

R. Morgan was slightly interrupted when he was about to give a recitation on the night of the election.

Mr. Barry and his cigar box, converted to a one-stringed fiddle, offered great amusement for the boys.

Mr. Crooks has been laid off study for some time past owing to an attack of mumps.

Nit McNot, has been absent for a few days. The boys say he got hurt playing hockey.

The evening lectures start next Thursday at seven o'clock.

Where is Pharmacy's Hockey team? The boys say that they have the material, but not the time.

It is reported that the dinner will come off in the near future.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.

The hockey team scored its first victory over the Rosedales on the college rink on Saturday. At no particular time did the visitors appear to participate in the play as important factors towards an exciting match. As the score shows there was a great disparity between the two teams as regards skill. On the college team Morrow, Hurley and Regan put up a very strong game and to their excellent playing may be attributed the score 10 to 1.

John Duggan was again called home last week owing to sickness in the family.

M. Golden was confined to his bed for a few days last week, owing to the sudden change in the weather. Martin is not usually ready for anything sudden, so he was caught napping.

The reading room is much patronized at present. The improvement seems to be highly appreciated.

W-w-w-what's the matter with Ambrose!

L'homme - a - les - larges - pantalons takes kindly to the rink.

Creeden has appeared at last. Compliments of the season—better late than never.

Lend me a polo, somebody! Mack.

Rev. T. Finnigan was a guest of the college last week.

The hockey team plays Knox on Wednesday. Indications for a good game are not wanting.

The boys welcome the return of Mr. M. Kane and congratulate him on the acquisition of so much adipose tissue.

W. McBrady, an old student and graduate, was a guest of the college last week.

Quite a collision the other day—Martin ran into the basement. He has recovered.

J. Hayes looked very much at home the other day driving across the campus.

Charles, she pass him on ze rinkue trebbien. She skate well-she. Ba gosh she be fine exercise.

The St. Michael's Lit held the first meeting of the term last week. Interesting papers were read by Messrs Hart, McPeak and Kearns. Messrs. Campan and McCarthy made speeches of a pithy, concise and succinct nature.

C. Manley does not seem to be well these days.

It gives the students great pleasure to note the return of J. J. Costello to his studies. The best wishes of all greet him.

Lapp says if this cold weather continues it will be a long time ere summer comes again.

Mr. Perry's joke—Don't think because you are always coughing, that you are an undertaker.

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University, Gives His Views.

FREE SHOULD THE SCHOLAR BE.

Some of the Chief Deficiencies of
the Elective System, and Some
of Its Advantages.

In a recent issue of the Leland Stanford *Sequoia* President Jordan writes a very interesting article on the elective system which is now becoming very popular in American colleges. He says:

From the second to the third stage in its evolution, the curriculum of the American College is now passing. The elective system is now succeeding the patch-work system, just as the latter some twenty years ago gradually took the place of the single prescribed course in the ancient classics and mathematics the traditional course which the colleges of America inherited from those of England. In the elective system, there are no favored students, but all subjects taught in the college course are placed on one equality so far as the college degree is concerned.

No two students require exactly the same drill to bring their powers to the best development. The college student must be the best judge of his own needs. At least he can arrange his own work for himself better than it can be done before hand by any consensus of educational philosophers. The student may make mistakes in this, as he may elsewhere in much more important things in life; but here, as elsewhere, he must bear the responsibility of these mistakes. The development of this sense of responsibility is one of the most effective agencies the college has to promote the moral culture of the student. It is better for the student himself that he should sometimes make mistakes than that he should throughout his work be arbitrarily directed by others. Freedom is as essential to scholarship as to manhood. In Emerson's words, "Free should the scholar be, free and brave." Not long since I met a young German scholar, a graduate of a Prussian gymnasium, who has enrolled himself as a student of English in an American college. To him the free air of the American school was its one good thing. It develops a self-reliant manhood in the youth at an age at which the student of the gymnasium is yet in leading strings. In furnishing the best of mental training in certain fixed and narrow lines, the German student is deprived of that strength which comes from self-help and individual responsibility. It is no mere accident that the need of severe college discipline to guard against the various forms of traditional college mischief has steadily declined with the advent of freedom of choice in study.

The elective system, too, enables the student to bring himself into contact with the best teachers—a matter vastly more important than that he should select the best studies. And this system, therefore involves a not unhealthy competition among the instructors themselves. Incompetent, superficial, or fossilized men will be crowded out or frozen out, and the law of the survival of the fittest will rule in the college faculties as elsewhere in nature.

The elective system has been adopted in greater or less degree by most of our leading colleges; while there are now very few schools large or small, which do not make some provision for elective studies. That some degree of freedom of choice in higher education is desirable, no one now questions. The main differences of opinion relate to the proportion which these elective studies ought to bear to those which are absolutely required and to the age or degree of advancement at which election is safe; for no one advocates freedom of choice from infancy. There is no such thing as a perfect curriculum and all college courses must represent in some degree a compromise among varying influences, or else an adaptation to the needs of a certain class of students to the exclusion of others. All systems are liable to abuse; and as there have been many students who made a farce of the classical course, or who made it a mere excuse for four years spent in boating or billiards or in social pleasures, so in the same way can a farce be made of the freedom allowed under the elective system.

Some of the chief deficiencies of the elective system may be summed up under the following heads:

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pure laziness select only the easiest studies, and go through college with the very easiest work which is possible. But this is no new thing, and it is not for such students the colleges exist. The college should not obstruct the work of its earnest men to keep its idlers and sneaks from wasting their useless time. As Dr. Angell has said: "No plan will make the college career of lazy men brilliant."

The work of the colleges should be organized to meet the needs of the earnest and aspiring students rather than the infirmities and defects of the indolent. That most students as a matter of fact do select the easiest studies is not true, as statistics certainly show. It is, in fact, simple nonsense to call any study easy, if pursued in a serious manner for a serious purpose. If any subject draws to itself idlers solely because it is easy, the fault lies with the teacher. The success of the elective system, as of any system, demands the removal of inefficient teachers. The elective system can never wholly succeed unless each teacher has the power and will to enforce good work, to remove from his classes all idle or inefficient students.

2. It is again objected that students having freedom of choice are likely to select erratic courses in accordance with temporary whims, rather than with any theory of educational development. This again is true; but it is likewise true that the course apparently the most erratic may be the one which brings the student in contact with the strongest men. If a Harvard student of a few years ago could have made his college course exclusively of Botany, Embryology, Greek, Anatomy and Early English it would seem a singular combination. It would sound differently if it were said that his teachers in college were chiefly Asa Gray, Goodwin, Holmes, Lowell, and Agassiz. It is also true, I think, that the average course as chosen by the students themselves is as capable of serious defence as the average established course, evolved from the pulling and hauling and patching and fitting of the average college Faculty.

3. Another criticism is that the elective system offers special temptation to undue or premature specialization. This is true; and premature specialization, like other forms of precocious virtue, is much to be deprecated. But experience does not lead me to think that the danger of "undue specialization" is at all a serious one. The current, in college and out, is all setting the other way. The fact that any man dares to specialize at all, shows that he has a certain independence of character, for the odds are against it. Specialization implies thoroughness, and I believe that thorough knowledge of something is the backbone of culture. Special knowledge of any sort gives to each man the base line by which other attainments may be measured; and this unit of measurement in scholarship can be acquired in no other way. There can be, I think, no scholarship worthy of the name, without some form of special knowledge or special training as its central axis. The self-respect of the scholar comes from thorough work. The man who feels sure that he can know or that he can do something is assured at once from the danger of turgid conceit as from that of limp humility. He can hold up his head among men with a certainty as to his proper place among them.

I have often heard college graduates complain, "Oh if I had only studied something in particular!" "Oh, if I had only learned how to study!" "Oh, if the time I have wasted in something else had been spent in Latin!" There are few college men of the present generation who would not be better scholars to-day if half their curriculum had been omitted (not much matter what half) and the time had been spent on the remaining subjects. But you may say, "Would you let a man graduate ignorant of Chemistry, of Latin, of Logic, of Botany?" Well, yes, if superficiality in everything is the alternative. It is well for a scholar to know something of each of these and of each of the subjects in the most extended curriculum. But he purchases this knowledge too dearly if he buys it at the expense of thoroughness in some line of study in which a real interest has been awakened.

Then again, with certain men in college the alternative is either a close specialization or no college life at all. Sometimes a man may wish in college to devote his entire time to a single subject, as Physics or History, making himself an authority on that subject, but without any effort for broad culture at all. This is not often a wise course; but wise or not no one will deny that a college career spent in this way is better than none at all, and in after years such men are rarely a source of shame to their Alma Mater. There is a certain well-known naturalist whom I could name, who was some ten years ago excluded from the Indiana University, not because he was idle or vicious or weak, but because he wanted to spend most of his time in the study of Natural History. The college has been no place for such a man as that, though the same college is proud of him now. It had then no use for bird knowledge though it came out strong on irregular birds. Who is to say that it was better for him to leave college than that he should be allowed to follow his own bent? No knowledge comes amiss to an investigator, but no investigator can afford to sacrifice his specialty for the sake of breadth of culture. Thoroughness is the main point, after all, and should take precedence over versatility. I do not mean to be understood as advocating narrowness of culture of any sort. The broadest education is none too broad for him who aspires to lead in any part of the world of thought. But the forces of the mind, to continue the figure, should not be scattered in guerilla-bands, but marshalled toward leadership.

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4. Still another criticism of the elective system is just the reverse of this. The elective system permits undue scattering. It allows the student to flit from one subject to another, thus acquiring versatility without real training. This seems to me a more serious fault than any of the others. It can be remedied in part by a system of major and minor studies, or a division of the work into specialties which must be pursued for a considerable length of time, and electives which may be dropped after a simple mastery of their elements. Some such arrangement as this seems to me a desirable check upon the elective plan, as it tends to insure persistence in something, while retaining most of the flexibility of the latter system.

An advantage of the elective system which has been too often overlooked is its reflex influence on the teacher. If a good teacher is the essential element in a good school, then anything which helps to make his work better, more thorough or more inspiring is of the greatest value to the student. The great teachers of the world for the most part, have not been and could not be will-masters. The man who works with realities cannot become a martinet. In the elective system the teacher deals with students who have chosen their courses for the love of the work or for love of him. Contact with these classes is a constant stimulus and a constant inspiration. No teacher can ever do his best on required work or prescribed courses, and the best that is in his teacher is the student's right to receive.

There is still much to be said in favor of the college in which discipline pure and simple is made the chief aim of all the work. In such a school those subjects—Languages, Sciences and Philosophy—which serve the ends of training best should be taught and such subjects only. Whether anything more suitable for this purpose than the Ancient Classics and Mathematics has yet been found, I shall not try to say; but the aims of such a course should be the same in kind as that in classical curriculum. It may perhaps be possible to teach better things and in a better way than was done in the classical schools; but all attempts at combining in a prescribed curriculum mental discipline and a wide range in subjects must result in failure, so far as training the mind is concerned. You cannot teach everything to every student. Either the student or the college must choose.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers of the Medical Society took place in the Gerrard Street building Friday evening. After the first ballot was polled, President Lindsay called order, and the concert in honor of the affair opened with a violin solo by the incomparable "Wag." Mr. Wagner '99, showed natural ability combined with severe and thorough training and bids fair to be one of the leading violinists of the province. It is superfluous to say that he was encored.

Then was given a treat to the audience or, as "Stubbs" Smith says, "congregation," in the shape of an amateur minstrel performance. One may have been to the Fiji Islands, to the North Pole and to the South—to the Klondike and to South Africa—may! One may even have been in Hamilton—and yet never seen anything in the line of shows, concerts, vaudevilles or circuses, that could compare with this minstrel performance. One could not say of this "there are others!" It was simply "out of sight." Even Don MacGillivray said it beat anything he ever saw, and Rollie Webb became hysterical.

Mr. Colin Begg played "Massa," and occupied an elevated chair in the centre of a semicircle of coons. To his right were Billie Robinson, Freddie Young, and Doodles McDougall. To his left were Hutch Hutchison, Jack Chisholm (00), "Stubbs" Smith, and Doc Carder, pianist. The "Ya-as Sah's" were all in dress clothes powdered hair, with high collars and "loud" ties. Besides, "Stubbs" Smith had the chapel window of a cathedral glued to his shirt front.

Negro monologue, dialogue, and sawlogue were the order of the performance, interspersed with song, music and dance. Many witty sayings were given forth and some quite original "hits" brought down the house.

The fancy dancing of Freddie Young, Hutchison's solos, and the "Horn" band were leading features.

It could not fairly be said that anyone excelled the other. Mr. Begg acted coolly and collectedly. "Billie" Robinson gave an excellent rendering of "The girl on the same street with me." Smithie's whole acting was superb, and Doodles was at his best; and those who know him can tell what that means.

Much credit is due Mr. Hutchison, for most of the topical songs given by him were of his own composing. Both he and the other gentlemen from the second year (Messrs. Chisholm and Carder) gave up a

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The result of the election (first ballot) was read out. For vice-president, Mr. Dunnington was elected. For assistant reas., Mr. Smith ('01), and for treasurer, Mr. Peters. Mr. Robertson was elected curator. On the second ballot Mr. C. W. Holmes was elected president, having a slight majority over Mr. McLeah. Mr. Jack Chisholm '99, was elected secretary, and Messrs. Warren and Campbell first year councillors.

While the second ballot was being counted, the entertainment went on.

Messrs. Smith and Leader sang a duet in good style. Messrs. Smith, Telfer, Williams and Billy O'Brien also took part and acquitted themselves admirably.

All went home feeling excellently, and every one in future will attend these meetings.

NOTES OF THE EVENING.

Dr. Maybury from the General Hospital was present, and Drs. Webb and MacGillivray also looked in upon the students.

During the performance of the Minstrel, a joke had to be repeated until Mr. Radcliffe "tumbled."

There must be an attraction down at the photographer's. It is said Jimmy Gow sat for his photo on four different occasions recently.