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COLLEGE COLORS.

The following is a list of college colors in the
United States: Amherst, white and purple; Bow-
doin, white; Brown, brown; University of Califor-
nia, pink; Colby, gray; Columbia, blue and white;
Cornell, cornelian; Dartmouth, green; Hamilton,
pink; Harvard, crimson; Kenyon, mauve; Lafay-
ette, maroon and white; University of New York,
violet; University of Pennsylvania, blue and red;
Princeton, orange; Rochester, blue and gray;
Rutgers, scarlet; University of Syracuse, blue and
pink; Trinity, white and green; Tufts, blue and
brown; Union, magenta (or garnet); University of
Virginia, cardinal and gray; Wesleyan, lavender;
Williams, royal purple; Yale, blue. — *Columbia
Spectator.*

CLASS-DAY MEMORIALS.

The custom of celebrating the close of college
life by collecting the photographs of classmates
and 'other objects of interest' that have been con-
nected therewith shows no signs of falling into
decay. The special branch of trade resulting is an
extensive and presumably profitable one, and quite
a sharp rivalry is often shown in securing the con-
trol of it. This season's 'leading college photo-
grapher' seems to be G. W. Pach, of Broadway and
Thirteenth Street, this city, whose advertisement
shows that he has gained the patronage of the
seniors at Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Williams,
Wesleyan, West Point, Cornell, Hamilton, and
Lafayette. The choice at Yale was made by forty-
six votes in favor of Pach to thirty-one in favor
of Notman & Campbell, of Montreal who formerly
had the patronage of that college, and who were
chosen again this year by the seniors of the
Yale Scientific School. The same artists were
also selected at Trinity, Union and apparently
at Michigan University. The choice of the '80
men at Harvard is James Notman, of Boston
and Cambridge, who advertises to give 'special
attention to photographing the interiors of students'
rooms' and to 'extend class private order rates to
every one connected with the university.' The
Madisonensis of January 24 mentioned that the
seniors were busy in giving sittings to Frazee, of
Syracuse, the business successor of Ranger, who
formerly supplied the class pictures for the univer-
sity. The Maine Agricultural College graduates of
last summer had their likeness taken by Lovell, of
Amherst, Mass., who at the same time gained
further newspaper notoriety by photographing 'the
Freshman Class of Massachusetts Agricultural Col-
lege in the act of planting corn.'

For thirty years or more the graduating classes of
Harvard and Yale have made a practice of leaving
behind them in the college library a collection of
their likenesses. At Yale, however, this has been
done so quietly, and the frames and albums con-
taining the pictures have been so carefully put out
of sight, that no general knowledge of the practice
seems to prevail among the undergraduates. At
all events the *Yale News* of December 8 printed an
elaborate article in support of the theory that the
class of '80 might immortalize itself by giving its
class-book to the college library, and thereby 'estab-
lish a most admirable custom which all coming
classes would be sure to keep up.' A writer in the
Princetonian of November 21, having recommended
that a class album be presented to the library, the
Lit. of December heaped all manner of ridicule on
the scheme, and advised the men of '80 to stick to
the usual plan of giving to the college a more useful
memorial gift. A similar sentiment was exhibited
last spring by a correspondent of the *Marietta Olio*,
who deprecated the wasting of money on class
pictures, and urged his fellows, instead of doing this,
to concentrate their resources for the purchase of
a telescope or some other enduring monument of
their patriotism. The *Queen's College Journal*
(Canadian) of same date recommended that, instead
of the customary picture of the class as a group,
separate photographs of the individual members
should be left behind as a memorial.—*New York
World.*

THIS week we give space to three communications on the question of the boat club. All of them favor the project more or less, though the writers have each their objections to urge. All these objections, we think, can be answered, many of them indeed will be provided for when the constitution of the club is drawn up, and its general policy settled. The way in which the subscriptions are coming in shows that the project is favorably received both in and out of the college. In less than ten days over one-sixth of the required amount has been subscribed.

THE communication signed 'Junius Jr.' was written on the two sides of a thin piece of paper nine by three inches. The 'Jr.' attached to the name was what saved it from the basket. Correspondents would greatly oblige by writing legibly and on one side of the paper only. Not a few of the errors that have slipped into these columns have had their origin in bad copy. Students, who, as a general rule lack practice in writing, and who, nevertheless, ought to have a desire to become proficient therein, can ill afford to make copy that is slovenly in any respect.

THE editor of the 'College Chronicle' of the *New York World* is collecting the opinions of the various colleges on the coming presidential election, a vote being taken in most of the institutions, and the result sent to New York. Being Canadians our 350 students don't take enough interest in the matter to express an opinion, though of the half dozen men from the other side, five appear to be out and out Grant men. If the *World* will ask for the views of Canadian students on our live question, the great and only N. P., and prevail on the Council to permit of the vote being taken, our men will not be slow to cast the ballot.

THE BOAT CLUB.

There have been several communications in this paper about the proposed 'Rowing Association,' and 'G. G. S. L.' (briefly 'G'), has given us a most glowing account of it, looking at it from the bright side, which is all very well; but still it is necessary in a case of this kind to look at both sides of the question. I think that it would be a most admirable plan if we could form a boating club in the University and make it the first in the Dominion, and I would give it my humble support as readily as any man; but I think that it would be incomparably better to have a gymnasium. I have heard it stated by some of considerable authority that if they had a boating club a gymnasium would follow. I cannot see how it would be brought about. An argument that 'G.' used is that 'In all European and American universities every man is a member of the boat club, even if he never sees a boat from the beginning to the end of the academic year.' 'G.' must remember that quite a different class of men go to the universities in Britain (I don't know about the others). There they go with the understanding that they are not to study, except the few 'reading men,' and consequently they all belong to the boat club. 'G.' evidently admits this, because he says, 'Few things put the name of Cambridge and Oxford in the mouth of everybody so readily as a contest between their

eights.' Again, there they have the water almost at their door; here it is a half hour's walk from the college, and allow half an hour for dressing and sundry other things, and an hour and a half is gone on the walk, etc., alone, and not many reading men allow themselves more than two hours a day, and a great many not that; so there is half an hour for practice. If, as 'M.' suggests, we could get a students' hall with a gymnasium built alongside the college, and there is nothing to hinder it, then we might expect every man to join; but I don't believe that they will be able to get ten men outside the present committee to join, if even all those join. Prof. Croft in his letter says that it is the most healthy amusement. In this I have to disagree with him, because I cannot see how it is more healthy than football, although I do not say that football is more healthy than it. I, however, agree with him that 'the danger of football is absent from it.' But surely the learned professor does not mean to say that there are more accidents at football than in rowing, and its almost invariable attendant, bathing?

If the students are determined to have a summer game why not take up cricket? in which they have the best advantages. I suppose, of any club in Canada—namely, for \$3.50 the use of all the nets, etc., of the Toronto Cricket Club, and I have no trouble about the grounds or anything. I see no reason why we should not turn out as good a cricket club as our football teams are. I think that by all means we should get a gymnasium first, and then, when we get a respectable hall in which we may give public entertainments we may then try to get up a boating club, but I think it will be time enough then.

JUNIUS, JR.

I am far from wishing to express myself averse to the institution of a college crew in connection with our University, but I certainly think objections may be taken to the proposal made in the circular. Our circumstances are such that our men have neither the money nor the leisure to go into aquatics, the most expensive of all exercises, as the undergraduates of the universities of Great Britain do. More than that, we are here only one month in the year when training could be carried on; and for students living outside the city to remain here purposely, would demand greater pecuniary sacrifices than they, for the most part, could afford. The club would have for active members only the undergraduates resident in Toronto, and from them the crews would be chosen. Now I very much question whether it is necessary to expend \$3,000 to sustain such a crew. For them we are asked to build a club house, and furnish it with boats. And when we consider that there are not more than fifteen or twenty undergraduates in the city at leisure during the holidays, it seems a rather pre-osterous idea to spend \$150 per head upon them to form a boat club, which, if it is to be called the University Boat Club, should be representative. No one, however, would refuse to contribute toward the institution of such a college crew if a scheme were devised for storing their boats at the house of one of the city clubs; indeed, toward this scheme many would contribute who see no necessity in expending the sum asked upon a project which will bring them so little return for their money, and at a time when there is need of a college gymnasium.

URSA MAJOR.

The plan suggested by Mr. McCaul, in the last issue, is by far, I think, a more plausible one than that which is set forth on the circular issued by the Organization Committee of the University Rowing Association.

There are at least twenty proprietors of boat houses on the water front of the city, who have lots running out into the bay from two hundred and fifty to five hundred feet. Most of them have only small houses and shops erected on their lots, and they are always willing to build boat houses when they can get tenants for them. After having had some conversation on the subject with several of the most prominent proprietors, not only of water lots with boat houses, but also of vacant lots, I have come to the conclusion that the before-mentioned plan will be more easily carried out than even Mr. McCaul expects.

There can be no doubt but that the association will be railed at through the communication columns of the public press, concerning the uselessness of sending men to college to learn, as will be said, to row, and about the amount of time that will be wasted in the training, etc., that will be a necessity if the club is to compete in any of the great inter-collegiate regattas; but, I think, after a look at the list of wranglers at Cambridge this year, which shows thirty-three names, out of which number six men have distinguished themselves in rowing, cricket and football—that any of that class of humanity that may, with all propriety, be called *croakers*, had better keep their croakings for some more suitable subject.

H. TORONTO.

WHO IS HE ?

TO THE EDITOR.—The following finely expressed sentiments let my side of the story, the first part of which, under the above heading, has already been given to your readers by my darling Susan. Having read the verses below, I am sure, Mr. Editor, you will consider the *amende honorable* to have been made, and never call me 'ungallant' again.

CHARLIE.

SUSAN AND CHARLIE.

Taking a walk with this dear blushing girl,
Long hair o'er her shoulders in many a curl;
Bright eyes that oft flashed in frolicsome glee,
As now and again she twitted me.

Charlie, just now you are ever so nice,
But soon, and 'twixt almost seem in a trice,
When you've passed your exams and purchased a cane,
I'll be quite forgotten, Oh! 'twill be my bane.'

In vain I protested that this was unfair,
She held to her point, said, 'a slight change of air'
Oh! affected the memory, and much did she fear
My yows would prove 'chaff' at the end of the year.'

Perhaps you will ask, did I really forget her?
Indeed, I did not, but consider her better
Than any of the girls I had seen in Toronto,
And to be married to her, in the future I want to.

So Susan, my darling, don't weep and lament me,
Or the thought of your doing so will ever torment me;
I care for no other, I care but for you,
My dear little maiden, indeed this is true.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Y. M. C. A. men who use the glee club piano, shall never oppose the use of organs in their future congregations.

That some of the ghosts, inhabiting the literary society's building, be introduced to the meetings, to encourage the tendency toward chimerical pursuits.

That the glee club be requested to awaken these comatose spirits by continuing its practices in the building.

That the men who drew Neilson home go on the stage—between here and Donmount.

AN INVASION OF PETTICOATS THREATENED.

I see by the college press that co-education is a live question in many of the higher institutions of learning on this continent. At Harvard there is the Annex, devoted to the education of women; girls mingle indiscriminately with boys at the university of Michigan; the advisability of admitting women to Columbia is before its board of management; and in Canada we have young women attending the medical schools in this city, and our own university admitting them to its examinations, (we have already twenty-three girl undergraduates,) and I even remember seeing last winter two damsels at our chemistry lectures in the School of Practical Science. Now boys, this is coming pretty near home, and if we don't look out the first thing we know they'll be into University College as thick as grasshoppers, overflying the lecture-rooms, wanting to loard in the residence, to wear gowns, (see Sambourne's picture in *Punch* two weeks ago,) to attend the meetings of the society, and to be up to all sorts of things. I, for one, expect to graduate this year, and thus hope to escape the petticoat brigade; but I warn you who are in the years below me that you'll have to look alive or else they'll crowd you out—scholarships, medals, prizes, and such will be swept by girls. The first thing you know the women'll send in a deputation to the Council, the members of which they'll chuck, metaphorically speaking, under the chin, and secure for their daughters the right of attending our lectures. Then the Senate will be invaded, and asked to bestow the degree of maid of arts (like if they weren't up to enough tricks now), maid of laws, etc. I just warn you men of the lower years that you'll have to bestir yourselves if you wish to preserve your rights. When girls take to coming 'round here I'll disown my degree (if ever I get it). There are enough tricks in vogue now about college; what'll they be when girls get in? They'll devise all sorts of schemes to decoy men from their books, (so that they may fall behind in their work and enable girls to get ahead of them), give parties, ask you to take them to the theatre, and all that sort of thing. And then they'll all 'crib' in the examination hall—do you think our worthy bedell would be ungallant enough to eject a girl caught riding a 'pony,' or if he did do his duty do you think he'd have a moment's peace ever after? Oh! you fellows may laugh and think it would be fine fun to have them 'round here, but I tell you what it is you'll repent it. I know what it is—I've four sisters and a maiden aunt in the house. Perhaps you'll say I'm a girl-hater. *Au contraire*, I love them—but not about colleges. Moreover, you'll notice that the demand for girls who can run a man's house is brisk, the supply limited. Therefore give Miss Dods lots of elbow room for her schools of cookery and domestic economy, let ladies' schools flourish, let music masters and dancing masters grow rich through teaching our sisters, but make it hot for the first petticoat caught in our lecture-rooms; and above all, boys, don't be led away by the idea of sitting next to a 'sweet girl undergrad,' in lectures, or taking one to the theatre, or being bracketed on the class list with the belle of the college, and remember that if your wife is able to write the same degree after her name that you can after yours, or to say that she went to the same college that you did, and consequently knows as much as you do, all hope of your being boss is at an end, and the days of harps and willow-trees have returned.

M.

MY PONY.

I had a little handy horse
Whose name was Series Bohn;
I lent him to a freshie
Wherewith his work to con.
He thumbed him, he smudged him,
He rode him without tire—
No more I'll lend my pony
Though freshies do desire.

COLLEGE ITEMS.

HAVE you seen the picture of the thirteen immortals?

ANNUAL meeting of the Natural Science Association Wednesday April 7.

THE amount subscribed toward the boat club fund is \$507.

THERE is to be a review at Quebec on the 24th of May and more than likely the Queen's Own will take part. If so our company will be there.

THAT YOUNG man of the second year who tried to exhibit his wit at the last two logic lectures in been weighed and found wanting—well, not in cheek.

THERE will be no examination on 'Baines' new analytic of Political Economy,' erroneously placed in the curriculum for honor men of the fourth year in department five.

THERE is likely to be an election over every office in the Society this year. The respective friends of W. N. Ponton, M.A., '77, and William Johnston, M.A., '74, have prevailed on these gentlemen to stand for the office of president.

SECOND-YEAR men who are candidates for office have suddenly become condescending enough to 'cultivate' freshmen, and to be seen shaking hands with them, to be heard enquiring after the health of their families, and practising a thousand and one other election ruses.

THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

At the meeting last night several new members were proposed. Committees were appointed to award the essay and college song prizes and the McMurrich medal. R. Y. Thomson and A. C. Courtice were appointed auditors. An essay, 'Poetry and Freedom' was contributed by E. J. McIntyre, and readings given by W. F. Maclean and W. H. Blake. In the debate, 'Has credulity or incredulity done most to hinder progress?' the affirmative was supported by C. F. McGillivray, J. Baird, and H. S. Brennan, and the negative by W. Laidlaw and F. Ames. The president gave decision in favor of the latter.

Notices of motion were given of several amendments to the constitution. One is to strike out the words 'and Scientific' in sec. 1 and 2, art. I, and the whole of sec. 5, art. V, the object being to hand over the McMurrich medal to the Science Association. Several of the amendments are to provide for the affairs of the reading room being handed over to the House Committee. It is also proposed to raise the membership fee to \$2, to strike out rule of order 5 and sec. 4, art. I. Another provides that only those who have attended one-fourth of the meetings of the year shall be entitled to vote for or be elected to any office. A series of important amendments by Mr. Lydgate has for its object the division of the Society into two parts for literary purposes.

EXCHANGES.

THE *King's College Record* has issued its prospectus for 1880, and evidently is on the high-road to success. The style of the sheet has been changed for the better.

HERE is an incomplete list of Canadian college and school journals: *King's College Record*, Windsor, N.S.; *Dalhousie Gazette*, Halifax; *Argosy*, Sackville, N.B.; *Queen's College Journal*, Kingston, *Acta Victoriana*, Cobourg; *The Sunbeam*, Whiteby; *Rouge et Noir*, Trinity, Toronto; *White and Blue*, Toronto; *The School Magazine*, Hamilton; *Portfolio*, Hamilton.

COLLEGE journalism is a development of newspaperdom. It fills a place in the place of the press which has been until recently unoccupied. All trades and professions, in these days of universal newspaper reading, have their official publications, and in due time it was felt that students must have their college papers, so that now there is not an institution of learning in the land but has its organ.—*Dalhousie Gazette*.

THE Hamilton *Spectator* had a very fine story in its columns about our students being so smitten with Adelaide Neilson that they went down to the station to see her off; that on reaching the platform Juliet dropped (quite accidentally of course) one of her garters; that thereupon there was mad struggle for its possession etc., etc.; and that now, secured by a glass case, it graces the mantel piece of a resident student. This is, as was said, a very good story, but the residence man in question wishes it known that it was not a garter that he secured (though at the time he thought it was) but only a piece of tape on which was printed: 'the loosely—Holman liver pad,—best in the world.'

THE *Sunbeam* from the Ontario Ladies' College, Whiteby, for February, is readable. The 'local' column, among other things, records the sudden death of a 'pet canary.' This is the second catastrophe of like nature that has visited this college. Then comes the local druggist, with an account of the 'unparalleled celebrity' of his 'glycerine balm,' which has 'received the approval of numerous families,' and which 'restores to almost infantile softness the cuticle,' also his 'teaberry powder for stimulating the mouth and purifying the breath.' Girls, do you use these things? From another part of the *Beam* we learn that it is the custom at Whiteby to jump out of a warm bed in the morning, and grope around in the cold and dark to find a match, with which to light the lamp in order to write a composition.

COLLEGE WORLD.

THE girls at Whiteby Ladies' College have to make their own beds.

THE University of Michigan has 134 female students at the present time. In a recent communication the president of the institution expressed his views as follows: 'After nine years' experience in co-education we have become so accustomed to see women take up any kind of university work, carry it on successfully, graduate in good health, cause no embarrassment in the administration of the institution, and awaken no especial solicitude in the minds of their friends or their teachers, that many of the theoretical discussions of education by those who had no opportunity to examine it carefully, read strangely to us here on the ground.'

THE blacksmith of Glamis's description of metaphysics was: 'Twa folk disputin' together; he that's listenin' disna ken what he that's speakin' means, and he that's speakin' disna ken what he means himself—that's metaphysics.' In De Morgan's 'Formal Logic' the following is found: 'I would not dissuade a student from a metaphysical inquiry; on the contrary, I would rather endeavor to promote the desire of entering upon such subjects, but I would warn him, when he tries to look down his own throat with a candle in his hand, to take care that he does not set his head on fire.'

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

(BY A VISITOR.)

One Friday evening a short time ago I suggested to a fellow boarder, a student of University College, that a slight jollification down town might not be out of harmony with the then state of feeling of either of us. However, he disagreed, saying that it was the evening of the meeting of the college literary society, and as the time for the election of officers was drawing near he could not afford to be absent another night during this term. But he invited me to come along with him, and I, surprised and delighted thereat, unhesitatingly accepted his kind invitation. Knowing that I was going to attend a meeting of the *Illuminati* of the first university of this noble Dominion, I resolved to profit thereby, and so took the following notes of the proceedings:

The meeting was unusually large, I was told, between 40 and 50 students being present, whose external appearance was almost equal to the average of modern young men. It was opened with due ceremony by the president and the secretary.

A young man whose gown appeared to have seen better days now arose with a lengthy document in his hand, and after speaking some 25 minutes read it through, and then moved its adoption. His name, my companion told me, was Mr. Windbag. (I may here state that all the undermentioned names I received from my friend.) I.e. Mr. W., now handed the document to the president, by whom it was again read through, occupying about ten minutes. It was then suggested that it be adopted clause by clause, except (from clause 16 to 37 inclusive, which should be adopted word by word. Here a lengthy discussion followed in which Mr. Sophthred, Mr. Flatt, Mr. Blower and many others whose names I did not learn displayed their keen insight and hair-splitting abilities in the most eloquent manner. Mr. Wiseman now suggested that the dispute, being all about nothing, should come to an end, and business be proceeded with. Here Mr. Latecomer entered, and after divesting himself of his overcoat, cane and gloves, he moved that the society return back to order of business *g*. This motion was seconded by Mr. Readygab, but was objected to by Mr. Sharpe as unconstitutional.

The utmost confusion now followed, and was only stopped by the president's most emphatic calls to order. Mr. Latecomer's motion was carried, when he discovered that it was order of business *f* he wanted instead of *g*. Matters were set right in about fifteen minutes, and the business in order *f* being of but slight importance was speedily despatched, with a few protestations, suggestions and inquiries from Mr. Flatt, Mr. Pettifogger, Mr. Sophthred and Mr. Windbag, who with several others sat on the right of the president.

Mr. Windbag's document was again introduced, and upon being adopted clause by clause the most inexplicable confusion and cross-firing and contradiction and misunderstanding and explanation of terms and display of wit took place, the members on the right of the president principally monopolizing the floor.

The vast assemblage on the left my friend designated as the *hoi polloi*. Many of these had in

their hands what appeared to be small pamphlets with red covers and which must have contained something wonderfully interesting, as they held them in close proximity to their noses, anxiously scrutinizing page after page, many of them utilizing spectacles of all shapes, colors and sizes. I requested a gentleman sitting near me to allow me to look at his red book for a moment, but he replied that really he was very sorry but he could not possibly let it out of his hands until the meeting was over.

Here and there sat a solid sensible looking individual who did not possess a red book, and who acted the part of quiet spectators during proceedings, apparently visitors like myself. However I found out that these were scholarship men. They appeared to be most unsocial individuals, for they would not speak until called upon and urgently requested to do so by the whole society, and even then they only talked plain common sense (*sic*).

At an early stage of proceedings the secretary vacated his seat and unceremoniously made his exit, being followed by two or three lively students from the back seats, as well as by Mr. Latecomer. An uproarious racket now greeted our ears, to the exclusion of the speaker's voice, as these youths were descending the stairs. A few more yells and slamming of doors announced the departure of the party from the building and their voices dwindled away in the distance without further disturbing the meeting to any extent. Upon inquiring what this strange procedure meant, I was informed that it was a customary part of the early proceedings of each meeting.

For the next two hours and a half I must confess that I could take but little interest in the meeting, due no doubt to my inability to appreciate the mysterious, the confused, the ridiculous and the frivolous. About 11.50 it was moved and seconded that the debate and entertainment be postponed until next evening. An amendment was moved on the ground that the debate had been postponed four times already, and that there was a better prospect of having it to-night than there would be for some time again. (Applause.)

In the mean time many members had occasionally taken their departure, and the meeting had become perceptibly diminished, the remaining members consisting principally of those who intended to bear office in the Society next year. As for the debate, it was resolved to have a vote of the meeting on the yea and nay system, to decide whether or not it should take place. A secretary *pro tem* was now appointed and he called out the roll, which consisted if I remember rightly of 613 names. The result was 16 for the debate and 17 against. Mr. Sharpe now discovered that there were only 21 members present, and upheld that there must have been some mistake, consequently the roll was called once more, occupying again 25 minutes. The result was that the debate was postponed and the members took their several departures. We arrived home at 1.30, and next morning, upon wading over the above account of the manner in which the previous evening was spent, I could not but express the sentiment of my classical friend *amici perdidit noctem*.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday evening last, the vice president in the chair. The following gentlemen were proposed for membership: W. B. McMurrich, B. A., J. P. McMurrich, B. A., J. A. Turnbull, B. A., Chas. Millar, B. A. The secretary reported that he had received from Prof. Croft a large number of specimens of dried plants. A unanimous and hearty vote of thanks for his donation was passed by the association. The report from the general committee recommending that the annual meeting be held on Wednesday, April 7th, was adopted.

Prof. Chapman was then called to the chair and presided during the rest of the evening.

The first paper was by Mr. G. H. Carveth, entitled 'Some useful applications of Electricity.' After a few preliminary remarks on magnetism and electricity he proceeded to describe the apparatus employed and the principles involved in the instantaneous lighting of all the gas-jets in large buildings, with special reference to the Metropolitan Church and the Grand Opera House. He next described in detail the fire alarm system used in Toronto.

Mr. G. Acheson read an article from the *American Naturalist*, by C. S. Minot, on genoblasts and the relation of the sexual elements, in which the writer advanced a new theory on the relations existing between the male and female products.

Prof. Chapman gave a brief account of the geology of Toronto and vicinity. The sinking of a well on the east side of the Don to a depth of a thousand feet had shown the character of the underlying beds to be the same as that formerly assumed on geological principles only.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Prof. Chapman for his kindness in presiding and addressing the association.

THE RIVER TADDLE. WF

Those of our readers who are already prepared to assert that they have never heard of this river will perhaps recognise it, having read the following graphic account thereof, taken from the letter of a freshman to his cousin, a pupil at a ladies' seminary in St. Catharines.

'The grounds (of the college) is intersected by a beautiful and meandering stream, having its source in the Height of Land. On its right bank but at some distance from the water the college buildings are erected; on the opposite shore and further down is the Monument, occupying a noble bluff, immediately overlooking the bed of the river; still further down and on the same bank is to be seen the classic structure of our Society, nestled among top-waving pines. Not a great distance below this building the Taddle—for such is the name of this fair-flowing stream—is crossed by a rustic foot-bridge whereon the students love to linger, and to drop over its sides little paper boats on which they write verses in honor of their adored ones, indicating thereby, as they say, that as these tiny boats are irresistibly borne to the sea in like manner their thoughts tend to the mistresses of their hearts. But I cannot stop to tell you of the other points of interest near to Taddle. Mr. Perkyms, a gentleman in the year above me, has promised to take me for a walk up the stream and to show me the site of a battle fought many years ago between the Objibways and the Subjibways. When I have made this visit I will write you an account of it, and some of the other sights hereabouts.'