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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

What our University needs is money. There is no use blinking the facts, they exist, and demand thoughtful consideration. One fact is that every year the University is confronted by a deficit, which this year is tremendous. Another fact is the perennial lukewarm support of the Legislature. Another is the meagre endowment of the University. It is said the Boston man doubts the security of his grave unless he remembers Harvard in his will. But the Toronto man, apparently, rests easy. Everyone knows that the finances of the University are managed splendidly, but, at the same time, it is to be regretted that the authorities are placed under a stringency which cannot help but

hamper them in extending its usefulness.

Like everything else this state of affairs must have a cause. The difficulty is to find it. Is it because Canada is a new country and her people have not yet been educated up to the needs of higher education? True, in the Old Country Oxford and Cambridge are inseparably interwoven with the political, social and economic life of the nation. There, most of the members of parliament are graduates. In Ontario not half a dozen members are graduates. It is true also, that in the past the greater part of our national energy has been devoted to the mere accumulation of material wealth. But a change has come. Lately a higher national life has evolved and a keener competition has sprung up. The popular idol is no longer the "self-made" man. The nation has now come to look to its universities for men highly trained under the best academic methods. Moreover the above explanation fails altogether to account for the wealth of such American universities as Columbia, Michigan, Yale and a host of others. Surely Canada appreciates higher education as much as the United States. Even in Canada we call to mind the princely endowments which McGill has received from some of her sons and from public spirited men.

We are told by some that the heart of the difficulty lies in the University's connection with the State, which, they say, tends to discourage private endowment. The question of State support of universities is too large to go into here. Suffice it to say that the tendency seems to be overwhelmingly in favor of it. In the United States it is irresistible. There, there are thirty-three State universities. Besides, the State has given generous support to certain quasi-state institutions, for example, \$595,797 to Harvard, \$122,500 to Yale and \$140,000 to Columbia, with exemptions from taxation to all. But in the United States public support has not checked private benevolence. The two go hand in hand and donations such as that of James Lick of \$1,650,000 to the University of California are monumental evidence for this statement. More important still is the greater number of smaller donations which pour in from all over the land. Indeed, most men would rather support the child of the State than some denominational or privately endowed institution which is apt to be dependent, insecure, inadequate, imperfect, expensive and exclusive. The State University is wedded to a democratic community. With regard to the University of Toronto, it is only fair to say, a few have done nobly. The pity is that more have not followed their example.

So far then the difficulty remains, nor are we likely to arrive at a complete solution of it. Reasoning inductively, however, it would seem that a partial solution is suggested by the fact that our University lacks one feature, which McGill and American universities have, viz.; an active organization of her alumni. Without mincing matters, a real reason that the University of Toronto is not better financially supported is the indifference of her graduates— I will not say her undergraduates—to the interests of their Alma Mater. For this we may chiefly blame lack of organization.

Associations of alumni constitute this organization in American universities. Though similar in their main object to Convocation in English universities they are not statutory bodies and may or may not be open to undergraduates.

That of the University of Michigan may be regarded as typical. It consists (1) of a general association of all the alumni, graduate and undergraduate, and (2) of local resident associations in most of the large cities. The general officers are the president, vice-president, recorder, treasurer, general secretary, five directors and the secretaries of the local associations. The mainspring of the association seems to be its publication, called The Michigan Alumnus, a monthly periodical, containing over one hundred pages of very interesting reading. The editor in chief, who is also general secretary of the association, is a recent graduate ('96) and receives a salary of \$1,550 a year. The other editors on the board are managing editor, University editor, department editors, aecrologist, athletic editor and undergraduate assistants. The paper reflects the life and affairs of the University from all sides and affords information of the whereabouts, doings and deaths of graduates.

The Association is really one big fraternity, meeting annually or on the occasion of some important event in connection with the University. As it represents the best element in the community it naturally has considerable power, in both its collective and individual capacity, to influence the legislature and educate the people. The success of the University of Michigan to-day is in no small degree due to the loyalty, enterprise and effective

work of this Association.

In our own University no such association exists. One did exist, but, owing to bad management, came to grief in the disturbance of 1895. Convocation is also practically a lifeless body, the secretary having gone

West, there died, and never been replaced.

At present the case is more hopeful. The Editor of VARSITY has taken the matter up and placed it before the undergraduates. At the same time a movement to form a general association has come from a local club of Alumni in Ottawa. There is a similar club in Hamilton which, no doubt, will co-operate.

The reasons for such a step are obvious. Chauncey M. Depew said at a Yale alumni banquet "As the Saga to the Norsemen, the Cross to the Crusader, one sentiment warms our hearts and stirs our blood beyond all other rallying cries, and it is old Yale. It brings back the precious memories, the glorious times of our student days, the venerable age, the ever vigorous youth, the noble fame of our Alma Mater. We are once more at home with the elms, the fence, the campus and the girls."

The undergraduate of the University of Toronto or the newly fledged graduate no doubt feels the same loyalty for his Alma Mater. She has done a great deal for him and he owes her a debt of gratitude which can hardly be measured in dollars and cents. Moreover he remembers with pride her position in the nation and among other universities, her noble building, her professors and their contributions to universal knowledge, her sturdy champions in scholarship and athletics, her history and traditions and her many great sons. He loves her associations and in him loyalty is fresh and strong.

But what about the graduate of long standing? It is a matter of common observation that, unless some link is provided, the mass of college graduates drift away from their Alma Mater, they fail to keep up their interest in college, in the work of education and in learning in general. Michigan graduates are linked to their Alma Mater by an Alumni Association. Toronto graduates are not linked at all. We may as well admit that, in this respect, Toronto

is behind her contemporary.

That such an association would be a pleasant thing to graduates there can be no doubt. Chauncey M. Depew, than whom there is no busier man of affairs in America, again says at Cornell: "The most exquisite of pleasures is contact with the perennial youth of our Alma Mater. Parties dissolve, friends grow cold, loved ones depart and age becomes a solitude, but a day with the college revives the enthusiasms and ambitions of the past and puts us in touch with the hopes and aspirations of the present."

No one can read the reports of the semi-centennial celebration of Michigan or of the sesquicentennial celebration of Princeton without being struck by the enthusiasm and heartiness of sentiment expressed on those

occasions.

Such an organization could do a hundred and one things which graduates individually could not do. It could, for instance, institute and push a movement for University representation, if such were thought advisable.

As to the right way of bringing it about, the writer does not pretend to say. This however may be said, that while such a step would have the hearty approval of the authorities, yet as it is voluntary on the part of the alumni they ought to initiate it and not the authorities. It would seem further that it is a matter in which all undergraduates ought to be interested whether they are included or not. They will be some day. Again, as the Editor of VARSITY has pointed out, it is undoubtedly the place of the graduating class to take the initiative, as it most nearly affects them just as they are about to leave these halls, perhaps forever. It is said the Century class intends taking some action this year. It is to be hoped they succeed. If not, the matter need not necessarily be dropped. It may then be all the more easily taken up by succeeding graduating classes and carried to a successful conclusion. However the main thing is merely to get it started, and that ought not to be so very difficult.

Many questions would have to be settled, such as for example the admission or non-admission of undergraduates. The danger of their admission would consist in the likelihood of their acquiring an undue preponderance in the

Association.

On the whole the matter is an important one and worthy of further consideration. It seems a pity that Toronto should be outdone by her contemporaries in this respect and that her interests should suffer on that account. If the University is to be re-organized the Alumni should do their share to supplement it by an Alumni Association.

E. M. WILCOX, 'or.

Note.—Since writing the above the writer has received communications from the secretaries of Alumni Associations

of Yale, Harvard, Michigan and McGill, with copies o their publications. They contain interesting information in detail of what the above is a rough general sketch. The writer would be happy to place them at the disposal of anyone interested in the subject.

TENNIS AT VARSITY.

Tennis is a game with a history. For five hundred years tennis has been played; it is the oldest ball-game that now exists. But the Lawn Tennis in which Eaves and Whitman excel, though alike in principle, is altogether different in detail from the game that Shakespeare mentions in "Henry V.," the game that the students played at Hampton Court, the game over which D'Artagnan fought a duel, or even the game that was introduced into America thirty years ago, in which the player was cautioned to "hit the ball gently." Although for the last fifteen or twenty years the rules of tennis have been altered very little, there has been a great change in the way the game is played. As has been the case with almost all our sports, tennis had its period of tremendous popularity. Tennis parties took the place of the modern afternoon tea; every society lady could take a hand at the game. Times have changed. Tennis has lost much of its so-called popularity, but it was never played better than it is to day. Let him who still thinks tennis "a lady's game" see a match between Whitman and Bond, or even between our own Anderson and Boys. No more scientific and purely athletic game is played.

Let us turn to tennis as played at the University. The Varsity Lawn Tennis Club was organized in 1894. The courts were at the corner of Avenue Road and Bloor Street (where the ladies play now) until in 1896 the club laid out the present grounds, conveniently situated next the Gymnasium. The Varsity Club has always held a prominent position in Canadian tennis. The Toronto Tennis Club, which has perhaps the best players in Canada, has always found the students dangerous rivals. Such men as Gus. Lefroy, Cris. Campbell, Cupid Love, Bert Harris and Yclept Snicher have won many matches for Varsity and beaten the best players in the country. The club has been successful in another way; there has always been a cash balance at the end of the season.

Particularly prosperous was the Tennis Club last season; it has kept pace with the increased interest in tennis throughout Ontario in the last few years. The Intermediate City League (which, by the way, is intermediate only because a few of the best players are barred) was for a second time won by the Varsity team, with an extraordinary record of winning nine matches and losing none. Nor need we be ashamed of our defeat by Barrie in the semi-finals of the Provincial League. Barrie has always been noted for its tennis players, and with a little luck we would have made the game a tie. The two tournaments held last year were very successful. Many undergraduates took advantage of the opportunity to enter the fall tournament, and even the open events were won by students.

The 'Varsity Tennis Club has won a reputation. A special effort must be made this year to live up to that reputation. We make a good start. The courts were sodded last fall, and the club is in a good financial position. What we need is players, not only good players; there is lots of room for beginners. The college is the place to learn tennis. Remember that it is a game you can keep up after graduation. Unlike most football players or lacrosse players, the tennis player plays till he can play no more.

A word in conclusion. We beat our neighbors to the south in lacrosse and hockey. We equal them in football and cricket, but in tennis we are far behind them. It is significant that almost all the best players in the States are college men. The university is the home of tennis. Canada will never have such players as Wren and Whitman until more interest is taken in tennis at our universities.

Ernest R. Paterson.

CLASS MEMORIALS.

The proposal to leave behind in the University halls some tangible memorial of their undergraduate life, was discussed a year and a half ago by the class of '99, and is at present under consideration by the class of 'or. In the former case the agitation came to nothing, and the same fate seems likely to overtake it again. This is to be regretted. For a class memorial would represent more than a mere effort to evade oblivion. It would not be solely a token of the gratitude toward their Alma Mater of a body of past undergraduates, but would remain a lasting and abiding pledge of the love and aid of a solid section of alumni. Great prominence would necessarily be given for a considerable part of the donor's student life to the subject of his debt to the University, and this side by side with the reminder of the coming separation of his class and the beginning of serious work as a graduate would form the basis of impressions which would surely be lasting and bear fruit. The future undergraduate, too, apart from the reverence for the past inspired in him by many a venerable memorial, would be made to feel that bygone classes have had as strong an individuality as his own, and that the mass of university men are outside academic walls.

I say "many a venerable memorial," because it is to be hoped that the presentation of such may become an event of annual occurrence. The most suitable form yet suggested for memorials would seem to be that of busts of benefactors of the University and of men prominent in Canadian history. These busts would certainly make a fitting adornment of the halls of our magnificent main building. Expense, however, is at present a rather serious Mr. Hamilton McCarthy's bust of Professor Young in the library cost seven hundred and fifty dollars. Nevertheless, the employment of more ordinary marble and the assurance of a steady annual demand might lessen this price. Another suggestion has been to replace the window erected in old Convocation Hall to commemorate the heroism of the men of the University company that fell in '66. This window occupied the three spaces in the north wall of the present senate-chamber, and was destroyed by the fire of 1890. Its original makers would instal it in the east end of the east hall, now a more suitable place, for about six hundred dollars. The new window would be somewhat larger than the old and of a much better quality If a class contemplated putting in only of glass. the central window (for the original design really embraces a larger and two smaller windows), this could be done, with corresponding changes in the inscription, for three hundred and fifty or four hundred dollars. The installation of the central window might very well be undertaken by two of the years now at the University, the two smaller windows being left to others. Mention of the donors could, of course, be made in the inscriptions. A third plan as to the form of memorials, according to which each graduating class was to bequeath an inscribed banner for use at convocation and other University functions, was brought up last year in the Literary Society. A committee was appointed to inquire into the desirability of carrying out this idea, but has done nothing. Indeed, if the memorials are to take such

humble proportions, a gift of books to the Library would appear to be quite as good a memento as a banner, and at the same time something of considerably greater utility. But whatever plan be eventually decided upon, it is desirable that it should be as far as possible one that successive classes may continue to follow.

No plan can be put into effect, however, unless it be considered in time. Hitherto action has always been too long deferred. The Varsity's suggestion that subscriptions be taken among all the years to aid the seniors would meet this difficulty. Possibly a more feasible way would be to make an annual collection in each class throughout its course for its own memorial. A dollar a year for four years from each member would accomplish much. At any rate, "where there's a will there's a way." It may entail hard work upon the part of its members, but every class can leave a fitting memorial if it will. And if it can, it should.

A. E. Hamilton.

CRICKET.

In the early years of Toronto University cricket did not play the subordinate part in college athletics that it does to-day. As the only spring game played it did not suffer from the vigorous rivalry of baseball, and the outdoor energies of the undergraduates were centred wholly in it. No matter how great the attractions of baseball may be, it would not be amiss in us to reserve a place for the good old game of cricket, with its good natured contests and pleasant association. Since it is essentially a game for students, it ought to have many devotees among us. Where cricket is played, one is far removed from the boisterous hum-drum of busy life, there, uninterrupted conversations, pleasing tranquility, lasting friendships, have a sure place. The recollections of football are of a stormy, vigorous, battling nature, engendering a longing for the fray, but those of cricket are very different, they steal upon one almost insensibly, making one forget the present in contemplating the quieter and happier triumphs of the past. Suggestive as these reminiscences are of "centuries" made or "wickets" taken, there can be no room for ill-temper or vexation, even the veriest defeat has lost its rough unpleasant edge. So may we not say all that are lovers of books and virtue be quiet and go a-cricketing. Cricket about 15 years ago seemed to languish in the opposition of baseball, but since then great efforts have been made to restore it to its old time supremacy. Mr. R. W. K. White, captain in '97, and Mr. M. C. Cameron, captain in '98 and 99, were successful in reviving interest in the game with the result that the annual games with Trinity and R. M. C. were resumed.

Last year for the first time since 1882 the University "Eleven" won the annual game from Trinity College, a victory which evoked much enthusiasm from the old cricketing graduates. The good cricketing qualities of the last year's "eleven" were shown by the choice of six of their number to represent the Canadian University team in the International Inter-Collegiate game played in Philadelphia. While the Canadians came off second best, their showing was eminently satisfactory. This year after the annual game with Trinity, the American Colleges play a return game in Toronto, when a good contest may be expected. The season this year will open under conditions that promise very brilliant success in the year's record. Six of last year's "eleven," E. P. Brown (capt), W. A. McKenzie, A. Mullin, N. R. Beal, D. E. Kilgour, A. G. Gooderham are left to represent something of the veteran element. This with the new material gives promise of a team which we hope will repeat the success of last season and add fresh laurels to the athletic supremacy of our University.

ELECTION TACTICS.

The smoke of the recent Literary Society battle has cleared away. The roll has been called and both sides have counted their killed and wounded and nothing more remains to be done. Already the struggle is a subject of pleasant jest between men who a week ago wouldn't speak to each other, for no other known form of disease subsides as rapidly as the fever of a Lit. election. Now that we are simmering down to our normal temperature and before the subject has lost all interest, let us see if there is anything to be learned from the fight, anything that happened we wish to avoid next time.

The election has been one of considerable bitterness of feeling owing to personal attacks made on certain men by opponents. The plan of attack was as follows: If a man held a prominent office in the Lit., the Y.M.C.A., or the Athletic Association, then he must be an office hog. No charges of incapability were made against any man. The question was—Does he hold office? Now the offices mentioned were all either directly or indirectly elective. The holders of them represented at least a majority of the student body. Who is the man then that will object? Where does he get his right? Can anything be meaner than the action of a man who attacks another as a greedy seeker after office, because he has held some important position in the gift of the students?

The Y.M.C.A. and certain fraternities were freely criticized, the former in private, the latter publicly. The Y.M.C.A. is a religious organization which has as its aim the comfort and well being of every student. Its promoters are men of the highest character, and yet it has been accused of trying to "run things." Of course this was a side argument, for no one would dare to use it in public, but is it less mean because it is used privately to catch a vote here and there? The slanderer of the Y.M.C.A. will find few sympathizers in Varsity, for we all know in what direction this institution has influenced Varsity men.

If the principal religious undergraduate organization was not immune from such attack it is little wonder that social organizations suffered. A direct attack was made on certain of the fraternities. Their aims and purposes were ignored and they were held up as hotbeds of political intrigue which existed for the purpose of obtaining office for their members. Untruths may be overlooked when they arise from misconceptions, but deliberate falsehood with intent to injure has not yet become popular in Varsity. The charges against the fraternities in question were untrue and were meant to injure. It is uncertain whether they had the effect intended or not, but one thing is noticeable in the election returns, no fraternity man was elected. Of course the attack came from nonfraternity men. No member of a fraternity, knowing as he does the objects and aims of these organizations, would bring charges so manifestly false against another fraternity. These are purely social organizations, and so far as I know, no fraternity wishes to be involved in questions of student politics. Greek Letter Societies do not meddle with student affairs in any way and are as much separated from these affairs as any other secret society, the only difference being that the former draw their membership entirely from the student body. The strength of the attack lay in the fact that no member of a Greek Letter Society wishes to discuss his fraternity in public. It is something which he holds too dear to have it torn and twisted in a public discussion by men who have no knowledge of its workings. This feature of the past elections is to be deplored, and several students from both parties, including both fraternity and non-fraternity men

have spoken with regret of the way in which fraternities have been spoken of in the last election.

The practice of personating at elections has not grown in popularity with us, and such cases as have come up are usually due to the misdirected efforts of one or two men to secure a victory. The man who brings in a personator earns the contempt of every decent student and should be sent to "Coventry" without delay. He should be accompanied by the man who pairs off with more than one voter, and all others who indulge in the political tactics of the municipal ward-heeler.

After all an election is a small affair. We speak of the plums of office, but there is no plum so large as to make it worth our while to be dishonorable in striving for it.

It will not be long till we are all engaged in the rough and tumble struggle for place in the world, where unfair tactics will be met at every turn. Let us keep our undergraduate politics clean and pure, and while the fight retains all of its old vigor let us remember what we owe to ourselves and to each other as students of old Varsity.

R. TELFORD.

THE AFTERMATH

At the McGill debate Sir William Meredith spoke of the importance of the Literary Society as the training ground of our undergraduates for public life. His remarks met with general approval, and no one disputes the fact that in the meetings and elections of the Literary Society, the undergraduates of this University receive the political training and ideals which must serve them in their after careers be they public or private.

That being true is it not well to consider some of the conditions in connection with the Literary Society, and especially in connection with the recent elections, as to whether they are likely to produce the best ideals or the best men.

Is the payment of fees by the two political parties a practice that is in the best interests of the student body? It may be argued with considerable show of force that this practice is not always, generally, or in itself reprehensible; that it is a matter entirely distinct from the corrupt use of money at elections in the wider field of politics; yet this distinction is not always recognized, and at best it is improbable that a student after four years at Varsity, passing through perhaps as many hotly contested elections, and recognizing money as one of the strongest factors in the election of his ticket, will have that repugnance to the improper use of money in elections, which he should and otherwise would have.

The same thing that renders the use of money possible in University elections is the cause of its use in our country's elections, indifference of the electorate. Politicians recognize that the danger of corruption is not among the classes who take an active interest and decided stand in regard to public affairs. No politician would have the hardihood to attempt to corrupt such a one. It is the man on the fence who is a constant temptation to the politician, not merely from the danger of losing the vote, but the still greater danger of the opposition buying it.

In University politics the magnitude of the indifferent vote will be recognized when the average attendance at Literary Society meetings is compared with the four hundred and fifty who voted last Friday night, not over one-third of whom had paid their fees before the election.

Right here, and inseparably related, are found the two conditions which threaten the highest usefulness of our elections, as the training ground of a nobler type of politician has been, payment of fees and indifferent electors, each more or less the cause and result of the other.

What is the remedy for this state of affairs? It is not a new suggestion, but one that if carried out would meet the situation, that every student be obliged to pay his Literary Society fees, as he does his Library fees, when he registers. Under such conditions the money question in elections would be solved, and a larger number interested in Literary Society affairs. The fee is not large and if every male student contributed his share each year, the fee could be still further reduced. Elections being less expensive would become more frequent, and would be carried on under more healthy conditions.

There may be difficulties in the way of carrying out this suggestion; it may or may not be impracticable, but the problem remains nevertheless, and if the new executive will find the solution they will not only serve their Society and Alma Mater well, but will reflect credit on Macduff. themselves and their parties.

FICKLE AS A WOMAN'S DREAM.

The young man was melancholy; his thoughts turned always to the one subject; "as a needle to a magnet," he mused; and then moralized on a certain fable concerning a moth and a candle. 'Tis useless; he takes hat and umbrella and goes forth. He will take a walk for exercise. On reaching a certain building (not a gymnasium) he rings, enters and is seated. The magnet, the candle, das ewige Weibliche, in brief, Miss Angelina, appears like a dream or a vision. They sit facing each other, he studies the carpet.

"Miss Angelina," he asks-fraught with despair is the

question-" is life worth living?"

"Read the Psalm of Life," says she.

He tries to remember it and murmurs, "Our hearts like muffled drums are beating funeral marches to the grave." Miss Angelina's heart is not funereal, she is young and confident. "Don't tell ghost stories," she answers.

The young man's emotions are growing calmer. She

asks him about the war.

"War," he mutters, "is a good thing for those it kills." "You are cross to-night," she complains.

It seems reasonable and he answers that he has been working hard and is tired; yet that wasn't what he had come to say. She looks bored by his sullenness and sighsas he imagines-for the novel just begun. They discuss the war, then he remembers her novel and departs.

As the door closed Miss Angelina yawned and called him a stick, and the stick that had almost kindled walked aimlessly home wondering why everything seemed so dull and common-place, for the candle had ceased to glow for the moth, and why he was cross that night Miss Angelina will never know.

LETTER FROM FREDERICK DAVEY.

H. M. G.

In a letter received by Messrs. G. F. Kay and J. C. Ross, Frederick Davey says: - "Your kind letter reached me safely at Halifax. I desire to express my thanks to the students of Toronto University for their kind action towards me and for their hearty expressions of good-will. The thought that I have the good wishes of those who have so generously honored me with the name of fellow student will be a source of great encouragement and comfort to me during the campaign." In the course of his letter Mr. Davey gives a very interesting account of the doings of his company on board the Laurentian en route for the Cape. In conclusion he expresses the hope that before many months he may be allowed to rejoin his fellow-students in student life, and to thank them in person for their kind remembrance of him.

School of Practical Science

The Canadian Militia is well represented in the School of Practical Science, Toronto. There are at present about thirty students who wear Her Majesty's uniform. On our staff we have Major Duff, 36th Batt. and Dr. Ellis, Vet. of '66, while our worthy principal, Mr. Galbraith, was a member of the Old University Company. A large number of the graduates have taken commissions in their local Battalions and are turning out to be excellent officers.

Three of our students have gone to South Africa, Messrs. Heron, Miller and Wilson, while Messrs. Clarke and Beardmore have received commissions in the Provin-

cial Battalion for service in Canada.

MILITIAMEN IN SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL SCIENCE.

Officers.—T. Burnside, Lieut. 48th Highlanders; F. F. Clarke, Lieut. 12th York Rangers; A. C. Macdougall, Lieut, R.O. Grad. R.M.C.; G. C. McCollum, Lieut. 44th Batt., Welland; O. Beardmore, Lieut. Prov. Batt., Halifax; A. R. Campbell, Lieut .35th Simcoe Foresters; A. J. Isbester, Lieut. 48th Highlanders; H. D. MacKinnon, Lieut. 59th Batt.; W. E. Douglass, Lieut. 12th Batt.; R. Roaf, ex-Capt. U.C.C. Rifles.

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We understand that, in the event of the failure to form an Engineering Corps, a Six-Foot Club will be initiated. In fact we hear that on Thursday last "Peewee" Sauer, "Tiny" Middleton, "Shorty" McMaster, and "Midger" Bertram, who are booming the business, were down town arranging some of the preliminaries. It is to be hoped that the lesser of the two evils will be chosen.

TO AN UNKNOWN.

I only saw thy face once on the street; That perfect mouth beneath those eyes of gray, And yet that glimpse unlocked a doorway, sweet, That leads to love's dream-country far away, But since I ne'er can know thee, thus I say: Lo, no reality can match my dream, I vex myself with longings all in vain, She will not be as fair as she doth seem, For who has ever heard such wild sweet music As that our fancy builds to end the strain We catch in passing some cathedral doorway Suggesting soundless deeps of love or pain? Or what near view of the wide ocean rolling Can stir, with all its wealth of blue and breeze, Like the wild leap of strange surmise our heart gives At that first glimpse caught thro' the parted trees?" And so I try to steel my heart's vague longing And this fair seeming creed for love would weave, But woe is me-in spite of all my logic, My heart's an infidel and won't believe.

-Make your national conscience clean, and your national eyes will soon be clear .- Ruskin.

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TORONTO, March 21st, 1900.

The University of Toronto Press.

The press at our University is confined to a weekly journal published by the University College Literary

Society, a monthly published by the Literary Society of Victoria College, and a weekly news-sheet published independently and by private parties throughout half the year, and embracing the news of all the colleges affiliated and non-affiliated. There seems to be an opening, nay, rather a necessity, for two papers which would cover two fields not covered at present—a journal published monthly and giving space to essays and theses of a high standard written by undergraduates either as part of their academic work or to be read before some one of the departmental or other societies—and an Alumni paper which would reach a large fraction of the graduate body and which, while discussing University affairs, would show wherein the present undergraduate body was fulfilling the traditions of the past and wherein the graduates were remembering their debt to their college and their college days.

THE VARSITY can cover neither of these fields. The publication of critical essays such as the monthly journal might give its space to, would curtail the space now given up to the discussion of undergraduate affairs. To take the place of the Alumni Journal The Varsity would have to be enlarged to afford room for the Alumni notes. It would also have to obtain an extended circulation among the graduates. Up to the present the graduates seem to have forgotten the organ of their Alma Mater. It might be urged that THE VARSITY should be so enlarged as to fulfil these new functions, and should extend its circulation among the Alumni. Such however would seem to be inadvisable, destroying as it would the traditions of The VARSITY in placing members of the faculty and of the graduate body on the Editorial Board. The Varsity has been and should remain an undergraduate institution. If an active Alumni association is formed it can reasonably be expected that an Alumni Journal will soon follow. Some action might be taken on the question of a University Literary Monthly by the departmental societies working in

conjunction with the Literary Society and the Engineering Society. This might be a fitting task for the departmental societies to take up—successful as they have already been in publishing a joint program. The want of these two mediums has impressed itself upon us from being brought into contact with graduates re the University re-organization question and from having had to reject excellent material of a critical nature through lack of space.

Certain facts impress themselves on the Editor during his term of office. Very few of the students send anything in for publication unsolicited, not even a news item, they seem to forget that The Varsity is their paper and published by them, and not simply for them. There is no lack of talent—as some might have us think—within the University, but there does seem to be a lack of confidence, and possibly in some quarters we might even say a lack of ambition. The opportunity offered by our paper not only to gain a modicum of experience in writing, but also to improve our college and our college affairs is no small one, and unfortunately is one too slightly appreciated by the undergraduate body.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The article on the Alumni Association by Mr. Wilcox should be read with interest, as it has to do with a question which comes near to the heart of every loyal son of the University.

There seems every likelihood that the presentation of an illuminated address to the ex-chancellor, proposed by Mr. R. Connor, will become a reality. The undergraduate body owes more than most imagine to Mr. Blake. The fact that it was due chiefly to his initiative that the present scholarships of money and free tuition were inaugurated is more than warrant for some slight mark of our appreciation.

The brief monographs on cricket and tennis throw additional light on the relation of our college to these games. The facilities offered by our grounds are such as to warrant most enthusiastic support by the undergraduate body. It is unfortunate that some games, because played by a few, are often looked upon as games in which those few alone have a right to participate. The captains of the cricket and tennis clubs, as also of the lacrosse and baseball clubs, would be more than pleased to test the mettle of new material.

We notice the organization of the Ontario Amateur Athletic Association on Monday night last. This organization marks the feeling, which is now growing very strong, that amateur athletics are not what they ought to be here, and this new Association is intended to revive interest in amateur athletics, and also to move from them any charges of professional sport. Mr. T. A. Russell, Secretary of our Association, was elected a member of the Executive Committee of this Association.

With this number The Varsity goes into a state of hibernation until next October, to come out under different auspices and under the baton of a new editorial and business board. We extend to it our heartiest congratulations upon being privileged to take up a work which now to us who are retiring has been the pleasantest and most enjoyable of our college course.

We would express our appreciation of the able manner in which Miss M. Landon Wright has looked after the "College Girl," and of the assistance which she has rendered in the work of the paper. We also desire to thank Mr. T. A. Russell, B.A., who, while not a member of the Varsity Board, has weekly written up the column of "Sports," and Messrs. Clarke and McMaster for their assistance in getting the S.P.S. Notes. In addition we would take this opportunity of extending our thanks to our undergraduate and graduate contributors for the manner in which they have added to the interest of the paper of our college.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDIES, HISTORY, SERIES 1, VOL. 4.

An interesting and comprehensive Review of Historical Publications relating to Canada for the year 1899, edited by Professor George M. Wrong and H. H. Langton. Although it would be comparatively easy to select books on Canadian History, if their contents were so expressed in the title of the work, it is much more difficult to select the books, which, while treating of some broader subject, give in part valuable information on Canada. This series of History Studies, of which four volumes have been issued since 1896, remove many difficulties therefore from the path of the searcher after historical knowledge. reviews are fair—doing justice to the writer and his reader. Where special reviews have been necessary they have been contributed by writers well qualified for the task of special studies. The work has been divided into six divisions: Canada's Relations to the Empire, 10 reviews; History of Canada, 59 reviews; Provincial and Local History, 40 reviews; Geography, Economics and Statistics, 41 reviews; Archaeology, Ethnology and Folk-lore, 26 reviews; and Law Education and Bibliography, 11 reviews. Published by the Librarian of the University, paper covers, one dollar.

RESULT OF THE LIT ELECTION.

The vote resulted as follows:-

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On Monday a recount was made in the case of the treasurer and resulted McDiarmid (223), and Bray (227). Dr. Smale acted as returning officer, Ross Gillespie and F. E. Brown as inside scrutineers, and "Biddy" McLen-

nan and Gourlay as doorkeepers.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

The closing meeting of the Philosophical Society will be held in Class-room No. 3 on Friday, at 4 p.m. Besides the election of officers for the ensuing year, two papers will be read, one on "Lock's Simple Idea" by J. R. Van Wyck, '02, the other on "David Hume," by W. H. Hamilton, '02. Let every member of the Society be on hand, and make this the last meeting one of peculiar interest.

The Gollege Girl



"And now I sit and dream on what may be."

Once more it had fallen to my lot to write the "College Girl," and once more I was at a loss what particular phase of that delightful subject to treat. It seemed to me I had already played all the variations of that tune, with many a fugue, many an interlude, as time and occasion served-now in the minor chords of gray days and again with the gay tone of the golden. An agonized appeal to the family at large for a universally interesting subject, had only met with the unsympathetic suggestion, from a certain small brother, of "Monsoon Tea" as most "reliable and universal." But the inevitable had to be faced, so with an energy born of despair the low table and accompanying easy chair were pulled before the grate, with a little vicious jerk that spoke volumes. But grate-fires, however pleasant and inviting, are not conducive to hard work, and half an hour later saw no addition to the inspiring heading challenging the gaze from the top of an imposing sheet of foolscap: "College Girl." After all perhaps there was more truth than poetry in the aforementioned rejected suggestion of the intelligent small boy, and "Monsoon Tea" might have proved more cheernig and invigorating than my self-imposed subject: "Woman's Suffrage." Meanwhile the fire was burning with fitful, ruddy gleams that advocated rather the charms of hearth and home than the joys of platform fame, and far from sympathizing with down-trodden "Woman's Righters," I could not even get up a decent interest in the subject to discuss or refute the old arguments on the question. However, profound meditation resulted in the following very intelligent and original statement being evolved somewhere from "out my inner consciousness":-"As a member of one of the representative institutions of our country, in which men and women are admitted on an equal footing, I would like to-"-but history is a blank as to what I might have liked to do, for leaning back to yawn, I became interested in the intricate carving over the mantel, my pen slipped from my unconscious fingers and slid down to the carpet leaving a little "inky way" to mark its progress down my dress. But what was that indistinct picture in the coals, gradually taking shape and making even the carving over the mantel fade into insignificance? Surely a modern Portia, with her gown and bands and scroll-stepping out of the brightness of the fire-place and seating herself solemnly by my unpretentious little table, which seemed to swell into dimensions worthy of its mission, till it appeared quite formidable; while my surroundings gradually took on the likeness of a court-room into which a constant stream of Portias now seemed to pour. Good Heavens! Would they never stop coming? For the last ten minutes it had seemed as if the room could not possibly contain another one, and yet they kept on coming, coming, and unless they went through the wall at the other end of the room-But out of the chaos presently there came order as she of the scroll stood forth and stated the case to be considered. Then immediately the babel re-commenced, louder than ever, the war of words waxed fast and furious, till again on a sudden there was a lull, of

concord—or exhaustion. Then she of the scroll asked if the counsel for the defence would kindly step forward, and a green bonnet emerged from the throng. But by the time she had reached the platform the discussion had been resumed with increased violence and only disjointed utterances from the lips of the orator could be distinguished above the din of voices, "On behalf of my client-("did you ever see such a bonnet, I call it a disgrace to the sex to wear-") "-which, my client assures me, had never taken place up to the time of—"("My Dear! did you see that dreadful article in the O—magazine on Woman's Suffrage?")—"from the most indisputable evidence, it is evident that—"("Yes, it's alove of a hat, but then she does dress rather extravagantly considering her husband—") "well, my husband said he was, and I'm sure he ought to know-"-" I reiterate it and I appeal to every intelligent member of the audience to indicate—" (Cheers!) But it is not recorded whether the Green Bonnet ever won her case, for startled by the vociferous applause which greeted her last remark I had made a sudden movement in my sleep which overturned the table and its contents and brought me with a start back from the land of dreams to stern realities—a dying fire and an ink-stained carpet—and only the hasty application of a sheet of blotting paper and one small handkerchief to save me from annihilation on the untimely entrance of the landlady.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor of VARSITY:

by purchasing the book.

My DEAR SIR,—On behalf of the Committee that has charge of the publication of "Torontonensis, 1900," I should like to avail myself of this our last opportunity to convey through your columns our grateful thanks to those who have assisted us in the work by writing biographies and sketches of different sorts or by securing photographs. We hope that the quality of the book will be a reward for the trouble. The publication will, in all probability, be on sale about the first of May, and without exaggeration will be in all respects, superior to previous efforts. The price will be \$2.00 or with Torontonensis, '99, may be obtained for \$2.50, a special arrangement having been made with Mr Ross, the editor of last year's book. This one thing is certain—the price of Torontonensis, 1900, will never be less than \$2.00. The Committee earnestly hope that the lower years will look after their own interests by purchasing the book and thus assure a financial success. Should

this supreme effort fail, no hope of founding this work as

a part of the institution can reasonably be entertained

hereafter. An example should be set to other lower years

Yours truly, Ernest H. Cooper.

March 19th, 1900.

mister editer chipmunk corners, march 19.

deer sur,—i see bi lems last letur ez how them famus elekshuns iz ovur, & how the old lits bet the unionists & i wanter kongrachulat yu mister editer on belongin tu the winnin sid. lem sez thet fer the last wek kartuns hez bin put up in the rutunda evri mornin. sum fellers wuz mad wen tha seen thare picters up on the bord & puld them down wich i think wuz silli. ide feel flaterd if mi picter wuz hung up. he sez thare wuz an awful crowd uv fellers up at the votin plas last frida nite, tha wuz crowdud in al ovur the bildin. ech uv the partis hed comity rooms down stares & then tha hed fellers watin jist insid the dore tu grab the fellers ez tha kum in. lem sez tha minded him uv the bunko sterer wot takld him wen he 1st kum down tu varsuty. on that okashun the sterer kum up tu lem ez sun ez he got off the trane & lem sez if it hadnt bin fer

sum y.m.c.a. fellers with bages on the sterer wud hev sold him a gold brik er a troly kar er sumthin. wel wenever a pur humsik freshmun kum intu the hal downstares on frida nite lukin ez if he hadnt a frend in the wurld thez here sterers wud go up tu him & shak hands & ask him abowt hiz foks tu hum & then tak him intu t uv the komity rooms tu hev a sesun uv convarsin befor tha sent him up tu vot. then hed kum owt ur the komity room with I hand grabin sumthin in hiz poket & the uther holdin a litel tikut with sum nams on it & a smil on hiz fas ez if lif wuz wurth livin aftur al. upstares in the hal whare the votin wuz goin on thare wuz a big crowd ur fellers eround the litel dore which led to the votin plas al tryin to shov ech uther awa frum the dore. evry litel whil a big feller in a red swetur wud opun the dore frum insid & hal 2 fellers thru into the room & then shut the dore agen, lem sez when he got intu the room thare wuz 4 or 5 fellers sittin eround a tabell 1 feller adminustered the oth & then tha al startud tu ask him queschuns at onct. tha ast him wot hiz nam wuz, how old he wuz, how mani teth he hed fild. wot wuz hiz opinyuns on the prisunt war, wether he hed bin vaxynatud, wot he that uv the efikasy uv hutch, wot part uv a turki he prefurd, hoo mad hiz cloz and uthers tu numerus tu menshun. after lem hed ansered al thes queschuns kerektly the nice lukin feller with the red ti wot i hev hed okashun tu menshun befor giv him a ballut & then lem markt it & put it in a tin box wot stud on the tabel & then went down down in the komity rooms oins on. the unionists hed stares. rooms thare wuz grate goins on, the unionists hed a pianny in the redin room & tha wuz playin & singin al nite, tha also hed a cupul uv 8 hand rels, tha serve cofe & sanwichuz tu thare men but lem sez thet cofe cudnt quench the thurst thet sum of them hed, he sez the old lits wuz down in the bolin ali but the unionists shud hev hed that plas becuz sum of them wuz al the tim bolin up. thare wuz dancin at nite up in the hal. lem sez thare wuz a feller namd clapasun up thare dancin al the tim & he sez he hed a luk in hiz iz jist lik our coly dog wen hez wachun a grownd hogs hole. bob telford plad the pianny & smokd a pip at the sam time for quit a whil, then a long hared feller namd lukus plad for 2 ours strat ahed & then sum feller yeld enkor so lukus plad for anuthur 2 ours. lem sez tha ner kild the feller wot yeld enkor, then anuther feller named ingrum hed a chare with no legs on it & he got lots uv cuns tu sit down on it & uv cors tha fell over, then thare wuz anuther feller namd mucredy galavantin al erownd the bildin & telin evribodi abowt him bein ovur in the old countri & intervuin roburt bar, jo chamberlan, tod slone, tom sharki, the absunt mindud begur & a hole lot uv them fellers. a fu uv the fellers went hum on frida but the, most uv them wated til saturda, erlong abowt brekfust tim the nice lukin yung feller with the red ti kam owt & red the nams uv the fellers wot hed bin elektud. owt uv 15 ofises the old lits got 11 & the unionists got 4. wel mister editer seein ez how them elekshuns is al ovur i ges i wunt rite yu ani more leturs for a whil. i think if yuse fellers hev ani mor elekshuns next year il kum down and see them yures truli myself. hezekiah jones.

MEETING OF THE FOURTH YEAR.

A meeting of the 4th year is called for Thursday afternoon (March 22nd) at 4 p.m., in Room 2, to receive reports from the year-book and photograph committees, and to discuss the questions of a class reunion, of a century class alumni association, of a class memorial, and of an illuminated address to be presented to the exchancellor. Let all members be on hand.



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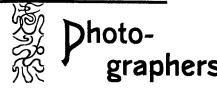
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SPORTS

THE ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

The programme of events at the Assault-at-arms this year is particularly good. The first on the programme is the tug-of-war between the different years and colleges, followed by a pig-a-back wrestle. Both of these events are most exciting, and stir up considerable interest in the colleges which the competitors represent. In the Bayonet v. Bayonet there will be two of our own men this year, trained by Inspector Williams, namely, Biggs and Gander. The class will appear several times, giving exhibitions of work

on the vaulting horse, another on the parallel bars, another on the flying trapeze, which is entirely a new event, and finally on the horizontal bars. Staff-Sergeant Campbell, of the 48th Highlanders, who delighted the audience last year with his Highland dances, will also be present again. But perhaps the event of most general interest is the fencing for the Inter-College Championship. This will take place between a representative from Varsity, and a representative who is to come up from the Royal Military College at Kingston. For this event a handsome gold medal is awarded. Teams from Varsity and from the School of Science will also contest in fencing in a cockade fight, and finally in a cock-fight, the latter being quite a new feature in Varsity. Handsome badges will be presented to those taking part.

LACROSSE CLUB.

Manager Hanley has made arrangements for gymnasium work to commence about the first of April. All those who intend to play the game are requested to hand in their names to him as soon as possible. The tour this year promises to be better than ever, and there are still several vacancies on the team.

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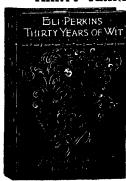
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