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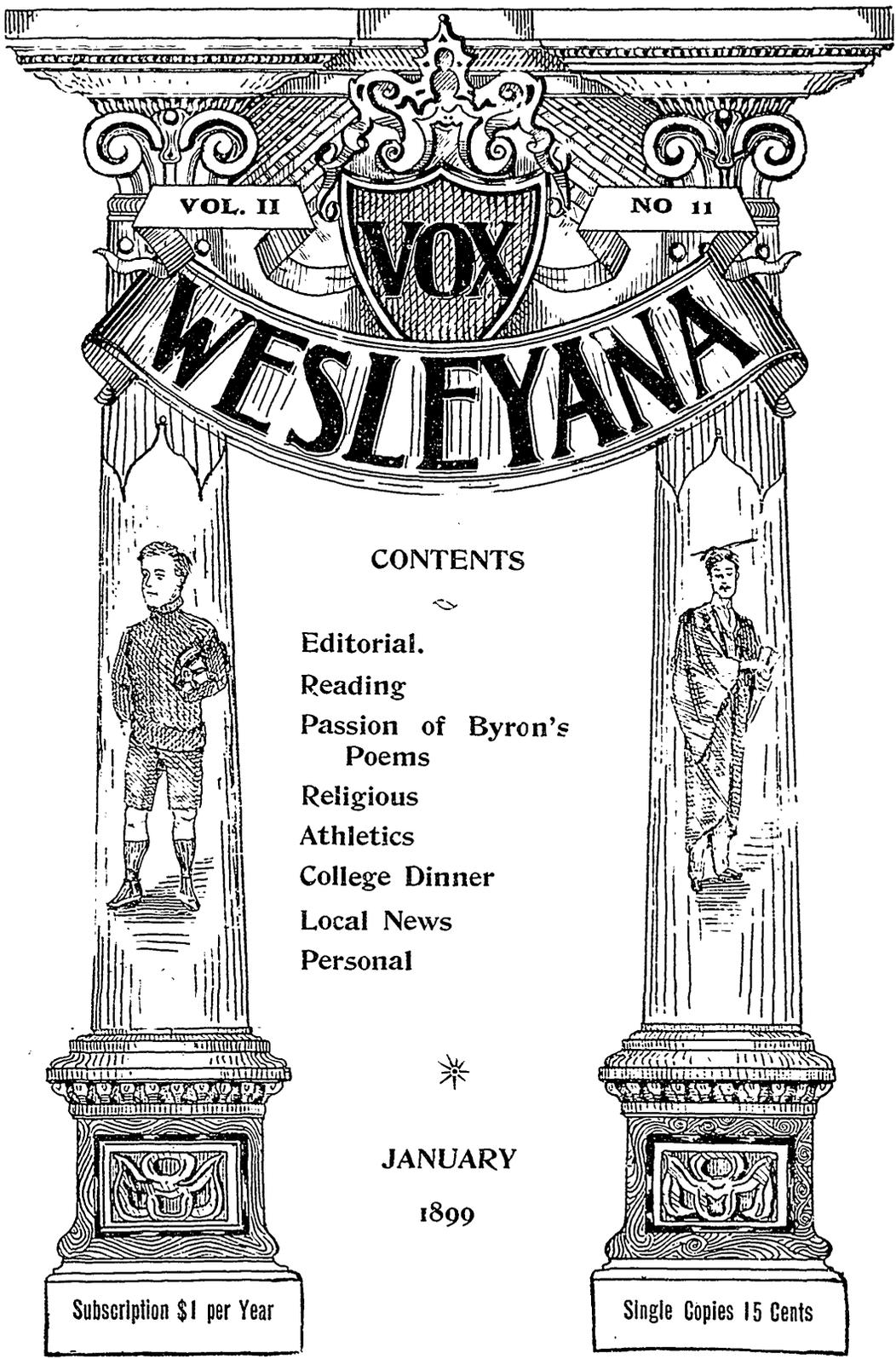
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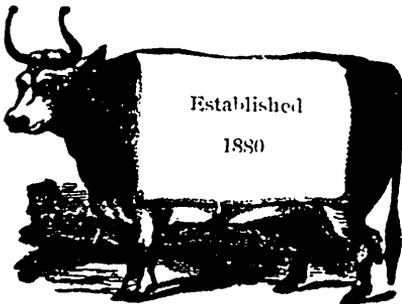
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twenty-three, and that strength in the average young man ought to be double between those ages. And not by any means the least beneficial effect of athletics is derived from the means of escape thus afforded for that surplus energy and enthusiasm for which College students are so noted and which must in some way or other find expression. The general standard of morals among students in American universities, where athletics obtain great prominence, contrasts with the reckless dissipation so often characteristic of students in similar European institutions, where athletics find no place.

By all means let us have all the games possible. The Rugby football game has lately come to us and we hope it has come to stay. The Association football game has in the past been the greatest feature of our Inter-collegiate sports, but let us have the double series of matches or much of the interest now taken in it will be lost. Hockey has at last come to the front as an Inter-collegiate game, and when the Colleges become possessed of better rinks for practice, hockey may in the future take the place to some extent of the now supreme Association football game. And let us have the annual Inter-collegiate field-day competitions. In regard to the latter, a suggestion for next year may not be out of place. Why not have a College athletic association, which would select and give systematic training to the competitors in each department?

This would greatly increase the interest of the students as a whole in this annual field-day, and would add vastly to the proficiency of the contestants in each event.

Curling is a pastime, however, which for many reasons does not come within the province of College athletics. It is essentially a game for gentlemen of leisure. The high pressure conditions of College life demand of a game that it furnish conditions for obtaining a large amount of exercise in a comparatively short time and that it also afford opportunity for a large number to take part at the same time. From this standpoint, football and hockey are certainly ideal College games, while curling cannot evidently fulfill these conditions. For this reason we think it would be unwise to follow the precedent of last year in instituting a series of games between rinks representing the different Colleges. No doubt, in the future, when any one of our various educational institutions finds among its students or teachers a number of able exponents of the "roarin' game," that particular institution will feel very strongly the necessity of instituting a series of matches to decide the Inter-collegiate curling championship, but for the reason above given, and perhaps in view of the fact that our own chances of success this year would be small, we think it would be unadvisable to repeat the curling competition of last year.

READING

By Kate J. Crawford, B.A.

How much, what, and how to read, are questions of vital importance to every earnest, ambitious man and woman. Books, magazines, periodicals of all sorts, of which more are now produced in a few short weeks, by English-speaking nations, than in the whole lifetime of the wise man who complained that "of the making of many books there was no end," crowd in upon us with their ever-eager plea for at-

tention, until we are at a loss to know where to begin, how to proceed or how much to include within our self-prescribed curriculum.

Still, read we do, shall, must and ought. We read that we may rest, that we may become well-informed, that we may gain mental power, that we may be disciplined and ennobled, in short, that we may make the most of our divinely apportioned pos-

sibilities and so approximate ideal manhood and womanhood.

How best to attain these ends is the subject here proposed for consideration.

Of all mistakes made, in reading, none is more insidious, for none is more in keeping with the spirit of the age, than that of imagining that mental power and information are necessarily proportionate to the amount of reading done. In our eagerness for advancement and impatience to have some tangible proof that progress is being made, we hurriedly count the pages turned or the volumes read, and congratulate ourselves on so much accomplished, as if we must needs be so much the greater or more important. Yet a little thoughtful observation will at once convince us of the error. Many of the most insatiable readers know the least and exhibit little force or clearness when they attempt to express or communicate their ideas. Not quantity, but quality and manner are the important considerations in reading. The 'man of one book' may not only be the peer, but is likely to be the superior of the man who yearly numbers *his hundreds*.

The broadest distinction that can be made in purposeful reading is that of reading for rest and reading for work. Excepting, perhaps, the idle and the merely social, men and women in every station in life have work to do which is more or less taxing upon the mind. The idle and social read chiefly for rest, and they do not need it. Reading, for them, is but turning the pages to find some pleasing romance or attractive picture, which may, for the time, hold their attention and so make the hours pass more quickly. And, "doing this and nothing more," they grow constantly weaker and weaker.

The great majority, however, are conscious of the need of knowledge not already possessed, and also that they are wearied by the work required of them. Often the latter feeling predominates, and they, too, read for rest, but make mistakes because they do not know just how to get the rest they seek, and, not understanding the principles of alternation, cut themselves off from the opportunity of acquir-

ing the knowledge the need of which they are conscious. Mental as well as physical weariness comes chiefly from the use of the faculties in one way for a long period of time. The man who uses his arms all day finds rest and refreshment in an evening's walk; the physician, whose mind is mainly occupied with the material, finds rest in philosophical reading, and the mathematician, throwing aside his books of problems, finds sweet refreshment in the poet's fairy fancyings.

The late W. E. Gladstone worked constantly according to this principle, and it is well known what an immensity he accomplished. He usually kept no less than three books going—one, a book on which he was putting solid work, another, some particularly fine specimen of good English; and another, a true romance. And passing at pleasure from one to another, never lost the line of thought in any one of the three, and yet gained the stimulus from the one, and the real rest in another, which enabled him to do good work upon a third.

Besides being able in this way to turn to best account our residue of strength, we owe it to ourselves to practise just such alternation. No profession or occupation calls all our faculties into play, and if we do not, in some way, exercise those lying dormant, we become mentally deformed, and fall short of well-rounded development. We also owe it to society. Have you ever had the experience of passing an evening with some one who could converse intelligently, and hence with interest, and on only one topic, especially if you yourself had previously failed to gain some familiarity with that topic? A well-educated man is one who not only knows everything about something, but also knows something about everything.

For truly restful reading scarcely anything will be found better than a wisely chosen work of travels, description, or a judiciously selected romance. Such will not prove taxing, and will yet produce a sense of satisfaction with moderate stimulus.

In choosing books for earnest work it is important to remember that, though

their name be legion, there are yet, in each department, only a few really great books, and that the others are either subsidiary to or dependent upon this comparatively small number. To these fountain-heads of lofty ideas and noble passions we must turn, if we would have what is best, truest and purest in human thought and feeling, and surely we shall not content ourselves with the productions of lesser minds when these kings among men are waiting to pour at our feet their treasures.

We must not be discouraged, however, if we find that at first we can grasp but little of their meaning. Only by exertion can that which is really of value be gained, and while this is nowhere truer than in literature, philosophy, science, and art, yet each effort put forth in grappling with some broader, loftier thought brings its own immediate reward in the pleasurable glow of activity and consequent development of power. It is in gaining the power requisite to grasp the ideas of these master-minds that we make use of the productions of men of lesser genius. These give us first truths, rudimentary principles, from which we pass on to deeper and fuller knowledge.

An ideal course of reading would be to first take the outstanding works in each department in turn; to thoroughly master these, and thus lay a broad and solid foundation for general intellectual culture; and then to make a specialty of some one line

of thought, which is of more than ordinary interest to us, and, branching out from this,, acquire a well systematized body of knowledge which will be of unceasing value to us.

Much that might be said in reference to the manner of reading has been anticipated and only a few further suggestions need be offered.

(1.) Read only what awakens thought. Without thought reading is profitless. Make sure that you have the author's meaning, weigh and compare it in all its relations, ask whether it is to be believed, rejected or held in suspense. If you are reading to improve style, question your author closely on his use of words and tenses. Discover the secret of the beauty or energy of his expressions, how they might be strengthened, how weakened. Ask whether his structure has unity, and, if not, whence it derives its strength.

(2.) Read only what interests you or what you are able to interest yourself in. Make your reading a pleasure, not a task.

(3.) Read systematically. System saves time, strength and increases interest.

(4.) Choose your authors carefully, especially those with whom you are to have most to do. Reject those whose views of life is narrow, low or pessimistic. Learn to love those who have broad sympathies, high ideals and unselfish aspirations. Let them enter into your life, to inspire and strengthen you in the fulfilment of the duties that may devolve upon you.

PASSION OF BYRON'S POEMS

Among the poets of the nineteenth century Lord Byron occupies a unique position. The beauty and the passion of his verse, together with the strange and perplexing personality of the author, have surrounded him with a lasting interest. No other poet of his age has been so generally admired, yet at the same time so fiercely criticized. His every action has been subjected to the most intense scrutiny, and in so many cases has been weighed in the balance against him. But

one thing he undoubtedly possessed.—Genius. Sir Walter Scott says: "He and Burns were the most poetic geniuses of my times, and for half a century before me. We have many men of high poetic talents, but none of that ever gushing and perennial fountain of natural waters."

The life of the poet was singularly unfortunate. Descended from a passionate and wilful race, alternately petted and neglected in his childhood, first the idol and then the scorn of society, it can not be

wondered that he viewed life in its darker aspect. This gloominess and misanthropy is discernible in nearly all his characters, only in them intensified many degrees to what it was in himself.

"The Dream and Darkness," it is said, are poems that will never lose their power so long as men love and are capable of feeling terror. In the former appears the victim of an unrequited love, himself a dream all too true for the poet, the first great link in his chain of misfortune. Thus, in the opening :

"And dreams in their development have breath,
And tears and tortures, and the touch of joy;
They leave a weight upon our waking thoughts,
They take a weight from off our waking toils,
They do divide our being: they become
A portion of ourselves as of our time.
And look like heralds of eternity."

There is also pictured his own hapless state:

"Upon a tone,
A touch of hers, his blood would ebb and flow,
And his cheek change tempestuously—his heart
Unknowing of its cause of agony."

In "Childe Harold" we meet the character so often, and so erroneously described as himself. Satiated with debauchery, and excess, and in hope that new scenes would obliterate the memories of the past, Childe Harold starts on a tour of the Continent. But, "still round him clung invisibly a chain which galled for ever, fettering though unseen." Even the gayest and most brilliant scenes he stands moodily apart, all the beauty of the South was unable to wean him from this habitual melancholy. The following scene is light and picturesque:

"Glanced many a light caique along the foam,
Danced on the shore the daughters of the land."

In the brilliant description of the Brussels ball appear some of his most excellent verses. The portraiture is so vivid that one would almost fancy the author to be an onlooker: the animation of the opening, and the death-like gloom of the close are alike fascinating :

A thousand hearts beat happily; and when
Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
Soft eyes look'd love to eyes which spake
again,

And all went merrily as a marriage bell."

Then sounds the note of alarm :

"And there were sudden partings such as
press

The life from out young hearts and choking sighs

Which ne'er might be repeated."

Hatred and revenge are inseparable from all his characters. In them the spirit of forgiveness and of mercy finds not a place; it seemed as though their wrath must be slaked by blood. Even when dying they still exhibit the same bitter enmity, the same implacable spirit, as had characterized their lives. Thus, in "The Giour," is seen a man in the darkness of midnight, overlooking the castle whose owner he had doomed to destruction. During that brief moment his mind swept swiftly over all the past, and within him the fires of hatred burned strong and fiercely :

"In that instant o'er his soul,
Winters of memory seemed to roll,
And gather in that drop of time
A life of pain, an age of crime."

By comparison in this light is seen the marked resemblance of his Oriental characters. So strong it is that the one might fitly serve as the hero for all. Thus he describes the Corsair :

"Though smooth his voice, and calm his
general mien,
Still seems there something he would not
have seen,
His features' deepening lines and varying
hue
At times attract'd, yet perplexed the
view."

And Lara :

"That brow in furrow'd lines had fixed at
last,
And spake of passions, but of passions
past ;
Thike pride, but not the fire of early days,
Coldness of mien and carelessness of
praise."

Again, in "The Siege of Corinth," is seen the intense bitterness in the heart of the renegade when he is entreated to spare, and sue for the mercy that might still have been his :

He sue for mercy ! He dismay'd
By wild words of a timid maid !
He, wrong'd by Venice, vow to save

Her sons, devoted to the grave!
 No, though that cloud were thunder's
 worst,
 And charge to crush him—let it burst !”

The tale of the old Hetman Mazeppa is of deep import. Himself strong, when all are wearied, he attempts to raise the drooping spirits of the King by the recital. Terrible had been his revenge! Alike on the animate and inanimate, he had wrought destruction. As he sums all up :

“For time at last sets all things even—
 And if we do but watch the hour,
 There never yet was human power
 Which would evade, if unforgiven,
 The patient search and vigil long
 Of him who treasures up a wrong.”

Despair and grief follow as a natural consequence the gratification or even the indulgence of hatred. The thought of the gloomy past places an insurmountable barrier between these outcasts and their fellow men. “*Haunted in our very age with the vain shadows of the past.*” happiness fails not to the lot of any. Childe Harold goes on as he had lived—Lara is slain in deadly feud—the Giour consumes away his days in remorse—so with all. Of Life's double pathway they walk in the one dark, unilluminated, and are ever immersing deeper into its shadows. The closing of “*The Bride of Abydos*” displays the darkest misanthropy :

“And, oh ! that pang where more than
 madness lies !
 The worm that will not sleep and never
 dies.”

The terrible despair of Chillon's prisoner is familiar to all. Condemned with his brothers for their religious tenets, it was his unhappy lot to see their spirits droop and languish day by day, until finally they were freed from captivity by death. When after long and weary years of hopeless despair he himself was set free, what a state !

“It was at length the same to me,
 Fetter'd or fetterless to be,
 I learned to love despair.”

Byron's views of nature were equally profound and poetical, especially so in his earlier and middle life, when the spirit of romance held over him firmer sway than in later years. Raised amid picturesque and romantic scenery, it was ever his de-

light to frequent the haunts and fastnesses of nature. The mountain, ocean, and, whatever was grand, were for him places of attraction ; “they spake a mutual language, clearer than the tone of his land's tongue, which he would oft forsake for nature's pages.” Whatever else may be said of his youthful descriptions, they are at least replete with enthusiasm. Thus has he pictured Loch na Garr :

“Round Loch na Garr while the stormy
 mist gathers,
 Winter presides in his cold icy ear ;
 Clouds there encircle the forms of my
 fathers,
 They dwell in the tempests of dark
 Loch na Garr.”

There is also a glimpse of his Highland life, the liberty of which was especially attractive to one of his disposition :

“I arose in the dawn with my dog as my
 guide,
 From mountain to mountain I bounded
 along ;
 I breathed the bilows of Dee's rushing
 tide,
 And heard at a distance the Highlander's
 song.”

In “*Childe Harold*” there is an altogether different one. The description is grander, more brilliant, while the thought is deeper and the perception more acute :

“Above me are the Alps
 The palaces of nature, whose vast walls
 Have pinnacled in clouds their snowy
 scalps.”

But he was never so happy as when on the ocean. There was in it that which inspired a sense of freedom. The third canto of *Childe Harold* opens with peculiar exultation, “Once more upon the waters, yet once more.”

Suffice to say whatever may have been the faults of Byron, his verse is his lasting memorial. Dissolute and wilful, no doubt, he often was, yet at his death bitter was the dismay of the civilized world, and bitter the self-reproaches of many an Englishman. His genius had given him a strong hold in the hearts of his countrymen, who reckon him among their best and greatest. In conclusion, we cite one of his well-known stanzas :

“What is the worst of woes that wait on
 age ?
 What stamps the wrinkle deeper on the
 brow

To view each loved one blotted from life's
page,
And be alone on earth, as I am now ;
Before the Chast'ner humbly let me bow,
O'er hearts divided and o'er hopes des-
troyed :

Roll on, vain days ! full reckless may ye
flow
Since time hath reft whate'er my soul en-
joy'd
And with the ills of Eld mine earlier years
alloy'd.

F. MAYERS.

RELIGIOUS LIFE IN THE CANADIAN WEST.

"Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us
"To see oursels' as ithers see us ?
"It wad frae mony a blunder free us
"And foolish notion."

—Burns.

The Canadian West ! In Chinese junks, in huts in mid-Europe, or among the pines of Norway or Sweden, many men are turning over the pages of pamphlet or letter and becoming familiar with the conditions of life in this country, the picture of fertile plain or the mountains out of which the dollars are "made." Our British cousins can give us more information about our country, its physical features, its climate, its past and present, than is comforting to the self-complacency of his colonial guest. This sight of ourselves in the great mirror of the world of men's minds is often a little startling. The caution of the present article never figures, however, in "The Investor" or "The Canadian Gazette." It has little significance for the Jap. or the junkman or the hutman or the tawny-haired Scandinavian. It is of immense importance to the editor of "The Westminster," who, in an article lately, of characteristic virility and timeliness, speaks thus re the General Conference of last summer :—

"It is the earnest hope and yearning prayer of the men of vision among the delegates that this General Conference may appreciate the meaning of these new and awful times. Things are not the same as when the last Conference met four years ago. The world's history has been hurrying on as never before. Conditions in Canada are different. During this quadrennium Canada has taken the leap which makes all things new. This Conference meets at a crisis-time, a time big with opportunity, full of peril, and the question is put with heavy emphasis,

a question which is Christ's because it is the country's What is the Methodist Church of Canada doing, what does it propose to do, to save Canada to the Kingdom of God ?

"That is a 'burning' question, whose light and heat should go through the Conference. The responsibility resting upon the Methodist Church of Canada never was heavier than at this moment. It is heavy enough to make weak men faint, and strong men brave. We say to the General Conference what we ventured to say to the General Assembly that the Christian Churches have not yet measured up to the opportunity and responsibility which is theirs in Canada to-day. The situation is critical because the new wine of nationhood has heated the blood of the people, and every hour tells. What the Canada of To-morrow will be depends on what is done by the Churches of To-day. In Ontario and the eastern provinces there are currents which at times make even an optimist fear for the future. The streams of tendency are set so strong away from the traditional in the matters of the Church and the Sabbath that there is need for vigilance and vigorous resistance. But the strategic points are the West. There, on the far-reaching prairies, up among the mountains, on the slopes of the Pacific, the battle must be fought. The delegates from the West know how pregnant with peril the times are. How are those eager, land-hungry, gold-hungry, venturesome spirits—that mixed multitude from the four corners of the earth—how are they to be reached for God ? That is the problem of the Canadian West.

"The answer to that question is in large measure the answer to most other

questions pressing for solution. At the core it is not an affair of Church polity or ritual or creed, but distinctly a question of men. What Canada asks from the Conference with loudest voice is a virile ministry. Not more ministers, but a better brand. The Methodist Church, like all other Churches, is guilty of the high crime of sending weak and visionless men to the front to do the pioneer work of reclaiming lost ground and making the bounds of the Church's empire wider yet. This is folly of the maddest kind. When one enters a church in one of the growing western towns, where society is largely in the moulding, and hears the great truths of God misrepresented and his Church's creed falsified by some lame-minded weakling, or, what is adder still, hears, instead of the great truths by which men are made strong and good, the cheap rhetoric and the shallow wit, one does not wonder at the contempt shown by the careless out-spoken man of the West to the average missionary."

We might have put in our scissors a little higher up, but since it is the religious life we are considering, and the minister is in that we take the "cap" as it is, and will see at any rate if we care to own it.

Such are the thoughts of the editor of perhaps the ablest publication of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to-day. Would it be wisdom in us to ignore the theme, or when thousands are coming to us to be ours in citizenship, ours in a new brotherhood, to be unmindful of the only conditions under and by which these plains and those mountains can be fertile to produce bread for the whole man.

It would be unbecoming and unfortunate, too, if we should fail to recall in this connection the circumstances under which other portions of our continent were settled. "The Pilgrim Fathers!" "What founders of the empire they were. They "buildd not for dominion or renown, but "for freedom for conscience for God. On "the first Sabbath,

" Amidst the storm they sang,
And the stars heard and the sea
And the sounding aisles of the dim
woods rang

With the anthems of the free."
The United Empire Loyalists!
In our own Canada, think of
"These be thy heroes Canada!
"These men who stood when pressed,
"Not in the fevered pulse of strife,
"When foemen thrust at foeman's life,
"But in that sterner test.
"When wrong on sumptuous fare is fed,
"And right must toil for daily bread.
"And men must choose between:
"When wrong in lordly mansion lies
"And light must shelter 'neath the skies,
"And men must choose between:
"When wrong was cheered on every side
"And right is cursed and crucified,
"And men must choose between:
"Such was the test and sorely pressed
"That proved their blood the very best"
And when you pray for Canada,
"Implore kind heaven that, like a leaven,
"The precious blood which then was
given,
"May quicken in her veins each day.
"So shall she win a spotless fame,
"And, like the sun, her honored name
"Shall shine to latest years the same."

There are many in our country as well as the Westminster's editor that are not filled with entire complacency by the sonorousness of the political orator of the hour over the golden landscape revealed by the westering sun. "Wheat is money," and so are mines, and Colonel Sellers' enthusiasm over his eyewater and the "Millions in it, my boy,—millions in it," no doubt represents a certain kind of ideal, yet not the ideals by which men are either made "strong and good" or nations, while they may secure, are not fitted to enjoy or retain it, a high position. Canada will have men,

"And we will have the money, too."

In a certain way we may rub our soft palms and reciprocate congratulations over new church buildings and satisfactory totals in the financial lists. Is that enough? A continental Sunday in our mining towns, with the store's doors aswing, the din of the mechanic's hammer in the ear of the churchgoer, and the "church" meekly accommodating itself to these—and more—all this, though the orator reckes not of it, nor cares, is of deep concern to men who feel that true and abiding prosperity of the citizen is that which accompanies a just fear of God, a love of our fellow-men, and "liberty" founded in virtue and truth.

ATHLETICS.

The fact that football has always been the absorbing topic to readers of this department of "Vox" and that this year we are without a second half to the Inter-collegiate series of football matches, not only robs the editor of material for articles, but detracts very much from the interest which readers have always shown for the athletic department. Ye editor then bemoans with you the departure this year from the regular series of games, not only because he is himself an ardent footballer, but because he is left without any means of interesting you with articles on athletics, except those which may emanate from his usually sluggish imagination.

Much has been said re the relative merits of a double and single series of Intercollegiate football matches, but it seems to me that after this trial of a single series it must be very apparent to every one that a double series is very much to be desired when we view the matter either from the standpoint of a footballer or simply as a student requiring good, healthy exercise.

The absence of the second half in the series robs the former of the keen enjoyment of good matches and the latter of the splendid exercise to be obtained from the practices held preparatory to matches.

Why could we not substitute a series of inter-class matches within our own College? This would no doubt keep up the latent enthusiasm, and might be the means of developing some good players, who might perhaps figure on next year's team. Were the rivalry between the different classes only sufficiently keen, this could no doubt be easily arranged, but at present it seems to be necessary that some stronger incentive than class pride—such as a small trophy of some description—should be forthcoming before the students will bestir themselves sufficiently to once more don their football apparel.

Our skating rink, which has become an accomplished fact, should this year be

well patronized, as it offers special inducements to those who enjoy skating and hockey. The wall surrounding the rink will serve as a protection from the wind to skaters and will allow the hockey players to become accustomed to playing the game just as it is played in a covered rink. Last year our boys were handicapped in their practices because they were unable to "play the wall," and thus were somewhat at sea when they went to play their matches in the Citizens' Rink. This year however, that objection has been removed, and the hockey boys will be enabled to get as good practice as anywhere right on their own rink. With the attention which the committee will no doubt give to securing good ice and cleaning the rink, the skaters should find ample room for enjoyment on our new College rink. There is evidence of a great deal of interest in skating, and it is to be hoped that every one will avail themselves of this means of enjoyment and exercise. Even Mr. Small has invested in a pair of skates and may be seen practicing early and late, so that he will be able to make his way with some degree of certainty when the ladies appear on the rink, or it may be he has in mind starring on the hockey team.

The outlook for our hockey team this year is not a particularly bright one. Only two or three of last year's team are with us, and we will miss our captain, Billy Doran, from his place on outside right. "Billy" was what might be called the strength of our forward line. Then, also, Dave Bastedo's place on the left wall will be hard to fill, while we will miss Percy Gilbert's tricky centre playing. Charlie St. John will no longer be on hand to stop the rushes at cover point or score from his long precise lifts. Howard Carper is still with us and should fill the goal in his usual efficient style, while Fred Roblin will no doubt be in his old place at point, where he played so effectively last year. On the forward line we have George McCrossan and Claude Rob-

inson, of last year's Schools team, to fill the places of Gilbert and Bastedo.

There are quite a number of others who are very fair players to pick from, such as Carter, Kennedy, White and others, and in the end we might be surprised to get together a very fair team. Practice will do a lot, and this is our only hope in making a showing in this year's Inter-collegiate games.

It seems almost too bad that more use is not made of the apparatus in the Gymnasium. There was some talk of forming a class and hiring an instructor; this would be a move in the right direction, or here is a suggestion—Among so many students there certainly must be some who are proficient at least in some of the exercises which the apparatus of the Gymnasium allow. Would not some one who is adept at swinging the clubs, say, consent to give the boys a few pointers in that line, while another who excels on the horizontal bar or trapeze might give a few useful hints to beginners in this direction. This would obviate hiring an instructor and would increase the interest in "Gym" work, while at the same time it would go a long way toward getting the boys in shape for the Rugby series next spring. We would be glad to have any other views of this subject, for it certainly seems that we are not taking anything like

all the benefits which we might derive from such a well-equipped Gymnasium. Many of us may regret this in after years, for it is not always that one has such an opportunity as is offered here in our College for physical development in the right direction.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a hockey club was held on Thursday, Jan. 12th. It was decided to enter a team in the Inter-collegiate series and the following officers were elected:—

Hon. President—Mr. J. T. Gordon.

President—Professor Osborne.

Vice-Pres.—W. L. Roblin.

Sec.-Treas.—E. J. Bawden.

Captain—S. R. Laidlaw.

Executive Committee—McCrossan, Roblin, Carper.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again at the call of the secretary to arrange for practices and any other business which might arise.

Messrs. Carper and Roblin were appointed representatives to the Inter-collegiate Hockey Association, which met the same evening. A double series of games has been arranged to be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at the McIntyre Rink. The St. John's, Manitobas, Medicals, and Wesley teams have signified their intention to enter and in all probability the Schools will also enter a team.

COLLEGE DINNER.

The great social event of the College has come and passed, and now each student is looking forward to the next annual dinner, when he or she will be a year in advance of the one past.

The annual College dinner is an event looked forward to, vastly differently, by each class. The freshman looks forward to it with thoughts of expectation, and when the time has come, looks longingly at the ranks of seniors and graduates and desires in his soul to be in their midst. The previous man who has just emerged

from the freshman class forgets all other things in his joy over the thought that the preliminary ranks are passed, and he looks forward to the annual dinner with much expectation and more glee.

The junior, conscious in the fact that his College days of childhood are passed, and that he is already well advanced in his career, looks forward to the event with the calm assurance of one who has done the thing a thousand times before.

Lastly comes the senior with thoughts different far to all of these. He has at

last reached the all desired period in his College career, the wished-for goal of every student, he has passed through all the preceding years, reaping their experiences, but little of the knowledge they should impart, and has in fact everything that should make a College student happy. But he never thinks of these things, for with the consciousness that he is a senior comes also the consciousness that it is his last year at College, and that the halcyon days are well nigh past.

Wesley's tenth annual dinner was held in the Convocation Hall, on Thursday, December 22nd.

Like all the other annual dinners, it was a success, but possibly better than those of the past. The decoration committee had been careful to have the hall as attractive as possible. About one hundred and fifty were present; of these, over one-third were guests. Among the guests were th representatives from the different sister Colleges. M. Bernier, from St. Boniface, Mr. Robertson, from Manitoba, and Mr. Mulvey, from Medical. It was regretted that St. John's could not send a representative, as the students were out for vacation.

One of the most pleasing features of the programme was a solo by Miss Maud Lane. The male quartette was also appreciated.

The toast list—thanks to the programme committee—had been shortened, and the

boys were given to understand that brevity would be the soul of wit with regard to their orations.

The speeches of the students called forth a special effort on the part of the boys, most of whom were in their senior years, and were consequently appearing for the last time.

The singing of the National Anthem brought to an end the tenth and most successful of Wesley's annual dinners.

The following was the programme:—

Chairman—Dr. Sparling.

Vice-Chairman—W. L. Roblin.

“Our College.”

S. T. Robson, B.A., Dr. Sparling.

Quartette.

“The Queen.”

Chairman.

J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., Thos. Nixon.

Quartette.

“The Faculty.”

E. R. Wylie, Professor Osborne.

“Sister Colleges.”

P. Howard Carper.

St. Boniface, St. John's, Manitob.,
Medical.

Solo—Miss Maud Lane.

“Our Graduates.”

H. Norman Carwell.

Ed. Woodhull, B.A., Fritz Sparling, B.A.

Quartette.

“Graduating Class.”

A. E. Vrooman, S. Wilkinson,

B. Blake Halladay.

“College Organizations.”

J. Robinson, L. J. Carter, S. R. Laidlaw.

“The Ladies.”

W. A. Sipprell, A. E. Kenner.

LOCAL NEWS.

B.B.—Take your coal oil can with you next time you go visiting.

Young Lady at Dinner: I just love mice. A certain junior: “I wish I was a mouse.”

Students will find it to their advantage to take their laundry parcels to either Woo-Ton, Room 33, or Wi-Lee, Room 27.

Problem which agitates the minds of the Previous class: Is a Mrs. Earle always a Countess?

Problem which agitates the minds of the Prelim. girls: Who mistook Political literature for a photograph album?

Lost, strayed, or stolen, a precious jewel belonging to one of the senior boys. This young gentleman is greatly concerned about his loss and has been seen wan-

dering about with a rather melancholy look upon his face, through the halls lately. Any particulars as to the above gem will be thankfully received at Room 11.

A kiss from my mother made me a painter.—Benjamin West.

Prof. :—Mr. —, translate mors communis omnibus est.

Mr. :—(After much hesitation)—More omnibuses in the summer.

It is rumored that our editor-in-chief takes his breakfast in bed every morning. The bill of fare is generally two rolls and a turnover.

When all my thoughts in vain are thunk,
When all my winks in vain are wunk,
What saves me from a rocky flunk?

My pony. —Ex.

Christmas holidays have come and gone and the boys are all back and hard at work again. Along with them have come a few Freshmen who seem on the whole to be a pretty decent lot of fellows.

Shakspearian College Course :—Prelim.—Comedy of Errors; Prev.—Much Ado About Nothing; Junior—As You Like It; Sen.—All's Well That Ends Well.

Loveliest of lovely things are they,
On earth that soonest fade away;
The rose that lives one little hour
Is prized beyond the sculptured flower.

—Bryant.

One of the seniors was heard to remark that the only drawback to his Christmas holidays was the absence of one kind of recreation, such as he would have had if there had been a lake near his home.

Although hard to believe, it is established in incontrovertible evidence that recently there were five members of the faculty present at prayers on one and the same day. The next day they atoned for this indiscretion by five being absent.

Whence comes the great revival in learning (in French) since Christmas?

The election of officers for the Literary Society for the Spring term resulted as follows :—

President—Mr. F. C. Wilson.

Vice-President—Miss Baker.

Secretary—A. E. Vrooman.

Treas.—H. Clendenning.

Councillors—E. J. Bowden and Miss Metcalfe.

Leader of Glee Club—A. R. Robinson.

The apartments of Messrs. Bawden and Kenner was the scene of a very pleasant re-union on the evening of January 6th. Though enjoying to the utmost the Christmas holidays, the members of the N. W. AT. Society of a year ago, with a few who have recently been initiated into the mysteries of that order, had an eye on the future, so that on returning to College Xmas cake, chicken, duck, turkeys, etc., were produced in abundance. Invitations were issued a few days in advance, so that on the evening in question eleven sat down to what proved a very swell supper.

The tables were resplendent in snow white table cloths, and cutlery of the latest make was not lacking. Beautiful geraniums in bloom added to the appearance and furnished all that was necessary to complete the already overloaded table.

The open meeting of the Literary Society was held on the evening of the 9th of December, in Convocation Hall. A large number of the students, and friends of the College were present, all the available seating room being occupied. The chair was taken by Professor Osborne. The programme was as follows :—

Glee—Glee Club.

Chairman's Address.

Solo—Miss Sampson.

Quartette—Misses Harrison and Davidson, Messrs. Spear and Robinson.

Selection—Mandolin and Guitar Club.

Address—Professor Riddell.

Solo—Miss Sampson.

Essay (prize)—Mr. Huston.

Selection—Mandolin and Guitar Club.

Quartette—Misses Harrison, Davidson, Messrs. Spears and Robinson.

Presentation of prizes.

Glee—Glee Club.

PERSONAL AND EXCHANGE.

In order to make this department as interesting as possible, we would be pleased at any time to receive items of interest concerning any of our students or ex-students.

Miss E. H. Middlemiss has returned to College after an absence of a few months.

Mr. W. J. Bennett has left College and is now travelling for the Berlin Portrait Company.

Messrs. Saunders and Curry left for Carman before exams. so as to vote on the local option by-law.

Mr. E. W. Lewis, who was taking the Preliminary work before Xmas, is now attending the Normal.

We are pleased to see that Miss Good has recovered from her illness and is once more able to take lectures.

Rev. P. I. Thacher occupied the pulpit of the Maple Street Congregational Church a few Sundays ago.

Rev. H. Hull, the first business manager of "Vox," was in the city for a couple of days just before Xmas.

Mr. J. Lane, '00, has returned to College and is now occupying his time in wrestling with the general B.A. course.

Miss S. Ruttan, '99, has resigned her position in the Elkhorn School, and has returned to College for her final year in Philosophy.

L. H. Leavens and Bert Saunders have dropped their university courses and are now taking a course in the Winnipeg Business College.

Mr. J. L. Veale has severed his connection with the College for a time and may be found near Carman engaged in pedagogical labors.

Mr. E. E. Perley spent a number of days in the city last month. While here. Dr. Clint gave a dinner to the N.W.A.T. Society in honor of Mr. Perley.

Misses Dowler and Breen and Mr. Graham, of the Previous class of '96-'97, came in from their schools to spend their Xmas vacations at their homes in the city.

Miss Myrtle Davidson is singing in Grace Church choir. This speaks well

for Miss Davidson's musical abilities, as this is one of the best choirs in the city.

Chas. W. St. John, B.A., principal of the Melita School, spent a few days in the city during Xmas week. Charlie has been greatly missed this winter, especially in musical and athletic circles.

Rev. S. T. Robson, B.A., who is now taking up his B.D. course, has been appointed pastor of the McDougall Memorial Church, to succeed Rev. J. M. A. Spence. Rev. F. M. Wootten has been appointed his assistant.

The sympathies of all the students are extended to Mr. T. D. Brown, '00, who has been called home by the sudden death of his mother. Mr. Brown's mother was ill at Xmas, but her sudden demise was unexpected.

Mr. A. E. Walton, one of our old students, is making things hum in Western athletic circles. Mr. Walton is playing point for the Portage la Prairie hockey team, which last year won the Provincial Intermediated Championship. Ed. spent a few days in the city during Xmas week.

At a meeting of the Provincial Intermediate Teachers' Association held during Xmas week, Mr. Chas. A. Huston of the Previous class, was elected Sec.-Treas. Before entering College Mr. Huston was one of the most successful Intermediate teachers in the Province.

Rev. J. H. Kinley, B.A., of Argue, was in the city during Xmas. When he came in he was endowed with a full-grown beard, but at the earnest solicitation of some of his College friends, coupled with the pleadings of ———, he was induced to part with it. We learn that as a result of this operation he has contracted a very heavy cold.

Rev. M. M. Bennett, B.A., familiarly known as M.M., stopped over for the College dinner on his way to Virden to spend Xmas with his parents. M.M. is not married yet, but he says he is doing his best and has great hopes of accomplishing it before spring.

Mr. J. Pollock, who attended the College during '96-'97, paid us a call last month. Mr. Pollock has succumbed to the wiles of the fair sex and accordingly has given up the idea of pursuing his College course further. He is now one of the most prosperous and prominent farmers of the Napinka district.

Pat O'Flannigan had raised a row at the exorbitant tax laid on his goat; \$8 for one goat was preposterous, but the tax collector showed him the clause in the law which authorized the tax, and Pat could only grumblingly concur. The clause ran thus:—"For all property abounding and abutting on the street, \$4 a front foot."—K. U. Weekly.

It seems that, unlike an osculatory demonstration, a blush can be scientifically defined. A physician attempts it as follows:—

A blush is a temporary erythema and calorific effulgence of the physiognomy, etiologized by the perceptiveness of the sensorium when in a predicament of unequilibrium from a sense of shame, anger, or other cause, eventuating in a paresis of the vasomotor nervous filaments of the facial capillaries, whereby, being divested of their elasticity, they are suffused with radiance emanating from an intimidated precordia.—Student Life.

The post only brings me
For flowers that have wilted
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For flowers that I gave her
When I basked in her favor
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—Ex.

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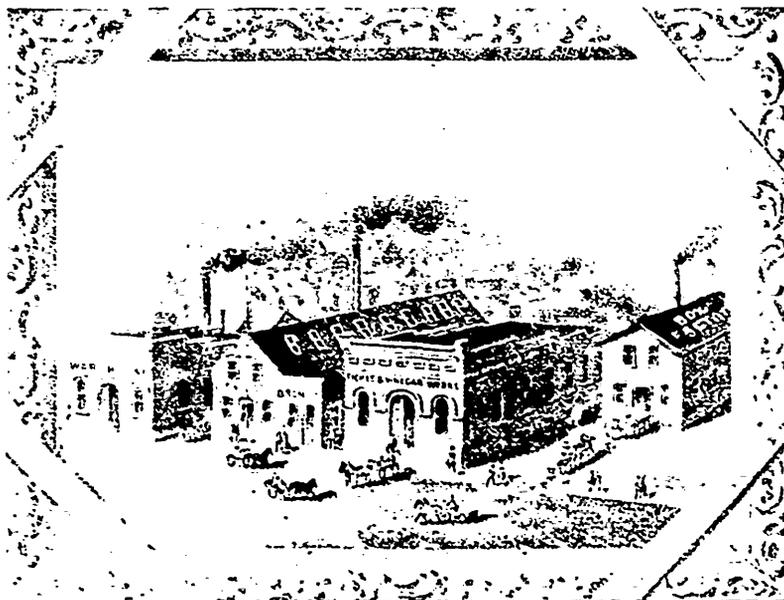
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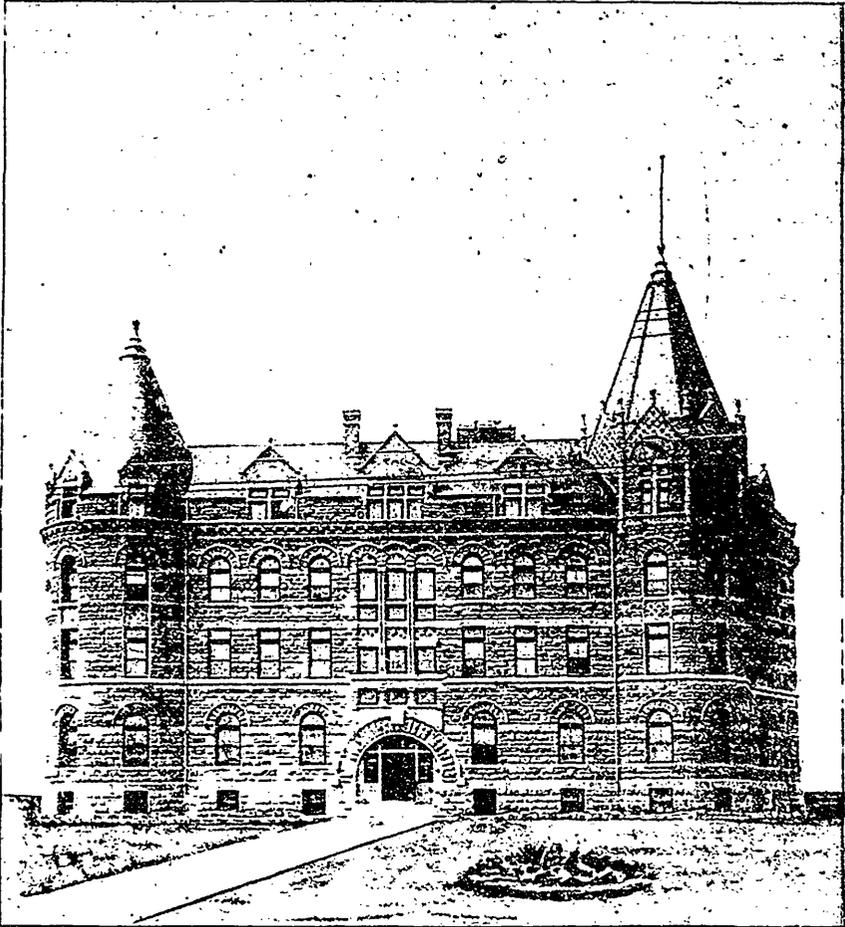
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