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Editorial Comments.



SKATING for this season is nearly over and hockey too, still the necessity of having a rink in close proximity to Varsity is none the less pressing. Why there is no such place of recreation we really cannot understand. The Hockey Club achieved great success this season, notwithstanding the want of a suitable place for practice.

A university like ours with over one thousand students in actual attendance on lectures, in arts, medicine and science, not counting those in the affiliated theological colleges, Knox, Wycliffe, etc., should provide some adequate means of recreation during the winter months and not force them to seek it elsewhere, and what better means than a suitable place for skating, hockey and curling? We have the material to furnish a hockey team which should take the lead in the Province, a curling club which might enter into competition for the Ontario Tankard, a regular Porter, Orton and McColl in skating as we have in running. At present we have no means of stirring what hidden strength exists among our students. We have had an excellent football club, and why not a hockey team; a good baseball team, and why not a curling club; a renowned sprinter, and why not a skater? At present our sports virtually terminate with the coming of the snow. Such would not be the case were a suitable rink provided.

Who are to blame for this we are unable to say, but it is our opinion a great deal of the culpability rests with the students themselves on account of their lethargy and inactivity. The Senate, because of its financially embarrassed condition, cannot render us the assistance they otherwise would, but we are sure that it would cast no stumbling-blocks in the way of a concerted effort on the part of the student-body to bring about the erection of such a building on condition that they would share, in some measure, the expenses connected therewith. The money spent by the students in attending the city rinks, we are convinced, would be sufficient to pay the interest on the amount necessary to erect a rink of our own.

It is to be hoped that this matter will be dealt with in the near future, and not allow another winter to pass without suitable provision being made for this most healthy exercise.

We have received several contributions without the signature of the writer subscribed, and others whose names we cannot possibly decipher. Such articles will be preserved by us, but will not be inserted until the other matter we have on hand has been sent to press. We are always happy to receive such favors, but those with signatures attached always take precedence over anonymous letters. At present we are overburdened with poetry, some of which we would gladly exchange for some good literary prose article.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE FORMAL OPENING.

Last Wednesday evening saw the long-looked-for "Opening" of the School of Science in full progress. The building never before looked so bright and attractive. Without, every window was a blaze of light, and the approaches to the entrances were the scenes of thronging carriages and guests; within, the whole building was attired in its gayest garb. The corridors, lecture-rooms, laboratories and drafting-rooms were decorated with flags and bunting, drawings, paintings, sketches and models. Every part of the building had its special attractions, and was accordingly well patronized. At half-past seven the guests began to arrive, and from that time till late in the evening the Reception Committee, composed of students, was kept exceedingly busy. For an hour or more the entrance halls were a constant scene of activity, and oftentimes the thronging stream of arriving visitors were more than could be comfortably attended to by the Reception Committee. By observing the guests as they entered the building, one would arrive at the conclusion that nearly "everybody" was coming—here was a member of the Legislature, there a gowned arts man with his best girl, next a party of citizens, invited with glowing pride by some designing student of engineering, next a cabinet minister and party, a high functionary bidden from some remote city, a member of the Senate, the faculty of the University and Colleges, and so on. According to the programme of the proceedings, it was expected that everybody was to ascend to the Convocation Hall for the first part of the ceremonies, to hear the addresses and speeches. This *everybody* forthwith did, and the consequence was that before the building had been opened twenty minutes, the hall, capable of seating fourteen hundred people, was packed to overflowing, and when, at eight o'clock, the faculty and those guests who had seats on the platform sought admission to the hall, it was with the utmost difficulty they obtained entrance so great was the crush. As soon as the speeches commenced the doors of the hall were closed, and the late arriving guests were deprived of the privilege of hearing the speakers, and were, consequently, to be seen wandering about the immense building, of which all except the machine laboratories was open. To those who were gathered in the Assembly Hall the first two hours of the evening was passed very pleasantly and profitably, in hearing addresses from representatives from the Legislature, faculty and sister institutions.

The Hon. G. W. Ross, as chairman, opened the proceedings and gave a short historical account of the growth of the College since its institution in 1878. He addressed words of welcome to the visitors to the formal opening of the School, and then called on Professor Galbraith, the Principal of the School, to deliver an address. The professor was received with cheers from the students, and, when the excitement had subsided, announced as his subject, "Technical Education." After defining the term he pointed out the aims and functions of a technical school in how far a scientific education at college fits a man for professional work as an engineer. A school of applied science is intended merely to give a student the necessary preliminary training in the scientific branches of the profession, and after he graduates he is expected to acquire such practical education as will make him at once a well-educated, thorough and practical engineer. With this in view he proceeded to give a synopsis of the work which is expected to be accomplished in the School of Practical Science when all arrangements for the course are com-

pleted, and when the new laboratories which are now open are in order. The professor then gave a short description of the main features of the new laboratories and described in detail the purposes of the different machines, so that when the guests would descend at half-past nine to the machine shops they would understand in a measure the designs of the apparatus. After he had touched on the properties and arrangements of all the machinery, and had described what was to be accomplished by the use of each, he went on to explain the pressing needs of the College in the direction of donations and assistance in the Architectural, Chemical and Geological departments. The professor closed his speech amid great applause, and Dr. Coleman was then introduced. He made a strong plea for the extension of the course and interest in mining, etc. He shewed that if the mineral resources of Ontario are to be utilized our mining engineers should be trained at Toronto, the capital, and consequently the Mining Course at the School of Science must meet the requirements. Other speakers were the Hon. Edward Blake, Chancellor of the University, and Mr. Sanford Fleming, C.E., Chancellor of Queen's. Just before the proceedings closed the audience was somewhat alarmed by the unusual noise apparently proceeding from beneath the floor. They soon became aware, however, that it was just the machinery which had been started away down in the machine shops.

In the meantime those guests who had been unable to obtain entrance to the Assembly Hall had been inspecting other parts of the building. The exhibit of surveying and astronomical instruments in one of the library reading rooms was most interesting. Considerable amusement was caused by several notices in this room which had inadvertently been left on the walls—"Silence must be preserved in this room." The many guests, who on such occasions believe everything that is told them, were convinced that talking in this room would disturb the delicate adjustments of the instruments. The exhibit of the mineralogical department was no less interesting and was the resort of many during the evening. The drawings and photographs on exhibition in the corridors and drafting rooms were the centre of attraction on the second floor. It was amusing to see the mild freshman taking his lady friends into his drafting room and show with pride the product of his labors the past few months, and describe with enthusiasm how this and that is done, how he passes the weary hours on "practice sheets," etc., etc. A large number of the best of this year's drawings were on exhibition in the corridor, and also a multitude of professional sheets. The chemical laboratories were inspected by large numbers, especially those interested in that department. In the Assembly Hall, after the speeches were over, many remained and witnessed a stereopticon display of interesting views, many of which were local.

But the great centre of attraction was down in the Engineering Laboratory. At 9.30 the crowd around the entrance doors had become very great, and when they were at last opened it was not long before the rooms were uncomfortably filled. To describe in detail the interesting experiments made by each machine would be impossible, and it would be equally impossible to say that the interest centered about one department more than another. The machinery was all in motion and was in the hands of the gentlemen of the graduating class who were grotesquely clothed in "blue jeans," the envy of the other years and the subjects of many undertone comments and sidelong glances. Much interest was displayed in the testing machines and many could hardly realize the strength of them when, as was heard remarked, "they pulled and twisted bars of iron like taffy." Stones and rocks were crushed, iron bars and beams broken, twisted and bent, wooden posts and pillars destroyed until those present were satisfied that it was all right. The dynamos and engines received their share of attention, many being the conjectures as to the motion of the centrifugal oiler on the crank of the steam engine. The waterworks system was according to many "fearfully and wonderfully made," and

many more wondered what turned the water red—perhaps they are wondering yet. To say that the numerous questions asked by the visitors were satisfactorily answered by the students is putting it mildly. The engineers never knew before how easily the ideas of the public are led astray in regard to technical matters.

The machinery ran till midnight, and so long did the guests linger about the noisy laboratories, and ply the attendants with questions; but the students were for the most part eager to get off upstairs where a small dance was in progress. They were doomed to disappointment, however, for in the midst of "tripping the light fantastic" a high functionary appeared and requested the orchestra to play the National Anthem—"lights go out."

So ended the opening of the School of Science, and it is needless to say that the affair from beginning to ending was a success. Everyone who was there now knows what is contained within the four walls of the immense building, and they will know wherein consists the education of the future engineers and architects of Canada.

CURRICULUM QUESTION.

To The Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of the 9th of February, 1892, I find the following statement: "Anyone who compares the present curriculum of the University with that which was in use between '85-'90 must at once be struck with the far greater amount of work which has to be done under the regulations of the present curriculum. The pass work in French and German, for Honor students, has been largely increased."

Will you kindly allow me a little space in THE VARSITY to show what the actual facts are regarding Pass French of the First and Second Years in the curricula of 1880, 1885 and 1890? I confine myself to the First and Second Years because few of the Honor students in other departments are interested in the Past French of the Third and Fourth Years.

The curriculum of 1880 prescribes the following for First Year Pass French:

Grammar.
De Staël, L'Allemagne, Parts I and II.
Eckmann-Chatrian, Madame Thérèse.

And for Second Year Pass French:

A paper on grammar.
Molière, Les Femmes Savantes.
Scribe, Le Charlatanisme.
Racine, Les Plaideurs.

About, La Grèce contemporaine.
Translation from English into French.
Translation from French authors not specified.

The curriculum of 1885 prescribes the following for First Year French:

Scribe, Bertrand et Raton.
Translation of unspecified passages from easy French authors.

A paper on grammar.
Writing French from Dictation.
Translation from English into French.
Outlines of the History of French Literature (Saintsbury's Primer).

And for Second Year Pass French:

Ponsard, Charlotte Corday.
About, La Fille du Chanoine, and La Mère de la Marquise.

Translation of unspecified passages from easy French authors.

A paper on grammar.
Writing French from Dictation.
Translation from English into French.
History of French Literature in the Nineteenth Century.

The curriculum of 1890 prescribes the following for First Year French :

Grammar.

Writing easy French from dictation.

Translation from English into French.

Translation of unspecified passages from easy Modern French prose.

Erckmann-Chatrion, Madame Thérèse.

Labiche, La grammaire.

And for Second Year Pass French :

Grammar.

Writing French from dictation.

Translation from English into French.

Translation of unspecified passages from Modern French authors.

Ponsard, Charlotte Corday.

About, La Fille du Chanoine, and La Mère de la Marquise.

Scribe, Le Charlatanisme.

Taking the Second Year work first it will be seen that the curriculum of 1890 is identical with that of 1885 except that in 1890 *Le Charlatanisme* is added while the "History of French Literature in the Nineteenth Century" is struck off. If there is any difference, then, the curriculum of 1890 is a little lighter than that of 1885. Comparing the curriculum of 1880 with that of 1885 the authors are lighter in the latter by about *Les Femmes Savantes* and *Les Plaid-eurs* while the other work is heavier by "Dictation" and the "History of Literature." So, probably the work of 1885 is slightly greater than that of 1880. Practically, we may say that there has been no change in the work prescribed in Second Year Pass French since 1880.

Turning now to the work of the First Year we see that the authors prescribed in 1880 were very much heavier than those of 1885, while the other work was considerably lighter. The one kind of work probably compensated the other, so that we may say there was little, if any, change from 1880 till 1885. But in 1885, at the request of the high school masters, a new feature was introduced into the curriculum by making the Honor matriculation work identical with the First Year Pass, as far as authors were concerned. Between 1885 and 1890 the high school masters expressed dissatisfaction with the insignificant amount of reading to be found in *Bertrand et Raton*, and to please them the larger amount in the present curriculum was prescribed. The Honor matriculation and Pass First Year work in French are now identical in all respects, and no complaints regarding the excessive amount of work have been heard from the masters.

It will thus be seen that the prescribed work in the Pass French of the First and Second Years has remained almost the same in quantity for ten years, and where any change has occurred, it has been made to suit the convenience of the high schools with whose interests those of the University are so closely identified. I do not think anyone can in fairness say that the Pass work in French, for Honor students, has been largely increased, at least in the First and Second Years. I remain, yours truly,

University, Feb. 9th, 1892.

J. SQUAIR.

EXCHANGES.

The *Yellow and Blue* drew attention to the fact, some time ago, that the football season was finished. We don't know how it is at Ann Arbor, but in Toronto some of our enthusiasts have still visions of "rouges," "touch-downs" and "off-sides," playing on the plane between their eyes and their books.

The *Arill's* (Minneapolis) editorials are intellectual and strictly common sense. The entire journal is neatly and concisely got up. Its general pages are divided into departments such as "Engineers," "Medical," "Agricultural," etc. Its last issue contains a specimen of Minnesota Freshman correspondence: "Dear dad. Busted. Send stuff. Your aff. son."

IN WINTER WOODS.

When wintry days to mildness grow,
And bright the sun shines on the snow,
And glints from universal white
A dazzling blaze of diamond light,

And far o'er valley, field and hill
The radiant air is softly still,
No breeze is on the snowy swells,
But over all sweet silence dwells,—

'Tis then I love to wander on
In winter woods afar from home;
The golden sun adown that streams
Doth change them like the land of dreams.

The trees seem now not naked, bare,
Wrapped in the warm and gloried air;
The chopper's axe doth sound from far
So soft its music may not jar.

I wander on and musing dream
Along the path which skirts the stream.
But now the air grows cold and lo,
The evening breeze begins to blow.

The afternoon has hastened on
And dimmed the splendor of the sun.
'Tis time to throw all dreams away
And slowly take the homeward way.

R. S. JENKINS.

MEDICAL NOTES.

The Medical Society met on Friday evening last. The attendance was rather small, yet a profitable evening was spent. Very creditable papers were read by Messrs. Wilson and Smythe, the latter presenting the nervous mechanism of the heart in a very lucid style. A very pleasant part of the evening's procedure was the announcement and presentation of the Ferguson medal by the donor. Mr. H. A. Bruce was the recipient of a very pretty silver medal. Mr. Bruce is to be congratulated on his success, as we understand some very good papers were sent in, and Dr. Ferguson said that the number and quality of the papers sent in were increasing yearly. The medal is silver not as announced in the calendar, a bronze, and is well worthy of the efforts of the students in preparing good papers for the society.

Music was furnished by Messrs. Marr, Beemer, Woodland and Williams, and the following gentlemen were chosen to fill the different offices for the coming year :

President, Dr. H. Wilberforce Aikins; 1st vice-president, Mr. F. Martin; 2nd vice-president, Mr. C. E. Smythe; recording secretary, Mr. K. McIlwraith; corresponding secretary, Mr. F. J. Ball; treasurer, Dr. J. Ferguson; assistant treasurer, Mr. A. Gibson; curator, Mr. W. McArthur; councillors, Messrs. J. J. Williams, F. Blanchard, E. D. Graham, G. D. Porter, J. McKechnie.

For some time Prof. McCallum has been very unwell, but nevertheless has persevered and continued lecturing till Thursday when he was compelled to desist. It is to be hoped his illness is only temporary and that he will be able to resume his duties shortly.

The Faculty of the University of Wisconsin have abolished examinations except where the class standing is below 85 per cent.

An English paper has started a foot-ball insurance scheme. A penny, in addition to purchasing the paper, insures the foot-ball player against fatal accidents for the sum of one hundred pounds.

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MARCH 1, 1892.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.



MPRIMIS—as the friar said in Ivanhoe—the minutes were read; the Society being in a peaceable condition no objection was made to their being approved. Then the notices of motion appeared from their hiding places. Mr. McCraney gave notice of the following recommendations from THE VARSITY directorate in regard to the amending of THE VARSITY constitution:

Art. I., Sec. 2.—After the word undergraduates—"and students in affiliated colleges."

Art. II., Sec. 1.—Change Business Manager to Director.

Art. IV.—Strike out "after the last publication of the paper for that academic year" and insert "until the close of the academic year" for which they were appointed.

Mr. Hellems, on behalf of Mr. S. J. Robertson, still further attempted to tear up THE VARSITY Constitution by giving notice of motion to the effect that: "The editor of THE VARSITY should be a graduate, who should receive \$500 per annum, and devote his whole time to the editorial work of the paper."

Mr. McCraney then gave the following notice of motion that: "Art. III., Clause 2, Sec. c. be added: "When a poll is necessary for the election of President, the annual meeting shall commence at three o'clock in the afternoon, and from the opening of the poll until eight o'clock in the evening the votes of the graduates and life members only shall be received. After eight o'clock the poll shall be open to all members of the Society."

Mr. Horne gave notice of motion to amend the Rules of Order by adding to Clause 27 the following: "Nor shall any such grant be made, except upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, and if such recommendation is refused the Society may make the grant by a two-thirds vote."

The following recommendation was sent down from the General Committee: "That the annual meeting be held on March 18." On motion of the Recording Secretary, seconded by Mr. Cooper, this report was accepted.

Mr. Bull had also a motion, and moved, seconded by Mr. Hellems: "That the members of this Society desire to express their pleasure on hearing of the recovery from his recent severe illness of the President of University College, and to express their hope that he may long be

spared to continue his work in making this the first educational institution in Canada." The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Odell now brought it before the notice of the Society that it was necessary at this meeting to choose the nominating committee whose duty it is to select the Directors of THE VARSITY. Some eleven names were suggested, and on a ballot the following were elected: Messrs. McCraney, J. A. McLean, Cooper, Mitchell, Odell, Strath, J. A. McMurchy, R. H. Knox, Hellems.

The President, on behalf of the Club Scheme Committee, reported progress, and stated that the committee hoped to be able to lay before the Society a detailed report at the next meeting.

Routine business having thus been transacted there was a grand transformation scene, and the Literary Society was no more the Literary Society but the Parliament of the Dominion, charged with weighty cares of state. A few preliminary questions were put by private members to the Government, and thus much valuable information was elicited which will probably be sent home by the rural members. Mr. Phillips, on behalf of the Government, opened the debate on the "Eight hour question," and judging of the evidences of careful preparation which the speech manifested, the honorable gentleman must have spent more than an eight hours' day in its preparation. Mr. McLean followed on behalf of the Opposition, and professed "to see a nigger in the fence" in the Government proposal. Mr. McLean excused the fragmentary condition of his speech by stating that he had been spending some time in Kingston lately—not in the Penitentiary, but at the local election. Mr. Woods kept the ball a-rolling on the Government side, and exposed the illogicalities and lack of agreement which, in his opinion, were evidenced in every sentence of the preceding gentleman's speech. Then followed Mr. McCraney who showed a thorough mastery of the subject, now quoting the B. N. A., now Jury—not trial by, but Alfred—now referring to the expressed wishes of the working classes on the question; he showed that he had carefully worked out and thought over his speech. The Honorable the First Minister, Mr. Cooper, now closed the debate on the Government side. As Mr. Cooper arose there was seen on his face a smile reminiscent of the election in West Huron, and as the results of the other two bye-elections were announced the smile on his face was still more "expansive and bland." Mr. Cooper showed his well known grasp of economic principles and spoke like a—Prime Minister. When the leader of the Opposition rose to speak he seemed to be uncertain—owing to the recent defeats of the Opposition—whether he had a seat in the House or not, for he commenced to speak down near the door but the Speaker advised him in a persuasive manner that he should speak from his seat. Mr. Lamont then moved up to his place and continued his speech. He dealt with some objectionable features of the legislation proposed by the Government, and spoke in forcible terms of the evil effects of such legislation in a way that carried conviction to the minds of all the members of—the Opposition.

The call was now heard, "Call in the members." Instantly the whips left for the reading-room, where the major part of the student body was assembled. During the evening said portion of the student body had busied itself in having a discussion over tariff legislation and kindred topics, and from time to time the argument waxed hot and furious. They were persuaded to break up their debating society and went in to vote.

When the members assembled it was seen that the vote would be close; a member of the Opposition went down to the basement to look for the janitor to get him to swell the Opposition ranks, but the search was futile. At length it was declared that the Government was sustained by the Speaker's vote; and deprived of all hope of office and boodle the Opposition went out into the outer darkness and waded through the puddles in front of the Y. M. C. A.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

On Friday, February 19th, this long looked for event took place in the Horticultural Pavilion before an audience that fairly represented the culture, wealth and beauty of Toronto. Seldom, indeed, has such an enthusiastic reception been accorded concert performers in this city as that which greeted the Glee Club and its artists on this occasion, for every number on the programme was vociferously encored.

Miss Mary Howe, of New York, made her first Canadian appearance and scored a decided triumph. Were she not to sing a note, one would be quite satisfied to sit and gaze upon her loveliness, for she is a most beautiful woman. But when she begins to sing our admiration increases, for she has a truly wonderful voice, which has a remarkable fulness of tone at its extremes. Needless to say she was enthusiastically encored.

Mr. Wm. Lavin, also of New York, is in the front rank of American tenors, and quite maintained his reputation, being recalled after each of his numbers.

Mr. Frederic Boscovitz made his first public appearance since his return to Toronto, and received the warmest applause of the evening. He was perfectly at home with his piano, and his playing was a rare treat.

But the singing of our Glee Club was a revelation. Under Mr. Schuch's training they have attained a degree of excellence unequalled by any male chorus in the country. Perhaps the prettiest of their selections was "Hie thee, Shallop," where the Club sang in support of Miss Gaylord's obligato solo. Her sweet voice showed to great advantage in this piece, and the recall was well merited. A great many of the audience seemed to think, however, that "Simple Simon" divided the "pie" with "Beim Leibchen Zu Haus."

Mr. Lavin was high in his praises of the Club's work, and said that there were none of the American college clubs that could outshine Varsity's.

Altogether the Club deserve great credit for their enterprise in bringing to Toronto such distinguished artists, and carrying out a programme of such great merit. While all the committee did their share of work, special commendation is due to Messrs. Barker, McAllister and Edwards for their untiring energy, the result of which was seen in the faultless manner in which everything was carried on. President Barker and his merry men have reason to be proud of the results of their efforts, and we, as a college, have reason to be proud of our Glee Club.

KEENE.

Of all the masters of the histrionic art there is none more popular with the student than Thos. W. Keene. The announcement of his appearance at the Grand was the signal for a students' rally. The "Merchant of Venice" on Saturday last was the strongest drawing card on his list, and the gods were filled with enthusiastic gentlemen of the first and other years. We are glad Mr. Keene appreciates our attentions, but we are pained to say he asked a couple of hundred of the boys around to the Rossin's tavern and that they all went. It is, however, a source of joy to know that they probably took nothing stronger than Apollinaris and Mr. Keene's speech, and were all able to walk on the sidewalk.

Mr. O. B. Shepherd, Manager of the Grand, is to be congratulated for placing so many good plays on the boards this season. Mr. and Mrs. Kendal will be here this week, and there is no use saying anything in their behalf.

Of the class of '91, of Princeton, 3 are studying medicine, 24 theology, and 34 law; 34 are engaged in business, 4 in journalism, 2 in religious work, 9 in teaching, and 18 are pursuing post-graduate work.

BASEBALL ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Varsity Baseball Club was held in the Y.M.C.A. Parlor on Monday afternoon, February 15th, with President Schultz in the chair.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read by H. A. Moor. The former was very satisfactory; in the latter a large deficit loomed up, the allaying of which will be the first duty of the in-coming committee. The Manager's report, a thoroughly comprehensive missile, was warmly welcomed; in it Mr. J. B. Peat, the retiring manager, reviewed the past successful season—explaining that it was owing to a combination of circumstances working against him that the treasury was below zero centigrade.

The meeting then proceeded to ponder over the prospects of the season. The questions of a tour and college leagues were well sifted, the Club finally adopting the following motion, which was moved by Mr. A. N. Garrett, seconded by Mr. W. Driscoll: "That correspondence be opened with Cornell and Ann Arbor with a view to forming a Tri-College League, to consist of Toronto and the two above-named Universities." If this is successfully arranged it is confidently anticipated to awaken greater interest in baseball amongst the undergraduates—which has heretofore been at a remarkably low ebb. A league of this stamp would also undoubtedly usher the Varsity prominently before all the United States colleges, as Cornell and Michigan are rightly accounted places in the leading six universities of America.

One or two long needful alterations were effected in the Constitution at this juncture of proceedings, after which followed the election of officers, placing at the head of affairs for the year 1892 the following gentlemen:—

Hon. President, Prof. Alfred Baker, M.A. President, S. D. Shultz, B.A. 1st Vice-Pres., H. A. Wardell, '92. 2nd Vice-Pres., W. J. Knox, '94. Sec.-Treas., H. E. Sampson, '93. Curator, H. A. Moor, '93. Manager, A. N. Garrett. Captain, J. W. McIntosh, '92. Committee, J. R. Coté and R. H. Knox, '92; J. P. Fitzgerald and W. R. P. Parker, '93; J. T. White and W. H. Pease, '94; W. Tier and R. H. Somers, '95. A certain Mr. Gamo was appointed Assistant Curator.

It is expected that under Mr. A. N. Garrett's efficient management, and with a promising brilliant team, the Club this season will overshadowingly eclipse all former achievements.

Before the motion to adjourn, a hearty vote of thanks was adjoined the retiring staff of officers.

STOLEN BASES.

Evidently Manager Garrett and Captain McIntosh of the Baseball club mean business this season, as will be surmised from the subjoined.

The number of candidates for the team has now been cut down to thirty, consisting of the following who are at present in training for their various avocations.

Arts.—I. Whales, '92, Fitzgerald, '93, Moor, '93, Sampson, '93, Parker, '93, Driscoll, '94, Knox, '94, Heesowt, '95, R. Jacques, '95, Tier, '95 (St. Marys), and Sentafield, '95 (pitcher for the Germantown Club for many years, where he made an envious record).

Medicine.—H. A. Wardell, '92, A. N. Atomy, '92, W. Campbell, '93, G. St. Olabase, '94, Porter, '94, Somers, '95, Downing, '95 (Woodstock), Batterson, '95 (St. Thomas), Taff Rolls, '95, Currie, B.A., '95.

Law.—Schultz, '92, Senkler, '92, T. Wardell, '93.

Architecture.—Synge, '91 (lead in batting in the Eastern League for four consecutive years).

Theology.—Coté, '93, Peatjas, LL.B., '95 (late of Montreal), and Jos. Wright, '94.

Engineering.—Ed. Murphy, '94 (Chicago).

Specialist in Chemistry and Diamond drilling.—G. Game, '00.

Mr. Andrus will as formerly coach the team as soon as the lawn is ready for use. WILLIE GNAWICKS. Scorer.

"OLD ROMAN" AGAIN.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—Permit me to tender you my thanks for having at least made a painstaking and conscientious effort to arrive at the true meaning of my letter. Your interpretation is exactly the one I hoped it would meet with, and I am sorely grieved that so many of our undergraduates had previously accepted the other and baser theory. Your criticism of my letter was otherwise very harsh; and I could not sufficiently express my indignation at your having expurgated some of what I humbly considered my most forcible paragraphs. However I am prepared to kiss the hand that smote me in consideration of your penetrating insight into my ulterior motives and of your kindly and comprehensive expression of my real views.

In preface to a brief criticism of the communications published in answer to my ill-starred letter, I would remind their writers as, *unius*, if I mistake not, reminded Sir Wm. Draper that for advocates of decorum they have resorted to very peculiar expedients to place me in an unenviable light.

Mr. Bunting is condemned out of his own mouth by the words "I do not wish it to be said that I can find no other method of replying to argument than that of calling names." But does he find any other method? I will not comment on the answer an unprejudiced undergraduate will make lest I roughly jar some chord in Mr. Bunting's finely strung chivalrous temperament. I am utterly unable to see why you published his rugby-stamped letter, unless it is because he is in the ring with you and the other incompetents who at present control THE VARSITY columns. And yet I am creditably informed he is so interested in the paper's welfare that he has never been at an editorial meeting, and that this graceful and gentlemanly letter is his first contribution to its pages.

In dealing with Miss Lawson, I will try to soften my bristling cestus. I cannot think she is so dreadful as her letter would indicate. I am sure that if my unworthy blood were metaphorically shed by her cruel missive:

Her little hand defiled with blood,
Her tender tears of womanhood
Most woman pure would make.

Furthermore I am sure that ere now she has repented of having rushed into the arena of print against such a contemptible gladiator as myself. She surely did not realize the full force of

But a lie which is part a truth is a harder matter to fight, nor of some other of her words which are even less creditable and profitable to her cause than Tennyson's damaging line.

Turn with me now if you will to Chandos. To begin with I would respectfully advise Chandos to confine himself to his favourite Webster and not burden his already overloaded brain with Grattan and Lord Dufferin. To every reader of his lines I respectfully submit the question whether their sickly sentimentality is not enough to justify my position. The poor, love-lorn, moon-struck sophomore takes up his effeminate stylus and dashes off a glowing vituperation against my dastardly self, not so much to reply to my statements as to strengthen his position in the affections of some beloved Chloris so cowardly attacked by me, so magnanimously defended by him and so deeply adored in his undying nineteen-year-old affections. I do not altogether blame you, Dan'l, for worshipping your ideal for

I have heard love talked in my early youth
And since, not so long back, but that the flowers
Then gathered smell pleasantly still.

But, praises be unto Venus, it was before I came to Varsity, not to say before I left my Sophomore year. And now I would counsel you to apply yourself more closely to your laudable forensic ambitions, to practise a more "austere devotion," and to remember that a young man achieving asinine distinction in his way of love is not likely to achieve distinction in any other sphere.

Let me treat for a moment of the general effect of my letter. I think it was Oliver Wendell Holmes who once wandered out into a meadow, and turning over a large stone watched the scurrying to and fro of the countless

little bugs disturbed by the unwonted light of day. Well, I turned over a rather huge stone, and you have seen the resultant animation. I poured in an acid, and there must have been a base for it to react on or we should have had no such clouds of rather disagreeable gas. Why, I am actually informed on good authority that at the "Women's Literary Society," last Saturday night, a motion was brought in that was virtually a vote of censure on the conduct of certain of the First year ladies. It was, of course, quashed by a combination of the First and Second years, but does it give to my letter the appearance of having been written by one who was scribbling in his sleep?

And now, as I sink back into the impenetrable obscurity from which I emerged for an ephemeral prominence, you will have no objections to my saying that I really believe the students of Toronto favor higher education for woman. But I am just as confident that they also believe that this is subordinate to the emotional part of their nature, and that down deep in their hearts, whatever they profess with their lips, they agree with Longfellow's Spanish student, when he says to his Gipsy sweetheart:—

The world of the affections is thy world,
Not the intellect; the intellect is finite,
The affections are infinite, and cannot be exhausted.

Jupiter and Mars preserve and keep thee, with Athena and Venus for thy handmaidens.—*Vale*.

"OLD ROMAN."

[We are in duty bound to give "Old Roman" another hearing in order to allow him a chance to defend himself against the attacks made on him editorially and otherwise in our last issue, but this will be positively his last chance to insert anything on this subject in THE VARSITY columns. We have again exercised our prerogative in excerpting the most virulent sections of his letter which did not really bear directly on the subject under consideration, and besides we confined him entirely to the defence of himself and not to propagate any new thing regarding the vexed Varsity women question nor to sustain any of his previous allegations by further proofs of his obnoxious statements. The discussion at this juncture will have to close as we can spare no more space for the subject. We are sorry now that we allowed "Old Roman's" first letter to appear, but under the circumstances we could not act otherwise.—ED.]

THE WOMEN'S LITERARY SOCIETY.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Literary Society of University College was held on Saturday evening, 20th ult., in the college Y.M.C.A. Hall.

A communication was read from Hon. Edward Blake and Mrs. Blake accepting the position of patrons of the Society. Moved by Miss Jeffrey and seconded by Miss Lawson that the corresponding secretary be instructed to convey to Mr. and Mrs. Blake the cordial thanks of the Society for their kindly consenting to become its patrons, and that they be invited to attend any of its meetings. Carried unanimously.

Two letters from Mr. R. H. Knox, editor of VARSITY, asking the members of the Society to send articles for publication in the college paper, were read but no action was taken.

The Glee Club, under the able management of Mrs. Harrison, rendered very sweetly "Oft in the Stilly Night" and "I would that my Love," both of which were encored. Miss Julia Hillock's piano solo was well received. The essay "Varsity and Varsity Life," by Miss Hill, '93, contained vivid pictures of University life, and the brilliant witticisms provoked considerable laughter.

The inter-class debate "Resolved that the modern tendency to specialization is beneficial" was led by Miss J. S. Hillock, '92. We are naturally endowed with taste for one subject. By lessening the range we can concentrate our powers upon a few subjects and so make progress.

We can investigate more thoroughly; superficiality will decrease. Time is too short to make a thorough search in many directions, so we must bend our energies to the course that will produce the best results. Miss Young, '93, was the leader of the negative. By specialization one talent is aborted at the cost of the others. A psychologist is better for being a biologist. Keeping to one subject causes narrowness. Milton was not a specialist, for he was in turn a school teacher, a private secretary, a philosopher, a musician and a poet. Prof. Young besides being a philosopher was almost as well versed in Greek as Prof. Hutton.

Miss Climie, '92, supported the affirmative. The object of specialization is to elevate humanity. Invention is the result of patient toil. Newton's genius devoted to mathematics and physical laws revolutionized astronomy. Edison by his special study of electricity is pointing the way to a new world of discovery. Darwin's untiring devotion to the study of biology was the beginning of the enthusiastic scientific researches of these latter times.

Miss Parkinson, '93, was the next speaker. Generalization pursued far enough is the specialization of many subjects. Those pursuing mental culture have not learned the art of making money, hence these latter specialists are the money owners. The hired army who are specially skilled in all the tactics of war may never be called into action, and if they are they cannot be trusted, for their motives are mercenary.

Miss Hillock, '92, in her reply showed that the generalists as Milton and the others quoted were the exception rather than the rule.

The president, Miss Mackenzie '92, after summing up the arguments gave the decisions in favor of the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned without singing the National Anthem.

MARGARET W. BAYNE, *Cor. Secy.*

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—Complying with your request I make a few brief observations on the work of the Society, the present condition and outlook.

Up to this date the Society has held thirteen ordinary and two public meetings. There have been seven debates and six mock parliaments. In all twenty-seven speeches have been delivered upon the debates and (allowing an average of five) about thirty in mock parliament. Three essays and nine readings complete the set literary work of the Society for the year soon to close, the remaining meetings being fully occupied by the business of the Society. I may add that three meetings out of the best portions of the academic year were omitted—one for presentation of prizes won at the sports, one for Miss Knox's Recital, one for Glee Club Concert.

While the work done will compare favorably with that of other years, it may be increased, and *increase* is the prime necessity and object of the hour. The adoption of the principle of Mr. Hellem's recent amendment and, so soon as the accommodation will allow, of the system of double programmes as provided for by the rules of order, will do much towards this. A committee appointed now to prepare a programme for next year and, working upon this principle, could provide a series of meetings each possessing such individuality and special interest as to ensure an enthusiastic audience. Such a programme could, at a comparatively small expense, be printed at the beginning of the academic year and placed in the hands of all undergraduates.

The policy of abandoning the regular weekly meetings of the Society for other events is dangerous and ought to be discontinued. The reasons are obvious. But for this the regular meetings of the current year available for literary work would have been increased by twenty-five per cent. It therefore causes a loss of valuable time, it

breaks the continuity of the Society's work, subordinates the Society and loosens its hold upon the undergraduate public.

The Society has done well to turn its attention to the matter of a college gymnasium. It is to be trusted that the enthusiasm manifested will be sustained until this present greatest need of undergraduate life, and of the Society as well, is supplied. When this is accomplished many new lines of action will open to add to the usefulness and interest of the Society, and not the least of these will be the collection and preservation of its records and annals.

I understand that members are anticipating and arranging for an old time election, and I desire not to interfere in any way with that intention. At the same time I may be permitted to express the hope that some portion of the time and energy which has heretofore been expended in the elections may be given to the preparation of a programme for the coming year. It has always been a question with me whether the amount of energy concentrated upon the election was not largely drawn from general account and charged back upon the work of the year. Would I be correct in saying that the voluntary payment of one hundred membership fees before election night would be a far greater promise of future prosperity for our Society than the payment of five hundred fees under the constraint of a fierce contest?

H. E. IRWIN.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

NOTE.—Contributions to this column must be received before Saturday night. The secretaries of the different societies are requested to furnish us with definite but very concise information as to the time and place of meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST.

Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Class of '93 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 10 a.m.
Natural Science Association.—Special meeting.—Account of the new Chemical Laboratory. Dr. Pike. Chemical Lecture Room, S.P.S. 4 p.m.
Philosophical Society of '94.—English Empiricism. (1) "Locke's Positive Argument," Fielding; (2) "Locke's Negative Argument," McMillan. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND.

Ash Wednesday.—No lectures.
Y.W.C.A. Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Bible Class.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
Cricket Club.—Annual meeting. Residence Dining Hall, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD.

Class of '95 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8.30 a.m.
Business and Literary Meeting of the Class of '92.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
Mathematical and Physical Society.—Programme: "Games of Chance," J. F. Howard, B.A.; "The Gyroscope," W. O. McTaggart, '92; "Measurement of Time," G. R. Anderson, '93. Room 16, 3.30 p.m. sharp.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH.

Meeting of College Council and of Arts Faculty.
VARSITY Editorial Staff.—VARSITY Office, 7.15 p.m.
Ladies' Glee Club.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 1 p.m.
Literary Society.—Constitution Night. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH.

Regular University Lecture.—"Ampere; his Life and Work." Prof. Loudon, M.A. University Hall, 3 p.m.
Social Evening.—Class of '95. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH.

Bible Class.—"St. Paul at Jerusalem," Acts, xxi. 1-26. Rev. J. P. Sheraton, D.D. Wycliffe College, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH.

Class of '92 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 9.40 a.m.
S.P.S. Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
Modern Language Club.—"Contemporary in German Novel," Essays: Storm; Scheffel; Lunnesee. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH.

Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Class of '93 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 10 a.m.
Classical Association.—(a) "Comparison of Virgil and Homer," Mr. W. H. Gillespie, '94; (b) "The Causes of the Eneid's Popularity," Mr. A. Eddy, '94. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

This issue has been under the control of sub-editor Hellems.

'Ninety-five rallied at the Academy on Tuesday evening to see the "Private Secretary."

The recital given by the pupils of the Toronto College of Music in the college hall on Thursday last was a great success.

The fellow students of Mr. Sissons, '94, will be sorry to learn that the paternal residence and the entire contents were destroyed by fire not long since.

Messrs. W. J. and R. H. Knox were out of the city the latter part of the preceding week in attendance upon the funeral of an aunt. THE VARSITY extends its sympathy.

Class of '92.—There will be a Business and Literary meeting of the class of '92 on Thursday afternoon, March 3rd, in the Y. M. C. A. Hall at 2.30 o'clock. G. E. McCRAVEY, Secy.

There was a mistake in our Di Varsity column last week. The item should have read as follows: "Eight-tenths of the men at Varsity are lazy enough to be Aldermen—the rest are two-in-ten-sely lazy."

Mrs. Ashley was at home to the Political Science students on Thursday evening. Political Science was well represented and the efforts made by Professor Ashley and Mrs. Ashley to make their guests enjoy themselves could not be surpassed.

The Glee Club nominations were made yesterday. Mr. Percy Parker was chosen President and Mr. A. P. Edwards, Treasurer by acclamation. These two names are among the most popular around Varsity as well as in the Glee Club. The other elections will be held next week.

All students should take in the Grand Opera House this week. Mr. and Mrs. Kendal are billed and always prove a great attraction. Mrs. Kendal, although an English actress, is a great favorite with American audiences and left a good impression on the student-body when she visited Toronto before.

Mr. A. F. Chamberlain, M.A., has the honor of being the first President of the Canadian club at Clark University. In Mr. Chamberlain's days among us we were all confident of his achieving a striking success in after years, and he bids very fair to verify our expectations. Mr. John Mc Gowan, B.A., another of our old fellows is the Treasurer of the same institution, and Mr. W. H. Metzler, B.A., is one of the Vice-Presidents.

The course of Public Lectures delivered at Whetham College, B.C., during the winter term has in it the following: Goethe's "Faust," Mr. W. S. W. McLay, and Early History

of Electricity, Mr. J. G. Witton. Both of these gentlemen are distinguished graduates of Toronto University—the latter being a medalist in his course and subsequently Fellow in Cornell University. He was also President of the Sandpaper Club.

Mrs. Prof. Wright held an "At Home" on Saturday evening last for the Natural Science students. About fifty of the lady and gentlemen students were present and all were hospitably entertained by the genial Prof. and Mrs. Wright. After partaking of refreshments an hour of pleasant conversation was indulged in. The hour was also enlivened by several stirring college songs which were rendered by a number of the gentlemen present. Miss Hillock, '92, was present and kindly assisted at the piano. Mrs. Fairclough and Miss Wilson were also present and graciously assisted in entertaining the company. At 7 o'clock the gathering dispersed and all went away not soon to forget the enjoyable two hours they had spent.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.—The Natural Science Association met in the Biological building, Mr. J. J. McKenzie, B.A., in the chair. After the usual routine of business, Mr. Parks read a lengthy, technical, but interesting paper, on the "Spirifera Disjuncta." Mr. Parks seems to have made the acquaintance of this very ancient fossil in the south of New York State and on the Trenton River, New Jersey. The paper showed much diligent research. Mr. Smale followed with a short and concise paper on "The History, the Affinities and the Character of the Phosphines," and ended with a description of his own work on them since Christmas. We will in future have a very friendly interest in the Phosphines. After the thanks of the meeting were expressed to the essayists the president declared an adjournment.

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.—The Classical Association held its regular meeting last Tuesday with Mr. Bonner in the chair. Horace was the topic under discussion. The essays were as follows: (a) Horace and his influence on succeeding literature, Mr. W. L. Waines, '94; (b) Horace's views on Philosophy and Religion, Mr. H. J. Sissons, '94; (c) His relations with Augustus and Maecenas, Mr. L. A. Green, '94. The essayists were highly complimented for their manner of treatment. As the next meeting on Tuesday, March 8th, will be the last for the academic year '91-'92, all the members of the Association are requested to be present. The programme will consist of two essays on Virgil, (a) Comparison of Virgil with Homer, Mr. W. H. Gillespie, '94; (b) The causes of the Æneid's Popularity, Mr. A. C. Eddy, '94. After the

programme the officers for '92-'93 will be nominated.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.—At the meeting last Thursday the consideration of the Foreign Mission was continued. Rev. J. McP. Scott moved the recommendation from the Board that the Association send out a missionary to Inland China as an associate of the China Inland Mission. A very interesting and careful discussion ensued. Some preferred to be connected with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, while others wished the University Mission to be altogether independent. On motion of Messrs. Murison and Dow the decision was deferred until the Board secure the necessary information to lay before the Association regarding connection with the C. I. M., and with the A. B. C. F. M., and the advantage and disadvantages of an independent mission.

Next Thursday, at five p. m., the Association will be addressed by Rev. B. D. Thomas D. D.

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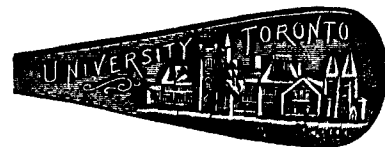
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